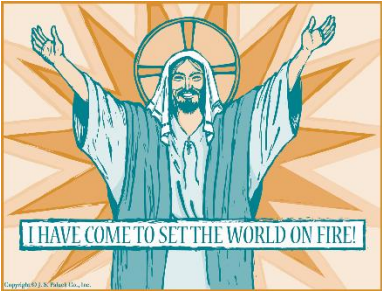


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August 17, 2025

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today’s Scripture Readings

- FIRST READING:** They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10).
- PSALM:** Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm 40).
- SECOND READING:** Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:1-4).
- GOSPEL:** I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing (Luke 12:49-53).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: **PROPHETS**

We reflect upon the voice of the prophet in this Sunday’s readings. We hear of the suffering and the rescue of Jeremiah. We hear how Jesus anticipates his suffering and death. As with Jeremiah and Jesus, the prophets were sent by God to the leaders and people of Israel. A prophet is one who speaks truth to the powerful, exposing their darker hidden motives and injustices. The prophet presents a way forward that aligns with God’s purposes. A prophet can force people away from a comfortable neutrality or indifference. The prophet creates an urgency to make a choice: Are we content with the status quo, or are we to change our ways and pursue a new and better path? Today, we may also ask, how do we identify and respond to prophets of our time? How might we provide a prophetic voice in our Church and in our world?. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LIITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS

5:30PM	Saturday, August 23rd	9:00 AM	Sunday, August 24th
Lector:	Ed Olshefski	Lector:	Elaine Angus

Mass Intentions for the Week: (August 18th – August 24th)

MON	08/18	7:00AM. . . + Joankim & Theresa That Nguyen— (Thien & Ngoan Tran)
TUES	08/19	7:00AM. . . + Philip Scott – (Mary Ann Arnone)
WED	08/20	7:00AM. . . .For Living & Deceased Members of the Kamnikar/Gardill Family
THURS	08/21	7:00AM. . . + For Deceased Members of the Family of Cirilia Graicar
FRI	08/22	7:00AM. . . + Martin & Matilda Simcic
SAT	08/23	5:30PM. . . .For the Intention of Sr. Isabel O.C.D.
SUN	08/24	9:00AM. . . + Holy Souls in Purgatory – (Bob Kuhns)

August 17, 2025

Stewardship Reflections:

Today’s readings set a high bar for us Christian stewards, reminding us that a stewardship way of life is meant to be a challenging way of life.

The stewardship way of life helps us to stay in good racing shape. By putting God first in all areas of our lives, we rid ourselves of the burden and sinfulness of over-attachment to ourselves and our things. We get lean and fit and strong for the long race to Heaven. We begin to look and act more like Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith.

The stewardship way of life sets a high bar indeed. But deeply embraced, this way of life focused on God and others will make us the saints we are called to be.

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS
August 9th & 10th, 2025

Weekly	\$ 1,823.00
Monthly	\$ 40.00
Poor Box	\$ 40.00
Assumption	\$ 65.00

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!



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



American Red Cross
Thank you for your donation.

The KOC council #10409 along with the Hutchison Family would like to thank everyone who came out to support our Blood Drive in memory of Dan. In only a few hours we were able to collect 16 units!! We would also like to thank all the volunteers who made the drive run so smoothly, thanks for all your help



Coffee and Cake...will be served in the Church Basement after both Masses **this weekend**. **Everyone is welcome to stop down for a delicious treat and to enjoy friendly conversation and fellowship.**
Hope to see you there



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!



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.

ST. CLEMENT PARISH
Rakin' in the Cash Give-a-way

23 chances to win on each ticket!

Grand Prize - \$5,000 2nd & 3rd Prizes - \$1,000
AND...a chance to win 1 of 20 \$100 Cash Prizes
Top 3 prizes are determined by the First Pick 3
7:00 PM PA Lottery Drawing on Friday, Oct. 31st,
2025 Donation - \$20 For tickets or more
information, Call St. Clement Rectory@814-255-
4422 M thru F - 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM For more
details, see our website: stclementjohnstown.org
and click on Rakin' in the Cash Give-a-Way under
"Links"

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 Fran King at
(814) 536-3667

Family Perspective

Luke 12: 49-53

Today Jesus warns us his Word will create conflict
between parents and children. In a permissive
society which advocates individualism and
consumerism, parents must continue to teach and
live the gospel values of respect, service to others,
forgiveness, generosity and compassion. A
Christian family is a countercultural family.



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

The Jubilee 2025 Pilgrim's Passport used by
many persons and families during this Jubilee year
need to be returned, or postmarked by September
8 and sent, to the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown
Pastoral Center, 2713 West Chestnut Avenue,
Altoona PA 16601 to be eligible for prizes that were
listed on the inside cover of the Passport: An
overnight stay in Washington DC the weekend of
the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Pilgrimage,
October 17, an overnight stay in Pittsburgh, or the
monetary amounts, and various gift cards. You still
have some weeks to travel and visit Holy Sites in
our five deaneries!

**The deadline to reserve a seat (s) and make the
payment is September 20th**

St Matthew's Anglican Church

Spaghetti Dinner/ Basket Party

Saturday, Sept 6th

12:30-3PM

St Therese Social Hall

Includes Spaghetti Dinner

& 25 Basket

Tickets cost \$10.

Soft walk-through Friday 4-7 Sept

5th For tickets/information call Arlene 814-244-

3863 or Denny 814-322-6631.



ABORTION; "The greatest destroyer of love and
peace is abortion, which is war against the child.
The mother doesn't learn to love, but kills to solve
her own problems. Any country that accepts
abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to
use any violence to get what they want.

~ Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta ~



**A person's a person,
No matter how small.**

~Dr. Seuss



Back to School Prayer



For Students:

"Dear Lord, please watch over our children as they return to school. Keep them safe, help them to learn, and guide them to be kind and respectful to others. May they grow in wisdom and knowledge, and may their hearts be filled with joy."

For Teachers:

"Heavenly Father, bless our teachers with patience, wisdom, and strength as they guide and educate our students. May they inspire a love of learning and create a positive and nurturing environment. Help them to see the potential in each student and to make a difference in their lives."

For Parents:

"Lord, we ask for your peace and comfort as our children return to school. Help us to trust in your plan for their lives, and to support them in their learning journey. Grant us wisdom and patience as we navigate the challenges of parenting. In your name. Amen."



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| Sept 15 th | Call 539-7633 9-10AM to order Piroghi from St. Therese or sign up at church over the weekend
Pick up - Sept 18 after 11 or Sept 19 10AM - Noon |
| Sept 23 rd -Oct 1 st | St Therese Novena |
| Oct 5 th | Knights of Columbus Gun Bash St Andrews |
| Oct 11 th & 12 th | St Therese Oktoberfest |