

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For many are called,
but few
are chosen."

Matthew 22:14

OCTOBER 11, 2026



28VO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"Porque muchos son
los llamados,
pero pocos los elegidos."

Mateo 22,14

11 DE OCTUBRE DE 2026



Saint Brigid's Church



StBrigidsAmherst



saintbrigidsamherst@gmail.com

413-256-6181 (Phone & Fax)

<https://www.saintbrigidsamherst.org>

CHURCH & RECTORY

122 North Pleasant St., Amherst, MA 01002

PARISH OFFICE, MAILING ADDRESS & PASTORAL CENTER

43 North Prospect St., Amherst, MA 01002

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 9:00 am-2:00 pm

MASS TIMES

WEEKDAYS: Monday-Thursday 8:00 am

Friday 12:15 pm at the Newman Center

WEEKENDS: Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 8:00 am

12:30 pm (Español)

AFRICAN NIGHTS: 1st Sunday of the Month 4:30 pm**

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 3:30 to 4:00 pm or by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

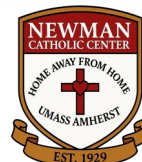
Thursday 8:30 am-5:00 pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3:00 pm

Spanish Holy Hour (Hora Santa Español) 5:00-6:00 pm

Benediction 6:00 pm

Church is opened Monday-Friday 7:30 am-5:00 pm



Newman Catholic Center



NewmanUmass



newmansecretary@diospringfield.org

413-549-0300

<https://www.newmanumass.org>

BUILDING HOURS**

111 Thatcher Rd., Amherst, MA 01003

Sunday-Thursday 8:00 am to 10:30 pm

Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

During Academic Breaks

Sunday-Saturday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

MASS TIMES

WEEKDAYS: Monday-Wednesday 5:30 pm**

Thursday 8:00 am at St. Brigid Parish

Friday 12:15 pm

Saturday 9:00 am

WEEKENDS:

Sunday 10:30 am and 7:00 pm**

CONFESSIONS: By Appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

1st Friday of the Month

after the 12:15 pm Mass until the Saturday 9am Mass

(**during academic year only)

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WEEKLY EVENTS @ AMHERST CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
ST. BRIGID'S PARISH CATHOLIC CHURCH (SB)
NEWMAN CATHOLIC CENTER (NCC)
TWENTY-EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

CONFESSIONS:

SATURDAY 3:30-4:00 (SB) * BY APPOINTMENT (SB & NCC)

Sunday, October 11—Twenty-eighth Sunday in OT

08:00 am – Mass (SB)
 10:30 am – Mass (NCC)
 12:30 pm – Mass (SB) Español
 07:00 pm – Mass (NCC)

Monday, October 12—Offices Closed (SB-NCC) Holiday

07:30 am – The Holy Rosary prayed (SB)
 08:00 am – Mass (SB)
 05:00 pm – The Holy Rosary prayed (NCC)
 05:30 pm – Mass (NCC)

Tuesday, October 13

07:30 am – The Holy Rosary prayed (SB)
 08:00 am – Mass (SB)
 05:00 pm – The Holy Rosary prayed (NCC)
 05:30 pm – Communion Service (NCC)
 07:00 pm – Women of Faith Group (NCC-Board Room)
 07:00 pm – Women's and Men's Night (NCC)
 Food served at 6:30 pm

Wednesday, October 14

07:30 am – The Holy Rosary prayed (SB)
 08:00 am – Mass (SB)
 05:00 pm – The Holy Rosary prayed (NCC)
 05:30 pm – Mass (NCC)
 07:00 pm – Students Holy Hour & Confessions (NCC)
 Followed by Socials

Thursday, October 15

07:30 am – The Holy Rosary prayed (SB)
 08:00 am – Mass (SB)
 08:30 am – Eucharistic Adoration (SB)
 05:00 pm – Holy Hour [Hora Santa-Español] (SB)
 06:00 pm – Benediction (SB)
 06:15 pm-7:30 pm – African Choir Practice (SB-Library)
 06:30 pm – Rosary Lectures (NCC)

Friday, October 16

12:15 pm – Mass (NCC)

Saturday, October 17

09:00 am – Mass (NCC)
 05:00 pm – The Holy Rosary prayed (NCC)
 04:30 pm – Mass (SB) Twenty-ninth Sunday in OT (Vigil)

Sunday, October 18—Twenty-ninth Sunday in OT

08:00 am – Mass (SB)
 10:30 am – Mass (NCC)
 12:00 pm – The Holy Rosary prayed (SB) Español
 12:30 pm – Mass (SB) Español
 07:00 pm – Mass (NCC)

