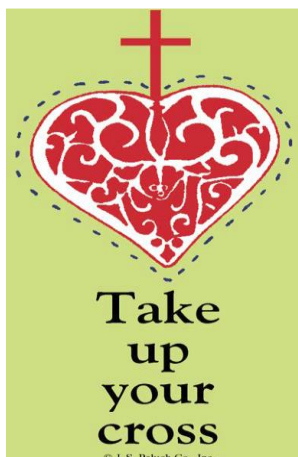


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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sept 15, 2024

FIRST READING: The Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong? (Isaiah 50:5-9a).

PSALM: I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

SECOND READING: Faith, if it does not have works, is dead (James 2:14-18).

GOSPEL: Jesus asked his disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” (Mark 8:27-35).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: For many Christians around the world today, the cross might involve punishment or imprisonment, possibly even death, for declaring oneself a follower of Christ. But for most of us, the cross is very different, almost abstract. It isn't necessarily made of wood. To be a Christian can mean carrying the cross of mercy — forgiving others and praying for them, when it is so much easier and gratifying to hate. It can mean carrying the cross of patience — living with a thousand small setbacks and annoyances to perform acts of kindness, generosity or love for another. Maybe it means carrying the cross of self-sacrifice — caring for others who might hunger for food or friendship or who yearn simply for someone to lend a hand or lend an ear. A great old hymn tells us that the cross, whatever it may be for each of us, isn't something to be borne like a heavy weight, but to be raised in triumph. “Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, 'til all the world adore his sacred name” In ways large and small, we are compelled to face the central question at the heart of Mark's Gospel — “Who do you say that I am?” — and answer it not only with words, but with our lives. We are called to do nothing less than to proclaim the love of Christ. Are we doing it? Are we doing it enough? It's worth taking the time this week to consider it and act on it.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	9/15	6:00PM	Parent Teacher meeting CCD Church Hall
MON	9/16		
TUES	9/17	8:00AM	Peel Potatoes
WED	9/18		
THURS	9/19	7:30AM	Piroghi Project
FRI	9/20	10-12PM	Piroghi pickup
SAT	9/21	3:00PM	Confession
Next Sun	9/22	9:00AM	CCD Classes begin

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: - (Sept 16th– Sept 22nd)

MON	9/16	7:50AM.	+ Edward Pavlosky– (Dorothy Belak)
TUES	9/17	7:50AM.	+ Bob Gritzer – (Brother John & Doris)
WED	9/18	7:50AM.	Intentions for Sr Marita Cecelia of the Infant Jesus
THUR	9/19	7:50AM.	+ In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered
FRI	9/20	7:50AM	+ (A) Irene Minor – (Yvonne Homler)
SAT	9/21	4:00PM	+ (B) William Kolega – (Sally & Bob Gorman)
SUN	9/22	7:30AM.	Good Health for Clara Fitzpatrick – (Sister Roseann)
	10:30AM.	+ Nancy Schultz – (Tom Dadey)



Sunday, Sept 15, 2024



Stewardship Reflections: "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Jesus' words in our Gospel today challenge us to become imitators of Christ. This is not an easy request. It takes sacrifice, endurance, and commitment. Yet, it is profoundly rewarding.

Jesus encourages us to think, not as human beings, but as God. He is calling us not to look at life in relation to ourselves. Rather, He wants us to be open-minded and look at life in relation to God. This requires acceptance on our part - accepting the will of God and allowing it to mold us into Christ-like people. Jesus re-echoes this message as He addresses His disciples saying, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

This week let us sit in Jesus' presence and listen to what He is calling us to at this point in our lives. Let us rise each day with a commitment to follow Him, carry our daily crosses with Him, and live in total gratitude and service to God, family and neighbor.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Sept 7th & Sept 8th 2024)

Weekly	\$ 3,341.00
Building Fund	\$ 140.00
Fuel	\$ 1,300.00

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 **Mary Ann Robatin**, who was called to her eternal reward last week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Mary Ann** and peace and consolation to her family. Mary Ann was the mother of Kathy Mock

Mark Your Calendars: We will be making piroghis for the Novena on **Thursday, Sept 19.**

- 1) Tuesdays- peel potatoes starting at 8:00AM
- 2) Thursdays-7:30AM make potato balls and dough, and assemble & cook piroghi.

Donations of Robin Hood flour (regular), butter, potatoes, and monetary gifts are always appreciated.

To Order: Sign-up sheets: will be in the vestibule after all Masses this weekend, **Sept 14th & 15th**

Piroghi Pick up will be on Friday Sept 20th, from 10:00-12:00PM

Novena to Honor St. Therese of the Child Jesus
Opens on **Monday, Sept 23rd** and will end on **Tuesday, Oct 1st**, the Feast of St. Therese.

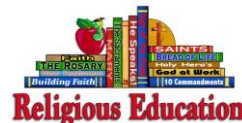
Mass Schedule -

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.

