

## Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 19-20, 2019)

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Daily Eucharistic Liturgy:  
Monday - Friday at 8:00AM

Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:  
Saturday at 4:00PM  
Sunday at 9:30AM

Holy Days of Obligation: 5:30PM (Vigil) & 8:00AM

Confessions: Saturday at 3:30PM (or by appointment)



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# Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

## Partners in Faith & Mission



### 29TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

“Render a just decision for me against my adversary.” Today’s Gospel features a persistent widow who ekes out justice from a notoriously cold-hearted judge. Why does she win the day? “Because the widow keeps bothering me.” Jesus’ recommendation to the disciples is to be persistent in prayer, because surely God the Father is far more attuned to their needs than this judge. If only it were that easy, right? We’ve all experienced the unanswered prayer, the silence after our cries. When this continues, sometimes it can be difficult to have faith in God or believe He answers prayers. It can be easy to lapse into a sense of His distance. We want Him to do something “fair,” which — in our limited view — typically means that something works out in our favor. There are, of course, many legitimate cries for justice. We live in a fallen world filled with flawed human beings. We hurt each other, sometimes grievously, and our efforts to remake the world in our image can result in unjust, inhumane systems. Faced with the problem of evil, we may wonder how God will “secure the rights of his chosen ones.” Sometimes, He may well seem “slow to answer them.” In the face of these very real questions, it’s important to recall the words of the prophet Isaiah, that God’s thoughts “are not [our] thoughts.” His ways are not our ways. God respects the freedom He has given us. When we see what free will has wrought, perhaps we question God’s better judgment! Yet somehow, we hear that He mysteriously works all things for our good. No matter what situation we find ourselves in, we are always free to love. We are invited to be persistent in our prayer, to continue bringing our concerns before God in trusting surrender. We are invited to love well in the circumstances we find ourselves in, to be a light in the darkness. No matter when — or if — our prayers are answered the way we would like, we are nonetheless invited to witness to “faith on earth.

### WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of October 20, 2019

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-8/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8 (29th Sunday/Mission Sunday)  
 Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-75/Lk 12:13-21  
 Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-17/Lk 12:35-38 (St. John Paul II)  
 Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-8/Lk 12:39-48 (St. John of Capistrano)  
 Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-6/Lk 12:49-53 (St. Anthony Mary Claret)  
 Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59  
 Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 13:1-9  
 Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-18/Ps 34:17-23/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14 (30th Sunday)

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Sacramental preparation is required of the parents who desire to share the Catholic faith with their children and are held monthly throughout the City of Erie. Call the parish office to register to schedule your preparation. Godparents must be Confirmed and practicing Catholics with a letter of recommendation from their pastor to serve as a sacramental sponsor.

**Religious Education, First Holy Communion, and First Reconciliation** programs are hosted at Saint Luke’s Church for all eastside Erie parishes. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.7105).

**Confirmation** preparation for all eastside Erie parishes is hosted at Saint John’s Church. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.454.2873).

**Sacrament of Holy Orders:** God calls all people to holiness. Some men are called to fulfill this vocation as priests. If you are interested in the priesthood, or have questions about it, please contact a parish priest or our Diocesan Vocation Director, Fr. Michael Polenik, at 1.800.374.3723.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Before a date can be scheduled, a priest must be contacted at least six months in advance to complete the required documents.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** Communal celebrations of Anointing the Sick are scheduled periodically. The sacrament can also be requested by any parishioner who is seriously ill or in danger of death. *Please note:* Federal law no longer permits hospitals or nursing homes to contact churches when a parishioner is admitted. It is incumbent upon family members to notify the parish office if a loved one needs a visit, desires to receive Holy Communion, or needs Anointed.

**Leave A Legacy:** Consider Saint Stanislaus and Holy Trinity as you meet with your attorney or financial planner regarding your estate planning. Remember the needs of your parish family and leave a legacy of faith for future generations with your generous remembrance.

**Bulletin Information Deadline:** Please submit information to be included in the weekend bulletin by noon the Monday prior. Holiday bulletin announcements must be received by the parish office two weeks in advance.

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**"PRAYER, CARE, AND CONCERN" MINISTRY**

Those who participate in this ministry express the care and concern of our entire parish community to those who are ill, hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing facilities, through birthday and holiday cards, visits, and prayers. To request prayers, or to participate in this ministry, contact Rose Marie at 814.923.4438.

