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**Rev. Richard K. McFadden**
**Pastor**

### Liturgy Schedule

**Sunday Masses**
**Saturday Vigil**: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:30 and 10:30 am
**Daily Masses**
Mon-Sat: 8:00 am
**Holy Day Masses**
Holy Day Masses will be posted in the Bulletin
**Sacrament of Penance**
Saturdays: 3:30-4:00 pm

### Parish Office

**Rectory Address:**
2007 New Hope Street
East Norriton, PA 19401
**Office Hours:**
Mon-Thurs: 9:00 am-Noon
1:00 pm-4:00 pm
Fri: 9:00 am-Noon
**Contact Information:**
Phone: 610-279-6725

# 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
# September 27, 2026

## Parish Staff

**Clergy**
Rev. Richard K. McFadden • Pastor
Rev. Harry E. McCreedy • Pastor Emeritus
Rev. David B. Machain • Pastor Emeritus
Rev. James N. Catagnus • Retired Priest in Residence
Deacon Matthew J. Hrobak • Permanent Deacon

**Parish Religious Education Program**
Lucy Boardway, PhD • Coordinator
Phone: 610-279-6725 (Monday & Tuesday)
Email: prep@stpaulrc.org

**Care of the Sick and Homebound**
Sister Rosellen Bracken, RSM
Pastoral Services Coordinator
Phone: 610-277-0827

**Catholic School**
Holy Rosary Regional School
Fran Luthy, Principal
Phone: 610-825-0160

## Sacramental Information

**Baptism**
Parents baptizing their first child must attend Pre-Baptismal classes at the parish and Godparents must obtain letters of eligibility from their proper Pastor. To schedule a date for baptism, please call the Parish Office.

**Matrimony**
Couples wishing to get married at St. Paul's should contact the Parish Office to schedule the wedding and begin wedding preparations at least six months prior to the wedding date.

**Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion**
The sick and homebound are encouraged to contact Sister Rosellen to schedule visits for Holy Communion. Those in the hospital are encouraged to inform the staff that they want to receive the Sacraments.

**Sacramental Emergencies**
Anyone seriously ill or in danger of death should contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to receive the Last Rites from Father McFadden or Father Catagnus.

## Weekly Schedule of Mass Intentions

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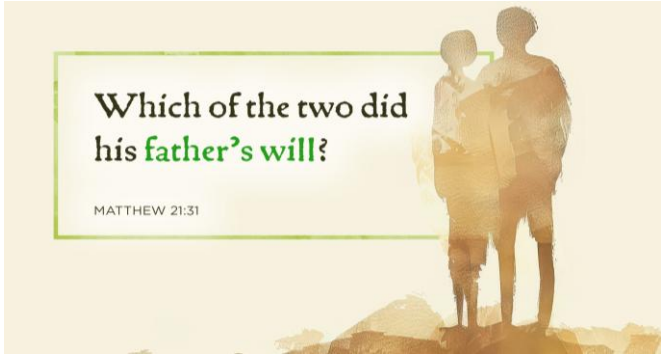
| **Sun, Sept 27** | **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time** |
| 8:30 am | Dowds Balres |
| 10:30 am | Lily Rose Giuffrida |
| **Mon, Sept 28** | **Saint Wenceslaus** |
| 8:00 am | Daniel Bailey |
| **Tue, Sept 29** | **Saints Michael, Gabriel, Raphael** |
| 8:00 am | Louis Prinzivalli |
| **Wed, Sept 30** | **Saint Jerome** |
| 8:00 am | Daniel Ruggiano, Jr. |
| **Thur, Oct 1** | **Saint Therese of the Child Jesus** |
| 8:00 am | For the People of the Parish |
| **Fri, Oct 2** | **The Holy Guardian Angels** |
| 8:00 am | The Scarpulla Family |
| **Sat, Oct 3** | **Ferial Day / First Saturday** |
| 8:00 am | Eva D' Alessandro |
| 4:30 pm | For those in the Sanctuary Rem |
| **Sun, Oct 4** | **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time** |
| 8:30 am | Frank & Betty Kahoun |
| 10:30am | Eileen Keane |

