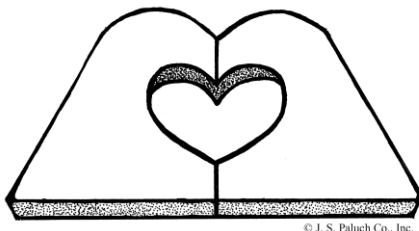


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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Oct 25, 2026

FIRST READING: You shall not oppress an alien, for you yourselves were once aliens in Egypt
(Exodus 22: 20-26).

PSALM: I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

SECOND READING: You became imitators of the Lord, so that you became a model for all believers (1 Thessalonians 1: 5c-10).

GOSPEL: You shall love the Lord, your God with all your heart, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22: 34-40).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: LIVING JUSTLY

“You give that back right now!” How many of us have heard that line, probably more than once, as we were growing up? We come home with the trophy of what we thought was a really sweet deal, only to have our parents undo our profits by making us return the spoils. They had a different idea of what constituted a “fair trade agreement.” Justice in our dealings with others continues to be an important measure of our character, and like a good parent, God cares very much about how we treat each other and about how others treat us. God hears the cry of the poor, and answers the call of the oppressed. God’s beloved children are not to behave like bullies. *Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	10/26		
TUES	10/27		
WED	10/28		
THURS	10/29		
FRI	10/30		
SAT	10/31	3:00PM	Confession
SUN	11/01		

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Oct 26th – Nov 1st)

MON	10/26	7:50AM	+ (B) Pinky Loncella – (Niece, Sandra Huston)
TUES	10/27	7:50AM	+ Damien Lovas – (Wife, Darlene)
WED	10/28	7:50AM	+ Agnes Malysko – (Sister, Eileen Malysko)
THUR	10/29	7:50AM	+ Moon Morley – (Maura & adam Wertin)
FRI	10/30	7:50AM	+ Catherine & Stephen Tavalsky– (Son, Joe)
SAT	10/31	4:00PM	+ (B) Frances Mondy – (Kathy Sedlemeyer)
SUN	11/01	7:30AM	+ Michale Bodek (3 month mind) – (Cousin, Vince Kondash)
		10:30AM	+ Udouch & Zurenda Families – (Family)





Sunday, Oct 25, 2026



Stewardship Reflections: Today's readings are all about love - the radical love of God for His people and the radical love we are called to live out in response. The stewardship way of life is nothing more and nothing less than the practical application of loving God and neighbor in our daily lives. From the very beginning, God reveals Himself as a loving and compassionate father Who has a particular concern for the most vulnerable of His people. He requires this same compassion from His people in our treatment of one another.

Jesus sums up the message of all the prophets as well as the purpose of all God's laws in today's Gospel passage, from Matthew. It is a message we have likely grown up hearing - but it is so beautiful and so challenging, it bears repeating again and again. It is Christ's response to a question about which commandment is greatest. His answer reveals both the greatest and the second greatest commandments. He says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind... The second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

The stewardship way of life is the unique way that each of us applies these two greatest commandments to our daily lives. To sum it up, it's all about love.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(Oct 17th – Oct 18th, 2026)

Weekly		\$	3,532.00
Building Fund		\$	25.00



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

New this year we are going to have a 6 day candle, **In Loving Memory of** - you can write your loved ones name on the candle and place it up at the altar, during the Triduum. Candles will be for sale next weekend, in the vestibule, Oct 31st & Nov 1st
Cost is \$5.00



Nut Roll & Poppy Seed Rolls - for the Holidays has been set for **Saturday, Dec 4th** just in time for Christmas. Pick up will be on **Sunday Dec 6th** after all masses. There will be a sign-up sheet in the vestibule on Nov 7th & 8th , and 14th & 15th
We are in need the follow items for these projects to help defray the cost:
Walnuts, Flour, Sugar, eggs, and plain Crisco.

Congratulations to the lucky winners of all the wonderful baskets and prizes!

