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SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING: Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30 — 28:7).

PSALM: The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion (Psalm 103).

SECOND READING: Whether we live, or whether we die, we do so for the Lord (Romans 14:7-9).

GOSPEL: Forgive one another from your heart (Matthew 18:21-35).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: FORGIVENESS

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again. Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?" Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As St. Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord. Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:30PM	Saturday Sept 23 rd	9:00AM	Sunday, Sept 24 th
Lector:	Ed Olshefski	Lector:	Pat Wess
Eucharistic Ministers	Ed Olshefski Volunteer	Eucharistic Ministers	Carol Loushe Pat Wess

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Sept 18th - Sept 24th)

MON	9/18	7:00AM. . . + Rich Poplinski - (Carol Rebar)
TUES	9/19	7:00AM. . . . Intention Dantis
WED	9/20	7:00AM. . . . For Living & Deceased Members of the Kamnikar/Gardill Family - (Family)
THURS	9/21	7:00AM. . . + James Udouch - (Wife, Anna)
FRI	9/22	7:00AM. . . + Kathleen Charney - (Elaine Charney)
SAT	9/23	5:30PM Pro Populo
SUN	9/24	9:00AM . . + Holy Souls of Purgatory - (Bob Kuhns)



September 17, 2023

Stewardship Reflections: We live our lives in a grateful response to the extravagant love of God. Christian stewards live a continuous call for conversion of heart, thoughts and emotions. We must recall all the gifts our good God has given us. The Father sent His only Son to die for us to free us from our sin “debts” and make eternal life with Him possible for us. Like the servant in the parable, it is impossible to repay this debt. All we can do is thank God by giving Him our whole selves and by treating our fellow debtors with the same compassion and forgiveness He has shown to us. What joy and freedom of heart we find in the stewardship way of life! (CatholicSteward.com 09/11/2020)

**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS
Sept 9th & 10th, 2023**

Collection:

Weekly	\$	865.60
Monthly	\$	22.00
Retired Priests Medical	\$	5.00
Building Fund	\$	5.00
Catholic University	\$	45.00

*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!*

**Our Catholic Ministries Drive -
Together We Serve-**

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 31st, we have pledges and donations of **\$4,180.00 of our \$7,682.00 Goal**. Please consider making a pledge to the Ministries Drive. You have until Dec 31st 2023 to pay your pledge in full.



Catholic University – Thank you for your generous contributions to last week’s collection for the Catholic University of America! Your investment enables Catholic University to advance its work of preparing the next generation of leadership, both religious and lay, of our Church and nation. Learn more at collection.catholic.edu.



Coffee and Cake...will be served in the Church Basement after both Masses **this weekend, Sept 16 & 17**. **Everyone is invited to stop down.** Hope to see you there

Friends Helping Friends – The Christian Mothers will be offering the 25% off Friends Helping Friends Boscov’s coupon this week and next for \$5. Anyone interested can also call Janet Knapp at 814-241-6198.

St. Vincent de Paul Family Kitchen donations—A donation box will be set up in the back of church until Oct 1st. They are requesting donations of bleach, dish soap, Pine Sol, Windex, paper towels, toilet tissue, napkins, plastic gloves (all sizes), hair nets, oven cleaner, aluminum foil, plastic wrap, tissues, and hand soap.



**Novena to Honor St. Therese of the
Child Jesus**

Opens this coming **Saturday, Sept 23rd** and will end on **Sunday, Oct 1st**, the Feast of St. Therese.

Mass Schedule –

Weekday Masses at 7:50AM, 9AM and 7PM; Saturday Masses at 9AM, 4PM, and 7PM;

Sunday Masses at 7:30AM, 10:30AM, and 7:00PM.

Fr. Lee Havey, C.P. from St Ann’s Passionist Monastery Scranton Pa, will conduct our Novena.



St. Therese’s Mass of Anointing of the Sick – This sacrament of the sick will be celebrated during a Mass, **Sept 24th** at 2PM at St. Therese. Anointing is intended for those faithful whose health is impaired by sickness or age. Physical, emotional, or spiritual illnesses are opportunities to celebrate this sacrament. Pews will be reserved in the front of the church for those who are unable to walk up to the altar.

Community News & Events

St Therese Piroghi Sale – Sept 22

Sign-up sheets will be in the back of church this weekend, Sept 16 & 17..

Pick up your order on Friday, Sept 22 from 10AM to Noon in the Social Hall.

