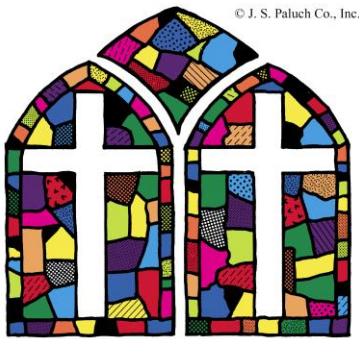


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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sept 6, 2026

FIRST READING: Warn the wicked, trying to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33: 7-9).

PSALM: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

SECOND READING: Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13: 8-10).

GOSPEL: If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted (Matthew 18: 15-20).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: A MESSAGE OF LOVE
In the final verses of today’s Gospel reading Jesus says that when two or three are gathered in his name, “there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20). So we understand that fraternal correction is always undertaken with Jesus present to us. Likewise, encouraging the good in others is not only the right thing for us to do, it is a necessity. The Lord tells the prophet Ezekiel that if he “does not speak out” to dissuade a person from evil, then he too will be held responsible. We live in a “do your own thing” age when moral objectivity is often ignored. Clearly when the message we share with others is one of love, our motives cannot ever be misinterpreted. As St. Paul writes, “Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law” (Romans 13:10).
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WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	09/07	Office closed to Observe Labor Day	
TUES	09/08		
WED	09/09		
THURS	09/10		
FRI	09/11		
SAT	09/12	3:00PM	Confession
SUN	09/13	9:00AM	First Day of CCD for all students



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Sept 7th – Sept 13th)

MON	9/07. 7:50AM.	+ Agnes Malysko – (Sister, Eileen Malysko)
TUES	9/08. 7:50AM.	+ (WA) John Cynar – (Wife, Joanne)
WED	9/09. 7:50AM.	+ Matilda Simcic – (Family)
THUR	9/10. 7:50AM	+ Martin Simcic – (Family)
FRI	9/11. 7:50AM	+ M/M Joseph Cisz – (Daughter, Joan)
SAT	9/12 4:00PM	+ Rose Marie Mikesic – (Husband, Edwin)
SUN	9/13. 7:30AM.	+ Barbara Bracken – (Jane & Theresa Pfaller)
	. . . 10:30AM.	+ Holy Name

Sunday, Sept 6, 2026

Stewardship Reflections: Today's readings are all about relationships. Among the many lessons we have learned as a result of the global pandemic is the deep importance of the relationships and communities in our lives. Our families, our neighbors, our friends, and our parish family need us and we need them - not just for survival, but to be our best selves, and to help each other on the path to heaven.

Our readings today show us how we can be good stewards of these vital relationships, beginning with the first reading from the prophet Ezekiel. God says to Ezekiel, "I have appointed watchmen for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me." Because of our Baptism, we are all "watchmen" for one another. We have been given the gift of our Catholic faith and we have a responsibility to lovingly and generously share that gift. As Christian stewards, God has designed us in such a way that we must help each other on the journey towards heaven. Let us take care to steward our relationships well.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(August 29th - August 30th, 2026)

Weekly		\$ 3,388.00
Building Fund		\$ 155.00



Congratulations on the Blessing of Baptism
Bestowed on:

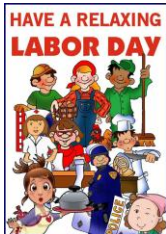
Matthew Brihart - Sept 23, 2018
Sean Sakmar - Sept 26, 2010

on that day you became a Son of God given eternal life & became a member of the Church and the flock of Jesus Christ. Thank God for your Baptism and celebrate.



Dates are set for the up-coming Religious Ed Classes. First Day will be held on **next Sunday, Sept 13th at 9AM**. Children will meet in the church at 9:00, then they will go to their class rooms.

The office will be closed Monday, Sept 7th to observe Labor Day.



Catholic Ministries
DRIVE

Thank you to the **74** families who have pledged as of July 31st a total of **\$11,945.00** towards our target amount of **\$23,100**. 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 parishioner participation; we are now at **31.49% parishioner participation**. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge according to your means. You have until Dec 31st 2026 to pay your pledge in full.

OKTOBERFEST 2026

Oktoberfest is will be here before you know it. 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!



\$5, \$10, & \$25 gift cards for the Wheel raffle (Saturday Night)



Next weekend , the Arch 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 DC, 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, from both religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-rooted education. The university's various research and trainginitatives support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. Please be as generous as your circumstances allow.



Sept 19th the Slavic Festival will be on our Church grounds, parking maybe a little tricky for 4PM Mass, Parking will be available just please allow yourself some extra time



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This anniversary offers us an opportunity to reflect the values of the God to whom we have given our allegiance. Let us remember those who were lost and memorialize this day by committing our lives to "the things that make for peace" — drawing closer to those who suffer, cultivating understanding in the midst of suspicion, finding truth in the arguments of those with whom we disagree, embracing some measure of personal sacrifice today to make a better world for our children and grandchildren tomorrow. Prayer the rosary for peace daily.

Community News & Events

The 11th Annual Johnstown Slavic Festival will be held here at St Therese. The festival will be on **Sept 18th & 19th**, with Friday hours being from 4-10PM and Saturday from noon - 9:30PM concluding with a firework display. The festival is free to attend and will feature Slavic music and dance groups from across the US.

The festival also hosts several educational lectures as well as cooking demonstrations all which are free to attend.

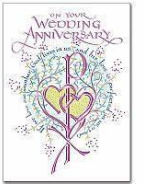
There will be numerous Slavic food vendors along with Slavic arts and crafts vendors.

For the first time ever, in conjunction with the community Arts Center, we will have a Slavic kids zone, which will teach and entertain children about the Slavic culture along with arts and crafts.

We will also have one ticketed event is a Pysanky Egg Painting class, attendees will have a hands on opportunity to learn how to make their own Pysanky eggs, by national expert, Carol Movosel. All materials are provided and you can purchase tickets on the Johnstown Slavic Festival

Facebook or at our website at <https://johnstownslavicfestival.org>

Families of the Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20
The key word in today's gospel is "listen." We cannot change another person; not alone, not with others and not with a whole Church. All we can do is state our position and "if he listens to you" then he / she can take the steps necessary to change themselves. Change comes from within



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.

You may register online at: dioceseaj.org or copies of the **registration booklet** are **available in the vestibule**, or by contacting the parish office.. For additional information contact Francine Swope at fswope@dioceseaj.org OR (814)317-2646.

**Cresson Catholic
Community Festival**

7911 Admiral Peary Hwy, Cresson

September 12, 2026
11 AM - 8 PM

Felix and the Hurricanes 1:00-4:00 PM
Strings Radio 4:30-7:30 PM

September 13, 2026
11 AM - 6 PM

9/11 Ceremony 12:30 PM
Lynn Dalby Designs Bubble Show 1:00 PM
Rosie and The Jammers 2:00-5:00 PM