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! -- to everyone who made all the Beautiful Basket, gave a monetary, and/or Gift Card donations for the Wheel Raffle and the Basket Raffle. A big thanks to Mary Seidel for running all over town getting business donations. Our Oktoberfest would not be a success without all of your donations.
We would also like to thank the following for all their hard work and not only for the weekend but for the week leading up to it:

First and for most all the volunteers who made all the food, everything was Delicious! We would like to give a shout out to Bill Zett for donating and making the german potato salad,for years, it was DELICIOUS we sold out both days. To the apple strudel peelers and cooks, everyone who baked those scrumptious pies, those that bartended, cashiered, raffle ticket runners, bingo sellers, Marilyn and Mary the "Bankers" who keep all the money straight, volunteers that helped clean up, "The Gina's" & crew for manning the basket drawing and calling all the winners, that's an undertaking on its own, to the monetary donors (you know who you are), and for everyone that donated soda & water, **THANK YOU** and last but certainly not least to the kitchen staff, you guys are awesome! The crowd on Saturday was crazy, we were short staffed, but you guys made it happen! **You truly are the BEST!! And we greatly appreciated everything you do.** I would also like to give a special THANKS to some of the youth from our Parish that came out on Sunday and volunteered. Serving food, running baskets, cleaning dishes, etc.
You guys did a great job!



Parish Advent Christmas Project
Volunteers will be in the vestibule before and after all masses beginning **TODAY Oct 25** to assist you.

1. Take a star from the Christmas tree
 2. Give your name and phone # to the person taking the information.
 3. Place your star on the outside of your **unwrapped gift.**
 4. **Return your unwrapped gift to us no later than Sunday, Nov 22nd**
- Please ask our volunteers if you have any questions concerning this project.



Piroghi Project is set for Thursday, Nov 19th there will be a sign up sheet in the vestibule on November 14th & 15th.



Catholic Ministries
DRIVE

Thank you to the 77 families who have pledged as of Sept 30th a total of \$12,845.00 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 100% parishioner participation; we are now at 33.19% parishioner participation. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge according to your means. You have until Dec 31st 2026 to pay your pledge in full.

Catechesis for adults and youth (13+)
Come join us Tuesdays and Thursday in the Church Chapel at 6PM.
"It is time for you to awake out of sleep: for now is salvation nearer to us than when we first believed."
All are welcomed



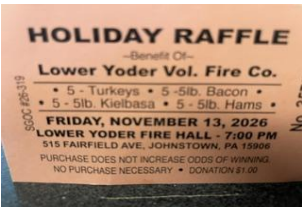
Looking for new Choir Members...
Anyone interested in joining the Senior Choir? We would be happy to have you!! Please call the rectory Mon - Fri 10-2PM.

Daylight Savings Time Ends Next
Sunday Nov 1st

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



Community News & Events



The Lower Yoder Volunteer Fire Department will be selling Holiday Raffle tickets for \$1.00 a chance in the vestibule this weekend, Oct 24th & 25th Please stop by and help support our local Volunteer Fire Department and maybe even a ham or turkey.

The West End Improvement Group will host the Annual BasketParty. This year will be a 2 day event, with a Walk-Through on Saturday, November 7th from 1-4PM. Tickets are \$5.00. Saturday will also include a variety of baked goods for sale. Sunday, November 8th, doors will open at 11AM, drawing will begin at 1PM. Tickets are \$10, which includes lunch. You need not be present to win.



This year will include qualifiers/pull tabs, in addition to 50/50, , Lottery Tree, etc., and over 135 Baskets. Please join us at St Therese Social Hall , 536 Decker Ave. Proceeds benefit surveillance camera upgrades, flowers, gardens and community projects. Any questions or to donate, please call 814-248-8989 or 814-322-5558.



Interim Hospice is currently seeking volunteers in a variety of roles, including Direct Patient Support, Administrative Assistance, Veteran to Veteran Support, Pet Therapy, hairdressing Services, and more. If anyone has questions or would like additional information, please feel free to reach out to Candice Beam, Volunteer Coordinator at 814-262-8305 or @ Cbeam@interim-health.com

ABORTION; "All life has an inestimable value, even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect."



"Sometimes the Smallest things take up the most room in your hearts