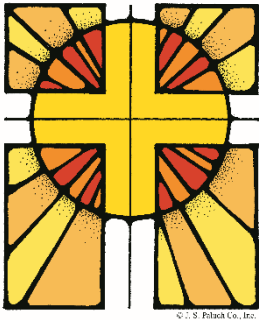


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August 31, 2025

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today’s Scripture Readings

- FIRST READING:** Conduct your affairs with humility and God will favor you
(Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29).
- PSALM:** God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor (Psalm 68).
- SECOND READING:** You have approached Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant
(Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a).
- GOSPEL:** When invited to dine, take the lowest place. Those who humble themselves
will be exalted (Luke 14:1, 7-14).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: HUMILITY
Today’s readings praise the virtue of humility and offer concrete ways for us to become more humble. The Book of Sirach suggests a practical reason for acting with humility: humble people are more likeable than the arrogant. Even God “finds favor” with those who humble themselves. In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus provides real-world suggestions for growing in humility and teaches us never to assume we are better than others. His words change our outward behavior and expand our hearts and minds to care about people we might have dismissed before. This practical, almost “folksy” wisdom about humility helps us behave better in daily life and makes our lofty goal of eternal life more accessible. Our reading from Hebrews affirms that heaven is indeed approachable. The personal love and sacrifice of Jesus have opened “the city of the living God” to us. Humility prepares us for paradise. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LIITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS

5:30PM	Saturday, Sept 6th	9:00 AM	Sunday, Sept 7th
Lector:	Ed Olshefski	Lector:	Denise Lakatos

Mass Intentions for the Week: (Sept 1st – Sept 7th)

MON	09/01	7:00AM. . . .	For the Intention of Sr. Ann Magdalene O.C.D.
TUES	09/02	7:00AM. . .	+ John & Theresa Minh Pham – (Thien & Ngoan Tran)
WED	09/03	7:00AM. . .	+ (A) John Knapp – (Wife, Janet)
THURS	09/04	7:00AM. . .	+ Martin & Matilda Simcic
FRI	09/05	7:00AM. . .	+ For Deceased Members of the family of Mrs. Cirilia Graicar
SAT	09/06	5:30PM. . .	+ (B) Matthew Schlosser – (Family)
SUN	09/07	9:00AM. . .	+ Kenneth & Mary Jane Ferg – (Daughter, Barbara Voci)

August 31, 2025



Stewardship Reflections:

Today’s readings remind us of a chief virtue that characterizes the Christian steward: humility. This is a virtue that is widely thought of as a form of self-abasement. But that understanding is off the mark. Humility is simply the awareness of who (and Who’s) we truly are.

On one hand, we are children of the Most High God who loved us into existence; children whose Father sent His son to die for our sins, children who, by virtue of our Baptism, have the Holy Trinity dwelling within us. On the other hand, we are children who are completely dependent on God for our very existence and for every breath we take. The Christian steward lives with an awareness of these two realities – our great dignity as sons and daughters of God, and our total dependence on Him for all that we are and all that we have been given.

Our attitude and how we serve and share should be centered on true humility – recognizing that we are all ‘little’ ones in the eyes of God. We are all His children; brothers and sisters invited to our Father’s heavenly banquet.

25% OFF SHOPPING PASS FOR BOSCOV’S – St Anne’s Christian Mothers are selling Boscov’s Shopping passes for \$5.00 to get 25% off on the shopping day of October 22nd. See Janet Knapp after Mass or call her at 814-241-6198 to make arrangement to purchase. Thank you for supporting St Anne’s Christian Mothers.



Dates are set for the up-coming Religious Ed Classes at St. Therese. First Day will be held on Sunday, Sept 28th at 9AM. Children will meet in the church at 9:00, then they will go to their classrooms.

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS
August 23rd & 24th, 2025

Weekly	\$ 1,470.00
Monthly	\$ 50.00
Poor Box	\$ 25.00
Assumption	\$ 50.00
Building Fund	\$ 205.00

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

The rectory office will be closed Monday, Sept 1st to observe Labor Day.



KOC Council #10409 – This month’s meeting will be held **Tuesday, Sept 2nd** at 7PM in the St Therese Church Hall



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



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, Sept 12th.



St Therese will be selling tickets starting this week, for an **All Saints Day Special**.

Tickets are \$10. for 2 numbers.

Winning determined by the PA Pick 3 evening number on **November 1, 2025**.

Winning number will take home **\$1500.00 \$500 for the number above & below.**

See Janet Knapp after Mass or call her at 814-241-6198 to purchase your tickets

Community News & Events



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 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.



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"

Divine Mercy Prayer Group cordially invites
EVERYONE to our Anniversary Celebration —
1 Hour Adoration Benediction

Recitation of the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy
Wednesday Sept. 10th, 3pm

St. Andrew Church 1621 Ferndale Ave.

Light Refreshments to follow in School Hall

Contact for more Info: Cathy (814)288-1126
or Lolly (814)659-8717

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



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**

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

Family Perspective

Luke 14:1 7-14

Family life well lived confirms the words of Jesus in
today's gospel. "Those who humble themselves will
be exalted.: Commitment, intimacy, loyalty and
love are the rewards of humble service and care for
one another.