



## This Week in our Parish

**Sunday, October 15**

Monday, October 16

**Tuesday, October 17 – Fr. Begg's Bible Study 7pm in the Parish Center**

**Wednesday, October 18 – RCIA 7-8:15pm**

Thursday, October 19

Friday, October 20

**Saturday, October 21**

**Mass 5:30 pm**

Server: S. Lucas

Lector: E. Andretta and J. Jean-Pierre

EMoHC: E. Marks, S. Lucas and M. Clay

**Sunday, October 22 – 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:30 am Mass**

Server: J. Drew and L. Slater

Lector: C. Gonzalez and D. Dooher

EMoHC: J. Drew, D. Hogan, D. Poole-Marks, K. Elsasser, T.

Turner and M. Granger

**10:30 am Mass**

Server: S. Williams and L. Rodhe

Lector: K. Johnston and L. Javarone

EMoHC: L. Weidner, A. Chite, C. Dorman, S. Koons B.

Wagner, S. Williams

**Coffee Hour: Peranich**

**Noon Mass:**

Server: F. D'Antuono and H. Soderman

Lector: L. Mengelkamp and K. Pereira

EMoHC: F. D'Antuono, and C. Restivo

The schedule can always be found on  
our website: [www.st-josephs.org](http://www.st-josephs.org)

## Opportunities for Service

**McKenna's Wagon:** Contact Dn. Gary Bockweg at (202) 544-3767 with inquiries or to sign up for a Sunday afternoon shift.

**Project Rachel:** Are you or someone you love suffering from a past abortion? Call Project Rachel for confidential help at (202) 269-HOPE [ProjectRachel@adw.org](mailto:ProjectRachel@adw.org)

**Knights of Columbus:** For information please contact Patrick Abbott, [patrick.abbott@gmail.com](mailto:patrick.abbott@gmail.com) 202-355-3979

**Vocations - CHECK IT OUT:** For you or a friend! For everyone! Become a promoter! Answer the call! Visit [www.dcpriest.org](http://www.dcpriest.org), call (202) 636-9020, or email [jp2seminary@adw.org](mailto:jp2seminary@adw.org)

## Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

A while back I promised you that I would begin to preach some homilies on topics that make us uncomfortable. The first one will be on **Sunday, October 22nd at the 8:30 and 12:00 Masses** and the topic will be **ABORTION**. It is my intention in this series to be plain spoken but not graphic. Still, I am always mindful of tender ears. For that reason, I wanted to let parents know this would be the subject matter in case anyone thought it was not appropriate for their young children. In the future, I will be preaching on other topics like cohabitation, contraception, same-sex attraction, etc.

A number of parishioners have told me that they read about these things in the press but never hear about them in their parish church. They feel the Church is not supporting them by giving clear teaching. It will not be my intention to shock anyone, and to be honest, it would be easier for me not to give homilies on controversial matters.

In a special way, I'm grateful to parishioners who provided input. For the homily on abortion, I wanted to speak to women who might provide me with a perspective that, as a celibate male, I did not have. If some of you have insights on some of these things, my door is open. I can't change the teachings of the Church, nor do I want to, but I want to listen and learn. My great hope is that these homilies will be clear, loving and a source of strength and holiness for our parish.

Ultimately it is the words of Christ which guide us; "You shall know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:32)

Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Gurnee

## Parish Announcements

### A Message from Fr. Ryan

Dear Parishioners,

As I prepare to return to Togo, I want to offer a heartfelt thanks to St. Joseph's Church for your kind welcome and for your generous collection of over \$9000 that was taken up for the mission parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe where I serve. The funds will soon be transferred to the mission, and you have my pledge that they will be put to good use and will be of great help in the projects that I described in my homily. It is truly inspiring for me to realize how open-hearted people here at home have been in their desire to help our brothers and sisters in Africa who have so little. For more information about the mission in Togo, visit our website which is [togomissionparish.org](http://togomissionparish.org). And here are the links to a TV and radio interview that I had recently with EWTN:

TV interview (4 ½ minutes):  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=28n4UxZMyCw> Radio interview (10 minutes – go to the 46-minute mark to start):  
<https://soundcloud.com/ewtn-radio/morning-glory-for-monday-august-28th-2017-with-father-bill-ryan>

Please pray for the mission – and in Togo we will pray to all those here in the States who have been so generous.

May God bless each and every one of you.

Fr. William Ryan

**Madonna House will be hosting a mom's morning** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the month around 9:30 'til 12:00noon. We will end with a simple lunch. If you would like to bring a snack to share that would be welcome. Madonna House is a t 220 C

## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Street NE, right next to St. Joe's. For more info call 202-547-0177 or email [madonnahousedc@gmail.com](mailto:madonnahousedc@gmail.com).

