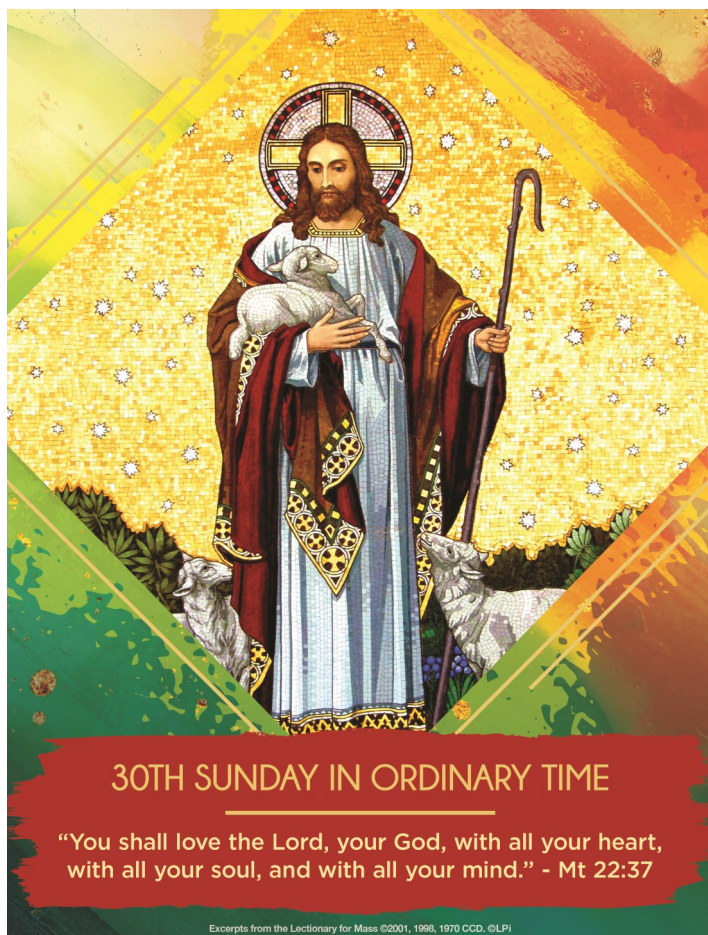


**OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH
and IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**
October 25, 2026 ~ 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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SACRAMENTAL/PRAYER LIFE

Our Lady of Fatima

Mass Schedule:

8:30 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

5:30 p.m. Wednesday

5:00 p.m. Saturday

10:30 a.m. Sunday

Eucharistic Adoration

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Fridays at OLF

Reconciliation/Confession - OLF

4:00 - 4:45 p.m. Saturday

Immaculate Conception

Mass Schedule

8:30 a.m. Sunday

Anointing the Sick & Baptism: Please contact the Rectory to make arrangements.

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Homebound / Hospitalized: Communion brought to anyone unable to attend Mass. Please call Paul Gorman 603-526-4353, Marc Clement at 603-526-6851 or Cheryl Dean at 603-770-6622.

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PARISH MISSION

Our Lady of Fatima and Immaculate Conception Parish is a Catholic faith community called by God to holiness. Our calling is realized in a spirit of love, unity and hospitality. As a faith community, we will deepen our knowledge and love of God in Christ. We will seek to contribute our time, talent and other resources in a spirit of service based on our Baptismal commitment, founded on the Word of God and celebrated in sacramental life, especially Eucharist.

Mass Intentions

30th Sunday In Ordinary Time

**The Living Flame Week
For the Intentions of James McPadden**

Saturday, October 24, 5:00 PM

Joy Hudgins (dec) by Jane Birk

Sunday, October 25, 8:30 AM

John Ward by Michael and Ellen St. Clair

Sunday, October 25, 10:30 AM

Steve Holm (dec) by Jesse and Danielle Dow

Monday, October 26, 8:30 AM

NO MASS

Tuesday, October 27, 8:30 AM

NO MASS

Wednesday, October 28, 5:30 PM

NO MASS

Thursday, October 29, 8:30 AM

NO MASS

Friday, October 30, 8:30 AM

NO MASS

Saturday, October 31, 5:00 PM

John Moore (liv) by Anthony and Carla Venti

Sunday, November 1, 8:30 AM

Joseph O'Brien by Michael and Ellen St. Clair

Sunday, November 1, 10:30 AM

Cailyn Dezotell by A Friend

LIVESTREAM MASS

Watch our 10:30 am Sunday Mass via Livestream. Go to: OLFIC.ORG scroll to LIVESTREAM and press enter.

