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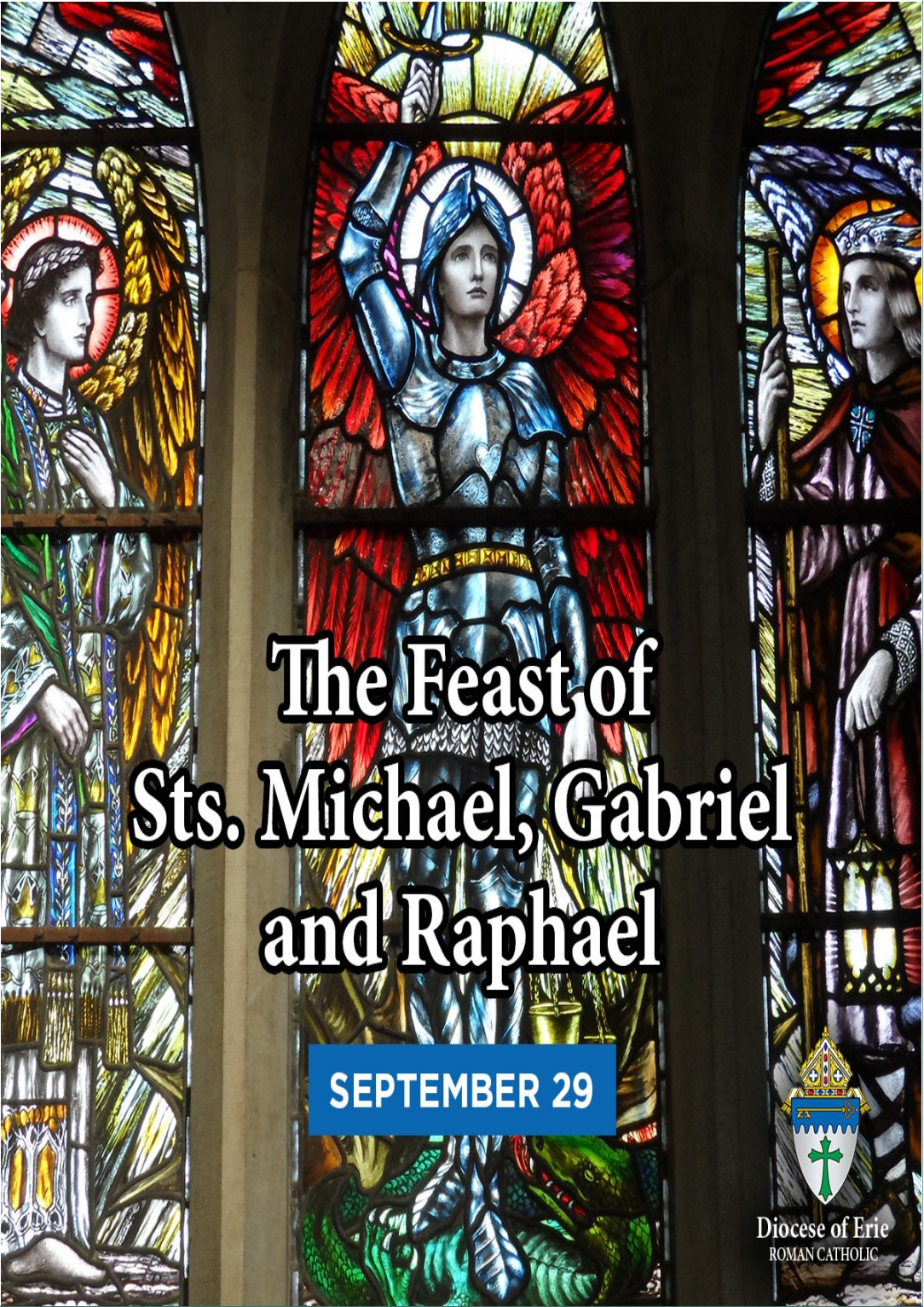
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**The Feast of
Sts. Michael, Gabriel
and Raphael**

SEPTEMBER 29


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OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, FARRELL, PA

“TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPT 27, 2026

Week of Sept 27, 2026, Calendar of Events

Monday: Sept 28: OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday: Sept 29: 9:00AM Making Fatima Cavatelli
In the Good Shepherd Social Hall

Wednesday Sept 30:

Thursday Oct 1: 9:00A Making Fatima Cavatelli
In the Good Shepherd Social Hall
ADORATION 6:30AM TO 6:00 PM
Followed by
HOLY HOUR 6:00PM to 7:00PM

Friday Oct 2:

Saturday, Oct 3: MASS 4:00PM

09/19/2026	
# of Registered Families	375
# of Envelopes Used	126
Offertory Collection	\$2589.00
Loose Offertory	\$ 140.00

Altar Candles the Week of
SEPT 27th through OCT 3rd , 2026

SANCTUARY LIGHT
DOLORES & DANNY DELLIBOVI
From Lisa & Nathan

BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR
DR. ANTHONY ELISCO
From Joe Ference

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR
GUY AND JULIA SANTELLI
From Pamela Hoak Rabold

*Blessed Virgin Mary Altar
Flowers*

*For this week Flowers were donated for
GUY AND JULIA SANTELLI*



Greetings from Prince of Peace Center

"They sowed fields and planted vineyards that yielded a fruitful harvest." Psalm 107:37

As we head into the season of harvest, as well as back-to-school and fall weather, we are making changes and adjustments to our schedule as we prepare for the colder weather. That includes the seasonal swap of our summer to winter clothing and adjustments to meals offered in our soup kitchen. But harvest season is also the time when a lot of the good work we have been doing together all year comes to fruition and we can assess where we stand now and what we need to plan for in the near future. And we couldn't do any of that without the time, talent and treasure of our supporters.
Thank you for walking along beside us as we help lift a community in need - together!

We are also reaching out to ask for your assistance with some volunteer opportunities. Just email us at volunteer@princeofpeacecenter.org or call and ask for Sherris at 724-346-5777, Ext. 110 with any shift preferences below so we can get you scheduled.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION
Includes assisting with organizing & giving out groceries to people in need.
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM or 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Thursday, Sept. 24
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM or 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Thursday, Oct. 22

GROCERY PACKING
This is a monthly volunteer opportunity to help us bag up to 200 bags of groceries which are delivered to senior high rises.
1:30 – 3:30 PM Thursday, Sept. 24
1:30 – 3:30 PM Thursday, Oct. 22

SOUP KITCHEN MEAL PREPARATION
Includes preparing meals with support from our Kitchen team (1-5 people)
9:30 AM – Noon Monday Sept. 14 , 28 (meal prep)
9:30 AM – Noon Monday Oct. 5, Oct. 26 (meal prep)

SOUP KITCHEN MEAL SERVING
Includes packing meals in containers, then bags and handing them out.
2-4 PM Monday Sept.14 & 28
2-4 PM Wednesday, Sept. 23
2-4 PM Monday Oct. 5 & 26
2-4 PM Wednesday Oct. 7

		Intentions	Requested By		
SATURDAY SEPT 26 4:00PM MASS		Anthony “Tony “ Lenzi Paul Lipak	Gail Zucco, Stephanie & TonyShawn Steve & Fran Kusmus		
Monday, Sept 28 at 6:30 am		Prayer Service			
Tuesday, Sept 29 at 6:30 am		Prayer Service			
Wednesday Sept 30 at 6:30am		Prayer Service			
Thursday Oct 1 at 6:30am		Prayer Service			
Friday Oct 2 at 6:30am		Prayer Service			
Saturday Oct 3 at 4:00pm MASS		Marylou Cimoric Patricia Barkovich	Husband Tom Randy, & Roberta Barkovich		
MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	GREETERS	
SATURDAY 4:00 PM	Christine Oberman	Debbie Andursky Marsha Petrillo	Joe Perrico	VOLUNTEER Jean Burke	
Oct 3, 2026					



Prayers After Confession

My dearest Jesus, I have told all my sins to the best of my ability. I have sincerely tried to make a good confession and I know that you have forgiven me.

