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**Worship Times**

Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00p  
Sunday Mass 11:15a; En español, 1:00p  
Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult bulletin  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p

Sunday Mass 9:00a  
Communion Service Tuesdays, 12:15p  
Holy Days 7:00p  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
By appointment

**Welcome, New Parishioners**

*We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.*

**Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony**

*For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.*

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

*For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.*

**Anointing of the Sick**

*For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis*

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**October 8, 2023**

## You ARE the Body of Christ

*Morning Church!*

*Here is a homelitic reflection  
on the Eucharist by our  
SSJ Angel at St. Joseph Villa,  
Sister Arlene Ronollo, SSJ:*

The priest holds the Eucharist and says “This is my body...” As you hear these words, close your eyes and let your mind focus on those around, beyond you, worlds surrounding you, and say to yourself,

THIS is my body—

my family, my friends, the world around me.

ME! THIS is my body. God is within ALL.

Pope Francis says,

*“Each one of us is called to accept Jesus inside  
of us and then to bring him to everyone.”*

What can you do to meet God in those around you: those you know and love; those you don’t know nor particularly like?

Recall those words:

THIS is my body, and act to serve, help,  
or enjoy Christ’s BODY  
in those you meet, think about or read  
about this week.

Can you picture God standing in front of you, asking for your understanding, sympathy, support, pointing to that person, that part of creation, and telling you: THIS is my body, given up for you.

God’s blessings,

*Sister Arlene Ronollo, S.S.J.  
St. Joseph Villa, Rm. 725  
110 Wissahickon Avenue  
Flourtown PA 19031-1898  
Founder’s Day October 15  
St. Joseph Day March 19  
Birthday April 25*

 **HEARTwork**

*~ Reflecting and Acting on The Word ~*

When do you struggle to Christ  
in your Dear Neighbor?

How is Christ calling you to be his  
Sacred Word and Sacrament  
~ his visible image of grace for others?

**Readings** <https://bible.usccb.org/>

### EVERY DAY WE ARE LEARNING

~ Amanda Gorman

Every day we are learning

How to live with essence, not ease.

How to move with haste, never hate.

How to leave this pain hat is beyond us

Behind us.

Just like a skill or any art,

We cannot possess hope without practicing it.

It is the most fundamental craft

we demand of ourselves.



### *Life-long Learning...*













**Disciple** means **learner**. Learning Christ  
and living his gospel is the purpose  
of our faithjourney.

To become part of who we are and desire  
to be in Christ, we **practice** the virtuous life  
in our thoughts, word and actions.

We demand of ourselves a focused, consistent  
pattern of life-giving choices that reinforce  
our bond with Christ and one another.

We choose to be life-long learners, to move  
“...whatever is true, whatever is honorable,  
whatever is just, whatever is pure,  
whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious..  
doing what we have learned  
and received, and heard...”

(Reading II Phil. 4:6-9)

OCTOBER	
Hispanic Heritage Month Sept 15 ~ Oct 15	
05-09	SSJ Assembly, Chestnut Hill, PA
 08	27th Sun OT Family Faith Formation Parents & Youth, 10:30a
10	Communion Service, 12:15p
 11	RCIA, 6:30p; Choir, 7p
 15	27th Sun OT SSJ Associate Rite of Welcome Family Faith Formation Parents & Youth, 10:30a 
17	Ministerial Association, 12N HCH Communion Service, 12:15p
 18	RCIA, 6:30p; Choir, 7p
19	Wise Ones, 1p
 22	28th Sun OT Family Faith Formation Parents & Youth, 10:30a  <b>PROCLAIMERS' Formation &amp; Information 10:30a (or Nov 4)</b>
 24	Adult Faith Formation, 10a ~ The Chosen, FLC Communion Service, 12:15p Adult Faith Formation, 6:45p ~ The Chosen, FLC
 25	RCIA, 6:30p; Choir, 7p
26	SSJ Governance ZOOM, 3:00p-5:00p
28	Spaghetti Dinner, 6:00-7:30p, FLC 
 29	29th Sun OT Family Faith Formation Parents & Youth, 10:30a
 31	Adult Faith Formation, 10a ~ The Chosen, FLC Communion Service, 12:15p Adult Faith Formation, 6:45p ~ The Chosen, FLC

