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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 28, 2025

FIRST READING: Woe to the complacent. Their wanton revelry shall be done away with (Amos 6:1a, 4-7).

PSALM: Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

SECOND READING: Compete well for the faith. Keep the commandment until the appearance of the Lord Jesus (1 Timothy 6:11-16).

GOSPEL: The parable of Lazarus and the rich man (Luke 16:19-31).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: CARE FOR EACH OTHER

Don't delude yourselves, Jesus says through the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. We really are supposed to care for others. It is not enough to go to Mass and occasionally serve at a parish or outreach function. We cannot remain complacent and consider ourselves followers of Jesus. No matter how much or how little material wealth we have, we always have something to give—our time and attention, care, and, when possible, our money. The way we treat and care for others, especially the poor and vulnerable, is the manner in which we show our love of God. As disciples, we must “pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.” Jesus calls us to see and respond to the least among us, because, as God’s children, we are all part of one another. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	09/29	
TUES	09/30	
WED	10/01	Closing of the Novena
THURS	10/02	11:30AM Christian Mothers Rosary, Mass & Meeting
FRI	10/03	
SAT	10/04	3:00PM Confession
NEXT SUN	10/05	1:00PM KOC Gun Bash St Andrews



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Sept 29th – Oct 5th)

MON	09/29	9:00AM	+ (WA) Bob & Bea Macey – (Family)
		7:00PM	+ Toni Harrington – (Rose Reese)
TUES	09/30	9:00AM	+ Julia Skala– (Husband Casey & Joni)
		7:00PM	Special Intention for Rozanne – (Marsha & Barry)
WED	10/01	9:00AM	For the Intentions of Sr. Marie Therese
		7:00PM	+ Betty Rozich Kinnel – (Diane Taylor)
THUR	10/02	7:50AM	+ M/M Joseph Cisz – (Daughter, Joan)
		12:00PM	+ Christian Mothers
FRI	10/03	7:50AM	Special Intention of Zak Marshall– (Family)
SAT	10/04	4:00PM	+ Bernard Conway – (Family)
SUN	10/05	7:30AM	+ Daniel Hutchison – (Beverly Dawson)
		10:30AM	+ Tom & Verna Furnari – (Tom & MaryAnn Furnari)



Sunday, Sept 28, 2025



Stewardship Reflections: Our Lord Himself gives us a very clear illustration of the urgency for us to put our powers to good use in today's Gospel Passage from Luke. He tells the rather chilling parable of the rich man who ignored poor Lazarus during their lifetimes. At the moment of the rich man's death, he goes down to the netherworld while Lazarus is taken to the eternal joy and comfort in the bosom of Abraham. The rich man keenly regrets his complacency towards the needs of Lazarus, but it is too late for regret. His choices have played out and now the rich man will face the consequences of his failure to use the gifts God gave him.

We have all been given power by God, in the form of our time, talents and treasure. Today's readings remind us to use that power for great good, and not let it go to waste.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(Sept 20th & Sept 21st 2025

Weekly	\$ 3,060.00
Building Fund	\$ 10.00
Fuel	\$ 155.00



Sincere Condolences - The St. Therese Community would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of **David Gates** who was called to his eternal reward this past week. May God grant His eternal rest to **David** and peace and consolation to her family. David was the father of Amanda Oswalt.



Special congratulations to the following who are celebrating their anniversary at the Anniversary Liturgies at St. Johns Gualbert Cathedral today Sunday September 28th

- Tom & Michelle Beblar - 40th
- Edward & MaryClaire Furman - 55th
- George & MaryAnn Horbal - 50th
- Brian & Eve Mikolich - 10th
- Todd & Amanda - 25th
- Daniel & Dianne Seminsky 40th

CONGRATULATIONS

May God Bless you all with many more years together!!

Novena to Honor St. Therese of the Child Jesus continues this week with daily masses at 9AM and 7PM. The Novena will close at the 7PM Mass on Wednesday, **Oct 1st**

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

St. Therese's Mass of Anointing of the Sick - This sacrament of the sick will be celebrated during a Mass, **TODAY, Sept 28th** at 2PM at St. Therese. Anointing is intended for those faithful whose health is impaired by sickness or age. Physical, emotional, or spiritual illnesses are opportunities to celebrate this sacrament. Pews will be reserved in the front of the church for those who are unable to walk up to the altar.

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.



