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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 21, 2025

FIRST READING: The Lord never forgets the sins of those who take advantage of the poor
(Amos 8:4-7)

PSALM: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor (Psalm 113)

SECOND READING: Pray to the Lord, who wants everyone to be saved (1 Timothy 2:1-8).

GOSPEL: Be trustworthy in all things. Serve God, the only master, not mammon
(Luke 16:1-13 [10-13]).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: PRIORITIES

Make a choice. God or money, material things, earthly pleasure. This is what Jesus asks us to do in today’s Gospel. The Pharisees and scribes, and many people, want it both ways. God and wealth. But Jesus knows that “no servant can serve two masters.” It is not that wealth is inherently bad, but the pursuit of it to the exclusion of what is good and righteous is. Our faith is meant to guide and shape the way we live. If we are followers of Jesus Christ, we will treat others, especially the poor and vulnerable, fairly and justly. We will live with devotion to God and let our lives speak the truth of God’s love for all. We will put first things first, or more precisely, put God and God’s ways first, assured that when we do, everything else will fall into place.

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WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	09/22	
TUES	09/23	Opening day of the Saint Therese Novena
WED	09/24	
THURS	09/25	
FRI	09/26	
SAT	09/27	3:00PM Confession
NEXT SUN	09/28	



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Sept 22nd– Sept 28th)

MON	09/22	7:50AM	+Christine & John Polenik – (Teresa)
TUES	09/23	9:00AM	Birthday Intention for Rozanne – (Marsha & Barry)
		7:00PM	+ Regis Bender – (Rose Obarsky)
WED	09/24	9:00AM	+ Arlene Kuzma – (Sister, Teresa)
		7:00PM	+ James & Margaret Murray – (Children)
THUR	09/25	9:00AM	+ Pete Vizza – (Tom Dadey)
		7:00PM	+Betty Dukery – (Beverly Bross)
FRI	09/26	9:00AM	+ Daniel Hutchison– (Joanne Cynar)
		7:00PM	+ (A) Anthony Petrore – (M/M John Rok & Family)
SAT	09/27	9:00AM	+ John Pencola – (Wife, Palma)
		4:00PM	+ Stella David – (Family)
		7:00PM	+Barry Harrington – (Regina Straw)
SUN	09/28	7:30AM	+ (A) George Seigh – (Son, Mike & Kim)
		10:30AM	+ Betty Dukery – (Tom Dadey)
		2:00PM	+Pro Populo
		7:00PM	+Brian Bambino – (Donald Bambino)



Sunday, Sept 21, 2025



Stewardship Reflections: After today's readings, we can't say we have not been warned about the dangers of mixed-up priorities. God's Word is so very clear today on the necessity of putting Him first in all areas of our lives.

What can we learn from the curious parable to help us avoid the worldly thinking condemned in our First Reading, and give ourselves away as Jesus did as is described in our Second Reading? We know this 'bad steward' was clever and energetic. He put thought, prudence, and creativity into the plans he made for his self-serving ends and carried out his plans with great success.

What if we put that kind of effort into our own tasks as good stewards of all God's gifts to us? Into our ministries, into the ways we could make more time for prayer as individuals, as couples, as families, and as a parish? What if we got as creative as the 'bad steward' in the use of our finances so that we could give more generously to the poor and the advancement of God's kingdom on earth? That's our lesson and our challenge.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(Sept 13th & Sept 14th 2025)

Weekly	\$ 2,995.00
Building Fund	\$ 130.00
Fuel	\$ 475.00



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.
You can buy your tickets before Mass or you can stop by the rectory during normal business hours
Mon -Fri 9-2
If you are able to sell a few tickets to your co-workers or family members stop by the office and pick up some tickets to sell for your church. The sellers gets \$100.00



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

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

Mass Schedule -
Weekday Masses at 9AM and 7PM; Saturday Masses at 9AM, 4PM, and 7PM;
Sunday Masses at 7:30AM, 10:30AM, and 7:00PM.
Sunday, Sept 28th at 2PM Anointing of the sick

Volunteers Needed to deliver Novena Roses -
Please consider helping by delivering 1 or 2 roses to our Homebound parishioners at the close of the Novena? Flowers will be available on Wednesday, Oct 1st. Please call the office (Mon -Fri 9-2 814-539-7633) if you can spare an hour of your time and brighten up someone day.



