

Sunday	September	2	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 Mass Intentions: All students and teachers returning to school; Evangeline Hyett; Betty Henderson; Jane Ronan; Bill Beck; Virginia Colbert; Lance Halstead; Josephine Whitman; Peace in the Middle East; Our Leaders of Church and State Ministers: Denise Hytower, Samantha Cunningham
Monday	September	3	St. Gregory the Great
Tuesday	September	4	
Wednesday	September	5	
Thursday	September	6	
Friday	September	7	
Saturday	September	8	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 5:15 Mass for Names and Intentions on the Rosary Prayer List
Sunday	September	9	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 Mass Intentions: Veronica Reynolds; Marion Lindorfer; Cleveland Rhoden; Tom Rideout; Josephine Whitman; Peace in the Middle East; Our leaders of church and state Ministers: Eartha McClendon, Alan Zaciek

### ***READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK***

Isaiah 35: 4 – 7a

James 2: 1 - 5

Mark 7: 31 – 37

### ***OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH MISSION STATEMENT***

Our Lady of the Rosary is an open Christian Family, a mixture of unique beings in an inner-city setting. Gifted and guided by the Holy Spirit, called in Faith to prayer, love and concern, this apostolic community searches to creatively use its resources to become inviting, loving, healing and one with the distressed/alienated people of today.

***Please Remember These Friends in Prayer***

Joseph Herrick	Betty Heimbecker	Margaret Harris	Barbara Long Harper
Margaret England	Patrick Sieve	Marcia Bays	Kerry Barnes
Margaret Hogan	Lily Norman	Marva Bryant	Jan Christensen
Christie Pitcher	Tanil Family	The Kolmetz Family	George Selaty
Alma Bojanic	Kay Morhard	Ronnie Trotty	Lauren Reagan
Lena Luongo	Roger Carlson Family	Miriam Levant	Allison Holley
D.A.K. Jones	Muriel Abrams	Tom W. & Family	Ricardo Patino
Didilus Family	Baby Trent	Alma Overstreet	Mrs. Hendrix
Brenda Lumpkin	Toya Johnson	Fred Kammerer	Chuck Calhoun
Esther Rupp	Trisha Powell	Wright Family	Barbara Bedolla
Morand Family	Maureen S.	Linda Cummings	Tanya Crawford
Heather Lucido	Wimbush Family	Julian Kidd	Joy
Andrew Philka	Paul H. Mullin	Gene Hill	Pat Bartkowski
Hardin Family	Joe Mnich	Jane V.	Mary Rayes
Louise Adams	Lyle and Janet Dolin	Helen Hill	Jeanette B. & Honey
Jessie Dunn	Ila Gillespie	Nicole Church	Mary Ellen Murphy
Regina Burns	John T. Knox	Mark Tavin	Aileen Rosado
Calvin McFarland	Joseph Daoud	Dominic Maniscalco	Jasmine Wright
Reising Family	Cynthia Herron	Jason Morhard	Rosa Lee Vaughn
Bradley Morin	Rebecca Voigt	Leah James	Susan Wahl
Val & Duane	Henrietta Jackson	Alice Brown	Kerry Barnes
Brenda Gilchrist	Harold Meek	Barbara Johnson	Patricia Ennis
Gail Mally-Mack	Grandma K.	Mike Malinowski	Carol VerBrugge
Elisa Martinez	Mary Ruskin	Dan Hall	David & Nathaniel Sung
Barthwell Family	Rhonda Maxine Irwin	Sherley Epps	Margie Pauline
Ray Jones	Joseph Schumacher	Minnie Ruth Hall	Winona Ware
Trotty Family	Ellie Finn Murphy	Orzechowski Family	Cecilia Kirby
Donna Asmar	Ira Sears	Phyllis Gossett	Rachel Lynn
James Teal	Clemencia Carmona	Caitlan Maloney	Gloria Graydon
Sarah W.	Danny Page	Craig Burtch	Jean Baustian
Wade Gilchrist, Jr.	Alice Coleman	Tim Calloway	Mary & Willie Toney
Craig Family	Flood Family	Mark Davis	Busby Family
John Carlos Swanson	Myrtha Johnson	Laura Anderson	Lois and Tim Turrin
Carlos Vasquez	Nick Van Heck	Suzanne Welter	Natalie
Raina Smith	Patricia Pickett	Shareen Poole	Calvin Steward
Ellen Keerean	Villanueva Family	Mary Alice Murphy	David & Terrance Green
Laura Babala	Michael Thornton	Mila Hadjantoni	Mary Fibich
Rosalind Roberts	Milan Family	Hannah Thompson	Warren & Rose Smith
Andrew McLaughlin	McClendon Family	Thomas Zigulis	Kirk Pittman
Cornelia Carnes	Monique Harper	James Morhard	Lydia's Special Intention
Michael Vasquez	Michael Vasquez	Ron Buzenski	Elvira Darolfi
Alexis Marsden	Fern Mulila	Eylonne McKinney	Dorothy and Dick Vanderlip
Special Intentions	Tayshon Whitfield	Shannon Barnes	Allan Krupp
Carl Lewis	Josephine Whitman	Deborah Crawford	Gregory Gray
Bill McCauley	Eileen Finn	Desmor Dorsey	Larry Prichard
Patricia Keller	Michael Shea	Chris Shea	Taylor Wright
Robert Wright	David Wright	Judith Wilson-Heard	

