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August 10, 2025

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today’s Scripture Readings

FIRST READING: Your ancestors waited in faith and courage for God’s promised summons (Wisdom 18:6-9).

PSALM: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

SECOND READING: Because of his faithful obedience to God’s call, Abraham’s descendants’ number as the stars (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]).

GOSPEL: Keep watch and be prepared, for you do not know the day or the hour when the Son of Man will appear (Luke 12:32-48 [35-40]).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: FAITH
Our readings today explore how faith begins and how faith works. Faith begins with God’s initiative of love, together with God’s promise about the future. The passage from Hebrews urges readers to have an assured confidence in God, who promised and delivered a lasting legacy to Abraham. The book of Wisdom reminds readers of the God who promised and delivered freedom from slavery during the Exodus. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus begins with the promise that “your Father is pleased to give you the Kingdom,” before describing how to live faithfully during times when God seems absent. God’s promises mean that God is fully invested in our future. Living in these promises, we can confidently let go of fear and insecurity. We can anticipate that when God intervenes in our lives, it will be for our benefit. And we can become God’s partners in fulfilling these divine promises. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LIITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS

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| 5:30PM | Saturday, August 16th | 9:00 AM | Sunday, August 17th |
| Lector: | Volunteer | Lector: | Linda Lopez |

Mass Intentions for the Week: (August 11th – August 17th)

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| MON | 08/11 | 7:00AM. . . + John Binh Pham— (Thien & Ngoan Tran) |
| TUES | 08/12 | 7:00AM. . . + Martin & Matilda Simcic) |
| WED | 08/15 | 7:00AM. . . .For Living & Deceased Members of the Kamnikar/Gardill Family |
| THURS | 08/14 | <u>NO MORNING MASS</u> VIGIL MASS 5:30PM. . . + Martha Lopez– (Eleanor Beltz) |
| | | ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY |
| FRI | 08/15 | 7:00AM. . . .For the Intention of Sr. Maria O.C.D. |
| SAT | 08/16 | 5:30PM. . . . For Living & Deceased Members of the Ferg/Swaney Family –(Barbara Voci) |
| SUN | 08/17 | 9:00AM. . . .For the Intention of Mother John of the Cross |

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Stewardship Reflections:

Whether you are just beginning your stewardship journey or have been living a stewardship way of life for years, today's readings invite us to ask ourselves two potentially life-changing questions.

The first question is: "What do you treasure?" Of course, we all know the 'right' answer to this question – we treasure our faith, our family and our friendships. But Jesus tells us in the Gospel passage from Luke how we can discover the real answer to this question. He says, "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." To bring to light what we truly treasure in life, we can ask ourselves, "Where do I spend the majority of my energy, my thoughts, my time, and my money?"

The second question today's readings ask is: "What would you do if you were not afraid?" To put it another way, what would you do if you had radical faith in God? In the Gospel, Jesus tells us plainly, "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom." If our perfect Father is pleased to offer us nothing less than His Son right now, and Heaven eventually, then what on earth have we to be afraid of?

There is so much to think about this week. Let's ask ourselves what we really treasure, and then take a bold risk – faith-filled and unafraid – to show our gratitude to God for all that He has given to us.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS August 2nd & 3rd, 2025

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| Weekly | \$ 1,679.00 |
| Monthly | \$ 135.00 |
| Poor Box | \$ 12.00 |
| Assumption | \$ 50.00 |

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!



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – is this Thursday, Aug 15th, and is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be a Vigil Mass on Thursday, Aug 14th at 5:30 PM and a Mass on Friday at 7:00AM. **No Morning Mass on Thursday.**



2025 Catholic Ministries Drive **Follow Me.**

Thank you to the families who have pledged as of **July 31st** a total of **\$6,145 (69.8%)** towards our target amount of **\$8,800**. Through it, 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. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge according to your means so we will be able to reach that target.

All funds over our target will be returned to St. Anne's Parish



Coffee and Cake...will be served in the Church Basement after both Masses **next weekend, Aug 16 & 17.** **Everyone is welcome to stop down for a delicious treat and to enjoy friendly conversation and fellowship.**

Hope to see you there

A Family Perspective (Luke 12: 32 - 48)

In today's gospel a servant WAITED for the master to return. Waiting is a normal part of family life. We wait for a child's birth, then for small legs to catch up. Later we wait for teenagers to return home safely. Finally, we wait alone anticipating a call or visit from an adult child. Waiting is sacred time, for even in the waiting we are connected.



Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2025 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, September 21 in ALTOONA at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or **Sunday, September 28 in JOHNSTOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral.** Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 p.m. Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Friday, September 12th.

Community News & Events

Join Us on a Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, and the Shrines of Spain!

Deacon Nelson and Shelley Lowes, from Resurrection and St. Clare of Assisi parishes, warmly invite you to join them on a spiritual journey through some of Europe's most sacred sites. This unforgettable pilgrimage will take place **May 7–19, 2026**, and includes visits to:

Lisbon • Fátima • Santiago de Compostela • Lourdes • Montserrat • Barcelona

The total cost is approximately **\$4,600 per person**, which includes the base trip price, round-trip airfare, transfer fees, and taxes. Most meals are included.

We currently have **44 spots available**, and **29 have already signed on** — we only need 30 to make the trip official!

Don't miss this incredible opportunity to deepen your faith, experience rich history, and enjoy the beauty of Spain, Portugal, and France.

Learn more and register at:

<https://www.epicjourneystours.com/tours/fatima-lourdes-shrines-of-spain/>
We hope you can join us!

Divine Mercy Prayer Group Meeting: Our next get together will be Wed. Aug. 13th at 3pm and 6:30pm (for those who work). Summer may be coming to an end, but don't let that end your mission to save souls by reflecting God's Mercy to others. Bring a Friend and come join us to learn more about God's Mercy! See why others enjoy this 1 Hour!

For more info: Cathy 814-288-1126 or Lolly 814-659-8717.



ST. CLARE OF ASSISI SPAGHETTI DINNER will be held on Sunday, Sept. 7 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM in St. Clare of Assisi Scholl Hall. Take-outs will also be available.

**Special 2025 Jubilee Year
40 Hours Devotion -**

at a Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown designated Pilgrim Site. Join us at:

**OUR LADY OF THE ALLEGHENIES
CATHOLIC PARISH 609 MAIN STREET LILLY,**
Sunday thru Tuesday - September 7, 8, 9 Solemn
Vespers each evening at 7:00PM

Our special guest Homilist, EWTN Personality:
Father Leo Patalinghug

**COME TO RESURRECTION PARISH FOR SOME
OLD-FASHIONED FUN, on Fri., Aug. 29th**

Cold Beverages/Bar, Potato Pancakes, Gobs and
50/50 will be available;

Sat., Aug. 30th the food and game booths will be
open on Resurrection Grounds;

Sun., Aug. 31st Picnic Bingo will be held from 1:00
PM to 4:00 PM in Resurrection Church Hall



**AMERICAN THEATRE CHRISTMAS SHOW
BUS TRIP**

November 21, 2025
3:00PM SHOWTIME

\$135.00 per person includes the Show and
Bus. Dinner on your own at Cracker Barrel
Reservations by October 1, 2025.

Please contact Frank King at
(814) 536-3667



**Bishop's Night of
Vocations 2025**



*Who do you know that's hearing the call
... maybe it's you?*

**Is God calling you to a life of service
as a Permanent Deacon?**

*Deacons are leaders in identifying the needs of others and calling
God's people into service.*

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown invites you to a special evening of
inspiration, discernment, and fellowship.
Meet current Deacons, Candidates, their wives, as well as others
who are discerning their vocation.

Location: U.S. Hotel & Tavern - 401 S. Juniata Street, Hollidaysburg

Date: Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP by September 2, 2025 - call 814-361-2000



"Babies are bits of stardust, blown down from the hand of God"

ABORTION - "The joy of motherhood comes in
moments. There will be hard times and frustrating
times. But amid the challenges, there are shining
moments of joy and satisfaction."

**** Elder M. Russell Ballard****

The Assumption

Stories of how Mary died and went to heaven have
been circulating in the church since the second
century. Around the year 600 Emperor Maurice set
the feast day on August 15 in the Roman Empire.
In 1950 Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Assumption
an article of faith. Here are a few lines from A New
Catechism to help explain its significance: "Mary
has already been raised from the dead, body and
soul. Of the other dead we may only say that they
will be made alive, they are about to arise, but we
acknowledge that Mary is already glorified." "Just
as Christ's resurrection is effective among us
through his forceful, vivid presence in the life of the
world, so too, is the glory or the 'Assumption' of
Mary...We can experience the presence of Christ
and Mary by living on earth in the Spirit of Christ
and by speaking to them in prayer. The same may
be said of the other dead. Some great saints and
good people are more powerfully present than
others. Does this perhaps indicate that they are
already further on the way of resurrection?"

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