

Catholic Communities
Rev. William Pifher – Parish Pastor

**Our Lady of Mercy
Catholic Church**

**St. Peter
Catholic Church**

Sunday
October 26, 2025
30th Sunday of Ordinary Time



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9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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MASS SCHEDULE
Sunday 8:30 a.m.
(Reconciliation 30 minutes
before Mass or by appointment)
Thursday 9:00 a.m.

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.
Thursday 9:00 a.m.

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Council meetings are generally held the 3rd Thursdays of the month
5:45 p.m. – Finance
6:15 p.m. – Pastoral



Clothing items can be donated via our drop off site on the east side of the building. Our store is open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Contact Rhonda Monahan at 517-306-7986 for information

OUR LADY OF MERCY WEBSITE (bulletin online)
Stpeterarchbold.com/
our-lady-of-mercy

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please note that the bulletin deadline is **Tuesday by noon**. Please either call, email or put in the collection basket any announcement for the following weeks bulletin.

Welcome to Our Lady of Mercy

Parish Mission Statement

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church is united by our commitment to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of our rural families and steward the resources entrusted to us. We value the diversity within our Catholic community and invite all to walk with us on our journey of faith.

New Parishioners

A warm welcome as you enter our Parish Community! You are asked to register at the parish office or see the pastor as soon as possible. If you are moving from the parish, please inform the office so we may remove your name from our parish records.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the office 419-237-2441 or Father Pifher at 419-446-9288 to make arrangements for Baptism. A month's notice would be helpful.

Sacrament of Marriage

Initial arrangements are to be made *six* months prior of your planned wedding date. The Diocesan policy is to allow sufficient time for the couple to make adequate preparation to receive the sacrament. Please call the office 419-237-2441 or Father Pifher at 419-446-9288 to make arrangements.

Anointing of the sick

Please call the office 419-237-2441 or Father Pifher 419-446-9288 to make arrangements for a visit.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Having questions about the Catholic faith? Thinking of joining the Catholic Church? You can learn more by contacting the office 419-237-2441 or Father Pifher 419-446-9288 for the process.

Prayer Chain

Anyone wishing to submit prayer requests can email or call Our Lady of Mercy office.

Email: olomprayerchain@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com

Privacy issues for Parish Office:

IMMEDIATE FAMILY - must contact the Parish Office for all prayer requests to be posted in the parish bulletin. Contact Sherry Renner at the parish office at 419-237-2441, no later than Thursday at noon or email to olomfayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com with the exact verbiage requested. By law, the parish office does not divulge private information we receive from hospitals

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ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED SUNDAYS AT 8 A.M.

OCTOBER COUNT

Ushers, please take count of all peoples at Mass for the month of October. The count sheet is on the podium in the back.

FAITH FORMATION (Religious Education)

Class after Mass today.

BFF'S

BFF's Donuts & Beverages will be on Nov. 2, after Mass

If your family would like to provide donuts and/or beverages for Nov. 2, Jan. 11, Feb. 8, Mar. 8, or May 3 please sign up on the form on the cry room door.

OCTOBER MONTH OF THE ROSARY AND RIGHT FOR LIFE

Our Lady of Mercy will be praying the Rosary for the Right for Life on Thursdays, at 7:00 p.m.

NEW PROCLAIMER WORKBOOKS

Proclaimers, please pick up your 2026 workbook on the table in the back by the Baptismal font.

NOVEMBER CALENDARS

Please pick up a Parish November calendar on the back tables.

ALTAR ROSARY

There will be an Altar Rosary meeting after Mass on November 2, 2025.

NOVEMBER FAYETTE COMMUNITY MEAL

The Fayette November Community Meal will be on Tuesday, November 25, 2025, starting a 5 p.m. This will be the Community Thanksgiving meal and service. The ecumenical will be held at 6 p.m. in the Methodist Family Life Center immediately following dinner. Our Lady of Mercy has been asked to supply pies for this event. We need to supply 3 pumpkin pies. If you can help, please let Sherry Renner know by November, 9th.