**"PRAYERLINE" MINISTRY**

These ministers devote themselves to prayer for any needs made known to them and any special intentions. To participate in this ministry, or to request prayers for a particular need, contact Kay (825-7328) or Shirley (452-3395) from Saint Stanislaus, or Kathy Benes (898-1091) or Kathy Smith (393-8974) from Holy Trinity.

**PCEP (Parish Catholic Education Program)**

Parishioners of Holy Trinity can receive a parish grant to assist with the cost of tuition for families who wish their primary or secondary school age children to have a Catholic education. To be eligible, families must participate in the program, attend Mass regularly, and be involved in the parish community. For more information, contact the parish office.

**"PRAYER SHAWL" MINISTRY**

The enjoyment of knitting, crocheting, and sewing are uniquely combined with prayer to offer a deeply personal and meaningful spiritual ministry. Shawls are prayerfully made and freely given away to those suffering bereavement, those recovering from illness, the elderly, homebound, and those in nursing facilities. To join us in this ministry, please contact Linda at 814.864.9476.

**THE "ZABAWA COMMITTEE"**

Held on the parish grounds of Holy Trinity, Zabawa is the largest Polish heritage celebration in the region, drawing tens of thousands of people to our neighborhood. The Zabawa Committee organizes the festival through food preparation, donation solicitation, food and beverage service, and so on. The committee always welcomes any help they receive. If you would like to offer your time, and experience hands-on learning about these rich cultural traditions, contact Ray Luniewski at 882-1032.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

Parishioners interested in serving our worshipping community as an altar server, lector, Eucharistic minister, or music minister, please let one of your priests know.

**ST. STANISLAUS / HOLY TRINITY INITIAL PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**

(please circle which parish)

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check:  New Registration  Change of Address  Change of Telephone Number

Change of E-mail  Moving out of Parish  Want Envelopes

*Place in offertory basket or mail to Parish Office. We will contact you to complete our Census Form.  
Welcome to our Parish Family!*

*A Community of Faith Built on Tradition, Where Everyone is Welcome*

# Saint Stanislaus Parish Community

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 21th — The Martin Family (Stella Radomski & Family)  
Tuesday, October 22nd — Irene Chrzanowski (M. Lacy & M. Wawrzyniak)  
Wednesday, October 23rd — Linda Love (P. Britton)  
Thursday, October 14th — Joseph Zielinski (D. & J. Thiemann)  
Friday, October 25th — Stanley & Anne Przepierski (Family)  
Saturday, October 26th — Jesse Mountain (Marion Mountain)  
Sunday, October 27th — Parish of Saint Stanislaus (Pro Populo)

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 26th  
Servers: Marlene Shaba  
Lector: Stephanie Wycech  
Gifts: Mr. & Mrs. Macie  
Sunday, October 27th  
Server: Gabriella Widomski  
Lector: Paul Gambil  
Gifts: Rob Lintelman Family

## REMEMBERING THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

November is traditionally set aside as a month when we remember those who have died. As is customary at St. Stan's, a memorial garden will be set up in the sanctuary and a list of our deceased loved ones will be placed there. Forms are available for you to complete so that we can place their names in the memorial garden.

A "NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH" MEETING is scheduled for Monday, October 21st at 7:00PM. It will be held at the Community Center on East 14th & Wallace Streets. All are invited to attend.

LECTORS WILL BE NEEDED for the Feast of All Saints. A sign-up sheet is available in the vestibule if you are able to minister at the 5:30PM vigil Mass, or the 8:00AM Mass in the morning.

## WEEKLY OFFERING (OCTOBER 6, 2019)

| This Week                        | July 1 to date |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Amount we need.... \$4,156.00    | \$62,340.00    |
| Amount Received ... \$2,812.00   | \$44,520.00    |
| Net over/under .... (\$1,344.00) | (\$17,820.00)  |

Mass Attendance:  
4:00PM = 90  
9:30AM = 104



## DIAPER DRIVE

The annual "Diaper Drive" will take place until October 27th. A box is located in the vestibule to be filled with any assortment of baby items.

"STATIONS" OF THE CROSS bumper magnets, compliments of radio station 92.1 FM / 89.5 AM are available in the vestibule free of charge. Help yourself!

October 1st lottery winners (#454) are **Kathy Ciecierski**, **Kay Stankiewicz**, and **Ray Przybyszewski**.



A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Gabriella Wlodarczyk entered into eternal life on Saturday, October 19th. Please keep her, and all who mourn her passing, in your prayers.

## HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

The names of parishioners who are living in nursing facilities or assisted living homes are listed on our bulletin boards. Please keep them in your prayers. We encourage you to send them a card, especially around the holidays or on their birthdays (their birthday is also listed). If you know of any parishioners who are in care facilities but not listed, please call the parish office, Fr. Jason, or Rose Marie Radomski of the "Prayer, Care, and Concern Committee."

