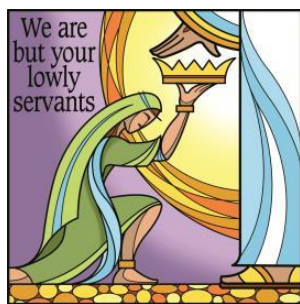


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## Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Oct 2, 2022**

**FIRST READING:** In spite of violence, destruction, and ruin, the just person, because of faith, will live (Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4).

**PSALM:** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

**SECOND READING –** Bear hardship with the strength that comes from God (2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14).

**GOSPEL:** Lord, increase our faith! (Luke 17:5-10).

### LITURGICAL REFLECTION- THE GIFT OF FAITH

Faith is a gift. When the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith, they were going to the source of that faith with their request. God is the giver of all good gifts, including faith. When we put our faith in Christ, we believe that God is with us, even though we cannot physically see God. Or can we? If we are attentive, we see the evidence of God's presence in the love of family and friends, care poured out in service of our neighbors, the living beauty of creation. This is not blind faith, but rather is the result of seeing with the eyes of faith. Followers of Jesus look beyond what is apparent to see what is possible with the power and presence of the Holy Spirit within and among us. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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### WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

<b>MON</b>	<b>10/3</b>	
<b>TUES</b>	<b>10/4</b>	<b>7:00PM . . . . . Knights of Columbus</b>
<b>WED</b>	<b>10/5</b>	
<b>THURS</b>	<b>10/6</b>	<b>11:30AM . . . . . Christian Mothers Rosary, Mass &amp; Meeting</b>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>10/7</b>	
<b>SAT</b>	<b>10/8</b>	<b>3:00PM . . . . . Confession</b>
<b>SUN</b>	<b>10/9</b>	

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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> – Oct 9<sup>th</sup>)

<b>MON</b>	<b>10/3. . . . . 7:50AM. . . . .</b>	<b>+ Kay Schultz – (Cara Bettle)</b>
<b>TUES</b>	<b>10/4. . . . . 7:50AM. . . . .</b>	<b>+ Irene Minor – (Sister, Yvonne Homler &amp; Ed Spinda)</b>
<b>WED</b>	<b>10/5. . . . . 7:50AM. . . . .</b>	<b>Good Health for Jim – (Bob)</b>
<b>THUR</b>	<b>10/6. . . . . 7:50AM . . . . .</b>	<b>Healing Prayers for Domenic Petrore – (Shank Family)</b>
	<b>. . . . . 12:00PM . . . . .</b>	<b>+ Christian Mothers</b>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>10/7. . . . . 7:50AM . . . . .</b>	<b>+ Anna Kris – (Shirley Riebel)</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>10/8. . . . . 4:00PM . . . . .</b>	<b>+ (A) Ken Shank – (Family)</b>
<b>SUN</b>	<b>10/9. . . . . 7:30AM. . . . .</b>	<b>+ (A) Bill Schultz – (Family)</b>
	<b>. . . 10:30AM. . . . .</b>	<b>+ Holy Name</b>

## Sunday Oct 2, 2022

**Stewardship Reflections.** Today's readings urge us to wait in hope, and remind us that we are equipped by the Holy Spirit with power to love and have self-control. Through God's invitation and grace, we can use our gifts as faithful disciples and prudent stewards to build up God's Kingdom here on earth. Like the servant, we are expected to continue to serve our Lord until we have completed the work God has given us. Our very lives belong to God.

When we share our time, talents, and finances we should not ask, "What's in it for me?" Whatever we do on God's behalf with our lives and our gifts is simply our God-given responsibility.

(Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2019/7/05)

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Sept 24<sup>th</sup> & Sept 25<sup>th</sup> 2022)

Weekly	.....	\$	3,271.50
Fuel	.....	\$	40.00
Building Fund	.....	\$	10.00

Thank you and May God Bless you for your continued support of St. Therese Church.