ST. PETER NEWS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Tuesday starting at 8 a.m. ending with Mass at 7 p.m.

NOVEMBER 1, 2025

First Saturday 8:30 a.m. Rosary & Mass

NOVEMBER 27, 2025

Thanksgiving Day

Rosary 8:30 a.m.

Mass 9:00 a.m.

Did you know that Deacon Larry Zachrich is also available for Baptisms and Weddings? Contact Larry at 419-966-7091.

FAYETTE/SURROUNDING AREA COMMUNITY EVENTS

---Nov. 25 – Community Thanksgiving Meal 5 – 6 p.m. Methodist Family Life Center

--- Nov. 25 – Fayette Ecumenical Thanksgiving service 6 p.m. – Fayette Methodist Family Life Center

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Intention</i>
Sun., Oct. 26	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	OLOM SP	For the People Al Holland Gina Damman
Mon., Oct. 27	NO MASS		
Tues., Oct. 28	6:30 p.m.	SP	For the People
Wed., Oct. 29	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Thurs., Oct. 30	9:00 a.m.	OLOM	For the People
Fri., Oct. 31	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat., Nov. 1	9:00 a.m. First Saturday 4:30 p.m.	SP SP	For the People Lenny, Andy & Cari Breidenbach
Sun., Nov. 2	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	OLOM SP	Rosemary Pontious Frank O & Mary Smith Lowell & Barbara Merillat

PRAYERS FOR / FROM PARISHIONERS

Please keep the following person(s) / intention(s) in your prayers this week.

Shirley Taylor
Denise Miller
All Saints

33 Days Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary
Right to Life
All Souls

If you have someone or an intention you would like the Parish to pray for, please contact the office at 419-237-2441 or email olomprayer@olom2441.onmicorsoft.com before noon on Tuesday.

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS – NOVEMBER 2, 2025

Greeters / Gifts	Mary Bird & Shelly Gruman
Proclaimer	Shelly Gruman
Servers	Will Maginn
Ushers	Phil & Tami Baker
Money Counters	Barb Bruggeman / Terry Kovar / Barbara Roby

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT	
Reported for October 19, 2025	
Sunday Offertory (16 envelopes)	\$ 1,115.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 145.00
BUDGET	<u>\$ 1,747.00</u>
Over / (Under)	(\$ 487.00)
 OTHER COLLECTIONS	
Maintenance	\$ 100.00
Altar Rosary Dues	\$ 5.00
Feast Day Celebration donation	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
(Feast Day to date \$10,074.39)	
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$ 1,465.00
(Sunday Offertory & Other)	

SAINTS OF THE DAY (www.morningoffering.com)

Week of October 26 – November 1

Pope St. Evaristus (1st century) was the fifth Pope of the Holy Roman Catholic Church and was elected to succeed Pope St. Clement I. During this time the Roman empire was ruled by Trajan. Not many details have been recorded about the life of Pope St. Evaristus, however he is known to have ordained deacons to help serve the faithful in Rome. He is thought to have suffered martyrdom and is buried near St. Peter in the Vatican. His feast day is October 26th.

Bl. Bartholomew of Vicenza (1201-1270), also known as Bartholomew of Braganca or Breganza, was born to a noble family in Vicenza, Italy. While studying in Padua he entered the newly established Dominican Order as one of their first friars, receiving the habit from St. Dominic himself. Bartholomew quickly advanced to positions of prominence within the Order, becoming prior and then overseeing several convents. He was sent to preach against the heretics in Lombardy, and was so successful that in 1235 the Holy Father made him Master of the Sacred Palace (an office known as "The Pope's Theologian") a position which was first held by St. Dominic. In this role he also founded a military order of knights for the purpose of maintaining civil order and peace throughout Italy called the Order of the Knights of the Mother of God (or the Knights of St. Mary). He was later made bishop of Cyprus, and also served as papal legate and confessor to St. Louis King of France, who was then leading a crusade in the Holy Land. From this friendship Bartholomew received the gift of a relic of the True Cross and a thorn from the Crown of Thorns. When Bartholomew returned to his native Vicenza as the city's bishop he built a church to house the precious relics called the Church of the Holy Crown. Bl. Bartholomew of Vicenza was an effective mediator between the factions and feuds of his day, even converting the leader of a heretical party back to the Catholic faith. His feast day is October 27th.