***PRAY FOR FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY AND IN THE MIDDLE EAST***

Sgt. Muddy Peha Spc. Gregory Trotty Calvin Trotty Tommy Fitzpatrick David Guiroga Matthew Dixon  
 Sgt. Brandon & Tiffany Childs Winn Butler George Hurley Family of George Rayes Lance R. Stevens  
 Tonya Gray Lance Corporal Kenneth Coleman, Jr., Gary Didilus

## ***SCRIPTURE STUDY IS BACK!***

After a long and refreshing (?) summer break, our Bible Study group will resume its activities next week, the Monday after Labor Day. We will meet on September 10 at 7 PM in the Parish House. The texts we will read together are:

Isaiah 50: 5 – 9

Mark 8: 27 – 35

Everyone is welcome. Bring along your Bible, if you have one, and a desire to enter more deeply into the Word of God. This would be an excellent opportunity to join this group. We have invited parishioners from St. Aloysius and St. Patrick to join us. Let's start this season off together!

## ***ROSARY / COMMUNITY PICNIC***

Our tradition of sharing a picnic meal with our friends in the neighborhood continues this year-but with a different "twist." The Rosary neighbors have an interest in getting to know us all better, and at their suggestion our picnic will be next Sunday, immediately after Mass, in the area around the gazebo. Meat will be cooking when we get there! Rosary members are asked to bring pot luck picnic dishes—salads, casseroles, baked beans, desserts, pop, etc. There will be a sign up sheet at Mass this weekend so we can get an idea of what sorts of food will be coming. This is an important event. We will be able to share not only food, but friendship and ideas with those who live in our neighborhood. Plan now to spend some time here after Mass, Sunday, Sept. 9.

## ***ROSARY'S WEB SITE***

For the past several months, our friend Wilson Suprpto has been developing a Rosary Web Site. It is still "under construction," but has already gotten wonderful comments from those who have seen it. You, too, can view it and be amazed: [www.rosary.org](http://www.rosary.org) . Hopefully, this site will not only give us greater insight into our parish, but will also attract others to our parish.

## ***TOGETHER IN FAITH—AGAIN!***

At the Parish Council meeting last week, the merger plan developed for Rosary to eventually merge with St. Aloysius / St. Patrick was accepted. This plan is required by the Archdiocese, which has called on virtually all parishes to have merger plans. It would only go into action if there is a pastoral vacancy or a financial crisis. The entire plan is included in this edition of the bulletin. The Parish Council also turned to serious discussion of our need for more members and more involvement. There will be a survey within the next few weeks, inviting you to brainstorm and come up with ideas for our growth.

### ***HARVEST DINNER***

The annual Harvest Dinner of the Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance will be Wednesday, September 19 from 6 – 9 PM in Shed 3 of the Eastern Market. The dinner date is earlier this year to enjoy the mild fall evening. Tickets are \$45 per person and must be ordered in advance. See Norbert for details this weekend or next.

### ***CHANGING LIVES TOGETHER***

Four years ago the Archdiocese announced a capital fundraising campaign, Changing Lives Together. The parishes of the archdiocese were divided into five groups, or “waves.” The tsunami is about to strike Rosary—our wave is on the horizon! Specifics will soon be given to us, probably in great detail, and probably by professional fundraisers. In general, each parish is given three years to generate the equivalent of one year’s income from Offertory collections. Whatever is raised is divided –70% would stay at Rosary, 30% would go to the Archdiocese.

### ***MASS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES***

Sunday, September 16, there will be a special Mass at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral at 11 AM for those who are disabled (especially disabled veterans), their caregivers, family members and friends. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Vigneron.