The St Therese Christian Mothers will be serving cake & coffee after Masses this Sunday, Oct 2nd, in celebration of the feast day of the parish.



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**KOC Council #10409** - will hold their monthly on Tuesday, Oct 4<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the Church Hall.

**Christian Mothers** will hold their Monthly Rosary, Mass & meeting this Thursday, Oct 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:30AM.



**Blessing of Animals**...In keeping with the Franciscan tradition, the Blessing of Animals will take place on Saturday morning, Oct 8<sup>th</sup> at

10:00AM in front of the Grotto. All are welcome!!

**Basket Party /Penny Pie Social** - sponsored by the St. Anne's Christian Mothers will be held on Sunday, Oct 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 12:00. in the Church Hall, 533 Woodland Ave. Food available for purchase. Come out and take some chances and help support our sister parish. All are welcome to join in the Fun!!

**A BIG THANK-YOU** to all who helped with the piroghi project this past week. It was a long day; we appreciate all your hard work. This project would never happen if it wasn't for all your Help. Thanks to all who made the delicious food and baked goods, and for all who donated to the project.



**We truly have the BEST Volunteers ever!!**



**Piroghi's, Pigs In Blanket & Apple Strudel Help Needed** - If you are available on the days listed below your help is much needed.

**Monday, Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 8:00** Peel potato & onions

**Tuesday, Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 7:30AM** Make Piroghi's

**Wednesday, Sept 19<sup>th</sup> -8:30AM** - steam cabbage & chopping onions

**Thursday Sept 20<sup>th</sup> -8:30AM** - make pigs

**TBA** making apple strudel



**Our Catholic Ministries Drive -Forward In Faith-** Your sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate impact on ministries that care for the poor, strengthen family life, nurture our youth, and provide leadership development for clergy and laity. 100% of your gift goes directly to these ministries! As of August 31<sup>st</sup>, we have collected **\$9,760.00** of our **\$20,392.00 Goal**. Please consider making a pledge to the Ministries Drive. You have until Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2022 to pay your pledge in full.

**Families and the Gospel - (Luke 17:5-10)**

Faith is one of those things we just can't get enough of! In today's gospel the apostles asked Jesus to "Increase our faith." It is faith in ourselves, our spouse, our children and our parents which equips us to overlook annoyances helps us to forgive and urges us to ask forgiveness. "Lord, increase our faith!"

## Community News & Events

### Save your Soles for Other Souls-

St Francis of Assisi shoe drive officially starts September 6th. Please place your new, or gently worn shoes in the box located in the back of the church. Please, no moldy, ripped or worn-out shoes. There is also a drop off box located at the activities center of St. Francis on Barron Avenue. All types of shoes are needed. We are having a tremendous start and Thank You to those of you who have already contributed. Call Carol at 814-536-0152 if any questions.

Please join us for our **Saturday Vigil Mass on October 8, 2022 at 4 PM at St John Vianney Parish**. The intention for this Blue Mass is to remember the contributions of those who have served in law enforcement and public safety agencies and to ask for continued protection for them and the communities they serve in the future. We welcome all who are serving and have served to join us in prayer as we work towards a bright future.



The annual **Marian Celebration** will occur on **Sunday, October 2 at 3:00 p.m. at Saint Benedict Parish in Johnstown**. The gathering will include the praying of the Rosary and Mass with Bishop Mark as celebrant and homilist. This year's theme is "Mary and the Holy Eucharist." All are welcome to attend.

**The Transitus of Saint Francis of Assisi / From Death unto Life:** Please Join the Parish Community of **St John Vianney Parish** (Mundy's Corner) 3513 William Penn Ave, Johnstown, PA for this half hour Liturgy, an intimate part of the Franciscan Heritage that commemorates the life of St Francis. Time: **7 PM on October 3rd**. All are Welcome.

**The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto**, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the **Fatima Devotions on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 6:30pm** at the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel. We are really looking forward to seeing you.

### **ABORTION:**

"Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the creator, who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can under any circumstance claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being.



