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SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**FIRST READING:** Turn to the LORD, who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).

**PSALM:** The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).

**SECOND READING:** Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).

**GOSPEL:** The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).

## LITURGICAL REFLECTION: DIRECTION

Isaiah tells us something that we already know, and yet seem to forget every now and then. He tells us, essentially, that God is God and we are not. When we're confused and troubled and can't figure everything out, it might be wise to recall Isaiah speaking on the Lord's behalf and explaining that God—who is on a much more, well, Godly wavelength than we are—moves in ways we can't even imagine. Saint Paul, by comparison, has everything figured out. Kind of. At least he understands his calling in life—to magnify Christ in everything he does. That should give all of us the direction we need. Jesus gives us direction, too, explaining to us once again in the parable of the workers in the vineyard that the last will be first, and the first, last.

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## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

| 5:30PM                | <u>Saturday Sept 30<sup>th</sup></u> | 9:00AM                | <u>Sunday, Oct 1<sup>st</sup></u> |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Lector:               | Rick Maser                           | Lector:               | Kevin Houghton                    |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Volunteers                           | Eucharistic Ministers | Deborah Flynn<br>Jocelyn Brett    |

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Sept 25<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>)

|       |      |   |
|-------|------|---|
| MON   | 9/25 | 7:00AM. . . + Frank Karmanocky – (Neo Catechumenal Way Community) |
| TUES  | 9/26 | 7:00AM. . . + Rich Poplinski – (Jack Simone)                      |
| WED   | 9/27 | 7:00AM. . . + Kathleen Charney – (Larry & Monica Fuller)          |
| THURS | 9/28 | 7:00AM. . . Intention Dantis                                      |
| FRI   | 9/29 | 7:00AM. . . + James Udouch – (Wife, Anna)                         |
| SAT   | 9/30 | 5:30PM. . . + Thomas Frick – (Denny & Marilyn Alberter)           |
| SUN   | 10/1 | 9:00AM. . . Christian Mothers                                     |



**September 24, 2023**

**Stewardship Reflections:** As stewards, the way we prioritize our time will often be at odds with the world's priorities. Jesus offers us a glimpse of the "Godly logic" of the Father. The laborers were relying on human logic and human calculations. Christian stewards can grumble and complain too. When we compare ourselves to others and believe that not everyone is contributing as much as we are to the parish, the neighborhood, or even within our family, we do not think clearly. We must remember that it is a great privilege to have been called by the Father to work in His vineyard. Living the stewardship way of life brings us meaning, depth and purpose. Let's embrace this Godly thinking and thank Him for calling us to this way of life. ([CatholicSteward.com](http://CatholicSteward.com) 2020/09/18)

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS  
Sept 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

|                         |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Collection:</b>      |             |
| Weekly                  | \$ 1,440.05 |
| Monthly                 | \$ 8.00     |
| Retired Priests Medical | \$ 25.00    |
| Building Fund           | \$ 5.00     |
| Catholic University     | \$ 10.00    |

*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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 31<sup>st</sup> 2023 to pay your pledge in full.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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**

Opened **Saturday, Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>** and will end on **Sunday, Oct 1<sup>st</sup>**, the Feast of St. Therese.

**Mass Schedule –**

Weekday Masses at 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, **TODAY, Sept 24<sup>th</sup>** 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



**The Knights of Columbus # 10409**

We would like to **CONGRATULATE** our \$500.00 Scholarship winner for 2023:

**Megan Rager**

We would also like to Congratulate the following runners up:

Makenna Oswalt  
George Churilla

Addison Oswalt  
Leah Petrone



**Blessing of Animals**...In keeping with the Franciscan tradition, the Blessing of Animals will take place on Saturday morning, **Oct 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM** in front of the St Therese Grotto. **All are welcome!!**

## Community News & Events



**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.



Spaghetti Dinner

Come to the Church of the Transfiguration on, **TODAY, Sunday, Sept 24<sup>th</sup>** and enjoy an easy and quick Sunday dinner. We take your order from 10-1:30PM. You do not even have to get out of your car. Follow directions and pay for your dinner. It is \$8.00 a meal that includes hot

Spaghetti, two meatballs, bun, salad, and dessert.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> from 4-8PM** and **Sunday, Oct 8<sup>th</sup> from 11-4:00PM**. Join us for delicious Ethnic food including,

Kolbasi, 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."** Enjoy dancing Sunday to the music of the Rhythm Masters and Basket Raffle.

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

**Franciscan Creation Festival** – sponsored by the Friar's Nook Gift Shop at 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg will be held on Saturday, **October 7<sup>th</sup>** 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 17<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:emarsh@dioceseaj.org).



### **Families and the Gospel (MT 20: 1-16a)**

Today Jesus is saying to us: "Why are you idle? Go into my vineyard." Family, "where the last will be first," is the "vineyard" entrusted to us in today's gospel. Successful families are constructed by "laborers," who work hard on family relationships, and not by couch potatoes.

### **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 indicating the health of families, society, and the entire world. Wherever children are accepted, loved, cared for, and protected, the family is health, society is healthier, and the world is more human."

\*\*\*\* Pope Francis \*\*\*\* 2014



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





# St. Therese Church

# Oktoberfest

Upper Decker Avenue

**SATURDAY, OCT 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**4:00PM – 8:00PM**

**SUNDAY, OCT 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**11:00AM – 4:30PM**

## **MENU**

**GERMAN POTATO SALAD      HALUSKI**  
**PIGS IN THE BLANKET      PIROGHI**  
**KOLBASSI/SAUERKRAUT**  
**HOT DOGS/SAUERKRAUT**

## **DELICIOUS HOME BAKED DESERTS**

**ASSORTED PIES      GERMAN APPLE STRUDEL**



**BEER   WINE COOLERS   SODA   WATER   COFFEE**

## **ENTERTAINMENT**

**THEME BASKETS**

### **SATURDAY**

**5:30 – 7:30—Meat Raffle Wheel**

### **SUNDAY**

**12:30-3:30PM - Dancing to the music of the Rhythm Masters**

**4:00PM - Theme Basket Raffle Drawing**

