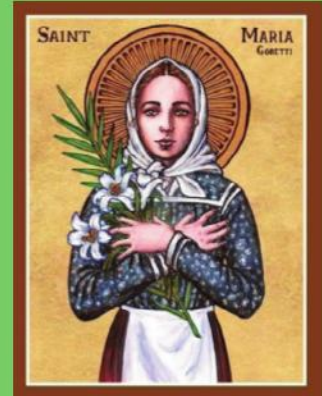




HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS

St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti Parish

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Weekend Mass: Saturday—4:30pm, Sunday—9:30am, 11:30am

Weekday Mass: Monday—Thursday at 8:30am

Holy Day Masses: 8:30am, 12:00pm, 7:00pm

Confession (Reconciliation): Saturdays from 3:30-4:00pm

Baptisms: Celebrated once a month at 1:00pm

Contact the rectory to register as a new parishioner or to schedule a Baptism, Wedding, Funeral, or Anointing.

At our 9:30am & 11:30am Masses this Sunday, Sep. 28, we are offering a Backpack Blessing for all the children of our parish. I will invite the children to come up to the altar during Mass, where I will bless their backpacks. They will also receive a "Come Follow Me" ID tag that they can attach to their backpacks. We want to remind the children that God is always with them, especially as they learn about the world that He created.

There is another special ceremony taking place this Sunday, but this one will be at Holy Name Cathedral. Every year, pastors nominate a parishioner in their parish to receive the Christifidelis Award, which is given to parishioners who have demonstrated outstanding service at their parishes. I'm happy to announce that this year's winner for HVM Parish is Catherine (Kitch) Gorzynski. Kitch has been an active member of one of our legacy parishes, St. Maria Goretti, as well as our united parish of Holy Virgin Martyrs, for many years. Among her many contributions are: Weekend lector, Parish Council member, Evangelization team member, Generation to Generation Campaign co-chair, and Potluck dinner committee member. She has very generously supported the mission of our parishes through her time, talent, and treasure. Kitch will receive her award from Cardinal Cupich at a ceremony this Sunday afternoon at Holy Name Cathedral. Congratulations, Kitch!

We also have two important events taking place next weekend. First, you are invited to bring your pets to our annual Blessing of Animals. It will take place on Saturday, Oct. 4 at 12:00pm in the parking lot. We do the blessing outside, not only to accommodate the animals, but also to be near the statue of St. Francis of Assisi (the patron saint of animals) in our prayer garden. All animals are welcome at the blessing!

And speaking of our prayer garden, I hope that you have seen our newly installed statues in the center of the garden. The St. Beatrice statue is new (as the old one was in very bad shape), and the St. Maria Goretti statue is from the former St. Maria Goretti Church. We will also be adding new signs that offer a little background about each saint.

This leads to the other event that I would like to invite everyone to next weekend. To celebrate our 5-year anniversary as HVM Parish, on Sunday, Oct. 5th, Bishop José María García-Maldonado (our auxiliary bishop for Vicariate IV) will celebrate our 11:30am Mass. Immediately after Mass, we will process outside, where the bishop will bless our new statues, and then bless and re-dedicate the whole space as the HVM Prayer Garden. This will be followed by a light reception (coffee and sweets) in Hendle Hall. I hope you can join us!

Holy Virgin Martyrs, pray for us. May God bless you.

Fr. Rob



*Holy Virgin Martyrs Parish
is celebrating our 5-Year Anniversary
with a Mass on Sunday, October 5th at 11:30am with
Bishop Jose Maria Garcia-Maldonado
Followed by the
Rededication of the Prayer Garden
and a reception in Hendle Hall.*



Sunday—September 28th

9:30—Matthew O’Brien, req. Family
 Thomas Griffin, req. Family
 George Bair, req. The Louis—Charles Family
 Katherine Bair, req. The Louis—Charles Family
 Francine Cipraino & Colleen Maloney, req. The Kraft Family
 Raymond & Lena Gennetti, req. Family
 Blanca Selsky, req. Family
 Jozef and Zofia Moskal, req. Irene Moskal Del Giudice

11:30—Ada Mae Anderson, req. Family
 Antoinette Pawlowski, req. Family
 Jack McGrath, req. Zerlina Kirchen
 Marlene O’Brien, req. Family
 Mary Ann LoCascio, req. JoAnn Losurdo
 Joseph LoCascio, req. JoAnn Losurdo
 Anita Habura, req. JoAnn Losurdo
 Joseph Losurdo, req. JoAnn Losurdo
 Giuseppe & Giuseppina Segreti, req. Family

