

October 1, 2017
Twenty Sixth Sunday
of Ordinary Time



Mass Schedule:
Sunday 10:00 a.m.
(interpreted) &
5 p.m.

At Masses we
remember:
10 a.m.:
Victor Demarines
5 p.m.:
Rosemary Fazio

09/24/2017 collection:
\$386.69
Thank you for
your support.

Looking Ahead:

- Day with Francis and Clare—Sun. Oct 8 3 pm—8 pm @ Nazareth College. Dinner and transportation provided.

This is a day to learn about Francis and Clare and hear stories about the St. Francis Inn in Philadelphia from Fr. Michael Duffy, ofm

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This week we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis on October 4. The wolf of Gubbio is one of my favorite stories of St. Francis. It is told that a large wolf was attacking livestock in the town. Soon, the wolf graduated to assaults on humans and then began to dine on humans exclusively. The wolf would wait outside the city gates looking for anyone foolish enough to venture beyond the gates alone. All attempts to destroy the wolf were unsuccessful. The town was under siege when Francis announced he was going to go and meet the wolf. Francis was advised against this, but he insisted.

As Francis approached the wolf, the wolf rushed at Francis with jaws open. Francis made the sign of the cross and commanded the wolf to cease its attacks in the name of God. At this point, the wolf trotted up to him docilely and lay at his feet, putting its head in his hands.

Francis scolded the wolf for destroying and killing the creatures of God. Francis hoped to make peace between the town and the wolf. Francis promised that the townspeople would provide food for the wolf regularly if the wolf would promise to never harm any person or animal. The wolf agreed by bowing his head.

The wolf remained in the town for several years, fully satisfied by the food provided to him. The wolf would go door to door, tamely entering the homes of the townspeople. After two years, Brother Wolf died of old age, at which the citizens of Gubbio grieved very much.

I think in each of our lives, fear sometimes rules. Fear stops us from seeing the possibilities. If the townspeople had fed the wolf, they might have encountered a very different animal. By welcoming the wolf into their homes and lives, fear no longer took center stage and a new relationship was created. Take some time this week to consider the wolves that lurk in your world. Embrace the wolf and see what changes.

Tuesday, October 3 is ROAR day. This is RIT's day of giving. If you designate your \$5. or larger gift to Newman, we have a chance to earn \$500. additional dollars. The organization with the largest number of donors earns this additional money! Designate Newman on ROAR day when you give!

Peace and good, Alice