2025 Catholic Ministries Drive

This year, we invite you to be part of something bigger than yourself. Your donation helps ensure that our parishes, schools, and outreach programs continue to thrive and serve with compassion. Whether it is a child discovering Christ in a classroom, a future seminarian answering God's vocation call to the priesthood, or a family receiving hope during hardship - you make it possible. We would like to thank the 61 families who have pledged a total of **\$12,065.00** towards our target amount of **\$25,800.** Please prayerfully consider making a pledge according to your means so we will be able to reach that target. You have until Dec 31st 2025 to pay your pledge in full.
All funds over our target goal will be returned to St. Therese Parish, and put toward a newer truck for the church.

OKTOBERFEST 2025

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)



Families and the Gospel -(Luke 16:1-13)
Despite all our time saving gadgets, we still have less leisure and family time. To solve this, we created the Myth of Quality Time. Do not be fooled: Quality Time is Quantity Time. Jesus counsels us today, we "cannot serve two masters" and expect to be happy. Dedicate time to your family. No one in their final hours regretted not spending more time at work.



Looking for new Choir Members...

Anyone interested in joining the Senior Choir? We would be happy to have you!!
Choir practice is on Monday's at 7PM. Also, we are looking for an additional organist. If you are interested and have any questions, please call Barb @ 255-6563.

Community News & Events



Fall Basket Party

Basket Party St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will have a Walk-Thru Basket Party the weekends of **September 27th -28th and October 4th -5th**, noon-5pm daily. Tickets are \$5 for 25 tickets. The drawing will be broadcast live via their Facebook page They will also be offering a limited take-out menu and homemade baked goods, while supplies last.



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH will have a Fish Fry on Fri., Sept. 26 at their Activity Center, corner of D Street and Barron Avenue. A LUNCH SPECIAL (Fried Fish Sandwich and French Fries, no substitutions) will be offered from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM. The full menu will be served from 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM, eat in or take out. Orders for lunch and dinner will be taken from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM the day of the fish fry by calling 814-5393518. We welcome walk-ins but strongly suggest that orders be placed in advance. There will also be a bake sale as well as gobs. Meals will be served while supplies last.

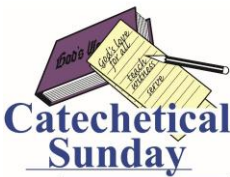
JUBILEE 2025 Pilgrims of Hope Ecumenical Choral Concert

You and your friends are invited to Saint John Gualbert Cathedral, Johnstown for a Jubilee Expression of Music at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, Oct 5th The choirs featured will be: Diocesan High School Choir: featuring students from Bishop Carroll, Bishop Guilfoyle and Bishop McCort; Westmont Presbyterian Choir, Greater Johnstown Community Choir and Greater Johnstown Diocesan Festival Choir. Before and following the concert In the Zion Lutheran Hall next door you can view the Expressions of Hope Art and Photo display and refreshments

Pilgrimage to Washington, DC to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception - October 17, 2025. The cost of the Bus is \$50.00 per person and includes the tip for the bus driver. The bus will depart at EXACTLY 6:30 AM from the HOME DEPOT parking lot, Galleria Extension Drive in Johnstown. ONLY 3 BUSES with 150 SEATS are available. Reservations will be taken on a first come first serve basis. To reserve a seat (s) and make payment to Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, please call Catherine Bennett, Secretary at 814-536-6110, x1. You are advised to CARPOOL to the HOME DEPOT because of limited parking. More information and an itinerary for the day will be distributed closer to the event. Please call as soon as possible because seats will fill up fast and these are the only buses reserved for the Johnstown area

Prayer for our Catechists

Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy.



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