AMHERST CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH SB **NEWMAN CATHOLIC CENTER NCC**

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

NCC 09:00 am
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (VIGIL)
 SB 04:30 pm +Ernesto Mujica

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SB 08:00 am
 NCC 10:30 am
 SB 12:30 pm +William Torres
 NCC 07:00 pm For the Amherst Catholic Community

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

SB 08:00 am
 NCC 05:30 pm For the souls in purgatory
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13
 SB 08:00 am For priests attending the Diocesan Priests' Convention, especially Fr. Val & Fr. Kevin
 NCC 05:30 pm Communion Service

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

SB 08:00 am
 NCC 05:30 pm For wisdom and perseverance for all college students, especially those in our community

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

SB 08:00 am +Brett Nicolson

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

NCC 12:15 pm +Eugene and Gladys McPherson

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

NCC 09:00 am +Medard Le
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (VIGIL)
 SB 04:30 pm +Stanley Kielbasa

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18-MISSION SUNDAY
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SB 08:00 am For the Amherst Catholic Community
 NCC 10:30 am
 SB 12:30 pm +María Rivera
 NCC 07:00 pm +Eugene and Gladys McPherson

PLEASE CALL ST BRIGID'S AND NEWMAN'S OFFICES,
 TO OFFER A MASS INTENTION FOR YOUR LOVED ONES.

THE SUGGESTED MASS STIPEND IS \$15.

YOUR GENEROUS OFFERING
 WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

SAINT BRIGID'S WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Parish Budget — \$4,800.00

October 4, 2026—\$2,289.00

Thank you for your generous and continuous support!

Scan the **QR Code** to setup your **ST. BRIGID'S PARISH**
ONLINE GIVING or for a **one-time donation**. Thank You!



*You can find this QR Code on a
 sticker conveniently
 located on the back of each pew.*

NEWMAN'S WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

October 4, 2026—\$1,968.08

Thank you for your generous and continuous support!

Scan the **QR Code** to setup your **NEWMAN ONLINE**
GIVING or for a **one-time donation**.

For more information,
 please call the Newman Catholic Center.



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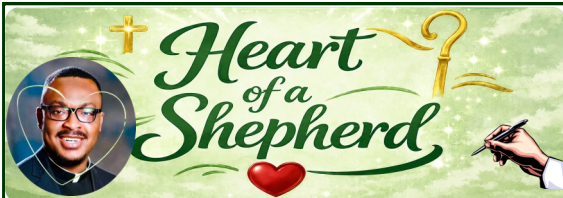
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ARE WE READY FOR THE FEAST?

Imagine receiving an invitation to the most important celebration of our life, everything is prepared, the door is open, and the host is waiting. Yet we keep finding reasons not to go. That is the uncomfortable picture Jesus gives us in today's Gospel.

The king invites many to the wedding feast of his son, but they refuse. Some are too busy; others simply do not care. Eventually, the invitation goes out to everyone. But then Jesus ends with those challenging words: "Many are invited, but few are chosen."

Let's break it down in three ways:

THE CALL: The invitation is generous, but our response matters. God has invited every one of us into His Kingdom. He invites us through Baptism, the Eucharist, His Word, His Church, and the ordinary opportunities He places before us each day. But being invited is not the same as being committed.

THE CHOICE: We can become so busy with work, school, relationships, entertainment, sports, money, and personal ambitions that God becomes an afterthought. We may say, "I believe in God," while living as though He were not part of our plans. He has invited us, but do we always choose to accept?

THE GARMENT: The wedding garment in the parable reminds us that God's invitation calls for a transformed life. Christianity is not simply receiving an invitation; it is putting on Christ.

This Gospel asks each of us a difficult question: If God invited me today to come closer to Him, would I be ready, or would I have another excuse? Let us not merely admire the invitation, but respond to it.

God has prepared the feast. The invitation is already in our hands.

Fr. Val

Hymns for the Weekend

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRO: All Creatures of our God and King 568

OFF: Beautiful Savior 209

COMM: O Sacrament Most Holy 343

REC: Be Joyful, Mary 188

To read more about the history and meaning of this hymn, please see below.

Continuing in this month of the Holy Rosary, "Be Joyful, Mary," is an English setting of the Marian hymn proper to the Easter season, the Regina Caeli.



Readings To-Go!

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 11, 2026

Scan QR code to see this week's readings!

Eucharistic Adoration * Adoración Eucarística

"Holy Communion assures me that I will win the victory; and so it is."

