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October 2026 Fatima Shrine Newsletter



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October -
The Month of
the Holy Rosary


**SPECIAL
MONTHLY
Masses**

**2nd
Sunday's
SPANISH MASS**

**4th
Sunday's
TAGALOG MASS**

Basilica of the National Shrine of
Our Lady of Fatima - Lewiston, New York

October 3 - 1st Saturday Devotions

Knights of Columbus collect nonperishable food items and donations for local food pantries.

11:00 AM - Rosary & Confession

11:30 AM - MASS

12:15 PM Adoration & Benediction

3:30 PM Rosary Procession

3:45 PM Confession

4:00 PM MASS

HEALING MASS

October 4th with

Fr. Dan Young

@ 6:30 pm in the Basilica



**Music Ministry:
Bobak Family**

Why do we have 1st Saturday Devotions?

First Saturday Devotions is Our Lady of Fatima's personal request, on five consecutive first Saturdays: We are to go to Confession, receive Communion, Pray the Rosary, and spend 15 minutes meditating on the mysteries, this is to console and make reparation to her Immaculate Heart.
In return, she promised her assistance at the hour of your death.





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*"The grace of God
will be your comfort."
Our Lady of Fatima*



UPCOMING SHRINE CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS For October

Thursday, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - Aquinas School of Philosophy

Dr. Dennis Bonnette (**Topic: The Natural Reasoning Supporting a Christian Worldview**)
In Fatima Hall at 7:00 pm. **Open to the Public.**

Saturday, October 3 - FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Confessions: 30 Min before Mass Rosary Procession 11:00 & 3:00
Mass 8 am & 11:30 am & 4:00 pm 12:15 Adoration & Benediction

Saturday, October 3 - Knights of Columbus Food Collection

Collecting food before and after the 11:30 & 4:00 Mass.

Saturday, October 3 - Czestochowa Polish Day

11:00 am to 3:00 pm – Polish Food in the Cafeteria * 3:15 pm Rosary & Crowning Ceremony
4:00 pm Polish Mass

Sunday, October 4, 11, 18 - Legion of Mary (Fatima Hall 1:15 pm)

Sunday, October 4 - Healing Mass with Fr. Dan Young

Music by the Bobak Family - Mass begins at 6:30 pm in the Basilica

Sunday, October 11 - Spanish Mass (2nd Sunday Every Month)

5:30 pm Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel - 6:15 pm Mass in the Basilica

Monday, October 12 - Miracle of the Sun Walking Pilgrimage

Niagara Falls to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine * Along the Niagara River Gorge Trail
With Barnabite Fathers Peter Calabrese & Albino Vecina

*** (PDF) Details and Map on Shrine Calendar**

Tuesday, October 13 - Special Healing Presentations

Surviving Abusive Situations: Fr. John Adams will be in Fatima Hall at 5:30 pm.

ALL ARE WELCOME. *Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, Commemorating the Miracle of the Sun

Saturday, October 17 - Knights of Columbus Pilgrimage

10:15 - Short talk in the Basilica * 10:45 - Saint Scavenger Hunt * 11:30 am Mass
12:15 - Lunch in the Cafeteria (their own lunch) * 12:45 pm - Self-Tour and Gift Shop

Sunday, October 25 - Legion of Mary (Fatima Hall 10:00 am)

Sunday, October 25 - Tagalog Mass (4th Sunday Every Month)

Mass at 1:30 in the Basilica. * Followed by a Social in Fatima Hall

Sunday, October 25 - Blessing of Cars

After the 3:00 pm Rosary & Benediction

Our Regular Hours

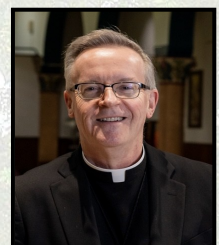
OFFICE & GIFT SHOP

Monday-Thursday 9am-5pm
Friday 9am-7pm
Saturday & Sunday 9am-5pm

CAFETERIA

Fridays 11am-7pm
1st Saturdays 9am-3pm
Sundays 10am - 4pm

November



Nov 1 - 6:30pm

Fr. Bill Quilivan

Music Ministry :

Deacon Bill Walkowiak



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*"I am the Lady of the Rosary. Continue to pray the Rosary every day."
Our Lady of Fatima*



How Our Lady of the Rosary found the Barnabites



When the Barnabite Fathers arrived in Niagara Falls in the 1950s, they came with a simple goal: build a seminary. What they received instead was an invitation from Heaven, hidden inside a stranger's gratitude. Walter Ciurzak had been healed through Mary's intercession. He offered the Fathers land on one condition: a shrine to Our Lady had to be built alongside it. They said yes. That yes opened a calling far larger than the one they came with. They became caretakers of Fatima's message in America, and of Our Lady's request that the world would Pray her Rosary daily. The plans of a seminary became a Shrine, and a Rosary Pool, and a Basilica devoted to the prayer Mary herself asked for at Fatima.

