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SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING: The name of the LORD has become like a fire burning in Jeremiah's heart
(Jeremiah 10: 7-9).

PSALM: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

SECOND READING: Be transformed; renew your mind; discern what is good (Romans 12: 1-2).

GOSPEL: Those who lose their lives for Jesus' sake will find them (Matthew 16: 21-27).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: THE CROSS OF JESUS

The perception of a cross changed dramatically after Jesus' crucifixion. Before that event, death on a cross was not only horrible, it was degrading. It was a penalty reserved only for the most wretched of criminals. The word "glory" would not have found its way into the same sentence containing the word "cross." But all that changed with Jesus. Over time, believers began to venerate and honor the cross. They painted, sculpted, and carved images of it. Many lost their own lives for their association with it. Today our reverence for and relationship with the cross recalls little of the contempt originally associated with it. As it has been through the ages, it is our perception of the cross that determines how we follow Jesus.

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:30PM	Saturday Sept 9 th	9:00AM	Sunday, Sept 10 th
Lector:	Ed Olshefski	Lector:	Denise Lakatos
Eucharistic Ministers	Ed Olshefski Volunteer	Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Wess Dave Bischof

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Sept 4th - Sept 10th)

MON	9/04	7:00AM. . . + (B) Rosalie Verhovsek. - (Ester & Hank Hughes)
TUES	9/05	7:00AM. . . + Kathleen Charney - (Larry & Monica Fuller)
WED	9/06	7:00AM. . . + For Living & Deceased Members of the Kamnikar/Gardill Family - (Family)
THURS	9/07	7:00AM. . . + Frank Karmanocky - (Neo Catechumenal Way Community)
FRI	9/08	7:00AM. . . + Rich Popilinski - (Debbie & Joe Seeley)
SAT	9/09	5:30PM . . . + (B) Matthew Schlosser - (Family)
SUN	9/10	9:00AM . . . + Mary Jane & Kenneth Ferg, Sr. - (Daughter, Barbara Voci)



September 3, 2023

Stewardship Reflections: Dying to self and living for Christ and others is tough and the work of a lifetime. But it is the only work that really matters and that truly satisfies. St. Paul teaches how we get back to the path of discipleship in those moments of discouragement and temptation. As modern-day stewards we must discipline ourselves, body, mind, and spirit, through a consistent prayer life, continuous formation in our Catholic faith, and setting aside anything in our life that is not pleasing to God. This is not impossible with the grace of God. We can simply ask God for it. Let us make the tough choice to lose our life for Christ's sake, in grateful response to His love. (CatholicSteward.com 08/29/2020)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS Aug 26th & 27th, 2023

Collection:

Weekly	\$ 2,068.00
Assumption	\$ 25.00

Thank you for your continued support of St. Anne's Parish!
Please remember in your prayers the deceased parishioners and benefactors of our parish. God Bless!



Christian Mothers Mass & Meeting – will be held **today Sunday, Sept 3rd**.
Everyone is welcome.



The Knights of Columbus will hold their meeting **Tuesday, Sept 5th** at 7PM in the St Therese Church hall.



Sept 22 nd	Piroghi Sale
Sept 23 rd -- Oct 1 st	St Therese Novena
Oct 7 th & 8 th	St. Therese Oktoberfest



Catholic University – Next weekend, the diocese will be taking up the National Collection for the Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university with over 5,700

undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D.D. By giving to the collection, you are supporting future Catholic leaders both religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-rooted education. Please give generously. Learn more at collection.catholic.edu.

Community News & Events

Divine Mercy Prayer Group cordially invites EVERYONE to a 1 Hour Anniversary Celebration.

Adoration ***Benediction*** Recitation of the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy on **Wed, Sept 13th** at 3PM in St. Andrew Church

Light Refreshments to follow in the School Hall



St Matthew's Anglican Church
Spaghetti Dinner/ Basket Party
Saturday, Sept 9th 1-3PM
St Therese Social Hall
Includes Spaghetti Dinner and 25 Basket Tickets



St. John Gualbert Cathedral
Activities Center Spaghetti Dinner
Sunday, September 10, 2023

110 Adams St. Johnstown, PA – at the corner of Adams and Railroad Streets.

Doors open 11AM – serving till 3PM.

Adult - \$10.00 Children 4 – 12 \$7.00 Ages 3 and under free, take-outs available.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or at the St. John Gualbert Rectory prior to the event.

Basket Party and 50/50 tickets will be available for an additional charge at the dinner, and you do not need to be present to win.

Hope to see you there!

Mums for Moms! Support pro-life work in Johnstown and receive a beautiful mum as well. For a donation of \$6 to Birthright you will receive a voucher to be exchanged for a 6" mum at SEADS greenhouse in Westmont. SEADS is a nonprofit organization providing Sustainable Employment for Adults with Disabilities. This is a wonderful way to celebrate the sanctity of life and enjoy the upcoming Fall season.

For more information please call: Mary Kay @ 814-535-8231.



Families and the Gospel (MT 16: 21-27)

Relationships live in a careful balance. If a person changes, the balance is altered requiring a shift in the relationship. In today's gospel Jesus announced a change and Peter resisted. Sometimes, those we count on for support may actually get in the way. Jesus told Peter: "You are an obstacle to me."



The Rectory Office will be closed Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day.