Church Sanctuary Lamp
**IMO Daniel Bailey**
Convent Sanctuary Lamp
**IHO Michael Prinzivalli**

## Catholic Devotion for September
## Our Lady of Sorrows

September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows in large part because her feast day falls on Sept. 15. In 1815 Pope Pius VII approved devotion to the Seven Sorrows of our Lady, in order to help us unite our own sorrows to those of Jesus through the heart of his Mother.

## Sunday Gospel
### At a Glance (Mt 21:28-32)




## Let us Pray the Offertory
### 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Grant us, O merciful God, that this our offering*
*may find acceptance with you and that through it*
***the wellspring of all blessing*** *may be laid open before us.*
*Through Christ our Lord.*

**ENCOUNTERING THE WELLSPRING OF ALL BLESSING IN THE EUCHARIST**

In this week's Offertory, we ask that "our offering might find acceptance" before God, invoking him as "merciful." Aware that the gift we are offering to God, the gift of ourselves, has its limitations, its weaknesses, its imperfections, and failures, we cannot help but appreciate the mercy that leads him to accept this gift.

But though God's mercy is always willing to meet us where we are, he is not content to leave us where we are. Just as through the power of his Spirit he transforms the elements of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of his Son, so he wants to transform our body, our blood, our hearts, our lives through our sacramental encounter with Christ. There, as we experience his merciful love, we call to mind the continuing call he makes to us as disciples, "Come, follow me!."

Our Offertory also asks that "the wellspring of all blessing may be laid open before us." This wellspring was, in fact, "laid open before us" on the Cross, when the Sacred Heart of Christ was pierced and torn open for us, so that the cleansing and life-giving power of divine love, symbolized by blood and water, could pour forth.

As we ask God to receive us with mercy, let us be mindful that he is at the same time inviting us to his blessings, from the wellspring laid open before us in the Sacraments, with gratitude and joy. It is only by recognizing that we are not worthy of this gift, that we are made worthy, by allowing the cleansing and life-giving power of his love to heal and transform us. **~ Fr. McF**

## Saint of the Week
### St. Therese of Lisieux – October 1

Therese Martin entered a Carmelite Monastery in Lisieux France at the age of 15 and died of tuberculosis at the age of 24. Thanks to her memoir, *Story of a Soul*, her "little way" of spiritual childhood had made a profound impact on the lives of millions.

**St. Therese of Lisieux,**
**pray for us!**

# News of NEW HOPE

## Parish Information and Events

## Sacred Heart Holy Hour
## Thursday, October 1at (7:00pm)

Join us for an hour of prayer for our parish and our families before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

**Heart of Jesus,**
**Desire of the everlasting hills,**
**Have mercy on us!**

## St Paul's Annual Candlelight Rosary Procession

## In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima

**Monday, October 12**
**7:00pm**
**Help spread the word!**

## Boscov's Shopping Passes

**A $5.00 donation to St. Paul's Parish provides you with a 25% off Shopping Pass, good in store and on-line, to be used on Wednesday, October 21st!**

## Weekly Giving Report

**Sunday Collection (Sept 6) TOTAL – $ 12,025**
In Pew - $ 3,846 Mail In - $ 6,245 eGiving - $ 1,934
**Sunday Collection (Sept 13) TOTAL – $ 7,156**
In Pew - $ 4,632 Mail In - $ 1,200 eGiving - $ 1,324

**Our 2026 Fall Campaign letters have been sent!**

**THANK YOU**
**for your generosity to our Parish!**

## Monthly 50/50 Raffle

**Our September 50/50 take-home currently stands at $207.50**

## Designer Bag Bingo
## Pumpkins, Purses & Prizes!

**Friday, October 2, 2026**
**St. Paul's Parish, Murphy Hall**

Doors Open at **5:30pm**
Games Start at **7:00pm**

Tickets are **$30** prior to Sept. 23 and **$35** after.

