

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW CHURCH

Reflection

He has given the angels charge over you to guard you in all your ways. Let them thank the Lord for His mercy; for His wonderful works. Let them give thanks and say the Lord has done great things for them. O, Lord, You sent Your only Son and the grace of your Spirit to serve us, assigning the angels as your guardians and teachers.

—Saint Bernard

The Holy Guardian Angels October 2nd

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY—Today we observe “Respect Life Sunday” as we sadly recall to mind the terrible scourge of abortion that permeates our nation. We all need to meditate on the words of John Paul II in his Encyclical Letter **“Gospel of Life**. He writes “Abortion and euthanasia are...crimes which no human law can claim to legitimize. There is no obligation in conscience to obey such laws, instead there is a grave and clear obligation to oppose them by conscientious objection.” As we sadly reflect on the growing culture of death that began with legalized abortion, the Old Testament wisely reminds us, “I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that your descendants may live.”

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR—sponsored by our Parish Ladies Guild will be held on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4th** and **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5th** in the Church Hall. Donations of knit, crocheted or sewn items—crafts—gift items—and baked goods would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your participation and plan now to attend our Parish Bazaar!

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY—October is traditionally dedicated in the Church to **Our Lady of the Rosary**, whose feast day is celebrated on October 7th. At Lourdes in France in 1853, Mary appeared with the Rosary in her hand. In 1917, Mary reemphasized the Rosary again to the world through the three children at Fatima in Portugal, identifying herself, she said: “I am the Lady of the Rosary. Pray the Rosary every day.” Take time especially in this month of October, to pray the Rosary in honor of our Lady.

“A FESTIVAL OF NATIONS”—Join with parishioners and friends for an enjoyable event featuring great food and entertainment from many different cultures. The Hispanic community of our parish will sponsor, “A Festival of Nations” on **Saturday Evening, October 14th** beginning at 6:30 pm in the Church Hall. Admission is free. A variety of food and beverages will be available to purchase. Plan now to participate and attend.

ANNUAL TURKEY TROT—will be held on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14th** at 7:00 pm. Doors open at 6:00 pm. We are presently in need of monetary donations as well as canned goods, boxed foods, gift items, and gift cards for the many raffles. Donations may be brought to weekend Masses or to the Parish Office at any time. Thank you for helping to make this parish event enjoyable by attending and giving.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS—is known as RCIA. Classes begin with a special inquiry evening and registration on **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25th**, at 6:30 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. RCIA is an ongoing process of individual faith development for those who are interested in becoming a Catholic or for baptized adults who have not yet received the Sacraments of Communion or Confirmation. For more information, call the Rectory Office: 944-4466.

+ANNUAL BLESSING OF ANIMALS+
In Honor of St. Francis of Assisi
Saturday, October 14th—11:30 am
Front of the Church
All Animals Welcome!

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR— OCTOBER 2—8

(Every Mass is offered for the faithful, living or dead.
However, the following are specifically
remembered this week.)

Monday, October 2

7:30 am – The Holy Guardian Angels
7:00 pm – Mass in Spanish

Tuesday, October 3

7:30 am – Intentions of Parishioners
6:00 pm – Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 pm – Novena Services & Benediction

Wednesday, October 4—St. Francis of Assisi

7:30 am – Andrew Francis, Jr. by family

Thursday, October 5

7:30 am – Intentions of Priest Celebrant

Friday, October 6

7:30 am – In Thanksgiving to St. Maria Goretti
by a devotee

Saturday, October 7

8:00 am – Our Lady of the Rosary
In Thanksgiving for Favor Received

WEEKEND MASSES

5:00 pm – Luigi Corsetti by family

6:30 pm – Mass in Spanish

Sunday, October 8—27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am – **Collective Mass**

Deceased of Holy Name Society

Memorial Shrine Enrollments

Anna Sepe by family

Fernando Spadarella by wife

9:30 am – Mass in Spanish

11:30 am – Michael Megrđichian by Grace Carnevale

Robert Joseph Carnevale by wife &
family

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST: Arilyn Simone Branca

DIED IN CHRIST: Anthony DeMelo

Please be generous in next weekend's October 7th & 8th, **Second Collection** for our **CHURCH ROOF FUND**. We are hoping to reach \$2,000.00 each time this monthly Second

Collection takes place. Thank you for your support to our church.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, October 2

7:00 pm – Ladies Guild Meeting, RH

Friday, October 6

3:00 pm – Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chapel

Saturday October 7

10:00 am – First Communion Class

Sunday, October 8

Second Collection: Church Roof Fund

+WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT+

What Our Lord Asks is

Not Equal Gifts—But Equal Sacrifice

(logo from Increase Giving Campaign)

Weekend of September 16 & 17

Envelopes & Loose Collection: **\$3,040.00**

Second Collection: Senior Priests'

Retirement Fund **1,304.00**

Total Income **\$4,344.00**

Our sincere thanks to all those making our
Increase Giving Campaign possible.

LOOKING AHEAD!

Please participate & attend!

October 14 —Festival of Nations

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October 25 —RCIA Registration

November 4 & 5—Annual Holiday Bazaar

November 14 —Annual Turkey Trot

November 23 —Thanksgiving Day

December 8 —Immaculate Conception—
Holy Day

December 15 —Choir Christmas Concert

This week's parish bulletin is sponsored in memory of

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by husband & family