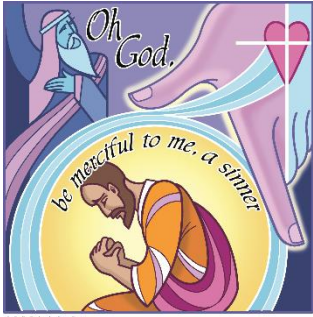


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October 26, 2025 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today’s Scripture Readings

- FIRST READING:** The LORD is a God of justice who hears the cry of the oppressed, the orphan, the widow, the lowly (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18).
- PSALM:** The Lord hears the cry of the poor (Psalm 34).
- SECOND READING:** The crown of righteousness awaits me (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18).
- GOSPEL:** The tax collector stood at a distance, beat his breast, and prayed, “O God, be merciful to me, a sinner” (Luke 18:9-14).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: MADE RIGHT BEFORE GOD
Although the opening lines of today’s first reading claim that the Lord “knows no favorites” (Sirach 35:15) and is “not unduly partial toward the weak” (35:16), the remainder of the passage makes it clear that the Lord does indeed pay special attention to the weak, the oppressed, and the orphans and widows. The psalmist reiterates: “The Lord hears the cry of the poor” (see Psalm 34:18). In the Gospel, Jesus claims that a tax collector is more justified in his prayer for mercy than the Pharisee, whose prayer was an account of his own righteous deeds. Jesus’ point could not have been clearer: tax collectors in the Jewish society of Jesus’ day were not just lowly; they were considered outcasts and cheaters. They collected taxes for the hated Romans and almost certainly collected enough to assure a generous income for themselves. Tax collectors were among society’s outcasts; didn’t this one just admit his own sinfulness? How could a tax collector be “justified” (that is, made right) before God, while the Pharisee was not? Why would God even listen to the prayer of a tax collector? This surely was a surprise, upsetting common assumptions about righteousness. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LIITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS

5:30PM	Saturday, Nov 1st	9:00 AM	Sunday, Nov 2nd
Lector:	Ed Olshefski	Lector:	Pat Wess

Mass Intentions for the Week: (Oct 27th – Nov 2nd)

MON	10/27	7:00AM. . . + (B) Matilda Holtzman – (Eleanor & Family)
TUES	10/28	7:00AM. NO MORNING MASS
WED	10/29	7:00AM. NO MORNING MASS
THURS	10/30	7:00AM. . . + UPJ Coach Pasquale “Pat” Pecora – (Thien & Ngoan Tran)
FRI	10/31	7:00AM. . . + Rosalie Verhovsek – (Ester & Hank Hughes)
SAT	11/01	5:30PM. . . +Michael Beblar – (Sons, Joseph & Jacob)
SUN	11/02	9:00AM. . . +All Soul’s Day Triduum

Stewardship Reflections:

One of the wonderful aspects of stewardship spirituality is its balanced approach to all areas of life. We see this balance in play as we continue to explore the Pillar of Prayer. As stewards, aware of our total dependence on God for everything, we come to Him in awe and gratitude. At the same time, we approach God with an awareness of the great dignity He has given us, creating us in His own image and likeness and calling us to join Him in the work of advancing His kingdom.

In last week’s readings, we were encouraged to remain persistent and constant in our prayer life. Today, we focus on the proper attitude of a steward at prayer. We learn that a particular attitude in our approach to prayer will make our prayer lives more effective: “the prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal.” When we pray with a humble attitude, God will respond.

The good steward knows he needs God, and that God has chosen to need him in advancing the Kingdom. His prayers pierce the clouds and God is glorified!



Young Adult Group (18-39): Our next Theology on Tap is Wednesday October 29th at the Boulevard Grill at 6pm with Fr. Richard Tomkoski speaking on All Souls, All Saints, and Purgatory. We are hosting our first Trivia Night on November 14th at 6pm at the Catholic War Vets. We are already scheduling speakers into 2026 including Religious and Diocesan Priests, Laypeople, Religious Sisters, and even an Archbishop! All young adults (18-39) and families with their children are invited to join us for faith and fellowship! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.



**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, but you should stay for the basket party fun - 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



**Don't Forget the annual
Free Spaghetti Dinner** – is happening TODAY at 12:30PM, **Don't Miss It!!!**



Please Note: There will be no morning Mass on Tuesday, Oct 28th and Wednesday, Oct. 29th. Fr. Bernard will be attending a meeting of all Diocesan priests.



All Soul's Day (Nov 2) – There will be a three (3) day Triduum beginning Sunday, Nov 2nd. Envelopes can be found in your box and there are extra envelopes in the back of the church for anyone wishing to have their deceased family members or loved ones remembered during the month of November.



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

**Daylight Savings Time Ends Next
Saturday. Nov 1st**

Be sure to turn your clocks back one-hour next Saturday night!!!



**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