Today I'm sharing some of the earliest photos of the shrine. Look closely. the statue of Our Lady that sits above the Basilica now, was waiting for it then. There it stands inside a simple frame, with plain wooden benches waiting before her. In another, the first building with a cross on its door sits beside a bare tree. In the middle one, there is the entrance, at the St. Jude statue. There's not much here in the early



years. Just open ground, a few benches, and a "yes". Look at the shrine today, it's breathtakingly beautiful and the paths take you all around these 15 acres. When Our Lady asks something of you, how long will you wait to answer?

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"Pray, pray much, and sacrifice for sinners, for many souls go to hell because there is no one to sacrifice and pray for them." Our Lady



✠ PRAYER INTENTIONS ✠

Please remember in your prayers:

The Barnabite Fathers

Especially for the health and well-being of

Frs. Richard Delzingaro,

Peter Calabrese and Albino Vecina and Fabricio Colares

and for the men around the world in **Barnabite Formation**, and

the Barnabite monthly intentions:

October: May the Lord, through the intercession of Saint Alexander Sauli, who offers the Church a model of faithful religious observance and tireless pastoral dedication, always grant us worthy shepherds for his people.

Let Us Pray For

All those who asked the shrine for prayers.

For an end of abortion and for world peace
and for solidarity and victims of war.

Craig Allan	Dr. Megan Johnson	Elaine & Bob Pagani
Debbie Baldwin	Barbara Johnson	Joanne Robbins
Mary Bucciarelli	Peggy Johnson	Anne Sauvageau
Sue Campbell	Kathy Kean	Jackie, Kathy &
Tim Sledziewski	Camille Kiedrowski	Jeremy Slattery
Julie O'Connor-	Barbara Krueger	Abigail Schuster
Colvin	Ron Lester	Anthony Villa
Carmela Esposto	Jarod Lombardi	Jim Kirkpatrick
Kathy Gallagher	Gabriella Markle	Lisa Sfrangio
Dr. Talitha Arndt	Bill McKrell	Jacob Beanblossom
Pat Morreale	Paul Moran	JoAnn Sniatecki
Dorothy Janicki	Edward Grant	Jackie Jones
Wendy Sullivan	Anne Forrestel	Doug & Paula Grant
James W.	Roseanne Kyler	Emily Schuster
Kirkpatrick Sr.	Tony DiRenzo	Frances D. Havens



For the **Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV** and his **Monthly Intentions:**

<http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/>

The Barnabite Fathers remember all visitors & Shrine supporters
in their daily Community prayers, and thank you for yours.

MASSES SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday 11:30 am & 4:00 pm
Saturdays 8:00 am, 11:30 am & 4:00 pm
Sundays 9:00 am, 12:00 Noon & 5:00 pm

Confessions 15 minutes before each Mass.

BIBLE REFLECTION GROUP

Mondays at 7:30pm in Fatima Hall

Discussion to focus on the Readings
for the upcoming Sunday Liturgy.

PLEASE BRING A BIBLE

For info call:

Fr. Peter Calabrese at 754-7489

Would you like to JOIN US
You can Remotely? on ZOOM
Meeting ID: 936 8091 2873
Password: 863876

To Jesus Through Mary

Saturday Evenings
@ 5:30 pm in the Basilica.



The Legion of Mary at The Fatima Shrine

Our Praesidium -
Our Lady Mother
of Divine Providence,
meets at 1:15 pm in Fatima
Hall every Sunday, with the
exception of the 4th
Sunday when there's a
Tagalog Mass - on those
days we meet at 10:00 am.
We pray the rosary and
structured prayer.
JOIN US!!



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wed. & Fri. 12:00 noon - 4:00 pm
In the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Adorers are always needed... inquire at
the shrine office or call 716-754-7489

St. Padre Pio had an extraordinary
devotion to Eucharistic Adoration.