Cost is \$8/dozen



St. Francis of Assisi Parish will have a Fish Fry on Friday, Sept 22 from 2PM until 6 PM at the Activity Center, corner of D Street and Barron Ave. Phone orders will be accepted on Friday from 9AM until 1PM by calling 814-539-3518. Dine in or take out while supplies last. Gobs will be available.

Steeler Ticket Lottery: The Church of the Visitation of the BVM is currently selling tickets for the Steelers vs. the Baltimore Ravens Game at 1PM on Sunday, Oct 8th. Tickets cost \$10 and include seating for 4 persons at the game on the 40-yard line, ten seats up, transportation to the game by way of the Steeler bus, and \$200 of mad money. The winners are determined by the PA Lottery evening 3-digit drawing on Sept 29th. Those who have either the number below or the number above the winning number will receive \$100 each. **What an amazing deal!** Tickets are going fast, so if you would like to purchase tickets, please call the parish rectory @ 814-536-6110. Thank you for your support.

Holy Family Parish, Portage, Basket Party to be held on Sun., Oct. 1 at 2 PM. Doors open at 11:30 AM. Tickets are \$5 for 25 chances on baskets and 1 Door prize chance. Chances on larger value prizes will be Available. Complimentary cake and coffee. Other food and soft drinks will be available to purchase the day of the Party.



St Therese will host its annual Oktoberfest on **Saturday, Oct 7th from 4-8PM and Sunday, Oct 8th from 11-4:00PM.** Join us for delicious Ethnic food including, Kolbassi, Haluski, German potato salad, Pigs, Piroghi, Homemade Apple Strudel, Pies and much more! Saturday night beginning at 5:30 take a chance on the many prizes on the **"Big Wheel Raffle."** Dancing Sunday to the music of the Ryghm Masters and Basket Raffle.

**Mark Your Calendars!
Everyone is welcome!!
Hope to see you there!!!**

Franciscan Creation Festival – sponsored by the Friar's Noon Gift Shop at 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg will be held on Saturday, October 7th from 10AM-4PM. Come Enjoy craft vendors, food trucks, a petting zoo, kids activities, a garage sale and Gift Shop sale. Rosary will be said at 3PM and a pet blessing will be held at 3:30 and Catholic Mass at 4PM

Polish Christmas Customs – All Saints Parish in Boswell will host a presentation on Polish Christmas customs on Tuesday, October 17th at their Parish Hall (505 Center Street) at 6:30 PM. The customs, food, and decorations peculiar to the Polish expression of Christmas are unique and developed over many centuries. The presenter will be Fr. Czeslaw Krysa, an author and noted authority and Polish folk culture. The event will include refreshments, is free of charge, and open to all, however, participants are asked to register either by phoning the Parish Office at (814)-629-5551 or by emailing the Parish Secretary, Emily Marsh at emarsh@dioceseaj.org.

St. Francis of Assisi will hold a Cash Bash – November 4th from 6-9PM. Doors open at 5PM. Tickets are \$25 and includes Roast Beef sandwich, Italian sausage, pasta salad, baked beans, & cake. Coffee, tea & water. Beer bracelets will be available for \$7.00. Cash bar for Mixed Drinks. \$2,000 will be given away throughout the evening. Also qualifiers, door prizes and baskets will also be chanced off. Please contact Fran King at (814)536-3667 for tickets!



Families and the Gospel (MT 18: 21-35)
Unable to forgive another, means we are holding onto a past wrong and hoping for a better past. That is not going to happen. We must move on with our life by accepting we were unjustly treated and it will not be corrected. We aren't condoning the injustice. We just don't let it control our lives any longer.

Forgiveness is critical to living a healthy life in the present.

ABORTION; "Respect Life!"

"Children are a sign. Today children are a sign. They are a sign of hope, a sign of life, but also a 'diagnostic sign, a marker indication the health of families, society, and the entire world. Whenever children are accepted, loved, cared for, and protected, the family is health, society is healthier, and the world is more human."

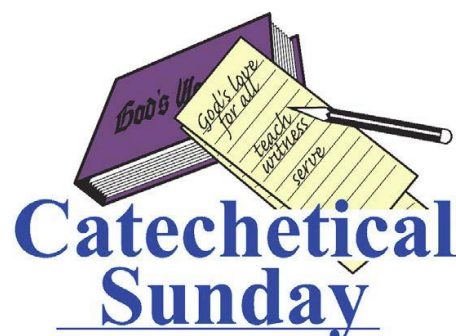
****Pope Francis****



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



Sunday, September 17



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