



Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Community

October 2025

Dear Friends,

October, as we all know, is the month of the Holy Rosary and is known as such because of a specific event which took place on October 7th 1571. It is known as the naval battle of Lepanto fought between the combined navies of Western Europe and the Ottoman Empire. Centuries before this battle had seen the armies of the Ottoman Turks winning major land victories in their quest to invade Western Europe. The most stunning of these had been the Turkish capture of the city of Constantinople in 1453 which opened the way for the invasion of Western Europe. The Turks renamed the city of Constantinople and to this day it is known as Istanbul. In addition to victories on land, the Turks began to seek naval victories to take control of the Mediterranean Sea. In the year 1571 both navies were headed for a major battle south of Greece. In early October the two fleets were approaching each other and On October 7th joined in the Battle of Lepanto. At first the wind gave the advantage to the Turks but in the course of the battle the wind shifted giving the advantage to the Western fleet which gained a complete victory over the Turks and destroyed Turkish sea power. The victory, while complete, did not eliminate the threat from the Turks who would continue the battle on land for another century until their ultimate defeat at the battle of Vienna in 1683. Pope Pius V had asked all of Europe to pray the rosary in hopes of a victory. Because of this, the victory was attributed to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and because of this Pope Pius established the feast of Our Lady of Victory on April 30 the following year. The feast was later transferred to October 7th, the anniversary of the battle, and renamed Our Lady of the Rosary. It is the patronal feast of our sister parish down the hill. Our Lady of Victory.

On Saturday, October 4th, we will celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. We will, therefore, have our annual blessing of the pets on Friday, October 3rd. We will gather that day at Noon at the statue of St. Francis on the side of the chapel. All pets are invited and as always they are welcome to bring their human partners along. As always, proper behavior is expected and pets are warned that if any human misbehaves, security will be notified and appropriate action will be taken

God bless you all and have a happy and spooky October!

Fr. Leo

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A Note from Sister Eileen

Dear Friends,

Various writers often refer to the month of October as a time of letting go. They refer to trees naturally letting go of leaves. As each of us experiences the wonders and challenges of aging, October calls us in new and often difficult ways of letting go. Joyce Rupp expresses these challenges in her poem "Let Go of the Person I Was". I offer it here for your prayerful reflection.

Let go of the one totally in charge,
the one who had no fear of falling,
of breaking an ankle, a leg, an arm,
or worse - suffer a brain bleed.

Let go of the one skilled at doing,
being successful and productive,
confident and self-possessed,
able to handle most everything.

Let go of the person whose alert brain
easily recalled a name, a description,
details of a story lodged in the past,
and where a precious item was placed.

Let go of having a healthy, active body
ready to obey and serve each command.
Let go of energy once quick and plentiful,
rarely collapsing with utter weariness.

Greet this unwanted stranger's arrival,
waiting to receive a respectful welcome.
Get to know and accept her new traits;
do no shun, deny, reject or criticize.

Rather, behold with a gaze of kindness
this one still looking over her shoulder
longing to be the woman (man) she once was.
Learn to love and appreciate her now

For she still bears the same loving spirit,
still intends to live with zestful gratitude,
still cherishes what is of utmost value,
still retains a home in Eternity's Heart.

Blessings and peace!

Sister Eileen



***October – Faith on Film – “Fr. Stu”
Tuesday, October 14th @ 1:00 pm
In Pastoral Care Emmaus Room***

Did You Know?

Maryland's Catholic bishops provide a framework for responding to the rapid growth of artificial intelligence in their June 2025 pastoral letter, "The Face of Christ in a Digital Age".

This pastoral letter is offered to the faithful of Maryland and all people of goodwill as a framework for reflection, formation and pastoral response, rooted in the wisdom of the Church and the inspiration of Pentecost- the spirit who renews the face of the earth, not through machines, but through grace, truth and love. We encourage you to get a copy of this pastoral letter in the Pastoral Care Office.



The Spiritual Book Club was created to engage parishioners in reading, reflecting and discussing contemporary authors who impact our faith lives. We borrow these books from the Baltimore County Public Library Bookmobile service.

Our book is "Once We Were Brothers"

We will meet in the Jenkins Room at 2 pm on Tuesday, October 28th at 2 pm.

All are welcome.

Have a Blessed Fall Season