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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Oct 8, 2023

FIRST READING: — The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel (Isaiah 5:1-7).

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: — The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (Psalm 80)

SECOND READING — God’s peace will guard your hearts and minds (Philippians 4:6-9).

GOSPEL -- The kingdom of God will be given to those who will produce its fruit (Matthew 21:33-43).

LITURGICAL THE GIFT OF THE REIGN OF GOD Matthew’s Gospel today expands on Isaiah’s ballad considerably. A comparison with the same story in Mark’s Gospel clearly shows us that here the author is busy teaching this community of Jewish Christians: “This is a story about Israel a long time ago; this is also a story about Jesus and the skeptical leaders.” Jesus as much as told these Jewish leaders, that they were the tenants who first stoned their own prophets. And he told the leaders they were the tenants who would soon even dispose of him—Jesus—and, in doing so, would forfeit their privileged place of presenting to the world the promised Messiah. “And this,” says Matthew’s Gospel, “is a story about you, the inheritors of what was first offered to Israel.” The reign of God was first opened to Israel and is now given to the whole world, but it must be received as a gift. The first Christians are the new tenants in the vineyard. The deeper reality of the reign or kingdom of God is that it is available to everyone on the face of the earth—Israel included.

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WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	10/08	11-4PM	Oktoberfest
MON	10/09		
TUES	10/10		
WED	10/11		
THURS	10/12		
FRI	10/13		
SAT	10/14	3:00PM	Confession
Next Sun	10/15		



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Oct 9th – Oct 14th)

MON	10/09	7:50AM	+ Kevin Gritzer – (Seven Springs Friends)
TUES	10/10	7:50AM	+ (A) Olga Labuda – (Daughter, Marie & Paul Nikonow)
WED	10/11	7:50AM	+ Agnes Mash – (Tim & Kathy Livingston)
THUR	10/12	7:50AM	+ (B) Michael Macy – (Wife & Family)
FRI	10/13	7:50AM	+ Steven Severon – (Rose Howarth & Richard Englehart)
SAT	10/14	4:00PM	+ (A) Ken Shank – (Family)
SUN	10/15	7:30AM	+ Sam Manganello – (Dominec Petrore)
		10:30AM	+ (A) George Antonik – (Wife, Dorothy, and Daughter)



Sunday Oct 8, 2023



Looking for new Choir Members...

Anyone interested in joining the Senior Choir? We would be happy to have you!!
Choir practice is on Monday's at 7PM. If you have any questions, please call Barb @ 255-6563

Stewardship Reflections: We have been given so many gifts and blessings by our Heavenly Father. Yet, in our fallen state, it is all too easy to take them for granted. Our readings today teach us that we must live with an intentional awareness of our many blessings and use them gratefully to glorify God. By Baptism, we have received the gift of salvation and membership in the Kingdom of God - we are not 'tenants' called to work in the 'vineyard' and produce fruit for it's owner, our Heavenly Father. This calling is a gift from God to be treasured above all other gifts. Jesus makes it clear that if we squander the gift of salvation, we will loss it. It is a sobering truth. So let us live each day with a profound awareness of all that we have been given by God. Let us use our intellect to think on these gifts throughout the day and resolve to use all our gifts for God's glory. We will find peace, joy and purpose as we do.



Food Pantry Needs

St Therese Food Pantry's cupboards are getting bare. We are in need of the following items. Cereal, soups, peanut butter, jelly, hamburger helper, spaghetti sauce, vegetables, boxed potatoes side dishes. Your help in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(Sept 30th& Oct 1st2023)**

Weekly	\$ 4,050.00
Building Fund	\$ 486.00
... Fuel	\$ 100.00

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



Sincere Condolences - The St. Therese Community would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of **Betty Kohan** who was called to her eternal reward this week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Betty** and peace and consolation to her family.

Community News & Events



Honoring Our Lady of The Holy Rosary
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12th
6:30 PM St. Clement Church
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14th NOON
Central Park, Downtown Johnstown



Basket Party Time! St. Patrick Church. The party will be held at St. John Gualbert Activities Center -110 Adams St. on **Sunday, Oct 15th** from 1-4pm. Doors will open at noon. Admission tickets are \$8.00, which includes lunch and 25 basket chances. Only 200 tickets will be sold, they will be available after all masses at St. Patrick Church, available during the week at St. John Gualbert rectory, and also available by calling Lolly Kennedy at (814)659-8717.

OKTOBERFEST

Don't forget to stop over at the Social Hall this weekend for some **delicious food, entertainment, Large Wheel Raffle (Saturday evening), Themed Baskets, Instant Bingo,** and much more!!!

Saturday - 4:00PM - 8:00PM
Sunday - 11:00AM - 4:30PM



HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!

Families and the Gospel - (MT 21: 33-43)
Every family is visited by difficult times which can unite or divide. These hardships, which we would quickly reject, hold the potential to be the unifying "cornerstone" where we drop our pettiness and defenses and pull together, linked by a common bond and love for one another.