"Sometimes the Smallest things take up the most room in your hearts"



If you would like to work in an environment that supports Catholic values and allows you to speak freely about and share your faith, please consider working for our diocese. There are many full and part time positions available in the maintenance, administrative assistant, and teaching fields along with openings at our homeless shelter and an Accountant position within Catholic Charities. For more information and to apply online, go to <https://www.dioceseaj.org/employment> or email [lmcevoy@dioceseaj.org](mailto:lmcevoy@dioceseaj.org).



**Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser Basket Party**  
St Michael Sportsman Club 270 Main St.  
St Michael.

November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Doors open at 12:30Pm

Drawing at 3:30PM

Tickets are \$10 includes tickets and a meal. Basket party benefits Anthony "Cheed" Bonk, who was severely injured in a motorcycle accident. "Cheed" is a member of St Andrews Church and is also a Knight of Columbus member.

Anyone interested in making a donation or a basket, please leave a message for Kath 814-242-6558 or Jenna 814-792-5925.

All proceeds will go toward his expenses.

**St. Francis of Assisi Parish** is going to be going on an upcoming Bus Trip to **American Music Theatre - Christmas Show on November 10<sup>th</sup>**. Please call Fran for more info at (814)536-3667.



# Food Distribution

## Food for Veterans Distribution

A Food distribution will be held in the Johnstown area for all Veterans and Military families in need at Hiram G Andrews. Dates are as follow: Oct 28<sup>th</sup>, Nov 28<sup>th</sup>, and Dec 29<sup>th</sup> from 1-3PM. For more information, please call 1-844-VLP VETS

## Do you Remember

Do you Remember? Do you remember being six? Do you remember getting ready for the new school year and getting new crayons? Do you remember being ten and getting new shoes? Do you remember spelling bees and the names of your three best friends? Does being sixteen ring a bell somewhere in your memory? Do the lines of the Gettysburg Address or something from Shakespeare still dance across your mind? Can you recall the first time you ever "fell in love"? Do you remember the way to the grocery store and the secret handshake? Did you have a magic decoder ring? Did your mom save Green Stamps? Can you remember carving pumpkins and creating the very scariest costume? Fall is a gathering time, and just as the animals begin to stock pile their hideaways with nuts and berries in preparation for a long winter's sleep, we too, seem to be gathering. When the air turns cool and the leaves begin to color, our thoughts turn to yesterday and we begin to take inventory of ourselves and our lives. What have we accomplished? Where have we been and what have we done? We begin to gather in our memories and sort them, living and reliving the events that have shaped our lives. Why does time change the memories we carry with us into now? Why do some things begin to fade from view while other pictures remain etched forever on our souls?

Every moment I have lived has been worth something. Some were obviously better than others, but I do not want to lose anything that I have experienced. I will simply cram as many memories as I can into whatever moments I have and then I will stash them away for some cold winter's night when the fire is low and the night is dark. Then I can pull out some of the glorious moments of summertime, youth-time, love time and remember again, the joy of giving and receiving love. Fall is the gathering time and I have spent my life gathering in memories. I intend to gather in some more, too...

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*Lord, make me a channel of your peace;  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
And where there is sadness, joy;  
O divine Master,  
Grant that I may not so much seek to be  
consoled as to console;  
To be understood, as to understand;  
To be loved, as to love;  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
And it is in dying that we are born to  
Eternal Life*



**Saint Francis Feast Day Oct 4<sup>th</sup>**



## Oktoberfest 2022

Our annual Oktoberfest has been set for **Saturday, Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday, Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>** in the Social Hall.

**We are asking for and would appreciate the following donations:**

**Theme Basket (at least \$25.00 in value)** for the basket raffle. If Basket making isn't your specialty you can make a monetary donation we will make it for you!

**\$5, \$10, & \$25 gift cards for the Wheel raffle (Saturday Night)**

**Bakers of the Parish—we are asking once again for your delicious homemade pies.**

