October 7 is a special day in the church calendar. This day is known as the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary. It was instituted by Pope Pius V (who also happened to be a Dominican) in 1572 as a way of giving thanks to the Blessed Virgin Mary for having delivered Christendom from the Turks through the decisive sea battle of Lepanto.

The history of the Rosary and how it came to be is a little long and fuzzy, but basically it originated from a practice of reciting the 150 psalms, and then eventually over the centuries evolved from there to reciting the Hail Mary. The Rosary as we know it didn’t actually take its present form until the sixteenth century, and it was the Dominicans who did the most to foster its devotion and make it a popular practice among the faithful.

The Rosary is important because for one, it seeks Mary’s intercession. Mary is a powerful intercessor because she is Jesus’ mother, and so as a result he never refuses her anything since Jesus is perfectly obedient to his mother. It is also important to note that Mary always points the way to Christ, her whole being is directed towards bringing Christ to the world. Therefore, going to Mary will ultimately lead one to Christ. The Rosary is also beneficial because it helps us to meditate on the life of Jesus and the story of our salvation.

Many people do not realize the power that this simple and humble devotional prayer has. But the truth of the matter is that God has given Mary a unique role in the fight against Satan, and it is her humility and obedience that offers the biggest blow towards the arrogance of Satan. Therefore, whenever we pray the Rosary, we enlist ourselves on the side of Mary, set ourselves up in opposition to Satan, and in some way, take on the humble obedient characteristics of Mary herself. This exercise helps place ourselves in her motherly care and ultimately delivers us safely into Jesus’ hands. That is why I encourage you to pray this simple and yet powerful prayer. After all, we can all use Mary’s help in order to grow closer to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

God Bless,
Fr. Paul Ballien
Vicar- Northwest Wayne Vicariate

ST. DOMINIC OUTREACH CENTER
ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE FUNDRAISER
Saturday, November 2 6:30-10:30 pm
Meadowbrook Country Club
40941 W. Eight Mile Rd. Northville
St. Dominic Outreach Center assists families and seniors in need by providing them food, clothing and baby items.
Support this great cause! Tickets are $75 per person.
For tickets, contact: Frank Fogarty
248-225-8667 | fogartystfrank3@gmail.com

MEN’S EVENING PRAYER PROGRAM
8-Thursday Night Sessions
6:30 to 8:30 pm
St. John Neumann Parish
44800 Warren Rd. Canton
Starts Oct. 3 to December 12
Join this group of like-minded Catholic guys who will tackle and reflect on topics surrounding the main theme of: “Who Am I To Judge”. Each session includes sharing a meal together, discussion, prayer and worship. This is a self-sustaining endeavor. To join contact: Marshall Graziole
mgraz5@yahoo.com | 248-535-3450

AWAKEN MINISTRY @ ST. MARY
CAUSE OF OUR JOY PARISH
Friday, Oct. 11 & Nov. 15
8200 N. Wayne Rd. Westland
A night of praise & worship, dynamic speaking and Eucharistic Adoration.
Speakers:
Oct. 11 Fr. Jason Brooks
Nov 15 Paco Gavrilides
Contact the parish for more information: 734-425-4421

DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
a talk with Fr. Mark Livingston
Thursday, October 24th | starting with a dinner at 6:00 pm
St. John Neumann Church | 44800 Warren Road Canton
Presented by St. John Neumann Parish’s Adult Faith Formation Ministry.
Come and hear Fr. Mark talk about his personal devotion to Mary story and be inspired to share the same devotion to Our Lady, Mother and Queen.
Must RSVP for the dinner. Contact the parish office | 734-455-5910

FRESH START: DIVORCED CATHOLICS
Thursday Nights, 7 to 8:30 pm
St. Michael the Archangel Parish
11441 Hubbard-Livonia
A supportive ministry offered to divorced Catholics: healing, forgiveness, parenting.
Contact Patty Breen: 734-237-5563 or pbreen@livoniastmichael.org
**FGR HIGH SCHOOL DINNER AUCTION 2019**
Save the Date: November 9th
Father Gabriel Richard High School
36th Annual Dinner Auction
“An Evening In Rome”
Marriott Eagle Crest, Ypsilanti
www.fgrhs.org/auction or email at auction@fgrhs.org

**RESURRECTION PARISH EVENTS**
48755 Warren Rd. Canton
**Friday mornings:**
8:30 am (optional Mass)  
9:00 am (coffee & goodies)  
9:30-10:30 am Presentation  
Held in the Church Social Hall  
October 4th — Isaac  
October 11th — The Jacob Saga  
October 18th — Moses & Exodus  
October 25th — The God of Israel  
**Transformative Tuesdays:**
6:15 to 7:30 pm starting October 8  
Join these special talks and prayerful experiences on Tuesday nights. Each session tackles a different subject on faith and spirituality led by a special guest speaker.  
Contact: Deacon Paul Lippard  
resoffice@resurrectionparish.net

**YOUNG MARRIEDS: COMEDY DINNER DATE NIGHTS**
Saturday, October 12 | 6-9 pm  
St. Mary Parish-Royal Oak  
730 S Lafayette Ave. Royal Oak  
$50 per couple with free baby-sitting includes a gourmet dinner, dessert, open bar, live entertainment and dancing to DJ music.  
https://dinnerdate2019.eventbrite.com

**LADIES NIGHT OUT HOSTED BY ST. EDITH CATHOLIC SCHOOL**
Saturday, November 9 | 6-9 pm  
15089 Newburgh Rd. Livonia  
Enjoy a night of shopping, fashion, raffles, games, prizes and dinner catered by Bilotto’s. Tickets are $35 each. Space for additional vendors is still available. Contact: Jackie Slaverio at 734-464-1250 or email at jsalverio@stedith.org

**RETREAT: TWO “DAY OF YOUR OWN” OPTIONS AT MANRESA**
Manresa Jesuit Retreat House  
1390 Quarto Rd. Bloomfield Hills  
Tuesday, October 15 8:30 am to 12:30 pm  
Choose a day of your own for rest & refreshment at Manresa: 1) designed for general retreatants or 2) designed for caregivers. Enjoy quiet and reflection on the beautiful grounds. Includes a private room, a simple lunch and prayerful rest.  
Cost: $40-$80. To register: contact Manresa at 248-644-4933 ext. 0 or at www.manresa-sj.org

**ANNUAL PREGNANCY & INFANT LOSS MASS**
Sunday, October 6 | 11:00 am  
Most Blessed Sacrament Cathedral  
With Archbishop Allen Vigneron celebrating, in remembrance of babies and children who have died.

**FALL FLING VENDOR SHOW—ST. MARY CAUSE OF OUR JOY**
Saturday, November 9 | 10 am to 2 pm  
8200 N. Wayne Rd. Westland  
Admission is $3 per person which includes a Continental Brunch served until noon. Enjoy a fun day of pampering & shopping for the holidays!