Monday—September 29th

8:30—Joe Cunningham, req. Family
 James Cunningham, req. Family

Tuesday—September 30th

8:30—Julie Parkinson, req. Ministry of Consolation

Wednesday—October 1st

8:30—Joseph & Mary Traxler, req. Family
 Victoria Delos Reyes Diaz, req. Family
 1st Anniversary of Death

Thursday—October 2nd

8:30—Carol Heidorn, req. Heidorn Family
 Janet Couter, req. Cathy Zito

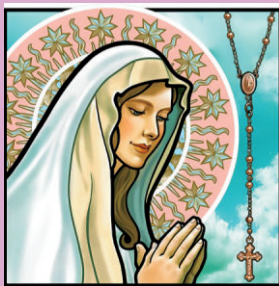
Saturday—October 4th

4:30—Chris Benesch, req. Denise L. Benesch Charity Fund
 Jacob Anderson, req. Richard Anderson & Colleen Broeski and Family
 Vito Ciaccia, req. Family
 Paul Schwarck, req. Family
 Susan Bratanick, req. Irene Rozkocho & Family
 Mary Schmitz, req. E. Madrzycki
 Howard Schmitz, req. E. Madrzycki
 Eugene Rutkowski, req. E. Madrzycki
 Linda Rawski, req. Russell & Janine Paoletti
 Thomas Misiasek, req. Family

Sunday—October 5th

9:30—James Florio Family, req. Family
 Matthew O’Brien, req. Family
 Thomas Griffin, req. Family
 Francine & Kraft Family, req. Family
 Blanca Selsky, req. Steve Selsky
 Thanksgiving for 90th Birthday for Francis Rosales, req. Family
 Thanksgiving Cely Aguirre, req. Family
 James Del Giudice, req. Irene Del Giudice
 Robert McGowan, req. Family

11:30—Ada Mae Anderson, req. Family
 Matthew & Ida Hendle, req. Family
 Stanley Jedziniak, req. Bernice & Zerlina Kirchen
 Marlene O’Brien, req. Family
 John & Carol Castle, req. Castle Family
 Jack & Tom Castle, req. Castle Family
 Michal White, req. Castle Family
 Tony Powyszynski, req. Ben & Corrine Tedesco
 Anna Campbell, req. Daughter



Commemorate the 108th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima

All are welcome to join us on Saturday, October 12th at 12 Noon at Clocktower Park 9501 W. Irving Park Road (corner of Irving Park and Wesley Terrace) as we pray the Holy Rosary to commemorate the anniversary of the apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. Parking is available across the street next to the Municipal Building.

October 4th & 5th	4:30pm	9:30am	11:30am
Lector	Dominic Bono	Sandra Cervantes	Zerlina Kirchen
Communion Ministers	N. Davoli S. Schreiner C. Schreiner	R. McCampbell D. Kasper R. Kraft	None Needed
Altar Servers	C. Widuch M. Widuch	S. LoCascio N. LoCascio G. Davila	O. Kucharczyk L. Trischan E. Trischan S. Schreiner

Hypod Winner

September 22, 2025

\$100 Winner—Mr. & Mrs. Chris Quinn

Tickets are still available in the pamphlet rack in the back of church or from the Rectory during the week!



Week 8

\$25 Winner

Noreen LaValle—Ticket #3057



Week 2

\$20 Winner

Rosie McMurray—Ticket #260

If you would ever like to bring up the gifts during Mass, please let the ushers know before Mass. Anyone is welcome to be a gift bearer.



Women's Club Pasta Dinner

The women's club will be hosting its 3rd PASTA DINNER & RAFFLE on Saturday, October 18th at Hendle Hall. Ticket sales will begin the weekend of September 27 & 28 at the back of church. The meal is once again being catered by Cuomo Catering, and includes baked rigatoni, meatballs and sausage, bread, and garden salad. Desserts and open bar are also included in the cost. The ticket price is \$20 for adults, \$15 children 5-10 years old, and under 4 free.



Week of September 14th & 15th

Weekly	\$3,386.00
Utilities	\$1,162.50
Maintenance	\$50.00
Seminary	\$3.00

MANY THANKS!



Scan the QR Code to donate electronically to Holy Virgin Martyrs.

Second Collections:

The second collection on October 5th is for Maintenance
Please be as generous as you can.