PARISH WEEK AT A GLANCE

Mon. Oct. 26,	8:30 am - NO MASS OLF 9:00 am Rosary - OLF 4-4:45 pm Sacrament Prep - LMR
Tue Oct. 27,	7:00-8:30 am Men's Scripture Hall OLF 8:30 am - NO MASS OLF 9:00 am Rosary 2-4 pm Bible Study- LMR 6-8 pm OCIA - LMR
Wed. Oct. 28,	5:30 pm NO MASS - OLF
Thu Oct. 29,	8:30 am NO MASS - OLF 3:30-5 pm Loaves and Fishes OLF Hall
Fri Oct. 30,	8:30 am MASS - OLF 9-10 am Adoration at OLF
Sat Oct. 31,	4 -4:45 pm Confessions - OLF 5:00 pm Mass - OLF 5:00 pm Loaves & Fishes Gift Card Coll
Sun Nov.1,	8:30 am Mass- IC 8:30 am Loaves & Fishes Gift Card Coll 9-10:15 Faith Form. (Family) OLF Hall 10:30 am Mass - OLF 10:30 am Loaves & Fishes Gift Card Coll 10:45 am OCIA—LMR

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION REPORT

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Please continue to donate to Our Lady of Fatima. We have various capital improvement projects scheduled for 2026 including the repaving of our parking lot, estimated at \$500,000.

PARISH NEWS NOTES

- ♦ Flu season is upon us. Not feeling well? You can see our Sunday Mass via Livestream. Go to OLFIC.Org - scroll to Livestream and press enter.
- ♦ **Save the date: Saturday, November 14th for our Parish Holiday Fair 8:00am - 3:00pm. We will have a great selection of jewelry, holiday decorations, home made items, baked goods, café, along with our 50/50 cash raffle.**
- ♦ Loaves and Fishes is collecting Gift Cards this weekend. Please drop off this weekend or send into the office and write Loaves and Fishes on the envelope.
- ♦ Book Discussion Group meets on the OLF Hall starting on November 4th from 6-8 pm. All are welcome.
- ♦ Please silence your cellphones while in church.

KLS' REPLENISH THE FOOD PANTRY

This month please donate Pasta Sauce to "Replenish the Food Pantry"

Thank you for your support!

Please donate leave your contributions in the receptacle in the narthex at OLF today.

Have a Fun
Halloween!



Readings for the week of October 25, 2026

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47 and 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40
 Monday: Eph 4:32-5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17
 Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21
 Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
 Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35
 Friday: Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 14:1-6
 Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11
 Next Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Observances for the week of October 25, 2026

Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday:
 Tuesday:
 Wednesday: Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
 Thursday:
 Friday:
 Saturday: All Hallow's Eve
 Next Sunday: All Saints; Daylight Saving Time Ends; National Vocation Awareness Week

Blessing for Halloween



O God, Bless the friends and families who will gather for the Halloween holiday. Grace us with Your joy as memories are forged, and community bonds are strengthened. Bless our children in their festivities, our neighbors as we visit, and the spaces we'll share together. Help us to shine Your light through the darkness of these autumn nights. Amen.



PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK—UPDATE

Please take a few minutes to review the names above and let us know should any of them be **removed** by email at: parishoffice.org or 603-526 -4484

Margaret Marschner	Avan Pyle
Cailyn Dezotell	Michael Holt
Honey Kohler	Zion Hague
Matt Ezovski	Richard Reed
Joseph Ganley	Jeanne Demars
Felicity	Barbara Jean Cannon
Bill Connors	Robert L. Ward
Debra Marshall	Sue Reel
Heather Steve	Charlie Freiberg
Roman Capraro	Raheleh Hariri
MP McEnrue	Ken Celmer
Tim Fleury	Dee Belle Isle
Doreen & Randy Currier	Carla Everson
Robyn Muller	Pat and Jack Murphy
Michael Lenihan	Gene Finn
John Moran	Rob Grant
Joanne Watson	Paula Rosander
Jeanne Wallace	John Moore
Gretchen Evans	Lindsay Herrin
Catherine Parquett	Maureen McElhbern
Richard Turgeon	Paul Finnegan
Laurel Ann Anderson	Theresa Sullivan
Renata Schmidt	Caroline Meeker
Dennis Lund	Thomas Draper
Kim Kristl	Rose Turgeon

YOU ARE INVITED !