St. Jude Thaddeus (1st c.) was a blood relative of Jesus Christ and one of his Twelve Apostles. He was known for his preaching, healing, exorcisms, and his appearance was said to have closely matched that of Jesus'. He is the patron of impossible causes, desperate situations, and hospitals. He also wrote the book of the Bible that bears his name. St. Simon the Zealot (1st c.) was also one of Jesus' Twelve Apostles, but one of the most obscure. He earned his name for being zealous for the honor of Jesus, showing a holy indignation towards those who claimed Christ with their lips while dishonoring him with their manner of life. After the Ascension of Jesus, towards the end of his life, it is believed that St. Simon joined St. Jude to preach the Gospel in Persia, where they were both martyred in 65 A.D. St. Simon the Zealot and St. Jude Thaddeus share a feast day on October 28th.

St. Narcissus (c. 99 – c. 216 A.D.) was a holy and esteemed priest of Greek origin who became the 30th bishop of Jerusalem in the year 180 A.D., about a century after the city's destruction by the Romans. He was known as a miracle-worker, as well as for governing his diocese with vigor and discipline despite being in his 80th year when he was made bishop. Of his many miracles, the one for which he is most famous was turning water into oil on Holy Saturday, as recorded by the historian Eusebius: when the deacons had no oil to burn in the altar lamps for the Easter liturgy, St. Narcissus had them use water instead. After he prayed over the water and it was put into the lamps, it was miraculously converted into oil. In 195 A.D. St. Narcissus was part of a council of bishops who settled the date for the observance of Easter, deciding on Sunday and not the ancient Jewish Passover. Despite his reputation as a holy bishop, St. Narcissus drew opposition. Three enemies accused him of a serious crime and prayed that he might be cursed by God in punishment. This took a toll on the saint, and, forgiving his persecutors, he retired from public life and lived as a hermit for many years. His enemies meanwhile were struck by the calamities that they wished upon him. When St. Narcissus eventually returned to Jerusalem he was exuberantly welcomed by the faithful. He served the people of Jerusalem in many ways until his death at over 116 years old. His feast day is October 29th.

St. Alphonsus Rodriguez (1532–1617) was born in Segovia, Spain, the son of a wool merchant. He was prepared for his First Holy Communion by St. Peter Faber, one of the first Jesuits. When his father died, Alphonsus had to leave school at the age of 14 to take over the family business, which eventually failed. He married and had three children, and was left a widower at the age of 31 when his wife died in childbirth. In subsequent years he also lost his mother and all three of his children. Alphonsus developed a life of prayer, intense piety, and rigorous penances, with a deep devotion to the Blessed Mother under her title of the Immaculate Conception. His desire for the religious life increased and he attempted to join the Jesuits as a late vocation, but his lack of education made him a poor candidate. To amend his deficiency he went back to school, while begging alms to support himself and enduring ridicule from his much younger classmates. After a long delay he was finally admitted to the Jesuits when he was nearly 40 years old, but only as a lay brother. He was given the humble job of a porter (doorkeeper), a job which he served with dedication for 46 years. Many people within the religious community, as well as many visitors, recognized his holiness and sought his advice and spiritual council. St. Peter Claver was one of his disciples, and St. Alphonsus is credited for directing him in his mission to African slaves. St. Alphonsus was known for his rigorous obedience and discipline, and for suffering from scrupulosity, temptations, and attacks from the devil. He took his final vows with the Jesuits at the age of 54. He continued to serve and even preach sermons into his 80's. He is credited with popularizing the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary, copies of which he stockpiled and distributed. His feast day is October 30th.

