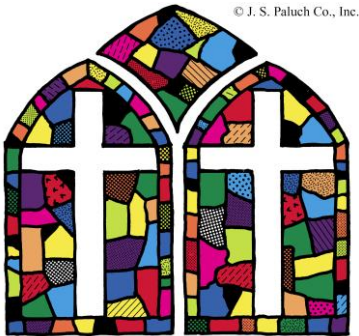


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September 6, 2026

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS

5:30PM	Saturday, Sept 12th	9:00 AM	Sunday, Sept 13^h
Lector:	Rick Maser	Lector:	Elaine Angus

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK -- (September 7th – September 13th)

MON	9/07	7:00AM. . . . Living & Deceased Benefactors & the Franciscan Community
TUES	9/08	7:00AM. . . . For the Intention of Sr. Marie Catherine of the Heart of Jesus O.C.D.
WED	9/09	7:00AM. . . + Martin & Matilda Simcic
THURS	9/10	7:00AM. . . + Bob Verhovsek – (Ester & Hank Hughes)
FRI	9/11	7:00AM. . . + Intention Dantis
SAT	9/12	5:30PM. . . + Mary Agnes Markum – (Pattie Horner)
SUN	9/13	9:00AM. . . .Christian Mothers

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
Aug 29th & 30th, 2026

Weekly	\$ 2,240.00
1 st Offer	\$ 30.00
Assumption	\$ 30.00
Poor Box	\$ 135.00
Building Fund	\$ 5.00
Catholic University	\$ 5.00
Retired Priests Medical	\$ 40.00

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**



Our annual Free Spaghetti Dinner – will be held **Sunday, Oct 4th**. Doors open at **12:30PM**. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the church. No take outs!

You must sign up to attend!!!

Deadline to sign up is Sept 27th

Community News & Events

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 Hall
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.**

Dear Parishioners,
May the Lord give you His peace.

In a few weeks we will begin a series of catechesis at St. Therese Church. Soon a local team will be inviting you at the weekend Masses. I will join with them, asking you to consider coming and listening to these talks. More materials will be forthcoming in the near future

Fr. Bernard



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 training-initiatives support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. Please be as generous as your circumstances allow.



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.



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



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.

COME TO RESURRECTION PARISH FOR SOME OLD-FASHIONED FUN!

Activities, food/beverages hosted at the Resurrection Parish Parking Lot at 4th Avenue and Chestnut Street. Please join us on: Friday, September 4 from 5:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. Cold Beverages/Bar, Potato Pancakes, Gobs, 50/50, and Money Booth will be open; on Saturday, September 5 from 10:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M. Cold Beverages/Bar, the food and game booths and the Sewing Ministry Sale will be open; on Sunday, September 6 from 1:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. Bingo will be held in Resurrection Church Hall.

**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

St. Claire of Assisi Spaghetti dinner – Sunday Sept 13 from 11Am – 2 PM. Homemade Sauce and Meatballs 11 Stop in and buy some Italian Cookies! The cost of the dinner is \$15 and includes Spaghetti with Sauce, 2 Meatballs, Salad & Dessert. Cookies are sold separately. Hope you can join us!!!



Sept 13th -- First Day CCD 9AM
Sept 23rd-Oct 1st -- St Therese Novena
Sept 19 & 20 Orders for St. Therese Piroghi
Oct 17th & 18th -- St. Therese Oktoberfest
Oct 18th -- Knights of Columbus Gun Bash at St Andrews

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