St. Faustina Kowalska

Thursdays 8:30am-6:00pm
St. Brigid's Church
*First Friday of the Month
After the 12:15pm Mass until the Saturday 9:00am Mass
Newman Catholic Center

*during academic year only



"La Sagrada Comunión me asegura que obtendré la victoria; y así es."

Santa Faustina Kowalska

Jueves 8:30 am-6:00 pm
Parroquia Santa Brígida
Hora Santa Español 5-6pm
*Primer Viernes del Mes después Misa 12:15 pm
Centro Católico Newman

*solo durante el año académico



THE ROSARY

History • Practice • Meaning

5 THURSDAYS IN OCTOBER
Beginning October 1
6:30 PM • Portas Lounge

Newman Catholic Center, 111 Thatcher Rd., Amherst, MA 01003

Join us for an interactive discussion on the Rosary during the five Thursdays of October. October is the month dedicated to the Rosary, and this program will explore the history, practice, and meaning of this powerful devotion.

Each session will be approximately one hour.

Led by Sara Magnuson, who entered the Church this past April with her husband. Mary and the Rosary hold a special place in her spiritual journey.



Coffee Hour

Sunday, October 18
after the 10:30 Mass
Newman Catholic Center
111 Thatcher Rd, Amherst, MA

All are welcome!



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CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

NEXT MEETING

October 26

6:30 pm

Saint Brigid's Church
Pastoral Center
43 N Prospect St., Amherst



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 11, 2026

OUR CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES SECTION

28VO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO
11 DE OCTUBRE DE 2026

SECCIÓN DE ACTIVIDADES PARA NUESTROS NIÑOS

TRUE or FALSE ?

- The Lord will provide a feast on a plain.
- The Lord will destroy death forever.
- God will wipe away the tears from all faces.
- The Lord is my shepherd.
- God's rod and staff give courage.
- Saint Paul found it hard to adapt to changing circumstances.
- God will only supply some of your needs.
- Jesus refused to speak to the chief priests and elders.
- In Jesus' parable, many people refused or ignored the wedding invitation.
- The king was not too upset when people ignored his invitation.

ANSWERS 1 false, 2 true, 3 true, 4 true, 5 true, 6 false, 7 false, 8 false, 9 true, 10 false.



October

Month of the Holy Rosary

Join us in praying the Holy Rosary daily* for peace in the world, for the Amherst Catholic Community, and for your personal intentions.

All are welcome to pray with us!

*Check the "Weekly Events" section for times

NEWMAN CATHOLIC FALL RETREAT 2026

FRIDAY, OCT. 16-
SUNDAY, OCT. 18

FRIENDSHIP IN THE LORD

"NO ONE HAS GREATER
LOVE THAN THIS, TO LAY
DOWN ONE'S LIFE FOR
ONE'S FRIENDS"
- JOHN 15:13 -

MEET AT THE NEWMAN
CENTER (111 THATCHER RD)
AT 3:30PM ON
OCTOBER 16TH

WE WILL ARRIVE BACK AT
THE NEWMAN CENTER
AROUND 2:00PM ON
OCTOBER 18TH



SCAN THE QR CODE TO
SIGN UP!

ST. METHODIOS RETREAT CENTER IN CONTOOCOOK, NH

Eucharistic Celebration for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Sunday, November 1, 2026
4:30 p.m.

St. Brigid's Parish
122 N Pleasant St., Amherst, MA

*We invite our community to join us
in prayer and celebration!*

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated during the monthly traditional African Community Mass, followed by a potluck dinner.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

September 23
- November 1

<https://diospringfield.org/40daysforlife>

Single Catholic Women 18-35:

You are cordially invited by Religious Sisters & Discerning Young Women in collaboration with the Springfield, MA Diocesan Office of Vocations

Bethany Brunch... "CAPTURE MY HEART"

A morning of prayer, reflection, & discernment with Religious Sisters

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026
9:00 am to 12:00 Noon

Holy Mass ~ Brunch ~ Virtual Talk

SR. DEEDE BYRNE, POSC
Sister of Bishop William Byrne
Subject of Sister, Soldier, Surgeon
Panel with Religious Sisters
from Various Communities
Closing Adoration

Experience our feminine identity in Jesus and discern how He calls us to share the love and gifts of our hearts.

