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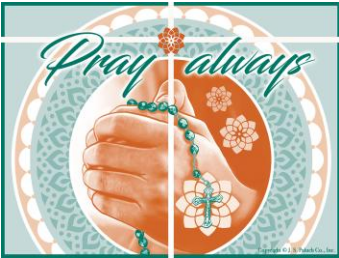
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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 19, 2025

FIRST READING: As long as Moses’ hands were kept uplifted, Joshua and his men had the better part of the battle with Amalek (Exodus 17:8-13).

PSALM: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth (Psalm 121).

SECOND READING: Remain faithful; proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or not (2 Timothy 3:14 — 4:2).

GOSPEL: God will secure the rights of the chosen who call out day and night (Luke 18:1-8).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: PERSISTENCE

Exodus recounts the journey of the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt to the land promised to their ancestors. It was not an easy journey. In today’s reading, they are attacked by Amalek and his soldiers, members of one of the peoples who live in the land through which the Israelites are traveling. Moses was on the hilltop with his arms raised to invoke the LORD’s assistance in the battle below, a powerful illustration of the LORD’s favor upon Israel. If the soldiers were to lift up their eyes to that hill (see Psalm 121:1), they would be reassured by Moses’s presence and posture. Paul urges the Thessalonians to persist in proclaiming the gospel, and Jesus likewise commends the widow for her persistence in pursuit of the justice due her. Whether they preach or pray, the followers of Jesus need persistence through periods of difficulty. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	10/19	
MON	10/20	
TUES	10/21	
WED	10/22	
THURS	10/23	
FRI	10/24	
SAT	10/25	3:00PM Confession
NEXT SUN	10/26	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Oct 20th – Oct 26th)

MON	10/20	7:50AM	+ Anna Seminsky – (David Radnotti)
TUES	10/21	7:50AM	+ (B) Jane Bross – (Christian Mothers)
WED	10/22	7:50AM	+ (A) Jerry Maser – (Chuck DiFalco)
THUR	10/23	7:50AM	+ (B) Sonja Girgos (2years) – (Husband, John)
FRI	10/24	7:50AM	+ (B) Bea Macy – (Family)
SAT	10/25	4:00PM	+ (A) James & Margaret Murray – (Children)
SUN	10/26	7:30AM	+ (A) Bill Labuda – (Daughter, Marie & Paul Nikonow)
		10:30AM	+ (B) Charles Karalfa – (Wife, Donna & Children)



Sunday, Oct 19, 2025



Stewardship Reflections: The four pillars of parish stewardship are hospitality, prayer, formation, and service. They are intentionally presented in this order, with the idea that we cannot expect people to respond to calls to increase their prayer life, their formation, and their service within and outside the parish, if they do not first feel welcomed and valued through the warmth of hospitality. It just makes good sense.

However, those who are already well-versed in the spirituality and practicalities of stewardship, know well that stewardship cannot succeed unless it is steeped in prayer. Today's readings show us the immense value of prayer and the privileged place it must have in our individual lives and in our parish community.

Our job, as Christian stewards, is simply to remain faithful to our relationship with God through prayer. We should prioritize the Scriptures as a source of prayer, and we must lean on each other in our communities - family and parish - as we support each other in prayer. A strong pillar of prayer will make all our other stewardship efforts fruitful.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(Oct 11th & Oct 12th 2025)

Weekly \$ 2,905.00
Building Fund \$ 106.00



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 77 families who have pledged a total of **\$14,385.00** 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.



Congratulations to the lucky winners of all the wonderful baskets and prizes!

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! -- to everyone who made all the Beautiful Basket, gave a monetary, and/or Gift Card donations for the Wheel Raffle and the Basket Raffle. Our Oktoberfest would not be a success without all your donations.
We would also like to thank the following for all their hard work and not only for the weekend but for the week leading up to it:

First and for most all the volunteers who made all the food, everything was Delicious! I heard more than once "Just like my mom used to make"(what a compliment to the cooks), To the apple strudel peelers and cooks, everyone who baked those scrumptious pies, those that bartended, cashiered, sold tickets, bingo sellers, Marilyn and Anne the "Bankers" who keep all the money straight, volunteers that helped clean up, "The Gina's" & crew for manning the basket drawing and calling all the winners, that's an undertaking on its own, to the monetary donors (you know who you are), and for everyone that donated soda & water, **THANK YOU** and last but certainly not least to the kitchen staff, you guys are awesome!

You truly are the BEST!! And we greatly appreciated everything you do. I would also like to give a special THANKS to some of the youth from our Parish that came out and volunteered. Serving food, running baskets, cleaning dishes, etc.
You guys did a great job!



World Mission Month: A Call to Hope

On behalf of the missionary men and women serving in over 1,150 mission territories, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support on World Mission Sunday. Your contributions ensure that the Gospel continues to spread hope, love and salvation to those in need.

Community News & Events



St Clement Church-PANCAKE BREAKFAST PLUS: BASKET RAFFLE AND BAKE SALE!

Saturday, November 1st 7:00AM - 12 Noon
ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES!

Adults \$8.00 Children 12 & under \$5.00

Have a delicious breakfast of pancakes and sausage, then try your luck at our Basket Auction! Ticket sales for the Basket Auction will be from 7:00AM-11:00AM. We will start pulling winners at approximately 11:15AM.

Grab some tasty treats at our Bake Sale to take home!

EAT PANCAKES. WIN BIG. REPEAT.

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

St. John Gualbert

Spaghetti Dinner & Basket Party:

Spaghetti Dinner & Basket Party Fundraiser will be held on **Sunday, November 2nd, 2025** at the **St. John Gualbert Activities Center.** The doors will open at 11AM and we will serve the dinners until 3PM. The cost is: Adults \$10.00. Kids ages 4-12 \$7.00, those 3 and under are served free! We do have take outs available. lots of prizes with the baskets and 50/50 tickets all for sale at the party that day but you do not need to be present to win! For event tickets, you can reach out to Gloria Stephens at (814)418-0270, Charlotte Amenti at (814)322-2168 or the rectory office (814)536-0117



ST. JUDE TRIDUUM

St Clements Church annual St. Jude Triduum, Patron Saint of hopeless or impossible causes, will be held on Tuesday, October 28th, Wednesday, October 29th, and Thursday, October 30th. Starting at 6:30PM

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Next Service Project:

St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen

231 Bedford St

Johnstown 15901

(814-539-7811

Tuesday Oct. 28th

11am to approximately 1:00pm

We will be Serving Others...

Come join us in Merciful Service!

ALWAYS a GREAT time!!!

Info: Cathy 814-288-1126 or Lolly 814-659-8717

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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 includes 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