Music Notes

Come to Me and Rest

Readings For The Week

Pray For:

Scripture Readings
For the Week of September 28, 2025

Sunday
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Am 6:1a, 4-7;
Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; 1
Tm 6:11-16;
Lk 16:19-31

Monday
Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5;
Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday
Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Zec 8:20-23;
Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7;
Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday
Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Neh 2:1-8;
Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6;
Lk 9:57-62

Thursday
Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels
Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12;
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11;
Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday
Bar 1:15-22;
Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9;
Lk 10:13-16

Saturday
Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi
Bar 4:5-12, 27-29;
Ps 69:33-35, 36-37;
Lk 10:17-24

Sunday
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4;
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; 2
Tm 1:6-8, 13-14;
Lk 17:5-10

Those Who Are Sick:

Fr. Ambrosio Arambula, Betty Bajzek, Dan Bailey, Char Banyai, Laura Biagini, Sonia Bonacci, Frank Bosco, Pat Brandolino, Gus Campeotto, Phyllis DiBenedetto, Beatrice Giannone, Rose & Pat Glasso, Judy Golab, Karla Gosinski, Ruth Gosinski, Howard Heidorn, Mary Hinterlong, Laura Gardeck & Jeff Hinz, Renee Iman, Cindy Indurante, Vivian Jennings, Arlene Jurinek, Brian Kelly, Patti King, Joyce Knauss, Leonard Kuffer, Marguerite Kramer, Dan Latoria, Jr., Mark Latoria, Joan Lester, Diahne Lopez, Vicky Majewski (nee Julitz), Genevieve Mastalerz, Carole McCreery, Bryan McIntyre, Bill McMurray, Barbara Miller, Christian Mireles, Pat Morgan, Robert Olender, Christopher Ordo, Michael Pesola, Nancy Piatek, Joanne Pikush, Deacon Ron Pilarski, Melissa Pitts, Mike Ponticelli, Joseph Powyszynski, Betty Quartello, Glenn Rawski, Jacqueline Reiss, Barbara Rodgers, John Saathoff, Kathy Sassolino, Cathy & Steve Schreiner, Kim Schulz-Malkowski, Jacqueline Spejcher, Pat Sullivan, Sarah Tripoli, Jim Waterloo, Joan Weichbrodt, Jean Wesolowski, Nancy Wright, Isabella Yorti

Those in the Military

Sergeant Michael Bavone, Private Christopher Bavone, US Army PFC Matthew Gonzales, Us Army Michael Gutierrez, First Lieutenant Justin Hunt, U.S.A.F. Sergeant Michael Keaty, Gunnery Sergeant Osvaldo Rodriguez, U.S.M.C. Kyle Ruth, USAF Staff Sergeant John J. Schreiner, HN Nathan Wrobbel US Navy, Omar Vee, Jr.



From The Parish Nurse...

It's that time of year again to protect yourself against the flu. As a reminder, the CDC recommends that everyone 6 months of age and older, with rare exceptions, receive an updated 2025-2026 flu vaccine to reduce the risk of influenza and its potentially serious complications.

Flu Shots will be offered again this season in the gathering room at the back of church on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 from 9:00-10:30 am. The Standard and High Dose Flu Vaccine will be available. The High dose flu vaccine is recommended for seniors over age 65, designed to create a stronger immune response for better protection against influenza. Everyone should receive a flu vaccine suitable for their health status and age. If you have Medicare, please bring your card for billing purposes.

If interested, please call the rectory to reserve your vaccine by giving your name and which version of flu vaccine that you wish to receive, Standard or High Dose, in order to make sure that there is enough supply for those who want to receive the vaccine.

For anyone who is homebound and wishes to receive the flu vaccine, please call the rectory to provide your name, address, and phone number so that I may contact you. I will also bring the flu vaccine to homebound parishioners later that day on 10/7, or make other arrangements for a different day as needed.

Blessings and Health to You,
Anne (Nancy) Ryan
Faith Community Nurse



Join us for First Saturday Devotions on
Saturday, October 4th at 8:30am in church
We will have Rosary & Prayer
followed by fellowship in the Gathering Room
All are welcome!



Religious Education News

Coordinator of Lifelong Faith Formation: Ms. Zerlina Kirchen
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Follow us on Facebook!

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, October 7th

Religious Ed. Class
 6:00-8:00pm

Saturday, October 11th

Religious Ed. Class
 9:00-11:30am

Saturday, October 18th

Special Sacraments Class
 9:00-11:00am

Tuesday, October 21st

Religious Ed. Class
 6:00-8:00pm

Confirmation Parent Meeting
 8:00pm

Saturday, October 25th

Religious Ed. Class
 9:00-11:30am

Confirmation Parent Meeting
 11:30am

Sunday, October 26th

First Family Mass—11:30am
 The 8th grade will be
 reading and bringing up the gifts
*We will have the blessing of the
 religious ed. staff at this Mass.*

Welcome Back




This week we held our first Religious Education classes of the 2025-2026 year! I'd like to welcome back all of our returning students and families, and extend a warm welcome to all of the new students and families in our program.

I'd also like to welcome back our Catechists and Aides and thank them for all the time, talent, and treasure they share with our students to bring them closer to God.