St. Wolfgang (934-994 A.D.), also known as the Great Almoner, was a Benedictine monk, reformer, and Bishop of Regensburg, Bavaria. He was born into the noble class and had an excellent education. As bishop he worked to reform the monasteries and convents in his diocese. He is remembered for his teaching abilities, his oratory skills, and his charity towards the poor. He was also integral in the missionary efforts to evangelize the Magyars in what is today modern Hungary. Towards the end of his life he withdrew to a solitary spot to build a church and hermitage at what is now called St. Wolfgang's Lake in Austria. Before settling he prayed and threw his axe into the wilderness, and built his cell on the spot where it landed. A town grew around the saint's hermitage which still exists today. According to legend, St. Wolfgang tricked the devil into helping him build the church, promising him the first soul that came through the church doors. The devil agreed, and after the construction was completed, a wolf was the first to cross its threshold, thus tricking the devil. St. Wolfgang's life was foundational to Bavarian and Austrian civilization. Many miracles occurred at his tomb, especially those related to stomach ailments. St. Wolfgang is the patron saint of carpenters, stroke victims, and the paralyzed. His feast day is October 31st.

St. Deborah (11th c. B.C.) was a godly widow and saint of the Old Testament. She was a courageous prophetess and champion of the Israelites. All Israel came to her to judge their disputes, and God prophesied to Israel through her. She was Israel's only female judge. Her role as the military leader who defended the Israelites is commemorated in the Bible's "Song of Deborah." It was her military counter-attack against Sisera at Mount Tabor that successfully delivered Israel's enemies into their hands. As prophetess, she foretold that Israel would have peace for 40 years following this victory. St. Ambrose and St. Jerome observed that St. Deborah is a good role model for the encouragement of courageous, godly women. Her feast day is November 1st.

**ASK HER – SIMPLE WORDS TO JUMPSTART
YOUR CONVERSATION WITH MARY**

By Jane Tufant Harvey

“Ask Her...to remind you that she watched her Son suffer and die. If you are facing the death of someone you love, she understands your anguish and will be there to strengthen and sustain you.”

DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

Notebook 4

1235 In my heart, in my soul, there is a dark night. My spirit has come up against an impenetrable wall that hides God from me. But this darkness is not of my doing. Strange indeed is this torture of which I fear to write in full. But even in this state, I am trying to be faithful to You, O my Jesus. Always and in all things, my heart beats for You alone.

MESSAGES OF MEDJUGORJE

On the 25th of day of each month the Queen of Peace gives a message to the visionary, Marija Pavlovic, for the whole world.

Up-to-date messages may be obtained at <http://www.medjugorje.org>

May 31, 1984 (Ascension Thursday) - “There were many people present from abroad. Our Lady did not give a message for the parish. She told Marija that she would give a message on Saturday to announced at the Sunday parish Mass.”

June 2, 1984 (Saturday) – “Dear children! Tonight I wish to tell you during the days of this novena to pray for the out pouring of the Holy Spirit on your families and on your parish. Pray, and you shall not regret it. God will give you gifts by which you will glorify Him till the end of your life on this this earth. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

---October – 7 p.m. Thursday’s
Rosary

---Faith Formation after Mass
Oct. 26, Nov. 9, & Nov. 23

---Oct. 19 – BFF after Mass
“BIG” breakfast

---Nov. 2 & Nov. 16 – BFF
Donuts & beverages after Mass

---Nov. 20 – Thanksgiving
Adoration & Rosary 7 p.m.