### ***HAPPY BIRTHDAY***

Thomas Anderson	Monday
Akil Hurtado	Tuesday
Eylonne McKinney	Thursday

## **Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Merger Plan**

In the winter of 2012, the Together in Faith process led to the recommendation that Our Lady of the Rosary parish “develop plans to merge with a nearby parish.” We have been in contact with St. Aloysius/St. Patrick parishes to lay the groundwork for a merger whenever one of the two “triggers” occurs:

- There is a pastoral vacancy and no replacement is available
- There is a net operating deficit

In the last months, discussions have been opened with St. Aloysius/ St. Patrick:

- We have cooperated on fund-raising with their youth group working to assist a mission in El Salvador
- We have invited them to join our Bible Study group
- We have met with their education commission to plan joint religious education and sacramental preparation programs.
- We have been in contact with the outreach team at St. Aloysius, since we share a similar mission to the “street people.”
- We share our weekly bulletin with the staff of St. Aloysius, thus making it available to the congregations if desired.
- We are involved with representatives of these parishes in envisioning a joint mission statement.

Further interaction with these parishes will be guided by the Pastoral Goals established by the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council:

- In terms of communication, not only do we share our bulletin, we also have initiated a web-site with material not only related to communication but also to evangelization.
- Other evangelization efforts are planned, focusing on the developing Mid-town area and the Wayne State University area, which is located within our parish boundaries.
- We are interested in inviting parishioners of these parishes to join us in our program of retreats for developmentally disabled adults. We sponsor 6 weekend retreats, and would welcome appropriate volunteers as chaperones, nurses, education leaders.
- We look forward to working with these parishes on a vocations initiative involving, perhaps, guest speakers, prayer services and/or special liturgies.

Our Lady of the Rosary seeks to maintain its identity and worship site. The value of a Marian-centered community in the center of the City is obvious. Our iconic statue of Our Lady of the Rosary, overlooking the Ford Freeway and Woodward Avenue, is visible throughout the MidTown area. This presence of the Church in the City cannot be lost.

As any merger plan becomes necessary, we are confident a plan can be developed to allow this to be a worship site, specifically focused on the needs of the northern part of the MidTown development and the Wayne State / College for Creative Studies student bodies. With creative planning and the collaboration of both parishes, a significant statement can be made about the Church’s commitment to the City. In addition, so many neighborhood residents have difficulty traveling. Sunday bus service is unpredictable. A worship center in this area to accommodate the neighborhood residents is a necessity.

It should be noted that Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, through carefully planned savings and management of resources, has sufficient capital to continue without diocesan assistance. We are currently actively organizing fund raising efforts to add to our savings. The Changing Lives Together program will further add to our financial stability. We have an active Finance Committee overseeing our expenditures, budgeting and fund raising.

Our focus has been on the people of our congregation and the people of the neighborhood, both the residents and the homeless. We have programs to feed and clothe the homeless and provide showers. We have helped homeless people find residences. Our congregation is deeply involved in outreach programs, ranging from weekly food programs to Christmas food baskets for 300

**neighborhood residents. A special mission has involved outreach to persons with disabilities, not just from the Rosary neighborhood, through our weekend retreat program and through our many parties and projects involving these brothers and sisters. When we are merged with St. Aloysius and St. Patrick we will be able to bring our familiarity with this part of the City and our strategies for reaching out to those needing assistance into collaborative efforts with the other parishes. A powerful focus on the needs of the Woodward Corridor, from downtown to Grand Boulevard, will significantly impact on the people of the area.**

**The intention of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish is, therefore, to implement joint activities and projects with the merged St. Aloysius / St. Patrick parish. By the time their merger date of July 1, 2014 is reached, we would have working relationships in virtually all areas of parish life. We feel confident we can effectively support Our Lady of the Rosary as a worship site within a new merger arrangement.**

## OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHURCH 1889



This was the first Rosary church, on Harper where the vacant lot is today—still our property. The house on the left belonged to the Barnes Family, and eventually became the first rectory. The first Mass was said in the dining room of the house in August 1889. The church was built by the men of the parish in three months, and the first Mass was said in the church in October, 1889. Notice the wooden sidewalks. Those poles scattered around the choppy dirt road are hitching posts for the horses of the people riding to Mass—sort of our first parking lot! Notice the sapling trees planted along the street. This was farm territory—not a bustling part of Detroit. Later, when Ford and other manufacturers built factories nearby, this area would see a huge growth in population and activity. If you look in between the church and the house, far in the background behind the tree you can see a chimney. This is probably the chimney of what we now know as our chapel. In those days that was St. Joseph Episcopal Church.