

Ambo Announcements

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 13, 2024

- Our charitable tithes this weekend will go to the [National John Paul II Shrine](#) in Washington, DC. The shrine preserves the memory and legacy of the great John Paul II. We're happy to support this important spiritual and cultural work!
- The flowers in the sanctuary this weekend are in honor of Bob and Eileen Davies wedding anniversary. *We wish them a very Happy Anniversary!*
- Thank you to everyone who was able to participate in our Food Drive this weekend for [HOPE in Lancaster!](#)
- Thank you also to all those who signed up to give blood this Sunday. Your donation of blood literally saves lives!
- This weekend, October 12-13, we'll offer a special blessing of eyes in honor of Saint Lucy. Our parish is blessed to have a stained-glass window of the powerful saint and so we'd like to ask her intercession for our eyesight and eye care. After each Mass, individual blessings will be available.

• After deliberating with the Pastoral Council, Finance Council, other parish leaders, and members of our professional staff for some time, I've made the decision to suspend our Saturday evening 5:00 PM Mass after Saturday, October 26, and begin a new 7:30 AM Mass as of Sunday, November 3. It's believed by parish leaders and me that a Sunday morning Mass would be more helpful to the parish. Our Saturday evening Mass has waned, and our Sunday morning Masses have packed parking lots and pews. The addition of an earlier morning Sunday Mass is needed to alleviate some of that congestion. If any parishioners have any thoughts or concerns, I encourage them to reach out to me directly: Jeffrey.kirby@charlestandiocese.org.

- The diocesan priest retreat will be this coming Monday- Thursday, October 14-17. I'll be away with our Bishop and the priests of the diocese. There are no Confessions or public Masses this week. Our regular devotions will still take place. Please come and pray with your parish family.
- This Monday evening, at 7:00 PM, we'll also have our monthly Novena to St. Monica and the Stations of the Cross for those who have left the Faith. All parishioners are encouraged to come and walk the Stations for their loved ones who have left the Church.