---Nov. 30 – BFF after Mass
“BIG” breakfast

Word(s) of the week (from the
America College Dictionary)

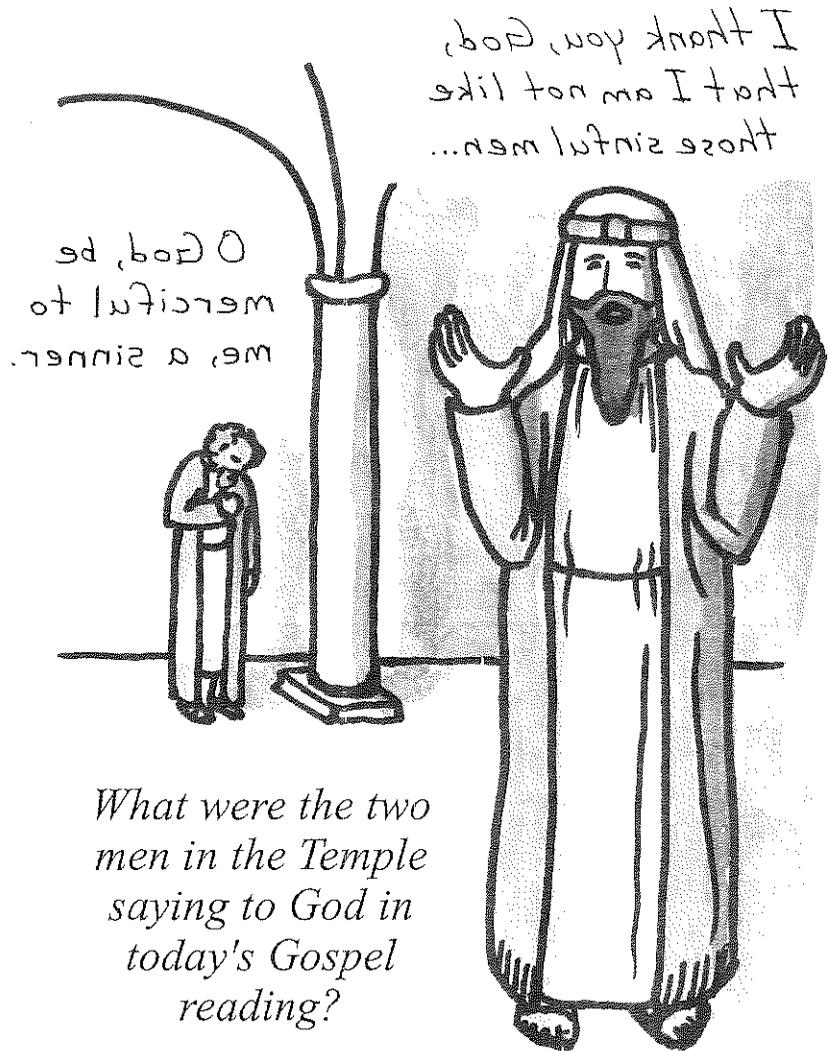
RIGHTEOUS – in accordance
with right; upright or virtuous

Beloved: I am already being pour out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness await me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance.

2 Timothy 4:6-8

The Kids' Bulletin

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 26th, 2025



*What were the two
men in the Temple
saying to God in
today's Gospel
reading?*

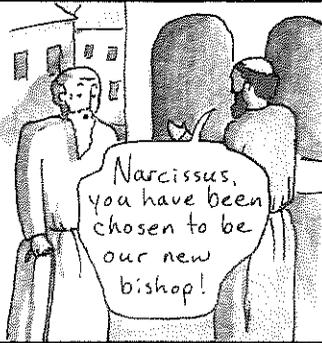
*Look in the mirror to
find out!*

Luke 18:9-14

Saint Narcissus

October 29

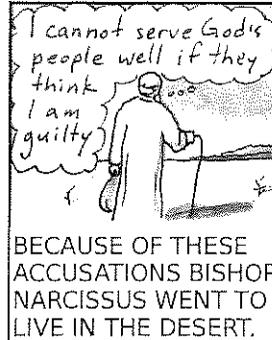
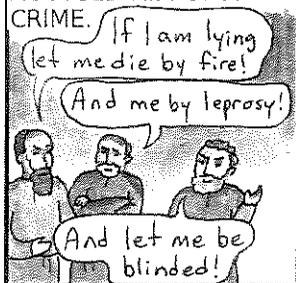
NARCISSUS WAS BORN IN THE EARLY 100'S. HE WAS A CHRISTIAN AND BECAME THE BISHOP OF JERUSALEM WHEN HE WAS ABOUT 80 YEARS OLD.



