

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
September 22, 2024
Mass Intentions**

September 22, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM+Anna Gioiosa, Birth. (Tim & JoAnn Bettwy)
10:00AM+Betty Dobbins & Judy Weise (Don Johnston Family)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

September 23, Monday, Saint Pius of Pietrelcina,
Priest
12:00PM+Souls in Purgatory

September 24, Tuesday, Weekday
12:00PM+Betty Capouellez, Birthday (Family)

September 25, Wednesday, Weekday
12:00PM+John Kirsch (Helen Hoover)

September 26, Thursday, Saints Cosmas and Damian,
Martyrs
12:00PM+Alfred Rutolo, Birthday (Family)

September 27, Friday, Saint Vincent DePaul, Priest
12:00PM+Cheryl Barry (Maureen Kedzuff)

September 28, Saturday, Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr;
Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
12:00PM+Peter Rossi (Sue Caldwell)
Vigil: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM+Ernie Tomassetti, Birth. (Wife & Family)

September 29, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM+Dave Behe (Mary Ellen Burke)
10:00AM+Ronald Solnosky (Richard & Mary Solnosky)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

PILGRIMAGE

Msgr. Stan Carson, along with 30 other people, left for pilgrimage to Fatima (Portugal), Burgos (Spain), Lourdes (France), and Barcelona (Spain) on Sunday afternoon, September 15, and will return on Tuesday, September 24. Coverage has been arranged for all regularly scheduled Masses and Confessions.

Stewardship Reflections

“You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.” Jesus’ words in our Gospel today challenge us to become imitators of Christ. This is not an easy request. It takes sacrifice, endurance, and commitment. Yet, it is profoundly rewarding.

Jesus encourages us to think, not as human beings, but as God. He is calling us not to look at life in relation to ourselves. Rather, He wants us to be open-minded and look at life in relation to God. This requires acceptance on our part, accepting the will of God and allowing it to mold us into Christ-like people. Jesus re-echoes this message as He addresses His disciples saying, “Whoever wishes to come me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.

This week let us sit in Jesus’ presence and listen to what He is calling us to at this point in our lives. Let us rise each day with a commitment to follow Him, carry our daily crosses with Him, and live in total gratitude and service to God, family, and neighbor.

Annual America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally

The Rosary Rally will be held on Saturday, October 12th, 2024, at Noon, downtown at the Heritage Plaza, 15th Street and 11th Avenue.

Reverence in Taking Holy Communion to Homebound People

When Holy Communion is taken to homebound people it should be carried close to the heart by using either a blouse or **shirt pocket, or by using a burse.** **The host should** not be placed in a pants pocket or purse. If you don’t have a burse and you plan to take Holy Communion to someone regularly, you are asked to wear or purchase a shirt or blouse with a pocket. Burses are available in the clergy sacristy.



Our parish’s target is \$45,930. All contributions beyond our parish goal will remain for use within our parish. **\$52,694 has been pledged. (The pledge balance is \$4,350.)** If all pledges are paid, we will have

Basket Bingo Tickets

Basket bingo tickets will be sold after the noon mass starting Monday September 23– 28th.



Angela Marie Igou, Vocation and Novice Director, for the Sister Servants of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, will be the guest speaker at the Tuesday, September 17th Night of Worship sponsored by Holy Spirit Ministry. The Evening of prayer will begin at 7PM, at St. Michael’s Church Holidaysburg. Praise and worship music will precede Sr. Angela Marie’s talk. Sister will share her own vocation story and share her life as a Sacred Heart Sister. Everyone is encouraged to come and learn about vocations, as well as to pray for vocations. All ages are welcomed.



Our parish has the entire exhibit of Eucharistic miracles prepared by Blessed Carlo Acutis (1999-2006). Portions of the exhibit are displayed in the side chapels of the cathedral. Blessed Sacrament.



Mark Weakland, a native of State College and FOCUS Missionary at St. Francis University, will speak briefly at some of our Masses next weekend inviting us to be a spiritual and financial partner with him in making disciples for Christ. His greatest desire is to lead students to the Lord. Mark and his wife, Kendra, and son, Sebastian, live in Loretto.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Do you know someone who might be interested in seeking information about our Catholic faith? Are you interested in the Catholic Church? Starting on September 15th, the Cathedral Christian Initiation Team will begin weekly meetings in the Church from 11:00AM to 12:00 Noon (after the 10:00AM Mass) for all those seeking information on the Catholic Church. No commitments are made at this time. These are informal Inquiry Sessions to discuss aspects of our faith with anyone who might be thinking of joining the Catholic Church. All are welcome; bring a friend. If you are interested in joining or would like more info, please contact Carol Galioto at (814)-327-4841.