## POLISH HYMNALS

At one time, St. Stan's was in possession of a number of green-colored Polish/English hymnals entitled, "The Glory of God/Chwała Boża." They have slowly disappeared over the years. If you know the whereabouts of any of them, please return them to the church or the parish office.

A SPECIAL WORD OF GRATITUDE for all who came out to celebrate Saint Hedwig Day and for all who worked to make the evening prayerful and delightful! The collection raised \$656.00 that will be used for the ongoing upkeep of the property and facility.

## POLONIA PRESENTATION

Parishioner Bobby Sulecki will be offering a presentation about the churches and neighborhoods that make up Erie's Polonia. The presentation will take place at the 3rd Street Falcon's Club on October 30th, beginning at 6:00PM. The event is free and open to the public. Come out to support Bobby and learn about Erie's Polish heritage.

*"When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth..."*

- Luke 18:8

# Holy Trinity Parish Community



A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, October 19th, for Mark Henry Wolfhope, age 52. He died on October 1st in Johnson City, Tennessee. He was the son of Janice (Juniewicz) and Henry Wolfhope. May his soul rest in peace.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 21st - Mass at Saint Stanislaus  
 Tuesday, October 22nd - Mass at Saint Stanislaus  
 Wednesday, October 23rd - Mass at Saint Stanislaus  
 Thursday, October 24th - Mass at Saint Stanislaus  
 Friday, October 25th - The Poor Souls In Purgatory  
 Saturday, October 26th - For the People of Holy Trinity Parish (Pro Populo)  
 Sunday, October 27th - Norbert Ropelewski (Anne Marie & Eileen)

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE (OCTOBER 26 & 27)

### **Lectors**

5:00PM - Jack Kempisty  
 10:00 AM - Steve Rimpa

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

5:00PM - Marc Moore & Sue Carpenter  
 10:00AM - Sarah Chermack & John and Patty Stano

### **Altar Servers**

5:00PM - Armani & Lilliana Moore  
 10:00AM - Josh & Tyler Chermack

**The Sanctuary Lamp** will burn this week in memory of Walter Kubinski, from Marty Connelly

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO...

10/21 - Mark Lacy  
 10/22 - Tim Wiley  
 10/23 - Remi Chernicky  
 10/26 - Adam Nitkiewicz



## WEEKLY OFFERING (OCTOBER 6, 2019)

Regular Offertory .....\$2,439.00 (51/146 mailed)  
 Loose Cash ..... \$85.00  
 Total Offertory ..... \$2,524.00  
 Votive Candles ..... \$34.00  
 Mass Attendance: 5:00PM = 55 / 10:00AM = 73

| <u>THIS WEEK</u>     | <u>JULY 1 TO DATE</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Dream Goal .....     | \$3,000.00            |
| Amount we need....   | \$45,000.00           |
| Amount Received...   | \$2,365.00            |
| Net over/under ..... | \$36,040.00           |
|                      | \$2,524.00            |
|                      | \$33,497.00           |
|                      | (\$2,543.00)          |

## **CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL (2019) AS OF OCTOBER 14:**

Pledges:..... \$26,185.00  
 Paid: ..... \$24,030.00  
 Due:..... \$2,155.00  
 Assessment: ..... \$12,421.00  
 \*80 Families have contributed to the CSA

## **ZABAWA "THANK YOU" DINNER**

Wednesday, October 23rd at 6:00PM in the Social Center. We appreciate everyone who made ZABAWA 26 a remarkable success! This is but a small (and inadequate) expression of our gratitude for your extraordinary work!

## THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

21) Darlene Vlahos; 22) Kathy Wisniewski; 23) Heidi Jankowski; 24) Len Sebastian; 25) Jack Kempisty; 26) Patricia Straub

## PLEASE OFFER PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS THIS WEEK:

10/20: Msgr. Robert Brugger  
 10/21: Fr. Jason Glover  
 10/22: Fr. Robert Horgas  
 10/23: Fr. Jim O'Hara  
 10/24: Fr. David Carter  
 10/25: Fr. Bob Manning  
 10/26: Fr. Peter Pierjok

Our Parish Catholic Education Program families are already busy making pierogi on Monday evenings in preparation for our Christmas market, which will be held on December 20th & 21st. Pre-orders will be taken from *November 9th - December 8th*. Please support PCEP and the children who benefit from this Catholic School tuition assistance program.

