# ST. ANNE'S CHURCH

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# September 7, 2025

### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## **Today's Scripture Readings**

**FIRST READING:** Who can ever know God's counsel unless God gives wisdom and sends the

Holy Spirit from on high? (Wisdom 9:13-18b).

**PSALM:** In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge (Psalm 90).

**SECOND READING:** Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus, not as a slave but

as a brother (Philemon 9-10, 12-17).

**GOSPEL:** To be a disciple of Jesus one must carry one's own cross and renounce all

possessions (Luke 14:25-33).

#### **LITURGICAL REFLECTION:** LIMITS

Today's readings continue the theme of humility explored last Sunday. All three readings today encourage us to admit that we have limits, and God has none. The poignant poetry of Wisdom resonates with all of us who have ever struggled for peace in situations we cannot control: "For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns." Saint Paul recognizes his own limitations, both physically (he is in prison) and spiritually: he cannot compel his friend to obey his wishes; he can only propose his request and respect Philemon's free will. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that God alone can complete the good we wish to do in the world. While we thank God for the gifts we receive—and the families we love—we acknowledge that they are temporary, and humbly cling to God. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

#### **LIITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS**

<u>5:30PM</u> Saturday, Sept 13<sup>th</sup>
Lector: Volunteer <u>9:00 AM</u> Sunday, Sept 14<sup>th</sup>
Lector: Kevin Houghton

## Mass Intentions for the Week: (Sept 8th - Sept 14th)

MON 09/08 7:00AM... + Stanley Waltos - (Ron & Mary Lou Gelles)

TUES 09/09 7:00AM... + Michael F. Omahne, Jr. - (Thien & Ngoan Tran)

WED 09/10 7:00AM... + Martin & Matilda Simcic

THURS 09/11 7:00AM... + For Deceased Members of the family of Mrs. Cirila Graicar

FRI 09/12 7:00AM... + Rosalie Verhovsek - (Ester & Hank Hughes)

SAT 09/13 5:30PM... + Philip Scott - (Carol & Barb Visnarsky)

SUN 09/14 9:00AM.....Christian Mothers

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#### **Stewardship Reflections:**

Today's readings make very clear the demands that will be made of those wanting to be called disciples of Christ. We must be prepared to give our all to Him. But in the end, the life of discipleship - the stewardship way of life - is the only life that can truly satisfy.

He knows that if we do not live with great intentionality - putting Him first before all else - we will easily be swallowed up by the earthly cares that weigh us down - our material things, our status, and our egos. He knows that these things cannot satisfy us. He knows this because He is our Maker, and He made us for more.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS August 30th & 31st, 2025

Weekly	\$ 1,406.00
Monthly	\$ 55.00
Poor Box	\$ 76.00
Assumption	\$ 20.00
Building Fund	\$ 5.00
Flowers	\$ 15.00
Fuel/Heat	\$ 5.00

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



## **Christian Mothers Mass & Meeting** will be held next Sunday, Sept 14th. Please mark your calendars.

Everyone is welcome.



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.



## Congratulations to the winners of the St Anne's Christian Mothers **Labor Day Ticket!!**

**Dave Forosisky** (Winner) #762 #761 **Benita Socha** (#below) **#763 Rick Weaver** (#above)

Thank you to all who purchased and supported us!



Congratulations to **Delores Shank**, the "Winner of the St. Therese Christian Mothers Labor Day Ticket." Winning number drawn on Monay evening pick 3 was **762**. Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket. Congratulations Dee!

Next weekend the diocese will take up the National collection for The Catholic University of **America** Catholic University is a national research university in the heart of Washington, D.C. with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs. By giving to the collection, you are supporting future Catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-rooted education. Visit collection.catholic.edu to learn more

## **Community News & Events**

**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 Church1621 Ferndale Ave. Light Refreshments to follow in School Hall Contact for more Info: Cathy (814)288-1126



#### **Family Perspective**

Luke 14: 25 - 33

Today's gospel is clear: commitment to another involves sacrifice. Before we accept a commitment such as marriage or parenting, we must plan carefully like the king in today's gospel. These are serious commitments which demand complete selfgiving and are not for the faint hearted or selfish.