Thank you dear Jesus! Your divine heart is full of love and mercy for poor sinners. I love You dear Jesus; you are so good to me. My loving Saviour, I shall try to keep from sin and to love You more each day.

Dearest Mother Mary, pray for me and help me to keep all my promises. Protect me and do not let me fall back into sin. Dear God, help me to lead a good life. Without Your grace I can do nothing.

Amen!

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FROM PASTORS DESK

A man had two sons and he asked each to work in their vineyard. One said, 'C Yes, sir,' and never went; the other refused but thought better of it and went. Jesus then asked, "Which one did what the father asked?"

Often, we worry that our past sins will stall our future progress toward the goal of becoming saints. In the first reading today Ezechiel dispensed with that fear by telling the Israelites who were captives in exile to forget the past and its mistakes. Our present direction and future choices are the only things for which we are accountable.

That being said, as Sister Regis (our principal at Holy Family School in Erie) reminded us, don't forget the good deeds we've accumulated in our moral savings account. Yes, perhaps we did those things when we were more idealistic, fresh in the faith, but they did provide a solid slab onto which other more "meritorious" experiences could be attached. The prophets felt the need to regularly remind the people of the OT that what we're doing now is more important — who we were is not as crucial as who we choose to be from here on in. The agenda items of today and tomorrow have more weight in eternity than all the commandments we may have broken in all our yesterdays.

Do we believe that? This is not worldly judgment but what Jesus calls "kingdom thinking." Even without a fully mature A.I. reality absorbing our lives, we live in a generation that carries a portable resume wherever we go. Our past choices follow us from cradle to grave thanks to UPMC medical accounts payable, the Farrell School District or Msgr. G. Monti School permanent records and fifth grade perfect attendance tally, along with traffic citations and the ever- vigilant credit reports.

There is no escaping the possibility that some of us were born to the wrong parents or vice versa. If we went to the wrong pre-school or were slotted into the "wrong academic track" in secondary, the best we can do is fib about it until it doesn't count. We're constantly tempted to edit our histories to compliment whatever job we're seeking.

Who recalls the strategy of society in Orwell's 1984? Remember the slogan, "He who controls the past, controls the future." If we buy into the lies and half-

truths social media feeds us, the focus of our life's energies will remain on the past...justify it, brood over it, tinker with it, feed it. The focus of the New Testament, the kingdom story of Jesus, teaches us to leave the old person behind, embrace new wine and skins and the mature possibility of "putting on Christ" as St. Paul encourages us.

Behind the parable of the two sons is a family in dire disagreement. If ever there were two children who were prepared to duke it out all the fulfill all further obligations, already signaling he's "in." Perhaps he's counting on his Baptism, his whole resume of sacraments, parochial schooling, money in the offertory basket, and a list of proper behaviors to see him through. Why should he labor in the vineyard today when it's clear he's a faithful son? The other one says "no." He's made other plans and has his eye on a different goal. He's been heading in another direction entirely. But in the end, he is found at his father's side with the pruning shears. He considered his options and priorities and decided that being with his father is more important than anything else he meant to do today.

If we put the past actions of these two boys in the scales and weighed them, the son who says yes appears to be faithful. Overall, he has more credits to his side and more evidence to make his case. But in fact, it's the son who says no and does yes on this particular day who is the faithful son. Because today is the day of his father's asking, and today's answer is the answer upon which the children are judged.

In the kingdom of God (or the reign of God) the only thing that matters in the future is the present... "today" in Luke, "the hour" in John, "immediately" in Mark or simply "now" in Matthew and Paul. That is good news for the sinner and a challenge for those of us who think we've got a pretty good spiritual resume so far. Prostitutes and tax collectors are entering the Kingdom not because they collected taxes and customers in the past but because of their present choices. That makes today the way to heaven, it's this pair. The one who says "yes" to his father's summons relies on all his past "yeses" to most important day of our lives, and one to take very seriously.

Will you, too, go into my vineyard?