## ALL SOULS DAY REMEMBRANCE - 2019

Flyers for this year's annual All Souls Day remembrance are now available. Please complete and return them to the parish office by October 20th. Offerings included with your flyer will be used throughout the year so that Masses can be offered for the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

The Usher's Society will meet on October 29th at 7:00PM in the gathering space.

## DIAPER DRIVE

The annual "Diaper Drive" will take place until October 27th. A box is located in the vestibule to be filled with any assortment of baby items.

### A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The widow in today's gospel is praised for her perseverance. In our homes, perseverance is a critical ingredient to resolving differences in marriage, and teaching lessons and skills to children. Perseverance is always an act of faith and trust in the goodness of the other person.

### NEIGHBORHOOD MEAL

The Sisters of Saint Joseph are in need of desserts for their neighborhood meal scheduled on October 21st. Please bring your goodies to a weekend Mass, or you can drop them off between 2-3:00PM on Monday at the Nazareth Center on the Saint Stan's campus.

### VILLA MARIA OPENHOUSE

Will be held on Sunday, October 27th from noon until 3:00PM. Guided tours of the school will include interactive classroom demonstrations, a hands-on look at the art and dance programs, advanced science experiments, information on how to graduate high school with a semester or more of college credits completed, access to Villa's 3-D printers, dance studio, fitness center, student café, and more! Students in attendance will be entered in a drawing for discounts on tuition. Villa Maria Academy is located at 2403 West 8th Street, Erie, PA 16505. If you have any questions, please call 838-2061, extension 3239.

### CATHEDRAL PREP OPENHOUSE

Cathedral Prep's Open House will be held on Sunday, October 20th from 12 - 3PM. Guided tours will include interactive classroom demonstrations, a hands-on look at our STEM Offerings, advanced science experiments, performances by our MVP program, access to our 3-D printers, info on how to graduate high school with a semester or more of college completed, and more! Students in attendance will be entered in a drawing for tuition discounts. Cathedral Prep is located at 225 West 9th Street, Erie, PA. Please call 453-7737 ext. 3 with questions.

### MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Argument Tip #2: Don't get unduly "historical" in a marital argument. Counting and keeping track of all the past wrongs done won't endear you to your beloved when looking for a mutually agreeable solution. Admit that each of you probably made mistakes and hurt each other. Focus on the future.

### PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR

October is "Pro-Life Month." All are welcome as we join together to pray before the Blessed Sacrament for a greater respect for all human life. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at Saint Stanislaus Church on Sunday, October 27th at 2:00PM. Special intentions will be offered for victims of sexual abuse, babies in the womb, the elderly, terminally ill persons, handicapped persons, our nation's leaders, reparation for sins, those in danger of assisted suicide, victims of terrorism and war, and end to embryonic stem cell research and human cloning. This prayerful event is sponsored by Saint Stanislaus's Pro-Life Community.

### MT. CARMEL LADIES' GUILD LUNCHEON & AUCTION

*Sunday, October 27th, from 2:00-5:00PM  
Scheffner Hall (1531 East Grandview)*

Ticket are \$7.00 in advance and include a lunch and fashion show courtesy of Boscov's. Also available is a Chinese auction, dessert auction, tip boards, etc. Reserve a ticket by calling Carolyn at 825.3895.

### THE LIFE OF SISTER FAUSTINA

Tinseltown Movie Theater on Rotunda Drive will be hosting a special screening of "Faustina: Love & Mercy" on Monday, October 28th at 7:00PM. Tickets can be purchased for \$11.50.

### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY (OCTOBER 19-20)

Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses around the world where priests and religious serve the world's most vulnerable populations. Please be generous in next week's collection for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith. In the words of Pope Francis: "Every man and woman is a mission; that is the reason for our life on this earth."

AN ORGAN CONCERT, featuring Peter Knippel, will be held at 4:00PM on October 20th at the newly restored pipe organ at St. Patrick Church. The one hour concert is free and open to the public.

**THE HOLY TRINITY USHERS' SOCIETY** will, once again, host a "Pre-Election Gathering" on November 10th from 4:00-7:00PM in its Social Hall. Admission is still \$10 and you must be 21+ years old to attend. Great food and beverages will be served. Take the opportunity to be politically engaged by hearing from the candidates running in the upcoming elections.

### THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

October is a month dedicated to praying the rosary. It is also "Respect Life" month. Pray the rosary with you family. Teach the rosary to your children. Pray for Mary's intercession to bring an end to abortion and all other offences against human life.