Fatima Shrine Council #14622

..for information on membership to join,

Call Fr. Peter Calabrese at 754-7489
or you can e-mail the Council through
the Shrine: office@fatimashrine.com





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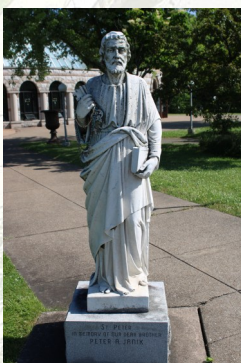
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Pope St. Paul VI*



Marian Saints of October

St. Thérèse of Lisieux - October 1

Thérèse never wrote grand theology about Mary; she simply loved her the way a child loves a mother, without ceremony. In her final years she composed a long poem to Our Lady, insisting Mary was “more mother than queen,” someone approachable rather than distant. Her “Little Way” of trust and small hidden sacrifices mirrored what she saw in Mary's own hidden life at Nazareth. Even as tuberculosis wore her down, she kept returning to Mary as the model of quiet, confident abandonment to God. Thérèse teaches us that devotion to Mary doesn't need eloquence, only love that keeps showing up.



St. Francis of Assisi - October 4

Francis rebuilt more than a ruined chapel when he restored the Portiuncula, Our Lady of the Angels; he built a lifelong devotion around it, calling it his favorite place on earth. He asked to die there, on the ground, in sight of the little church dedicated to Mary. Francis saw in her poverty and humility the perfect mirror of the Gospel he was trying to live himself. The Franciscan family he founded, this Shrine's own OFS included, has carried that Marian heart forward for eight centuries. Francis reminds us that the road to Christ's poverty runs straight through Mary's humility.

St. John Henry Newman - October 9

Newman's journey from the Church of England to Rome was, by his own account, a journey through Mary. Studying the early Church Fathers, he found their devotion to her impossible to separate from their faith in her Son, and it became one of the arguments he could no longer set aside. He later wrote that a Christianity without a Mother was not the Christianity of the apostles. Once received into the Catholic Church, he defended Marian doctrine with the same careful, patient reasoning that marked his whole life's work. Newman shows that honest scholarship, followed far enough, can lead a soul home through Mary.

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St. Teresa of Ávila - October 15

Teresa entered Carmel already convinced that Mary was more than a distant patroness; she insisted Our Lady be honored as the order's true Mother and model. Her reform of Carmelite life was, in her own mind, an act of filial obedience, restoring a household Mary herself would recognize. She wrote of Mary not in abstractions but as a companion in prayer, present in the ordinary business of a soul's interior life. Teresa's mysticism never floated free of Mary's simplicity; the two were bound together in her spirituality. She teaches us that even the deepest mystical prayer stays rooted when it stays close to Mary.



St. Luke the Evangelist - October 18

Tradition holds that Luke was the first to paint Mary's face, and whether or not the legend is literal, his Gospel paints her just as vividly in words. He alone gives us the Annunciation in detail, the Visitation, and the Magnificat, Mary's own voice preserved for every generation since. A physician and a Gentile convert, Luke wrote with an outsider's wonder at a Jewish girl who became the Mother of God. His Infancy Narrative reads less like reporting and more like something received directly from Mary herself, treasured and pondered before it was ever told. Luke reminds us that the Gospel's tenderest details survive because someone thought Mary's own words were worth keeping.



St. John Paul II - October 22

"Totus Tuus," entirely yours, was the motto John Paul II carried from his seminary years to the papacy itself, a personal consecration to Mary he never set aside. He credited her intercession with saving his life after the 1981 assassination attempt, which occurred, fittingly, on the anniversary of the first Fatima apparition. As pope, he added the Luminous Mysteries to the Rosary and wrote an entire apostolic letter urging the Church back to its beads. He carried a rosary in his pocket everywhere, worn smooth from decades of use, much like the man from last month's issue. John Paul II teaches us that a life fully surrendered to Mary is a life fully surrendered to Christ.





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Pope Pius XII*



The Story of Our Lady of Fatima

The Final Apparition: October 13, 1917 - The Miracle of the Sun

"The time for doubting Fatima has passed. The time for action is now." — Pope Pius XII

By dawn on October 13, the roads into Fatima had become rivers of mud and umbrellas. Rain had fallen for days, and it kept falling that morning, a cold, driving rain that soaked pilgrims through to the skin as they walked, some of them for days, to reach the Cova da Iria. Estimates of the crowd that gathered there range as high as seventy thousand people, believers and skeptics standing shoulder to shoulder in the same grey mud, drawn by a promise Our Lady had repeated for three months running: that in October, she would work a miracle so that all might believe.



Among them stood Avelino de Almeida, editor of Lisbon's *O Século*, a secular newspaper that had mocked the apparitions for months. He came expecting to document a fiasco. What he wrote instead became one of the most striking pieces of testimony to survive the day.