Sunday, Sept 29th at 2PM Anointing of the sick

Catholic Ministries Drive

Encountering Christ. Thank you to the **54** families who have pledged to date a total of **\$11,335.00** towards our target amount of **\$24,902.00**. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge according to your means so we will be able to reach that target. You have until Dec 31st 2024 to pay your pledge in full. **All funds over our target will be returned to St. Therese and will be used for the Church Roof, that needs to be replaced. Keep in mind, if we fall short of our goal, we will pay the balance out of our Parish Funds.**



A **Parent Meeting** is scheduled for **TODAY Sunday, Sept 15th at 6:00PM** in the **Church Hall**. We would appreciate at least one Parent attend. **First CCD Class will be held on Sunday, Sept. 22nd at 9AM**

Families and the Gospel - (Mk 8: 27-35)
If we want to be happy at home we must commit ("lose ourselves") to our family. If we try to be independent from others ("save ourselves") we end up lonely and alone. Happiness is found in commitments. The gospel is true: We save our life by losing it!



It has come to our attention again that someone is texting and emailing people and pretending to be Fr Bernard Karmanocky and then asking for help. If you respond then they proceed to ask for gift cards and or MONEY **This is a SCAM.** Fr Bernie would never text or email you for anything of value. Please pass this information on to all your friends and family members.



A Catechesis for Adults and Youth

Come and Listen!

Beginning Sept 16th Mondays & Wednesdays
@7PM

St John Gualbert Cathedral Activity Center
110 Adams St.

Free parking and babysitting

THANK YOU

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who donated Birthday cake kit supplies and gift cards to the Westmont Johnstown Girl Scout Service Unit Project! Your generosity and kindness is sincerely appreciated! The kits will be assembled by the Girl Scouts at the end of the month and will be available at St. Vincent de Paul, Woman's Help Center, and other local organizations to help those in need. Thanks again!!

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"

Community News & Events

DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES?

Seeing is Believing

Tim Francis, a national speaker out of Fort Worth, Texas, who gives parish missions on Eucharistic Miracles and how the science has led people to faith, will be speaking at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral on **Saturday, September 14th** following the 6 PM Mass from 7:30-10:00 PM and Sunday, **September 15th** following the 5 PM Mass from 6:30-9:00 PM. He will also be speaking on Monday, **September 16th** from 6:00-8:30 PM at Saint Francis University in the Immaculate Conception Chapel. Same presentation each night choose one.

www.Sciencetestsfaith.com/pa

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA:
Thank you for your generous support during the last week of the collections for the Catholic University of America! If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give! Scan the QR code on the provided envelopes or visit: collection.cathoilc.edu



Fall Festival at **St Patrick Sept 20th & 21st** -
Join us for our Fall Festival Sept 20-21 8AM-PM Gigantic Basement Sale, Bake Sale, Gobs, Pies! Hot food including: BBQ Pulled Pork, Haluski, Hot Sausage Sandwich, Burgers, and Hot Dogs! Hope to see you there!



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Windber is having a **Fall Basket Party**.

September 28th & 29th 12:00 pm - 5:00pm

October 5th & 6th 12:00pm - 5:00pm

Tickets are \$5 for 25 and can be purchased in the hall. There will not be a sit-down drawing. Drawing will be held live on our public Facebook Page. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church (SEAS). Limited take-out only food menu and homemade baked goods will be available.



MUSIC BINGO BASH - The St. Francis Fundraising Committee will be sponsoring a Music Bingo Bash **Saturday, Oct. 5.** at the **St. Francis Activity Center.** Doors open at **5 pm.** Food will be served at 6 pm. Admission \$20. Includes dinner, nonalcoholic beverages and dessert. 5 Bingo cards. Beer bracelet is \$7.00. Qualifiers, 50/50 and cash giveaways every half hour! Tickets available in the vestibule before and after Masses. Or you can call Fran at 814-536-3667.

Holy Name will be raffling off chances to win two pictures. One: a framed print of the Stain glass window of the Choir loft and the second a diamond painting of the Altar at Christmas time. Tickets will be sold starting at Oktoberfest. Chances are \$2 a piece or 3-for \$5.

OKTOBERFEST 2024

OCT 12TH & 13TH

We are looking for Volunteers for the following:

Piroghi Project

Tuesday, Sept 17th peeling potatoes
Thursday, Sept 19th making piroghi's

Apple Strudel will be made on Friday
Oct 11th at 9AM

We are asking for and really do appreciate the following:

Theme Basket (at least \$30.00 in value) for the basket raffle. If Basket making is not your specialty you can make a monetary donation, we will make it for you!



\$5, \$10, & \$25 gift cards for the Wheel raffle
(Saturday Night)

Bakers of the Parish-we are asking once again for your delicious homemade pies.