Strength In Christ -Trust-Surrender-Joy

Third Annual Women’s Conference

Saturday, 12 October, 2024
Check-in begins at 7/7:30am
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
9:00am Mass w/Bishop Mark Bartchak
4:00p.m. Closing Remarks
Lunch Included
Sacrament of Reconciliation Available
Mount Aloysius College: Bertschi Center
7373 Admiral Peary Hwy, Cresson, PA 16630
Registration forms are at our entrances.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE
DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIP-
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September 22, 2024

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was a wet-behind-the-ears seminarian, I was sent for an immersion with the poor. For one month, I lived in a home for adults with developmental disabilities. It was a challenge for me because the residents had significant communication issues. A 30-year-old man there named Robin was totally deaf and mute. He had Down's Syndrome. He looked like a Viking, with a shock of red hair and a fine beard. But I felt awkward and disconnected from him. All my normal ways of interacting failed. I resigned myself to the fact that we'd never connect.

Then one morning something amazing happened. He was on the living room floor quietly playing with toys. Watching him from a chair, I sensed Jesus' words float into my mind, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me" (Mark 9:37). I thought, "Jesus, you must somehow be in Robin." I sheepishly made sure no one else was in the room, and then I spoke in a clear voice: "Jesus, are you there?" Robin did not turn to me and say, "Hi, John. Yes, it's me, Jesus." He kept playing with his toys in silence.

But something changed in me. From that moment on, it was easier to just be with Robin, to joke around with him, to try sign-language with him, to let him be himself, and for me to be myself. His "disabilities" were no longer obstacles to overcome. He became just Robin, my friend.

Who in your life seems awkwardly distant or uncomfortable to be with? Next time you see him or her, quietly invoke the name of Jesus, and see how the barriers disappear in you. Father John Muir. ©LPi



Basket Bingo

Our Basket Bingo is being held on Sunday, September 29, 2024 at the Father Kelley Hall, 5th Street and 25th Avenue. Doors open at noon. Lunch will be served. Bingo starts at 1:00 PM. We are taking donations of gift cards, monetary gifts, or if you have a theme basket that you would like to do or donate, we can always add to it. If you have any questions please feel free to call Paula at 814-944-4603 the Parish office, or Lorraine Beck 1-240-676-6704 or Paula's cell 814-215-5949.

Basket Bingo Tickets

WOOHOO! Only 1 weeks left to get your TICKETS! Basket Bingo tickets are on sale at the 13th Avenue door after all masses and at the Parish Office: \$25.00 per person, a value pack may be bought for an additional \$30.00. If you have any question call the Parish Office at 814-944-4603, Paula Clemens 814-215-5949 or Lorraine Beck 1-240-676-6704. Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the event.

Students that need service hours you can have your parents call the Office at 814-944-4603 or join us on Friday, September 27, at the Father Kelley Hall at 5th Street and 25th Avenue at 6:00PM to help set up, and or on Sunday September 29th at 11:00AM. There will be a sign in sheet please make sure that you sign in and the time that you had arrived. And when you get your service hour sheet, make sure that you get it signed by one of us. Thank you in advance for all

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THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

The process of formation for those seeking God through membership in the Catholic Christian community.

INFANT BAPTISM:

Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.

CONFIRMATION:

Ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students are invited to participate in the Confirmation Preparation Process.

RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday: 7:00 PM, Saturday: 12:30 PM.

By appointment, by texting or calling 814-937 8240 Communal Penance Services: Advent and Lent.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Upon Request and Communal celebration

MARRIAGE:

Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program.

DEVOTIONS:

Eucharistic Adoration - Normally, the First Wednesday 12:30 PM - 6:45 PM

Eucharistic Day - Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

PRO-LIFE ROSARY

Sponsored by the Christian Mothers on Thursdays after the noon Mass.

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, J.C.D., Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Administrator

Paula Clemens, Parish Secretary

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 814-944-4603

MAIL MINISTRY TO ELDERLY, HOMEBOUND, SERIOUSLY SICK, AND GRIEVING - 814-944-4603

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

September through April: Pre-Kindergarten thru 12.

Sunday morning 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM Pre-Kindergarten thru 8. Grades 9-11 Sunday Evening at 6:15.

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Mass Times

Sunday:	Weekday:
5:00 PM (Vigil)	12:00 Noon
8:00 AM	
10:00 AM	Saturday:
5:00 PM	12:00 Noon

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