🌿 Mass Intentions	
08	+Msgr. Thomas P. Ivory S. Geri Rogers, SSJ
15	Cheri Lawrence r/b Dianne Crawford
22	Missionaries
29	Denise Tuffner (Birthday)

Birthdays &



Anniversaries

08 Sergio Loyola	19 James St. Cyr
Maria Mata-Reyes	20 John Darcey
10 Angel Ledesma	22 Ty Keller
11 Beth Orta	Ruben Ramirez
12 Natalie Lopez	23 Lellany Garcia
14 Raquel Martinez	25 Beth Altemueller
18 Athena Spicer	26 Ramona Doyle

10 Andrea Faw & Stephen Faust  
22 Liza Go & Jeff Harris  
25 Samantha & Andrew Ange



**ADULT FAITH FORMATION:  
"The Chosen"**

**TUESDAYS, beginning Oct 24  
10:00a-12Noon or 6:45p-8:45p**

**COME AND SEE!**

*Sign up in the lobby by October 18*



What's new and different about Christianity?

Our God of mercy who takes no revenge.

No promise God has made has been broken.

God does not give up and above all,

God is never vengeful.

Instead, our God awaits us to pardon  
and embrace us.

The only impediment to God's tenacious  
and tender will is

our arrogance and presumption, that  
sometimes become violence.

(Adapted from 10/18/17 Audience)

**FLOCK**notice



**Formation & Information Sessions  
ALL Current PROCLAIMERS of the Word  
(Readers)**

**& anyone who'd like to be prepared  
for this ministry**

**After Mass, in church  
Sunday, October 22**

**or**

**Sunday, November 4**



Come and join us for the  
St. Stephen Ladies Guild

## SEVENTH ANNUAL SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Saturday, October 28  
6 pm to 7:30pm  
Family Life Center



### MENU

Spaghetti and Meatballs  
Green Salad  
Italian Bread  
Dessert  
Coffee (Decaf) or Juice  
Bring your own wine



### TICKETS

\$8.00 for adults  
\$3.00 for children ( 3 to 10 years)  
Tickets must be bought in advance  
available after Masses  
October 15 and 22





# A Christmas Story: The Musical

December 10th, 2023 @ 3pm  
Yadkin Arts Council Arts Center  
Yadkinville

Cost is \$24 Adults + children  
Show Only No Meal Serve

Tickets must be purchased by:  
September 24 Sign up at church  
or contact

Julie Colglazier (336) 353-822

The venue is small, so first come, first serve

Ticket prices include **all taxes & fees**

Tickets are **non-refundable**

Seating is **general admission**

Available upon request **ADA accessible seats**



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH  
15 septiembre ~ 15 octubre, 2023

¡Eres parte  
de nuestra familia  
y una bendición!



CARE for CREATION  
RECYCLE INK CARTRIDGES  
Recycle containers are in the lobby.  
Thank you!

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## Adult Sacraments

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First Communion  
Confirmation

Sacrament of Matrimony

For couples who would like to marry  
or who are married civilly and would  
like to have your marriage  
blessed in the Church.

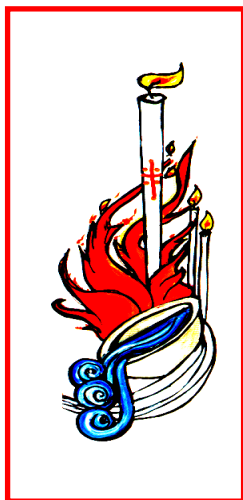
Anointing of the Sick

Offered to the hospitalized  
or homebound

R.C.I.A.

For Adults desiring to explore  
the Catholic Faith.

For more information,  
call S. Janis (336) 835-4542



We pray  
for our sisters  
and brothers  
in Maui,  
Morocco  
and Libya



*Our Lady of Protection*  
Ukrainian Madonna

**FEBRUARY 24, 2022**  
**19 months**

Ukrainian Catholics dedicate their country to *Our Lady of Protection*, interceding to Mary to wrap their country with her mantle of loving protection.