**Bible Study with Fr. Begg meets on Tuesdays** at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center. We are studying St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians. All are welcome to attend and please bring a Bible.

**The parish choir welcomes new members.** We are in need of male voices (particularly basses and baritones). If interested, please contact the Director of Music, Dr. Mickey Terry.

**RCIA** - Because you are willed... Because you are loved... Because you are necessary... You are called to a deeper understanding of Catholic teachings. Join us for discussions of the Catholic faith on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:15pm. To register or for more information, Please contact us at 202.547.1223 [pastor@st-josephs.org](mailto:pastor@st-josephs.org)

**St. Peter School Fall Open Houses** - If you are interested in a top-notch, Catholic education right here on Capitol Hill, mark your calendar to attend one of St. Peter School's Fall Open House dates: Friday, November 3 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. or Friday, December 1 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. As it nears its 150-year anniversary in 2018, St. Peter School is thriving. The School offers Grades Pre-K through 8, with a student body averaging 220 students and one class per grade. Characterized by a rigorous academic curriculum and a focus on service to others, St. Peter School students develop into well-rounded young people with solid leadership skills. A National Blue Ribbon School, St. Peter School is a caring community of students, parents, faculty, and staff. We would love to show you what makes our school so special!

**Please pray** for the sick in our parish, especially: Howard Brown, Msgr. Paul Langsfeld and Donna Wilkes.

**St. Therese—The Story of a Soul:** You are invited to an inspiring live drama, *Therese—The Story of a Soul* performed by Audrey Ahern, directed by Patti Defilippis, and presented by St. Luke Productions on Sunday, October 22nd at 7pm at St. Peter's Church Hall. Learn more at [www.theresedrama.com](http://www.theresedrama.com). The play is suitable for all ages and a free-will offering is the admission price.

**Looking to meet** people in their 20s and 30s living a vibrant Catholic life? It doesn't matter if you're new to the city or have been here for years, the **Young Adult Ministry** is happy to host you! Every month we offer Adoration, brunch after Sunday Mass, and service projects around the city. We also have frequent social events, faith formation series, sporting events, and other social events. For more info, email Andrew at [yam.stjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:yam.stjoseph@gmail.com).

## Archdiocese Announcements

**World Mission Sunday** - During the weekend of October 14-15, the Archdiocese of Washington will celebrate World Mission Sunday, which reminds us of Our Lord's Great Commission to the Church to go into the whole world to proclaim the faith (Matthew 28:19). The World Mission Sunday collection is unique in that it is a global effort for the entire Church. It is a moment each year to provide for the building up of over one thousand local churches in Asia and Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, an area that covers more than half the territory of the globe. Through the work of

these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy that renews hope and peace. For more information, contact Jenean Jones (301-853-4527) or Sr. Crucified (301-853-4528) in the archdiocesan Office of Missions. Thank you for your generosity!

**SEND A CARE PACKAGE WITH A CATHOLIC FLAVOR** to your favorite college age young adults! Praying College Moms will send a box of goodies, useful items, and some inspiration to them by early November.. Donations are accepted for homeless college students, also. Order online: [www.prayingcollegemoms.org](http://www.prayingcollegemoms.org) by October 20th.



## Mass Intentions

### Monday, October 16

*Saint Hedwig, Religious,*

*Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin*

Rom 1: 1-7 Lk 11: 29-32

8:00 For the Intentions of C. S. Hinton

12:10 †Emily Slocum

### Tuesday, October 17

*Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr*

Rom 1: 16-25 Lk 11: 37-41

8:00 †Tom Caplis

12:10 †Amy Leachtenauer Miller

### Wednesday, October 18

*Saint Luke, Evangelist*

2 Tm 4: 10-17b Lk 10: 1-9

8:00 †Glen Elsasser

12:10 For the Intentions of the Hollis Family

### Thursday, October 19

*Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests*

Rom 3: 21-30 Lk 11: 47-54

8:00 †Maureen Nolan

12:10 †Theodore Slocum

### Friday, October 20

*Weekday*

Rom 4: 1-8 Lk 12: 1-7

8:00 †Mildred Jeffries

12:10 †Millie Ruth Ford

### Saturday, October 21

*Weekday*

Rom 4: 13, 16-18 Lk 12: 8-12

5:30 † Sen. Pete Domenici

### Sunday, October 22

*Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Is 45: 1, 4-6 1 Thes 1: 1-5b Mt 22: 15-21

8:30 † Luke Granger

10:30 Pro Populo

12:00 † Sen. Pete Domenici