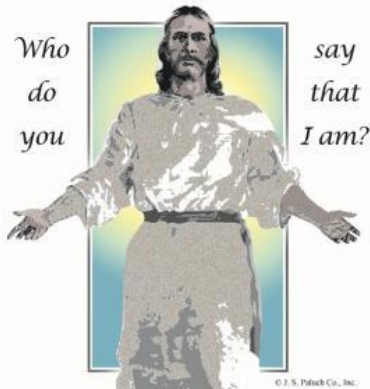


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August 23, 2026

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).

PSALM: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138).

SECOND READING: How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).

GOSPEL: Jesus asked the disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” Peter replied, “You are the Christ” (Matthew 16:13-20).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: TRUST

Keys hold great significance for those who carry them. They represent the trust and authority of the owner when given to another person. We may give our house key to a trusted friend to take care of our matters while we are away. We may give keys to someone responsible for maintaining or working in a particular building. Keys to vehicles are given to people who have proven themselves responsible drivers. The readings today focus on this kind of trust—the trust that conveys authority and responsibility. In the first reading, the symbol is specifically that of a key; but the second reading and the Gospel also speak of trust and leadership as they refer to the earthly church that Jesus established.

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS

5:30PM	Saturday, Aug 29th	9:00 AM	Sunday, Aug 30th
Lector:	Volunteer	Lector:	Linda Lopez

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK -- (August 24th – August 30th)

MON	8/24	7:00AM. . . + Living & Deceased Benefactors & the Franciscan Community
TUES	8/25	7:00AM. . . + Catherine & Stephen Tavalisky – (Son, Joe Tavalisky)
WED	8/26	7:00AM. . . + (A) Fr. Jerome– (St. Anne’s Parish Family)
THURS	8/27	7:00AM. . . + Matilda & Martin Simcic
FRI	8/28	7:00AM. . . + Bob Verhovsek – (Ester & Hank Hughes)
SAT	8/29	5:30PM. . . + Ag Markum – (Bill & Pam Moot)
SUN	8/30	9:00AM . . . Pro Populo

Stewardship Reflections:

Our readings today reveal beautiful truths about our God, and they challenge us to look at the truth about ourselves as well. Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, leads us to take a serious look at whether our lives give God the glory He deserves. It comes in the form of a question that Jesus poses to the disciples. He leads up to it gently enough: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they offer varying responses. Then, Jesus gets personal with them, "But who do you say I am?" Peter gets the answer right, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus is getting personal with us today. He poses the same question to each one of us who call ourselves His stewards and modern-day disciples. Surely, we would not hesitate to answer just as Peter did, that Jesus is the Christ, Son of the living God. But do our lives truly reflect this answer?

The gifts and blessings that God has given us – our time, our talents, our material possessions – are meant to be used in a manner that says "Christ is my Savior and I am His disciple." The most eloquent praise we can offer Him is a life lived in grateful response to His unfathomable love. This is the beauty and power of a stewardship way of life.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
Aug 8th & 9th, 2026

Weekly	\$ 1,682.00
Monthly	\$ 70.00
Assumption	\$ 275.00
Poor Box	\$ 140.00
Building Fund	\$ 5.00
Flowers	\$ 15.00
All Saints	\$ 5.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 5.00
Christmas	\$ 20.00

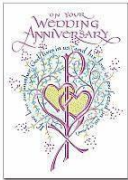
Thank you for your continued support of St. Anne's Parish! Please remember in your prayers the deceased parishioners and benefactors of our parish. God Bless!



Catholic Ministries
DRIVE

Thank you to the 29 families who have pledged as of July 31st. Saint Peter teaches us, "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10). Fr Bernards hope is for an **increased parishioner participation**; we are currently at **32.95%**. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge according to your means. You have until Dec 31st 2026 to pay your pledge in full. **All monies over our goal will be returned to St. Anne Parish**

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. 9th, 3pm
St. Patrick's Church - 609 Park Ave.
Light Refreshments to follow in Church hal
Info: Cathy (814)287-1126 or Lolly (814)659-8717



Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating **1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2026** (and their families) to attend the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy**. Couples may attend Sunday, **September 13th** in **ALTOONA** at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, **September 20th** in **JOHNSTOWN** at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at **2:00 p.m.** Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. **Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Friday, September 11th.**

DIOCESAN FAMILY CONFERENCE CELEBRATING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE.