LOCATION
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
127 Holyoke Rd, Westfield, MA 01085 • Just off the Massachusetts Turnpike
NO CHARGE • PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2
BethanyB1107@gmail.com • (860) 402-4478

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102.5 FM

Diocese of Springfield Catholic Radio Station,
50 Rosewell St., Springfield, MA
413-782-8041

St. Brigid's & Newman Center

OFFICES CLOSED

Monday, October 12

In observance of
**Columbus and
Indigenous Peoples' Day**

AMHERST SHELTER SUNDAY 2026

Sunday, October 18, 2026

For more than 40 years, Shelter Sunday Amherst has helped neighbors facing hunger and homelessness. Donations benefit two local organizations: CHD's Not Bread Alone and Craig's Doors.

Not Bread Alone

Not Bread Alone serves healthy, family-style meals three days a week when the Survival Center is closed. Its welcoming table brings dignity, friendship, and a sense of family.

CRAG'S DOORS

Craig's Doors offers warm shelter and meals to neighbors without a home. Caring counseling and guidance help guests move toward stability and housing.

Please consider a gift
[Donate at sheltersunday.org](https://sheltersunday.org)
or mail a check to Shelter Sunday · P.O. Box 264 · Amherst, MA 01004

Thank you for your consideration.

THE PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES USA

ONE IN CHRIST, United in Mission

100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday October 18th, 2026

"Let us be charitable about the missions, remembering that the Lord who said: 'Go teach all nations' is the same Lord who bewailed: 'I have mercy on the multitudes.'"
- Blessed Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen
National Director
The Pontifical Mission Societies USA (1950 - 1966)

Last year your gift helped:

- Form 41% of seminarians worldwide
- Build 751 new churches
- Sustain 1,130 mission dioceses
- Train 843,785 missionary catechists
- Support 50% of all religious sisters worldwide

There will be a second collection. Please give generously to support the missions.

GIVE BY TEXT "MISSIONS26" TO 53555

ENLACE LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA



bible.usccb.org/es

Lecturas diarias de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos



PARROQUIA SANTA BRÍGIDA

28VO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

11 DE OCTUBRE DE 2026



Escanee el
Código QR para
acceder al sitio web
de Santa Brígida
en español.

Mujeres católicas solteras de 18 a 35 años:

Las hermanas religiosas y las jóvenes en discernimiento las invitan cordialmente, en colaboración con la Oficina de Vocaciones de la Diócesis de Springfield, MA



El evento será
en inglés

Vivamos nuestra identidad femenina en Jesús y discernamos cómo Él nos llama a compartir el amor y los dones de nuestros corazones.

Brunch de Betania... «CAUTIVA MI CORAZÓN»

Una mañana de oración, reflexión
y discernimiento con hermanas religiosas
SÁBADO, 7 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2026

9:00 a. m. a 12:00 del mediodía
Santa Misa ~ Brunch ~ Charla virtual



HNA. DEDE BYRNE, POSC
Hermana del obispo William Byrne
Protagonista de *Sister, Soldier, Surgeon*
Panel con hermanas religiosas
de diversas comunidades
Adoración al concluir

LUGAR

Iglesia Católica Nuestra Señora del Santísimo Sacramento
127 Holyoke Rd, Westfield, MA 01085 • Cerca de la autopista Massachusetts Turnpike
GRATIS • INSCRIPCIÓN PREVIA OBLIGATORIA HASTA EL LUNES, 2 DE NOVIEMBRE
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DOMINGO DEL REFUGIO AMHERST 2026

Domingo, 18 de octubre de 2026



Durante más de 40 años, Shelter Sunday Amherst ha ayudado a nuestros vecinos que enfrentan el hambre y la falta de vivienda. Las donaciones benefician a dos organizaciones locales: CHD's Not Bread Alone y Craig's Doors.



Not Bread Alone

Not Bread Alone ofrece comidas saludables, preparadas para compartir en familia, tres días a la semana, cuando el Survival Center está cerrado. Su mesa acogedora brinda dignidad, amistad y un sentido de familia.

CRAIG'S DOORS

Craig's Doors ofrece refugio cálido y comidas a nuestros vecinos sin hogar. También brinda orientación y apoyo para ayudarles a encontrar estabilidad y vivienda.

Considere hacer una donación Done en sheltersunday.org

o envíe un cheque a Shelter Sunday • P.O. Box 264 • Amherst, MA 01004
Gracias por considerar una donación.