## Sunday, Oct 20, 2019

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### We're stronger together

Exodus 17:8-13; 2 Timothy 3:14—4:2; Luke 18:1-8

*"Aaron and Hur supported [Moses'] hands, one on one side and one on the other."*

Most things are easier when shared. We stick to the diet if our spouse commits to it. We exercise with more discipline if a friend meets us at the gym. Working late is less lonely if others in the office agree to put in the extra hours. Is it any wonder Moses can raise his hands in prayer longer if he has company in his exhausting vigil? As the church observes World Mission Sunday, we recall the great commission we share to bring good news to all the earth. Together, we can bring light to all the dark places.

## Monday, Oct 21, 2019

### Let's care about those who care

Romans 4:20-25; Luke 12:13-21

*"This night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?"*

This is Pastoral Care Week, first held in 1985 by the National Association of Catholic Chaplains to honor all spiritual caregivers. The celebration is an opportunity for everyone to recognize the ministry caregivers provide—in hospitals, prisons, businesses, military settings, healthcare settings, schools, and more throughout the world. This week is also a chance for chaplains and pastoral care counselors, educators, and providers to share their stories. Express your appreciation to the spiritual caregivers in your life, and visit [spiritualcareweek.org](http://spiritualcareweek.org) for more resources on how to participate.

## Tuesday, Oct 22, 2019

MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN PAUL II

### People, get ready

Romans 5:12,15b,17-19,20b-21; Luke 12:35-38

*"Be ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks."*

If the Lord came today, would you be ready to meet him? Or would you want more time to align your life with his? Take these questions seriously because you never know what the day holds. If you feel out of whack with the Lord and too focused on things of this world, consider this prayer of Saint Ignatius Loyola as away to get ready: "Take Lord and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding and my entire will . . . whatever I have you have given me; I restore it all to you and surrender it wholly . . . give me only your love and your grace."

## Wednesday, Oct 23, 2019

MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF CAPISTRANO, PRIEST

### To heal the past we acknowledge it

Romans 6:12-18; Luke 12:39-48 (475).

*"You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."*

John of Capistrano (1386-1456), preacher, theologian, and Franciscan reformer, was also a leading proponent of the antisemitism that sadly has infected much of church history. During his era, Jews faced restrictions on where they could live and what they could own, were required to dress in a way that signaled they were Jews, and at times faced violent pogroms incited by fiery preachers such as John.

As we acknowledge past shortcomings, let us remain vigilant to contemporary resurgence of intolerance in any form. The reform we need begins here and now, in our hearts.

## Thursday, Oct 24, 2019

MEMORIAL OF ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET

### Light your fire

Romans 6:19-23; Luke 12:49-53.

*"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!"*

In scripture, fire often signals God's presence, notably the burning bush Moses encounters and the tongues of fire that appear above the disciples at Pentecost. Fire also signifies a disciple's zeal for the faith. "An apostolic missionary must have both a heart and tongue ablaze with charity," said Saint Anthony Claret, founder of the Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary order, better known as the Claretians. For the past 170 years, Claretian missionaries have spread the gospel message around the world, primarily through preaching and parish work, social justice advocacy, education, and publishing. The Claretian logo carries a flame to remind all Christians of their call to unceasingly expend themselves "to light the fire of divine love in the world." Take steps to flame the passion of your faith today.

## Friday, Oct 25, 2019

### Paul gets it

Romans 7:18-25a; Luke 12:54-59.

*"I take delight in the law of God, in my inner self."*

Who has not felt the anguish of Paul in today's first reading, unable to overcome his own vices? He's so disgusted with himself, he wonders, "Who will deliver me from this mortal body?" Although Paul hints that he'd like to be pure spirit, over and over our faith ties body and soul closely together, resting on the foundation that Christ became flesh. Our bodies may fail us, but they "are temples of the Holy Spirit." If your body has let you down through illness or sin, know that you keep company with Paul, and perhaps ask Paul's intercession. He understands.

## Saturday, Oct 26, 2019

### Think about it

Romans 8:1-11; Luke 13:1-9 (478).

*"Lord, this is the people who long to see your face."*

Catholics proclaim the Nicene Creed on most Sundays when we gather to celebrate the Mass. Spoken in one voice as individuals within a community, it is how we claim the core beliefs of our faith. With the final words, we profess belief in the holy, catholic, apostolic Church, and in one Baptism for the forgiveness of sin. The final sentence is: "I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." Here is the question: Do I really look forward to the life of the world to come?

October

Month of the  
Holy Rosary



