HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS

St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti Parish

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

THE 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.

From the Pastor's Desk

Next Sunday, Oct. 4th is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, who is the patron saint of animals. Every year we celebrate a Blessing of Animals near his feast day. Our **Blessing of Animals will take place next Saturday, Oct. 3rd at 12:00pm** in the parking lot, near our prayer garden. We celebrate the blessing outside, not only to accommodate the animals, but also to be near the statue of St. Francis in our garden. All animals are welcome!

Our new Religious Ed. (RE) year began this past week, with our first Tuesday evening and Saturday morning classes taking place. Even if you missed the first class, you can still register children for grades K-8 in RE. You can either scan the QR code on the RE page in our bulletin, or contact our RE office. We have three options for classes: Tuesday evenings, Saturday mornings, or homeschool.

Finally, this Sunday, Sep. 27th the Church celebrates Priesthood Sunday, which is a day when the faithful are encouraged to support and pray for their priests, and for all priests around the world. I often talk about the importance of encouraging and praying for new vocations to the priesthood. While that is certainly important and necessary, it is equally important and necessary to pray for priests working in the Church today, especially as more demands are placed on them because of the decreasing number of vocations. On this Priesthood Sunday, I'd like to share a prayer that was offered by the U.S. Catholic Bishops, and I encourage you to pray it for all priests:

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

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

Fr. Rob

Women's Club Pasta Dinner

The women's club will be hosting its annual PASTA DINNER & RAFFLE on Saturday, October 17th at Hendle Hall. Ticket sales will begin the weekend of September 26 & 27at 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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday—September 26th
4:30—Chris Benesch
Chuck Kohut
Helen Feineis
Jimmy Hendrickson
Casey & Tony Powyszynski
Kathy Graziano
Jose Gonzalez Tisoc
Esperanza Ahedo

Sunday—September 27th
9:30—Thomas Griffin
Katherine Bair & George Bair
Mary Anne Mayol-Garcia
Lester Fippinger
Maria Mele
Raymond & Lena Gennetti
Irene Moskal DelGiudice
Gus Campeotto
Maria & Jozef Zbylut
11:30—Jack McGrath
Nikola M.
Giuseppina & Giuseppe Segreti

Monday—September 28th
8:30—Carol Heidorn
Irene Moskal Del Giudice

Tuesday—September 29th
8:30—Charles Wagner
Gus Campeotto

Wednesday—September 30th
8:30—Louise Anastasia Schraub

Thursday—October 1st
8:30—Gus Campeotto
Victoria De Los Reyes Diaz

Saturday—October 3rd
4:30—Vito Ciaccia
Antoinette Pawlowski
Chris Benesch
William & Janet Couter
Patricia Rutkowski
Casey & Tony Powyszynski

Sunday—October 4th
9:30—Thomas Griffin
Francine & Kraft Family
James Florio Family
Clifford Robertson
Irene Moskal DelGiudice
Gus Campeotto
50th Wedding Anniversary Rae & Ron Maslana
11:30—Matthew & Ida Hendle
Kevin P. O'Neill
Nikola M.

Join us for First Saturday Devotions on
Saturday, October 3rd at 8:30am in church
We will have Rosary & Prayer followed by
fellowship in the Gathering Room
All are welcome!

October 3rd & 4th	4:30pm	9:30am	11:30am
Lector	Ellen Melnitzke	Dorothy Brown	Family Mass
Communion Ministers	C. Widuch M. Widuch W. Bernacki	D. Kasper G. Zech L. Louis-Charles	N. May J. Traxler Z. Kirchen
Altar Servers	L. Trischan D. Tajstryk	S. Cervantes M. Morgan	G. Porras V. Picasso

Hypod Winner

September 21, 2026
$100 Winner—Jane Sydor
Tickets are still available in the pamphlet rack in the back of church or from the Rectory during the week!