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**



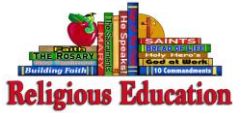
Blessing of Animals...In keeping with the Franciscan tradition, the Blessing of Animals will take place on Saturday morning, **Oct 4th at 10:00AM** in front of the Grotto. All are welcome!!

Christian Mothers will hold their Monthly Rosary, Mass & Meeting on Thursday, Oct 2nd starting at 11:30AM.

Holy Name Society will hold their monthly meeting on next **Wednesday, Oct 8th** at 6PM in the Church Hall.



KOC Council #10409 - This month's meeting will be held this **Wednesday, Oct 8th** at 7PM in the Church Hall.



TODAY, Sunday Sept 28th at 9AM CCD students should report to the Church. Respected classrooms are as follows:
1st Grade - Rectory
2nd Grade - Chapel
3rd & 4th Grade - Rectory Fr's Office
5th & 6th Grade - Dining Room rectory
7th & 8th Grade - Classroom above Chapel
9th & 10th Grade - Church Hall
11th Grade - Rectory Lounge

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!)



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

PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE -
Pigs In Blanket
Wednesday Oct 8th - 9:00AM -
Steam Cabbage
Thursday, Oct 9th - 9AM Make Pigs



A BIG THANK-YOU to all who helped with the piroghi project last week. I was surprised how fast the day went! We have a **GREAT CREW!!** This project would not be possible without all of your help. Thanks to all who made the delicious food and baked goods, and for all who donated to the project. **We truly have the BEST Volunteers ever!!**



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.



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

3rd Annual

Bingo

Night

Tickets \$30

BINGO GO

Saturday, October 11th

Bishop McCort Student Union Center
25 Osborne Street

DOORS OPEN AT 4:30PM - 9PM/ TICKETS \$30
Includes: Dinner from Flair of Country /Adult & Soft Beverages
6 Cards / 20 Regular Games
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE:
BINGO SPECIALS • PULL TABS • 50/50 • BASKET CHANCES



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.

Chicken BBQ

SS Gregory & Barnabas

Sunday, Oct 5th

11-2PM or until sold out

BBQ Chicken-Pickup

\$12 a plate which include:

$\frac{1}{2}$ chicken, baked potato, baked beans, roll.
120 Boltz St.

Preorders: Meals may be reserved at
814-342-2987

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

The West End Improvement Group will the Annual Basket Party. This year will be a 2-day event, with a Walk-Through on Saturday, **November 1 ,2025, 1-4PM.** Tickets are \$5. Saturday will also include baked goods for sale, including gobs.

Sunday, Nov 2, doors will open at 11AM, drawing will begin at 1PM. Tickets are \$10.00 which includes lunch.

This year will include qualifiers/pull-tabs, in addition to 50/50, Lottery Tree, etc and over 135 baskets. You need not be present to win.

Please join us at St Therese Social Hall. Proceeds benefit surveillance camera upgrades, flowers, garden, and community project. Any questions or to donate a basket, please call 814-248-8989 or 814-322-5558

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST

DOING FOR OTHERS IS DOING FOR CHRIST!

Benefits Laurel Highland's Alzheimer's Foundation. October is Alzheimer's and Dementia Awareness Month. This organization provides respite home care, a support group for patients and caregivers, and free early dementia screenings.

DATE: Sunday, October 5, 2025!

PLACE: St. Benedict Church School Cafeteria

TIME: 8:30 A.M. -11:00 A.M.

MENU: Scrambled eggs, ham, bacon, sausage, breakfast potatoes, toast, Waffles, Pancakes, Pumpkin Pancakes (Strawberry and Apple Compote), Sausage Gravy and biscuits, **And new** Egg Muffins (various kinds)! Meal includes choice of coffee, tea, milk (white or chocolate) or juice.

COST: Adults \$10.00 - Children 6-12 \$5.00

Children 5 and under are FREE!

Immediate family members of four or more \$30.

Mastercard and Visa accepted!

We will also be selling Apple Dumplings after all masses while supplies last!

**PLEASE JOIN US AND BRING A NEW FRIEND!
THE GREATER THE ATTENDANCE, THE
GREATER THE DONATION!**

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 are

Families and the Gospel -(Luke 16: 19-31)

In today's gospel the rich man died and was condemned to "a place of torment" because he ignored the poor. He asked Lazarus to go and warn his five brothers to change their ways. Evidently ignoring the poor was a family pattern. Is your family sensitive to the poor?

