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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sept 27, 2026

FIRST READING: When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed
and do what is right, they shall surely live (Ezekiel 18: 25-28).

PSALM: Remember your mercies, O Lord (Psalm 25).

SECOND READING: Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interests,
but to the interests of others (Philippians 2: 1-11 [1-5]).

GOSPEL: Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead
of you (Matthew 21: 28-32).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: FAMILIAR INSIGHTS

Spiritual teachers tend to repeat themselves, and to repeat other teachers. Maybe there really aren't that many different truths to tell. Just a lot of slow, sleepy human beings—like us—who need to hear the basics over and over. Consider today's readings. People complain God isn't "fair," and Ezekiel answers that God is more than fair. People choose their own fates, and people can change. Even evildoers can turn, do right, and live. "Actions speak louder than words." A fresh new insight? Hardly. Paul tells the Philippians that he would truly be encouraged if those who claimed to be believers would, in fact, look to others' interests and not their own. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." A novel idea? I don't think so. In Jesus' story of the farmer and his sons, everyone knows that the one who said he wouldn't work—but did—is way ahead of the one who said he would work—but didn't. "Talk is cheap." Heard that before?

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WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	09/28	
TUES	09/29	
WED	09/30	
THURS	10/01	Closing of the Novena
FRI	10/02	
SAT	10/03	10:00AM Blessing of the Animals at the Grotto 3:00PM Confession
SUN	10/04	



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Sept 28th – Oct 4^h)

MON	09/28	9:00AM	For the Intentions of (B) Rev Mother John of the Cross
		7:00PM	+ Robert Ressler – (Brian & Theresa Subich)
TUES	09/29	9:00AM	+(WA) Bob & Bea Macy – (Children)
		7:00PM	+ Bill & Mary Catherine Brandle – (Daughter, Helen & Chuck)
WED	09/30	9:00AM	For the Intentions of Sister Celine of the Eucharist
		7:00PM	+ Dodie Delic Oldham – (Aunt Helen Delic)
THUR	10/01	9:00AM	+ Kevin Gritzer – (Mom & Dad)
		7:00PM	+ RoseMarie Mikesic – (Nicholas Mikesic)
FRI	10/02	7:50AM	+ Robert & Agnes Ressler – (A Friend)
SAT	10/03	4:00PM	+ William Kolega – (Wife, Dorothy, Daughter, Chris)
SUN	10/04	7:30AM	+ Mary Catherine & Andy Bicko – (Brother, Joe Tavalsky)
		10:30AM	+ Tom & Verna Furnari – (Son, Tom & Maryann)



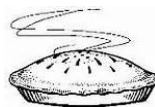
Sunday, Sept 27, 2026



OKTOBERFEST 2026

We are asking for and really do appreciate the following:

Theme Basket (at least \$30.00 in value) for the basket raffle. If Basket making is not your specialty you can make a monetary donation, we will make it for you!)



Bakers of the Parish-we are asking once again for your delicious homemade pies. St. Therese. Anointing is intended for those faithful whose health is impaired by sickness or age. Physical, emotional, or spiritual illnesses are opportunities to celebrate this sacrament. Pews will be reserved in the front of the church for those who are unable to walk up to the altar.



Blessing of Animals...In

keeping with the Franciscan tradition, the Blessing of Animals will take place on

Saturday morning, **Oct 3rd at 10:00AM** in front of the Grotto. All are welcome!!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Sept 19th – Sept 20th, 2026)

Weekly		\$ 3346.00
Building Fund		\$ 118.00
Fuel		\$ 160.00



Novena to Honor Saint Therese of the Child Jesus continues this week with daily masses at 9AM and 7PM. The Novena will close at the 7PM Mass on Thursday, **Oct 1st**

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 27th at 2PM Anointing of the sick

St. Therese's Mass of Anointing of the Sick -

This sacrament of the sick will be celebrated during a Mass, **TODAY, Sept 27th at 2PM.**

Anointing is intended for those faithful whose health is impaired by sickness or age. Physical, emotional, or spiritual illnesses are opportunities to celebrate this sacrament. Pews will be reserved in the front of the church for those who are unable to walk up to the altar.

A BIG THANK-YOU to all who helped with the piroghi project this past week. We have a **GREAT CREW!!** This project would not be possible without all of your help. Thanks to all who made the delicious food and baked goods, and for all who donated to the project. **We truly have the BEST Volunteers ever!!**

Community News & Events

Greater Johnstown Italian Day
Come and join us on **Sunday, Oct 4th at Windber, Recreational Park from 11Am- 6PM**
hosted by ISDA Lodge #214

Please come celebrate Italian heritage with food, music vendors, demonstrations, a car cruise-in and a kids area !
For more information join our facebook page

Young Adult Group (18-39): Our September Theology on Tap with Bishop Mark was our largest yet with almost 55 in attendance including new members. Our **September 30th** (6pm) speaker is Fr. Frank Scornaienchi, TOR, Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish and Provincial Superior for the TOR Franciscans, who will be speaking on 800 Years of Saint Francis. All young adults are invited to join us for faith and fellowship. There is no cost to attend. For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.co