With the fast pace of communications these days, it's easy to become overwhelmed and wearied by the barrage of news.  
As Catholic Christians, you realized you are intimately tethered to every Dear Neighbor locally and globally.  
When you're feeling overwhelmed and weary, think of and pray for your Ukrainian sisters and brothers who are overwhelmed and wearied by the barrage  
~ not of news ~  
but by daily bombings, death, family separation, and the other forms of collateral damage of war since February 24, 2022.

**Our Lady of Protection, pray for us!**

As of Sept. 17, 2023  
U.S. Mass Shootings: 500  
Gun-related deaths: 25,200  
Of those who died,  
879 were teens &  
170 were children.



**WHEN IS  
ENOUGH,  
ENOUGH?**



**Tri-C Almsgiving**  
Thank you so much !!

**OCT**

Sm. dish soap

**NOV**

Bar soap

**DEC**

Dry beans

## The Tenants and the Vineyard



Today Jesus tells a parable of the vineyard leased to tenants. In those days, the owner of the vineyard would hire workers to live on the land and take care of the vineyard.

When the owner's servants went to collect the tenants' rent, they beat the servants. When the owner sent his own son, they killed him because they thought they could take over the vineyard.



This story reminds us that God has always cared for the Chosen People and us. Prophets, who speak in God's name, were sent to the people to guide them in God's ways of love, fairness, service. Some of the people didn't list to God's prophets and killed them.

God  
gave  
you  
TALENTS  
so  
you  
could  
help  
others.

Then Jesus came to lead the people in the Way of Love. They didn't listen to Jesus, either. In fact, they killed him on The Cross.

This is your story, too. God has given you many gifts. The most important gifts God has given you are your life and faith.

Your faithlife is your vineyard. God hopes you will care for your faithlife and make loving choices so you can be more like Jesus. This is what it means to be a good tenant ~ to take care of the gifts God has entrusted to you and to help them grow by making loving choices. ❤️

Front page answers: They killed him.  
Answers to Word-Find: God sent his Son.

# The Kids' Bulletin

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 8, 2023



*What did the bad tenants do when the owner's son came to get the produce?  
Use the code below to find out.*

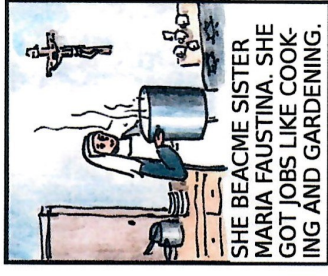
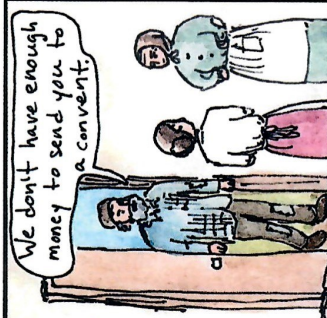
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 D E H I K L M T Y

# Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

October 5

HELEN KOWALSKA WAS FROM A POOR FAMILY IN POLAND. SHE ONLY WENT TO SCHOOL FOR THREE YEARS. SHE WANTED TO JOIN A CONVENT BUT HER PARENTS SAID NO.



OUR LORD USED SAINT FAUSTINA, WHO HAD BEEN A SIMPLE COUNTRY GIRL, TO TEACH THE WHOLE WORLD ABOUT HIS GREAT MERCY. SHE WROTE WHAT HAPPENED IN HER VISIONS IN NOTEBOOKS. ONE OF THE GREATEST PRAYERS THAT JESUS GAVE HER WAS THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET.

# The Evil Tenants Word-Find



Find the words that are in CAPITALS in the puzzle and use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks:

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Jesus told this PARABLE: There was a landowner who planted a VINEYARD and built a tower and a WINE PRESS. When he went away, he LEASED it to tenants. In time, he sent SERVANTS to get his PRODUCE, but the tenants BEAT one, killed one, and STONED another. The man sent more servants, but the TENANTS did the same thing AGAIN. Finally, he sent his SON, thinking that they would RESPECT him at least. But the tenants saw the son coming and said, "Here comes the HEIR. If we kill him we can get his INHERITANCE!" So they SEIZED him, THREW him out and KILLED him too!

Jesus asked, "What will the land OWNER do when he COMES?"

The people said, "Put the tenants to DEATH and lease the vineyard to tenants who WILL pay."