FATHER FRANK AND FATHER GLENN

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

In our church porch we have two stone statues of angels, about four feet high, holding the holy water bowls. A teacher was telling me about one little girl who had not been taught about angels. As she was going into church, she turned to her teacher and said “I’m just going to go and get some water from the fairy.” And she trooped over to the angel statue holding the stoup.

Although they are still around in church decorations, the angels do not get mentioned as much as they used to. This Sunday, 29th September, is the Feast of the Archangels, Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. On Wednesday, 2nd October, we have the feast of the Guardian Angels. It is a most comforting thought that so much does God value each one of us, that He has appointed a heavenly spirit to watch over us, guard us from danger, encourage us in doing good and in prayer. All too often we ignore our guardian angel.

Just as God has made a great deal of variety in the animal and plant world — the material world, it is quite reasonable to suppose that there is an even greater variety in the spiritual world. The angels are pure spirits, whereas we humans have both a spiritual and material dimension, soul and body. The angels are therefore inaccessible to our senses, invisible to our sight, intangible to our touch, unless God on particular occasions ordains otherwise. The angels possess sheer intelligence and will and are unfettered by a material body.

The angels appear throughout the Bible. Daniel the prophet in his vision sees ten thousand times ten thousand of them before the throne of God, worshipping Him. Jesus’ conception was announced by an angel, they sang at his birth, ministered to Him during his temptations in the desert. At any time he could have appealed to His Father to send him “more than twelve legions of angels”. In Gethsemane He was consoled by the Angel of the Agony, and on Easter morning an angel rolled away the stone from the tomb.

It was an angel who enabled Peter to escape from prison, and it is the angels who will return with Christ on the clouds of heaven on the Last Day, sounding the trumpets and collecting the just from the four ends of the earth.

To think of the angels, to pray to the angels nourishes our spiritual imagination. We need a strong sense of the supernatural. Nature abhors a vacuum, and when the population of heaven has been banished from our souls, the dark powers see their opportunity.

There is an old saying, Lex orandi, lex credendi. What we pray shows what we believe. The angels are mentioned in every Mass in the Preface, and we echo their heavenly song in the “Holy, holy, holy.” On Sundays the Gloria repeats their choir over Bethlehem. Eucharistic Prayer I after the consecration asks “May your holy angel take this sacrifice to your altar in heaven.”

All the same, angels do seem to be allocated particular duties. The six-winged cherubim and seraphim surround the throne of God and worship Him continually. The other angels are sent out on missions:

Raphael is the Healer of God by name, Gabriel the Strength of God, Michael a soldier who challenges the enemy with his name: “Who is like unto God?” It was Michael and the faithful armies of angels who cast Lucifer and the rebel angels, become demons, down into hell.

It seems that cities and countries have their own Angel Guardians: St Peter Faber, co-worker of St Ignatius of Loyola and one of the first Jesuits, never entered a town without first invoking its guardian angel to help him to convert those who heard him to the Faith or to strengthen them in faith. The Angel who appeared a year before Our Lady to the children at Fatima, then aged 9, 5, and 4, described himself as the Angel of Peace and the Angel of Portugal.

Jesus himself said of little children that “their angels are constantly in the presence of my Father in heaven.” St John Bosco advised us: “When tempted, invoke your angel! He is more eager to help you than you are to be helped! Ignore the devil and do not be afraid of him: he trembles and flees at the sight of your guardian angel.”

The Curé d’Ars suggested, “If you find it impossible to pray, hide behind your good Angel and charge him to pray in your stead.”

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Parenting Pointers

May has Mother’s Day and June has Father’s Day. Did you know that the 4th Monday in September (Sept. 28 this year) is Family Day? Relax, there are no gifts to buy or cards to send, simply eat dinner with your family on this day. Maybe you do this regularly anyway. Good. If not, try to do it more often. Some families have each person share a high and a low of the day during dinner.

A Family Perspective

In today’s gospel, Jesus asks, “What is your opinion?” We often mistake our opinions for dogma or fact, but they are merely our perceptions or feelings about a situation. Arguments over opinions can cause significant divides in families. Tread lightly on the opinions of others; the heart you break may be your own.

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