Football Mania!
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Week 1
$100 Winner
Lisa Slobodzian—Ticket #2049

Music

O God Beyond All Praising

Baptisms

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

***Mateo Julian Aparicio**, child of Julio Aparicio and Kimberley Martinez*

***Malia Colon**, child of Jose Colon and Melissa De La O*

***Kaia Ledwon**, child of Mateusz and Ewelina Ledwon (nee Pelszynska)*

Parish Support

Week of September 12th & 13th

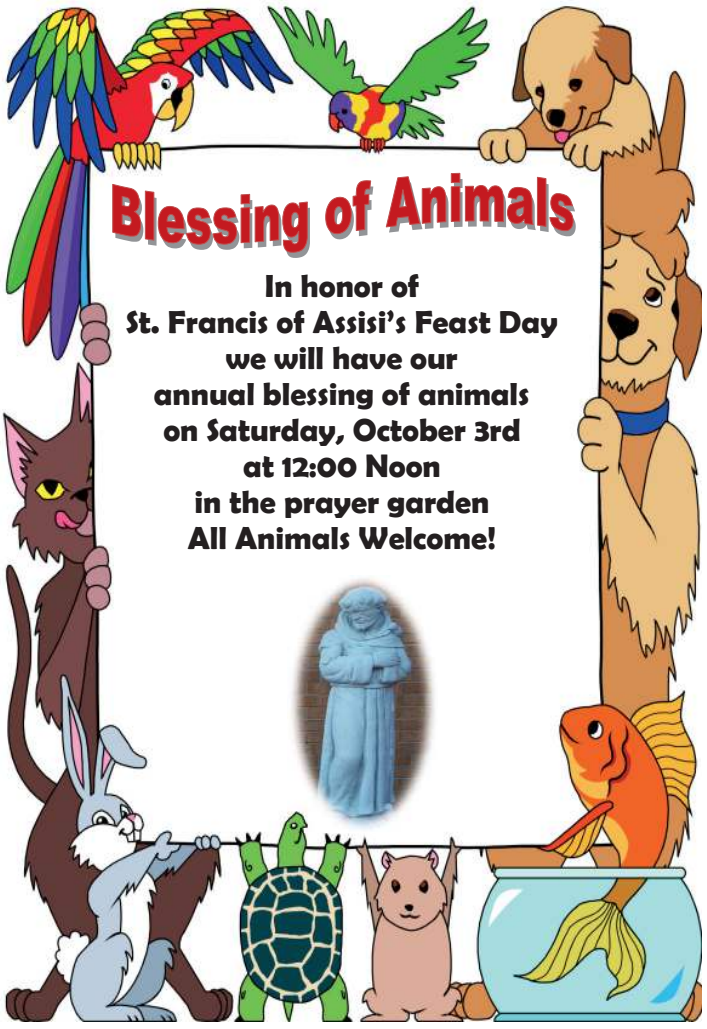
Weekly	$4,198.01
Utilities	$1,386.01
Maintenance	$169.00
Assumption	$21.00
Seminary	$3.00

MANY THANKS!

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

Second Collections

Our second collection for October 4th is for Maintenance
Please be as generous as you can.



Pray For Those Who Are Sick:

Luz Alarcon
Fr. Ambrosio Arambula
Betty Bajzek
Dan Bailey
Char Banyai
Laura Biangini
Chrissy Biegos
Sonia Bonacci
Frank Bosco
Chey Cesario
Phyllis DiBenedetto
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Ruth Gosinski
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Jose Herrera
Stacey Hinterlong-Bacha
Laura Gardeck & Jeff Hinz
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Bernice Kirchen
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Leonard Kuffer
Marguerite Kramer
Dan Latoria, Jr.
Mark Latoria
Joan Lester
Diahnne Lopez
Vicky Majewski (nee Julitz)
Geneveve Mastalerz
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Nancy Piatek
Deacon Ron Pilarski
Gene Piltaver
Melissa Pitts
Joseph Powyszynski
Betty Quartello
Glenn Rawski
Jacqueline Reiss
Barbara Rodgers
John Saathoff
Kathy Sassolino
Cathy & Steve Schreiner
Jacqueline Spejcher
Michelle Swigost
Sarah Tripoli
Fr. Tom Unz
Bernadette Watson
Joan Weichbrodt
Jean Wesolowski
Reginald Wnek
Nancy Wright
Isabella Yorty

Pray For Those In The Military

Sergeant Michael Bavone
Private Christopher Bavone
US Army PFC Matthew Gonzales
US Army Michael Gutierrez
First Lieutenant Justin Hunt,
USMC Major Michael Keaty
Gunnery Sergeant Osvaldo Rodriguez
USMC Kyle Ruth
USAF Staff Sergeant John J. Schreiner
USMC Second Lieutenant Thomas Wesolowski
HN Nathan Wrobbel US Navy
Omar Vee, Jr.

