

CCB Parent Connector



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Happy Fall!

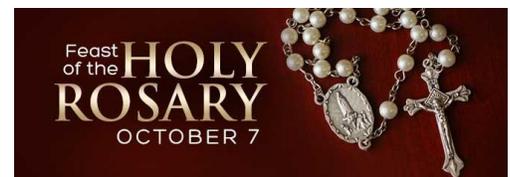
October is traditionally known as the Month of the Holy Rosary in the Catholic Church. The rosary is such a beautiful prayer given to us by the Blessed Mother. What better time to renew or begin a regular practice of meditating on the life of Jesus and His mother Mary? Here are a few activities you may want to give a try this month:



Novena in Honor of the Sacred Heart

All are invited to attend the Novena in Honor of the Sacred Heart held at St. Andrew Church on Friday, October 4 at 7:00pm. The evening will begin with the rosary followed by the Novena, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. What a wonderful experience to pray and rest before the Lord. Fellowship will follow in Fr. Wilson Hall.

Feast of Most Holy Rosary is Monday October 7. The Catholic Community of Billerica has a Mass at St. Mary Church at 8 AM and at St. Andrew Church at 12:05 PM.



Rosary on the Common

All are invited to join together on the Billerica Common to pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Sunday, October 13 at 3:00pm. What a wonderful way to come together as a community, along with other communities throughout the USA, to pray for our nation, our state and our town!



Harvest Fair at St. Theresa's!

Bring the family and come explore, crafts, raffles, great food, and more at the annual Harvest Fair on October 19 from 9 AM -3 PM.



October Family Mass at St. Andrew Church

Join us at the 10 AM Mass followed by refreshments and fellowship downstairs.

A Prayer for Autumn Days

By Joyce Rupp

God of the seasons,
there is a time for everything;
there is a time for dying and a time for
rising.
We need courage to enter into
the transformation process.

God of autumn,
the trees are saying goodbye to their green,
letting go of what has been.
We, too, have our moments of surrender,
with all their insecurity and risk.
Help us to let go when we need to do so.

God of fallen leaves
lying in colored patterns on the ground,
our lives have their own patterns.
As we see the patterns of our own growth,
may we learn from them.

God of misty days and harvest moon nights,
there is always the dimension of mystery
and wonder in our lives.
We always need to recognize your power-
filled presence.
May we gain strength from this.



God of harvest wagons and fields of
ripened grain,
many gifts of growth lie within the
season of our surrender.
We must wait for harvest in faith and
hope.
Grant us patience when we do not
see the blessings.

God of geese going south
for another season, your wisdom
enables us
to know what needs to be left behind
and what needs to be carried into the
future.
We yearn for insight and vision.

God of flowers
touched with frost and windows
wearing white designs,
may your love keep our hearts
from growing cold in the empty
seasons.

God of life,
you believe in us, you enrich us,
you entrust us with the freedom to
choose life.
For all this, we are grateful.

Amen.