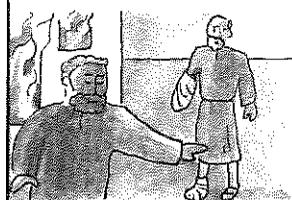
NARCISSUS WAS ONE OF THE BISHOPS WHO DECIDED THAT EASTER SHOULD ALWAYS BE CELEBRATED ON A SUNDAY.



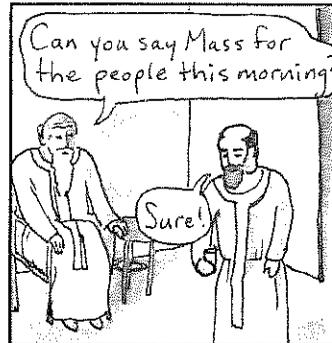
SOME ENEMIES FALSELY ACCUSED HIM OF A CRIME.



BUT WHEN THE BAD THINGS HAPPENED TO HIS ENEMIES EVERYONE KNEW THAT HE WAS INNOCENT.



SO THE BISHOP CAME BACK TO HIS PEOPLE, OLDER BUT MORE ZEALOUS THAN BEFORE.



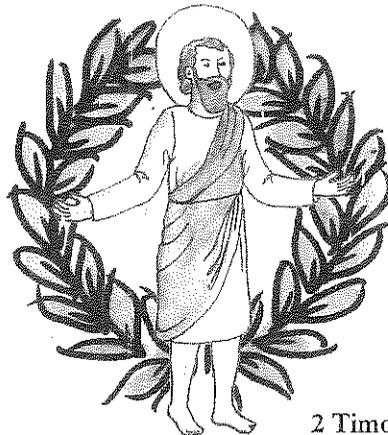
BECAUSE HE WAS SO OLD HE WANTED SOMEONE ELSE TO HELP HIM. SO THE BISHOP ST. ALEXANDER CAME AND HELPED HIM LOOK AFTER HIS PEOPLE.

ST. NARCISSUS LIVED UNTIL HE WAS MORE THAN A HUNDRED YEARS OLD, SERVING GOD AND HIS PEOPLE WITH GREAT LOVE. YOU CAN SEE FROM HIS STORY THAT EVEN OLD PEOPLE CAN SERVE GOD AND DO GREAT THINGS FOR HIM. DO YOU KNOW ANY OLD PEOPLE WHO CAN HELP YOU TO LOVE GOD MORE?

Saint Paul Match-Up

*What comes next?
Match up the first parts with the next parts
from today's second reading.*

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|---------------------------------------|---|---|----------------------------|
| 1. I have fought | ■ | ■ | strength |
| 2. I have finished | ■ | ■ | the faith |
| 3. I have kept | ■ | ■ | the good fight |
| 4. The Lord gave me | ■ | ■ | the message. |
| 5. so that the Gentiles
could hear | ■ | ■ | glory forever
and ever. |
| 6. To Him be | ■ | ■ | the race |



Be humble.

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the story about two men praying in the temple. One of them, a Pharisee, always looked like he loved God, but on the inside he really only loved himself. The other man was a tax collector. The people in those days hated tax collectors because they took too much money and worked for their enemies.

When the Pharisee was praying he was really just telling God how much better he was than other people. Do you think that God was pleased with his prayer?



The tax collector, on the other hand, was standing far off and prayed to God with his head bowed down, asking God to have mercy on him. He knew that he was a sinner and that he needed God's help. Do you think that God was pleased with the tax collector's prayer?

Being humble isn't a sad or bad thing. It means knowing that all the good things we have and do come from God. Being humble also lets us be sorry for the selfish things we have done, because it lets us admit that it was our own fault and God can help us overcome our selfishness.

*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on me a sinner!*

Answers to Match-up: 1. the good fight 2. the race 3. the faith
4. strength 5. the message 6. glory for ever and ever.