**Admission includes** 10 games, complementary deserts and beverages, reserved seating, and door prizes.
**Also available:** raffles, specials, 50/50 and a birthday board

For tickets or more info, please contact Liz Pilacik 610-324-7921 or lizpilacik@me.com

## Blessing of Pets
## In honor of St. Francis of Assisi

**Sunday, October 4 (1:00pm)**
**In front of the Church**

"Animals are God's creatures. He surrounds them with his providential care. By their mere existence they bless him and give him glory. Thus men owe them kindness" **~ Pope Benedict XVI**

# Around the ARCHDIOCESE Area News and Events

### ST. RAYMOND NONNATUS FOUNDATION
**"Faith and Freedom America" Pilgrimage**
**October 6–15**

This pilgrimage celebrating America's 250th will journey through the northeastern corridor of the US, visiting religious and historic sites in Washington, DC, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, and Boston

Contact kayla@trinitytourtravels.com
817-386-8306

### THE CATHOLIC PREACHING INSTITUTE'S
**"Festival of the Word" celebrating St. John Henry Newman**
**Oct 7 (7pm)**

Join us at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary (1400 Evans Road, Ambler), for a lecture by Dr. Kenneth Parker on "How Preaching Changed the Young John Henry Newman," with a response by Rev. Eric Banecker.

www.scs.edu/preaching/

### MARTIN SAINTS CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL
**Open House**
**Thursday, Oct 8 (7pm)**

Those interested in a joyfully Catholic, classical high school are invited to our Open House!

RSVP at whymsc.org

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND
**Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown**
**Oct 9-11 or Nov 13-15**

Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend?

For more info:
www.wwme-philly.org

### CAMILLA HALL OKTOBERFEST & CRAFT FAIR
**Saturday, October 10 (10am-3pm)**

Support this fundraiser for the retired sisters at Camilla Hall. Sponsorships are available! For more information please visit. camillaoktoberfest.org

or contact Dan O'Neill
dan.oneill@ihm.imm.org
610-647-2160 ext 1923

### LEGION OF MARY PATRICIAN SOCIETY
**"The Passion of Jesus and its Hidden Meaning"**
**Wed, October 21 (6:45-8:45pm)**

Join us for reflections on the Passion drawn from the 1908 book by Fr. James Groenings, SJ. St. John the Baptist Church, Bridgeport (502 Ford Street)

For more information:
r.edel.lukens@gmail.com or 610-256-7125

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
**"Real Beauty in an Artificial Age"**
**Saturday, October 24 (9am-4pm)**

Consider joining Catholic women from around the Archdiocese basking in the light of reality, rejoicing in the freedom of God's definition of beauty.

For more information or to register:
www.catholicwomensconference.org

### ST. MARY POLISH-AMERICAN SOCIETY
**7th Annual Raffle**
**December 13, 2026**

Tickets are on sale for $50 a piece, for a grant total of $10,000 in prizes ($5k, $2k, $1k, and four $500 prizes), supporting our mission of promoting Polish heritage in Montgomery County, PA, and the ongoing restoration of St. Mary Church, Conshohocken

For raffle tickets
610-630-0861 or raffle@stmarypolish.org

### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH, NORRISTOWN
**Christmas Bazaar**
**December 5 (9am-2pm), Dec 6 (8am-2pm)**

Vendors wanted! 8ft spaces with a table and two chairs are $75 for both days.

For more information
610-272-0402 or admin@sfanorristown.com
Vendors please contact Jane Carusso at 610-539-1681

## Seven Sisters Apostolate: Calling Women to Call on Jesus!

This Archdiocesan apostolate encourages women to offer one holy hour one day every week to support individual priests in their ministry.

For more information
phillyevang.org/sevensisters/
Or contact
Maria Carmel Richardson
267-664-2878 or
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