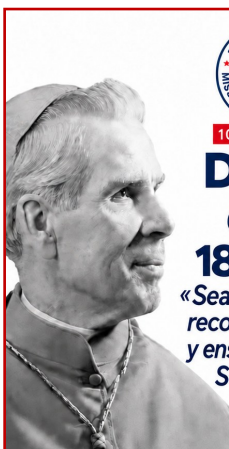



Santa Brígida y Centro Newman

OFICINAS CERRADAS

Lunes, 12 de octubre

En conmemoración del
**Día de Cristóbal Colón y de los
Pueblos Indígenas**



UNO EN CRISTO,
Unidos en la Misión

100 AÑOS DEL DOMINGO MUNDIAL DE LAS MISIONES

Domingo Mundial de las Misiones

18 de octubre de 2026

«Seamos caritativos con las misiones, recordando que el Señor que dijo: 'Vayan y enseñen a todas las naciones' es el mismo Señor que se lamentó: 'Tengo compasión de la multitud'.»
— Beato arzobispo Fulton J. Sheen
Director Nacional
Obras Misionales Pontificias de EE. UU.
(1950 - 1966)

El año pasado, tu donación ayudó a:

- Formar al 41% de los seminaristas del mundo
- Construir 751 nuevas iglesias
- Sostener 1,130 diócesis misioneras
- Capacitar a 843,785 catequistas misioneros
- Apoyar al 50% de las religiosas del mundo

Habrà una segunda colecta. Por favor, sean generosos para apoyar las misiones.

DONA POR MENSAJE "MISSIONS26" AL 53555




Celebración Eucarística

para el

Sacramento de la Confirmación

Domingo, 1 de noviembre de 2026
4:30 p.m.

Parroquia Santa Brígida
122 N Pleasant St., Amherst, MA

¡Invitamos a nuestra comunidad a unirse a nosotros en oración y celebración!

El Sacramento de la Confirmación se celebrará durante la Misa tradicional mensual de la Comunidad Africana, seguida de una cena de compartir.



Donaciones en línea

Nueva plataforma disponible ahora
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Emisora Católica de la Diócesis de Springfield
50 Rosewell St., Springfield, MA
413-782-8041



¿ESTAMOS LISTOS PARA LA FIESTA?

Imaginemos que recibimos una invitación para la celebración más importante de nuestra vida: todo está preparado, la puerta está abierta y el anfitrión nos espera. Sin embargo, seguimos encontrando razones para no ir. Esa es la imagen incómoda que Jesús nos presenta en el Evangelio de hoy.

El rey invita a muchos al banquete de bodas de su hijo, pero ellos se niegan. Algunos están demasiado ocupados; a otros, simplemente no les importa. Finalmente, la invitación se extiende a todos. Pero luego Jesús concluye con estas palabras desafiantes: «Muchos son los invitados, pero pocos los elegidos».

Analicémoslo de tres maneras:

LA LLAMADA: La invitación es generosa, pero nuestra respuesta es lo que importa. Dios nos ha invitado a cada uno de nosotros a su Reino. Nos invita a través del Bautismo, la Eucaristía, su Palabra, su Iglesia y las oportunidades cotidianas que pone ante nosotros cada día. Pero ser invitado no es lo mismo que comprometerse.

LA ELECCIÓN: Podemos estar tan ocupados con el trabajo, la escuela, las relaciones, el entretenimiento, los deportes, el dinero y las ambiciones personales que Dios pasa a un segundo plano. Podemos decir: «Creo en Dios», mientras vivimos como si Él no formara parte de nuestros planes. Él nos ha invitado, pero ¿siempre elegimos aceptar?

EL TRAJE: El traje de boda de la parábola nos recuerda que la invitación de Dios exige una vida transformada. El cristianismo no consiste simplemente en recibir una invitación; consiste en revestirse de Cristo.

Este Evangelio nos plantea a cada uno de nosotros una pregunta difícil: Si Dios me invitara hoy a acercarme más a Él, ¿estaría listo, o tendría otra excusa? No nos limitemos a admirar la invitación, sino que respondamos a ella.

Dios ha preparado el banquete. La invitación ya está en nuestras manos.

P. Va/

RECEPCIÓN DE SACRAMENTOS



Llame a la oficina o envíe un correo electrónico al

Diácono Adalberto Santiago-Martínez

a.santiagomartinez@diosspringfield.org

Director de la Comunidad Hispana de nuestra Parroquia Santa Brígida, para la recepción de todos los Sacramentos:

- ★ **Bautismo***
- ★ **Primera Comunión**
- ★ **Confirmación**
- ★ **Matrimonio**
- ★ **Unción de los Enfermos**
- ★ **OCIA** (Orden de Iniciación Católica para Adultos)
- ★ **Misa de Quinceañera y Dirección Espiritual**

* Se requiere clase prebautismal

★ **Clase prebautismal tercer sábado del mes, 6:00 pm.**

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