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September 21, 2025

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Scripture Readings

FIRST READING: The Lord never forgets the sins of those who take advantage of the poor

(Amos 8:4-7)

<u>PSALM:</u> 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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LIITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS

<u>5:30PM Saturday, Sept 27th 9:00 AM Sunday, Sept 28th</u> Lector: Volunteer Linda Lopez

Mass Intentions for the Week: (Sept 22nd - Sept 28^{tht})

MON 09/22 7:00AM... + William Blum - (Thien & Ngoan Tran)

TUES 09/23 7:00AM... + Elizabeth Dukery – (Family)

WED 09/24 7:00AM.....For Living & Deceased Members of the Kamnikar/Gardil Family - (Family)

THURS 09/25 7:00AM... + (A) Michael Thomas - (Grandchildren)

FRI 09/26 7:00AM... + Martin & Matilda Simcic

SAT 09/27 5:30PM.....**Pro Populo**

SUN 09/28 9:00AM... + Holy Souls in Purgatory - (Bob Kuhns)

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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 September 13^{th &} 14th, 2025

Weekly	\$ 1,214.00
Monthly	\$ 105.00
Poor Box	\$ 16.00
Building Fund	\$ 10.00
Catholic University	\$ 51.00
Ret Priests Medical	\$ 30.00

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



St Therese is selling tickets 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 ticket.



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.



2025 Catholic Ministries Drive Follow Me.

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. Thank you to the families who have pledged as of August 31st a total of \$6,345 (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



Novena to Honor St. Therese of the Child Jesus

Opens on **Tuesday**, **Sept 23**rd and will end on **Wednesday**, **Oct 1**st, 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



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

Catholic University of America Collection --

Thank you for your generous support during the last week of the collection for The Catholic University of America that helps support Catholic education and form tomorrow's Catholic leaders. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give!

Family Perspective 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. Don't 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.

Community News & Events

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

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.



HITMIX MUSIC BINGO – Will be held on Saturday, November 8th at St. Francis Activity Center at 134 Barron Avenue. Doors open at 5:00PM with first game beginning at 7:00PM. Tickets are \$20 each and incudes food and non-alcoholic beverages, one bingo card for each game, and cash prizes every half hour. Also available for purchase are extra bingo cards, Qualifiers, 50/50, chances on baskets and \$10 beer bracelets. Cash bar. NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL PERMITTED. Tickets will be available after September 13th. Must be 18 or older to participate! Please contact Fran King at 814-536-3667

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

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST ON OCT 5, 2025 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 - Children 6-12 \$5 Children 5 and under are FREE! Immediate family members of four or more \$30. Mastercard and Visa accepted!

We will once again 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!