At noon, Lúcia asked the crowd to close their umbrellas. The rain stopped. The clouds tore open, and the sun appeared, not blinding as it should have been, but pale as a silver disc that could be looked at directly. It began to spin, throwing off bands of red, yellow, green, and violet light that washed over the drenched crowd, the trees, the upturned faces. Then, three times, the sun seemed to tear loose from the sky and plunge toward the earth. People screamed. Some fell to their knees confessing sins they'd carried for years, certain the world was ending. And then, just as suddenly, the sun steadied and returned to its place, and the ground and clothing that had been soaked through only minutes before were somehow dry.

Away from the crowd, Lúcia alone saw what the apparition had come to reveal. Beside the sun stood Saint Joseph and the Child Jesus, blessing the world; then Our Lord himself; then Our Lady, first as Our Lady of Sorrows, then as Our Lady of Mount Carmel, exactly as she had promised the month before. The vision the crowd received in light, Lúcia received in full, three months of promises fulfilled in a single noon.

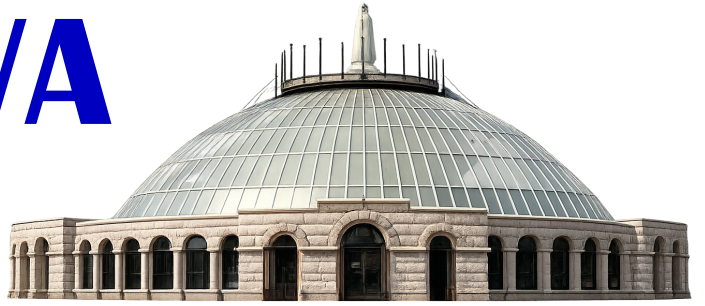
It's worth remembering that nothing about this miracle was quiet or private. It happened in a public field, in front of tens of thousands of witnesses, including reporters who'd come to disprove it. Heaven, it seems, was not interested in leaving room for doubt. And yet the message underneath it never changed from what Our Lady had asked all along, in May, in June, in every apparition before this one: pray the Rosary. Not the sign in the sky, but the beads in the pocket remain the real inheritance of Fatima, freely given and freely shared, for anyone willing to keep asking.





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To Jesus Through Mary

Saturday Evenings 5:30 pm in the Basilica





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The Thunder of Thousands of Hail Marys

I've made rosaries for almost 4 decades now, and somewhere along the way I just stopped counting them. So many rosaries strung together bead by bead, decade after decade, year after year. I couldn't tell you a real number if I tried. What I can tell you is what all those beads taught me about patience in prayer and trusting in Jesus, that just happened quietly, with every knot tied in whatever season I happened to be in, early morning, midday, or late at night, it didn't matter.

Here's the thought I think of often: Every single bead that leaves my hands might be prayed on more than once a day, for years, by someone I'll never meet. Probably countless thousands across nearly four decades, into hands across this country and around the world, and I honestly have no idea how many are still out there today, and I'll never know. It's not for me or any of us to know.

But I like to imagine it sometimes, all those beads moving at once, in kitchens and cars and hospital rooms and quiet bedrooms before sleep, and I picture what it would sound like if every person holding one of those rosaries prayed a single Hail Mary at the exact same moment. A stadium full of voices couldn't touch it. That's the thunder I think about while making rosaries.

The rosary carries all of Jesus's life inside it scripturally: joyful, luminous, sorrowful, glorious, with Mary walking every step beside him while always directing us to Jesus. That's what I'm really handing someone when I hand them a rosary. So maybe you too would consider becoming a Rosary Maker. Believe me when I say it could change your life and it will absolutely deepen your relationship with our Lord and our Lady.



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O my Jesus,
forgive us our sins,
save us from the
fires of hell, lead
all souls to
heaven, especially
those in most
need of thy mercy.

A Rosary Prayer Plan for the Day

Morning - Joyful Mysteries

Begin the day the way Christ began his life, in hope.
Ask for the grace to be ready for the day ahead.

Midday - Luminous Mysteries

Pause in the middle of the day's noise.
Let his public life remind you why you're still standing.

Evening - Sorrowful Mysteries

Bring him with you, whatever the day has cost you.
Remember, He already carried it first.

Night - Glorious Mysteries

Surrender the day and rest in what rises after every struggle.
Let this be your peace and gratitude time before sleep.

**Fatima Shrine's Famous
FISH FRY
\$16.50**



Haddock Fish (deep fried or baked) French
Fries or Baked Potato, Cole Slaw, Roll & Butter.

Cafeteria is Open Friday's 11am - 7pm

**Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with
thee. Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners, Now and at the hour
of our death. Amen.**