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October 15, 2023

## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

- FIRST READING:** On this mountain the LORD will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines (Isaiah 25: 6-10a).
- PSALM:** I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life (Psalm 23).
- SECOND READING:** God will supply whatever you need (Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20).
- GOSPEL:** I have prepared my banquet, and everything is ready. Come to the feast! (Matthew 22: 1-14 [1-10]).

### LITURGICAL REFLECTION: GOD REVEALED TO THE NATIONS

What wonderful images we have today of the reign of God! Isaiah speaks to us of a great feast – a heavenly feast – a feast of abundance with rich foods and choice wines. It is the Lord's own affair, Isaiah explains, when God will unite all nations, dry every tear, and destroy death forever. Then, too, will the entire earth rejoice in the Lord and bask in God's saving grace. Jesus speaks of heaven in terms of a feast as well. Here, the kingdom of heaven is likened to a king's wedding feast given for his son. This is a feast of abundance also, with the fattened cattle prepared just so. But many of the people invited don't want to come, so the king invites anyone who would honor his son by their presence there. And Paul tells us that whether we live abundantly or in humble circumstances, we can do all things in the Lord who strengthens us. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:30PM	Saturday October 21 <sup>ST</sup>	9:00AM	Sunday, October 22 <sup>ND</sup>
Lector	Ed Olshefski	Lector:	Pat Wess
Eucharistic Ministers	Volunteers	Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Wess Carol Loushe

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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (October 16<sup>th</sup>– October 22<sup>nd</sup>)

MON	10/16 7:00AM. . . Intention Dantis
TUES	10/17 7:00AM. . . + (A) Carolina Kuhns – (Husband, Bob)
WED	10/18 7:00AM. . . + (WA) Mary Jane & Kenneth Ferg, Sr. – (Daughter, Barbara Voci)
THURS	10/19 7:00AM. . . + Rich Poplinski – (Mary Kay Olszewski)
FRI	10/20 7:00AM. . . + Rosalie Verhovsek – (Ester & Hank Hughes)
SAT	10/21 5:30PM. . . + Perry Bortolotti – (Pam & Bill Moot)
SUN	10/22 9:00AM. . . + (A) Anthony Beltz – (Wife, Eleanor & Family)

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**Stewardship Reflections:** How easy it is, especially in these times, to be consumed by the cares and distractions of the “here and now,” forgetting about what matters most – living for the Kingdom of Heaven. The stewardship way of life, with its emphasis on the virtuous use of our Time, Talent and Treasure, allows us to embrace daily life and all its demands – with eternity in mind.

How do we keep focused on the Kingdom of Heaven? St. Paul shares his secret for an eternity-driven life. In our Second Reading from his Letter to the Philippians, Paul says, “I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need.” In other words, Paul has learned to live the stewardship way of life.

What is the secret? It is this: “I can do all things in him who strengthens me.” How? Through this: “My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.” It is so simple! But it is not easy. It takes both courage and humility to live this way. God will supply these to us if we ask.

So let us embrace the stewardship way of life today! Let us put God first with our Time, our Talents and our Treasure, knowing that we can do all of this through Christ Who gives us strength. God is calling us today to live with eternity in mind. If we do this, we will be feasting now and forever!

**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS  
Oct 7<sup>th</sup> & Oct 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Collection:**

Weekly	\$ 1,344.00
Monthly	\$ 45.00
Retired Priests Medical	\$ 32.00
Building Fund	\$ 22.00
Assumption	\$ 10.00
Catholic University	\$ 2.00

*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 annual Free Spaghetti Dinner** – will be held at **12:30PM, Sunday, Oct 29<sup>th</sup>** There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the church beginning next week.

**You must sign up to attend!!!**

**Deadline to sign up is Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Community News & Events**

**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 Sept 30<sup>th</sup>, we have pledges and donations of **\$4,230.00 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.

**NOTE:** Catechesis **will not meet today,** Sunday, Oct 15<sup>th</sup>. Meetings will resume on Tuesday, Oct 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Christ Is Risen! Come and Listen!!**

Are you Lonely?  
Do you know the Meaning of your Life?  
Do you want to have a deeper relationship with Christ  
Come and Listen!  
Catechesis for Adults  
And Youth (12 and up)  
Free Babysitting provided

**Beginning Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays & Tuesdays  
7:00PM**

**In St. Anne’s Church Basement**

**Mass for Widows and Widowers** to be Televised Remember your loved ones on Sunday, October 29, 2023 with a televised Mass Celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak at 11:00 am on WATM ABC 23 and will rebroadcast that night at 9:00 p.m. on Breezeline Channel 9. The Mass will also be able to view, at your convenience, online, at the Diocese Vimeo page at [vimeo.com/user53173075](https://vimeo.com/user53173075). All spouses will be acknowledged and remembered at Mass. All persons who have lost a spouse through death throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to register by contacting the Family Life Office (814) 317-2643 or email [familylife@dioceseaj.org](mailto:familylife@dioceseaj.org). When registering, please give your name, address, phone number and the name of your spouse who has passed away. The last day to register is Tuesday, October 24, 2023. The event is sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and the Catholic Ministries Drive.

**Parish Mission Presents Renewal Preacher Fr.**

**Frank DeSiano** -- St. Benedict Parish, 2310 Bedford Street, Johnstown will be hosting Fr. Frank DeSiano for their Parish Mission, “Renewed in the Eucharist”. This three night event will be held from 7 to 8:30 PM, October 22, 23, and 24. Each evening will include powerful talks, images, videos, and music for reflection. Practical tools will be offered to help us choose what better leads to a deepening of God’s life in us. Open to all in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese, tickets are not required. A love offering will be taken. For more information contact Deacon Michael Russo at 814-288-3036 or by email at [michael.russo@atlanticbb.net](mailto:michael.russo@atlanticbb.net).

**Families and the Gospel (MT 22: 1 - 14)**

Today’s gospel speaks about “unworthy wedding guests.” What makes a “worthy” guest? Presence and presents are not enough. The greatest gift we can give is support to the couple as they voyage through life together because marriage naturally contains within it the fields of disappointment. Think of the weddings you have attended. Have you been a “worthy guest?”