If you still need to enroll your child in the Religious Education Program By arriving early before the next classes on Tuesday, October 7th or Saturday, October 11th. You can also



submit your registration form online by scanning the QR Code on this page. You **DO NOT** need to be a parishioner to register your child in the Religious Education Program. To enroll your child in the Religious Education Program you will need the following:

-  *Completed Registration Form*
-  *Tuition Payment*
-  *A copy of your child's Baptism and 1st Reconciliation and Communion certificates, if applicable.*

If you have any questions or need more information, please call or email the Religious Education office.



Walking With Jesus

Come along for a 6 week long walking program while remembering Jesus' journey through the crucifixion and resurrection. Through walking with Jesus you will add more steps in your day while making some simple lifestyle changes and sharing our faith. Walking with Jesus will take place after the morning Masses on Wednesdays October 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th.

Contact Nancy Ryan, Parish Nurse, at the rectory with questions.



Baptisms

Through the living waters of Baptism the following were welcomed into the People of God:

Julia Niezes LoPresti, child of Peter and Krysta LoPresti (nee Krous)

Jordan Bailey Maas, child of Gary and Danielle Maas (nee Ennis)

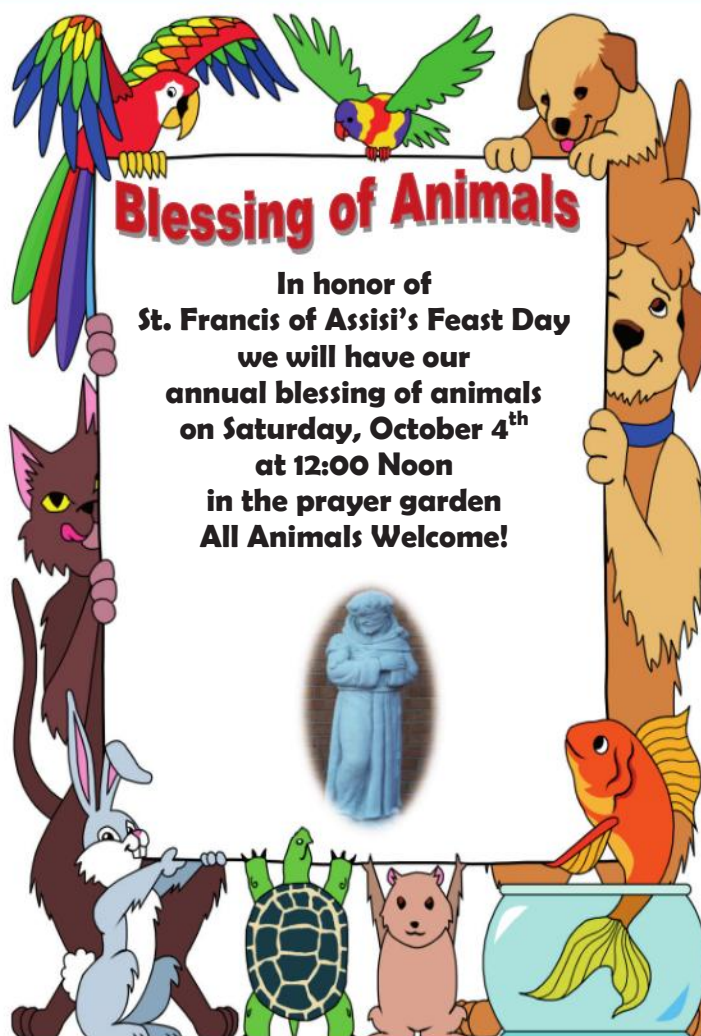
Henry Ly, child of Anhhuy and Hoang Ly (nee Thi Hoang)

Anthony Miles Campos, child of Anthony and Lauren Campos (nee McLean)

Sophie Lou McLean, child of Timothy and Elizabeth McLean (nee Valdivia)

Lily May McLean, child of Timothy and Elizabeth McLean (nee Valdivia)

Juliana Renee Tronina, child of Jeffrey and Jenna Tronina (nee Jarke)



Blessing of Animals

In honor of
St. Francis of Assisi's Feast Day
we will have our
annual blessing of animals
on **Saturday, October 4th**
at **12:00 Noon**
in the **prayer garden**
All Animals Welcome!

Receive The Blessed Sacrament of Holy Communion

HVM Ministers of Care can bring Holy Communion to our parishioners who are Homebound or Sick.

If you or someone you know would like to receive Holy Communion, or would like to know more about this rewarding ministry, then please contact Nancy Ryan (parish nurse) either by leaving a message at the rectory or by email aryan2@primehealthcare.com.



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