Readings For The Week

Scripture Readings
For the Week of September 27, 2026

Sunday	**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Phil 2:1-11 or Phil 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32
Monday	Job 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday	**Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rev 12:7-12ab; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday	**Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of Church** *JOB 9:1-12, 14-16; PS 88:10BC-11, 12-13, 14-15; LK 9:57-62*
Thursday	**Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church** Job 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12
Friday	**Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels** Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Saturday	*Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24*
Sunday	**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time** Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

Receive The Blessed Sacrament of Holy Communion

HVM Ministers of Care
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parishioners who are Homebound or Sick.
If you or someone you know
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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.

Religious Education News

Coordinator of Lifelong Faith Formation: Ms. Zerlina Kirchen
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Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 4th
First Family Mass—11:30am
The RE Staff will be reading
And bringing up the gifts
We will have the blessing of
The RE Staff at this Mass.

Tuesday, October 6th
Religious Ed. Class
6:00-8:00pm

Saturday, October 10th
Religious Ed. Class
9:00-11:30am

Saturday, October 17th
Special Sacraments Class
9:00-11:00am

Tuesday, October 20th
Religious Ed. Class
6:00-8:00pm
Confirmation Parent Meeting
8:00pm

Sunday, November 1st
Family Mass—11:30am
The 4th Grade will be reading
And bringing up the gifts

We held our first Religious Education classes of the 2026-2027 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 you can do so by scanning the QR Code on this page or by arriving early on any class day in October. You ***DO NOT*** need to be a parishioner to register your child in the Religious Education Program.

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

Hand-Carved Olive Wood Gifts from the Holy Land

Proceeds benefit Catholic schools in the Holy Land.

Did you know that 600 Christian families living in Bethlehem are completely dependent on carving olive wood figurines for their livelihood? The recent clashes in the Middle East have stopped the tourism industry in Bethlehem, causing most of those families serious harm in earning their living and forcing many of them to leave their homeland. Emptying the land of Christ from Christians can have tragic consequences on the Holy sites. Issam, from the "Star of Bethlehem" group came to the United States with a mission to help those families by selling their beautiful religious handicrafts. The cost of goods goes to benefit the Christian carvers to keep them working in the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, the profit from sales goes directly to the needy Catholic schools and clinics in the Holy Land. The Star of Bethlehem has been approved by many bishops and dioceses of Jerusalem. Please show your generosity to our Brothers and Sisters in the Holy Land.

Please take a look at those beautiful artifacts September 26th & 27th.

From The Parish Nurse...

It is that time of year again to start thinking about getting the yearly Influenza Vaccine.
The CDC recommends that everyone 6 months of age and older, with rare exceptions, receive an updated flu vaccine to reduce the risk of influenza and its potentially serious complications. Anyone can get sick with influenza, but it can be more dangerous in vulnerable populations such as infants, young children, pregnant women, people 65 and older, and those immunocompromised or with certain health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, or heart disease. It can cause mild to severe illness and at times can lead to hospitalizations and even death. For the 2026-2027 season, all flu vaccines for use in the US are trivalent (three component) protecting against three main groups of circulating seasonal influenza Type A and B viruses.
Everyone should receive a flu vaccine suitable for their health status and age. For most people, September and October are good times to get vaccinated and ideally everyone should be vaccinated by the end of October.
Ask your healthcare provider about available flu vaccine options for you.

Flu vaccines will be offered this season at no cost in the gathering room at the back of church on Tuesday, October 6, 2026 from 9:00-10:30 am. The Standard Flu Vaccine and the Flu Vaccine recommended for People 65 Years and Older (designed to create a stronger immune response for better protection against influenza) will be available. If interested, please call the rectory to reserve your vaccine by giving your name and which version of the flu vaccine you wish to receive. For anyone homebound who wishes to receive a flu vaccine, please call the rectory and leave your information so that I may contact you to make arrangements.

Blessings and Health to You,
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