The Men's of Saint Francis Prayer Group meets on Tuesday morning from 7:15 am to 8:25 am here at Our Lady of Fatima in the Church Hall. We discuss the upcoming Sunday readings. Father Clinton and Deacon Greg are both members of our group. *Won't you please consider joining us?*

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What Catholics Believe About Halloween | All Saints, All Souls

Is Halloween really a pagan holiday—or is it deeply Christian? In this episode of What Catholics Believe, Dr. Ben Akers explains the Catholic roots of Halloween, its connection to All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, and how Catholics can celebrate it faithfully. Discover the history of trick-or-treating, the dangers of the occult, the meaning behind costumes, and even the Catholic perspective on vampires and zombies.

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TAKE FIVE

The greatest of these is love

They asked Jesus which was the greatest commandment of all the commandments of God. In answer, he quoted them a line from one of the most well-known Jewish prayers, the Shema: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might." Jews say the Shema in the morning and evening, before reading the Torah on Sabbaths and festivals, and at the end of the holiest day of Yom Kippur. Jesus added another commandment: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." To do God's will is to love God and one another with everything you have. It's really as simple as that.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's readings:

Exodus 22:20-26; 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10; Matthew

October 25, 2026

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 22:34-4

By Father John Muir

When I was in seventh grade, like most boys of that age, I was constantly hungry. I could eat at any hour of the day. Then I fell head over heels for a classmate named Kristin. One evening, while lying on my bed and pondering her perfections, my mom called me to dinner. For the first time in my adolescent life, I remember thinking: "I'm not hungry." My heart longed for Kristin more than my stomach for food. Now, I wouldn't confuse adolescent infatuation with mature love. But it was an experience of how love can

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart" (Matthew 22:37). He is not issuing a burden or a moral goal for high achievers. He is naming the deepest orientation of the human heart. We were made for love so great that it gathers every other love into itself. Jesus does not ask us to love less the persons or things that attract us. Rather, he wants our love for God to be so total and intense that we love everything and everyone else because we love him so much.

Do we believe that such a love is possible for us? Because of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, it is! It is readily available to us. Let's repent of our half-hearted love for God and ask Him to fill our hearts to the brim with divine love.

October 25th ~ 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Trivia

Question: Other than Sundays, what are the names of the days on which Catholics are required to attend Mass?

Answer: Holy Days of Obligation



Offering Opportunity at OLF

Would you like to light the Living Flame of Our Lady of Fatima Sanctuary Light in reverence and petition, birthday, or anniversary for one week?

Offering fee is
\$10.00 per week.

Please make your arrangements with the Parish Office at
(603) 526-4484 .

It's That Time of Year...



Our Holiday Fair is collecting jewelry, evening bags and scarves at this time. Please contact Norma Gosselin at 603-763-4459. You may leave the jewelry in the box in the Narthex at Our Lady of Fatima. Thank you for your contributions for this year's event on Saturday, November 14th from 8am to 3pm in the OLF Hall.

Is Halloween a pagan holiday or a Catholic one?

Halloween and All Saints' Day are closely connected. In the 800s, the Catholic Church began celebrating All Saints' Day. It was originally called All Hallows' Day or Halloween. The celebration began early on All Hallows' Eve. But if Halloween is really about the saints in all their victorious glory, where do we get haunted houses, costumes, and pranks?

All Saints' Day became associated with the other deceased rather quickly. November 2nd is All Souls Day, where we pray for the souls in purgatory. Throughout the European world, especially with the Celtic and Germanic peoples, the dead were honored in the autumn months. The Celtic pagan celebration of Samhain had its own folk rituals and occurred around the same time as these Catholic feast days.

Within the last few hundred years, this included dressing in disguise and going door to door, asking for food in exchange for a rhyme or poem. Some people masqueraded as "dark" spirits and pulled pranks on others. Today's celebration of Halloween tends to take on these later practices, rather than the original meaning of celebrating the saints. But remember ... **this feast was Catholic first!**

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