The diocesan family conference will be held on **Saturday, September 19th at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Ebensburg**. This conference has been designed for every generation, from young children and teens to parents, grandparents, clergy and parish leaders. This day includes the annual Men's and Women's Conferences, Shycon (also a discipleship event for Senior High Confirmation candidates) and Junior High Youth Day

This day-long event will offer inspiring keynote presentations, engaging break-out sessions, opportunities for prayer and fellowship, food and the Vigil Mass for Sunday. You may register online at: [dioceseaj.org](#) or copies of the registration booklet are available in the vestibule, or by contacting the parish office. Please also prayerfully consider being a Sponsor for this day. Information on the day and to be a sponsor are in the registration booklet. For additional information contact Francine Swope at fswope@dioceseaj.org OR (814)317-2646

St Matthew's Anglican Church
Spaghetti Dinner/ Basket Party
Saturday, Sept 5th
12:30-2:30 PM



St Therese Social Hall
 Includes Spaghetti Dinner & 25 Basket Tickets
 Cost \$15

Soft walk-through **Fri 4-7 Sept 4th**.
 hot dogs & snacks available for purchase.
 For tickets/information call
 Arlene 814-244-3863 or Denny 814-322-6631.



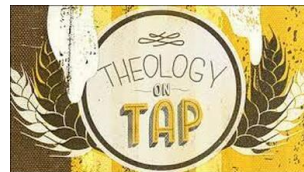
St. Elizabeth Ann Ston Basket Party is hosting a walk-through basket party on the weekends of Sept. 26 & 27 and Oct. 3 & 4 from 12:00pm-5:00pm. There will be no sit-down drawing in the Church Hall. The drawing will take place on SEAS' Facebook Live Sun. Oct 4th at 5pm. Please consider donating a wrapped basket(s), baskets should have a minimum value of \$25. Baskets may be dropped off at SEAS' church office from 7am-12pm Mon-Thur. or Sun. before Mass. Deadline for basket donations is September 23rd. In addition to the walk-through basket party, there will be a Takeout



HITMIX MUSIC BINGO -Will be held on **Saturday, August 29th** at St Therese Social hall, hosted by the Greater Johnstown Cheerleadering. Doors open at 5PM, Bingo starts at 6PM. \$25 entry fee includes 5 rounds of bingo, 50/50 and qualifiers will be sold. Food will be provided. **BYOB**
Get your tickets by calling Jackie at 814-418-8295 or tickets will be sold at the door.

Grief Support Group
You are not alone

Join our monthly support group and meet others who are going through similar things you are
 Everyone in the community is welcome!
 First Friday of Every Month
 Starting Friday, Sept 4th
 at 2PM 322 Warren St Suite 220
 for more information call
 814-262-8305
 Interim Healthcare Johnstown Hospice



Young Adult Group (18-39): We are welcoming Bishop Mark Bartchak as our next Theology on Tap on **August 26th** at the **Boulevard Grill at 6pm**. He will be speaking on 125 Years as a Diocese and be doing a question and answer. Our group continues to grow every month with attendance ranging from 30 to over 50 members per month. All young adults (18-39) are invited! There is no cost to attend. For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.



Pilgrimage to Padre Pio Shrine

Saint Andrew Catholic Church in Johnstown is organizing a pilgrimage on the feast day of Saint Padre Pio to the National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, PA on Wednesday September 23. We will plan to leave Saint Andrew Church parking lot by 6am and depart Barto at 3pm. Seats on the bus are \$55 and children are free.

We will participate in Mass celebrated with an auxiliary bishop of Philadelphia, Fr Crowe, and other priests present, outdoor procession with a statue of Padre Pio accompanied by the Italian Festival band, Confessions will also be available. We will be able to view many of Padre Pio's relics and learn more about his life. The Padre Pio Museum and Cultural center will be open for visits. A food truck will be available for lunch. We will stop for dinner on the way back home. The ticket price does not include food. Please sign up with the sign up sheet located at the St Andrew adoration chapel foyer. Signups are first come, first served, so sign up today!

Payment is due by September 7. This allows us to properly plan and pay for everything. If you would like to go but the cost of the ticket might be prohibitive, please do not let this stop you. Financial assistance may be available to help cover the cost of the ticket. Please contact Eileen Bohensky for more details or if you would like to sign up. Phone number: 814-893-5702.
 Email: ebohensky@comcast.net.