

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ISAIAH. 55: 6-9. Turn to the Lord, who is generous in forgiving.

PSALM 145. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

PHILIPPIANS. 1: 20c-24, 27a. Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.

MATTHEW. 20: 1-16a. The last will be first, and the first will be last.



TODAY'S REFLECTION: Welcoming all workers into the 'vineyard.' Today's readings admonish those who consider themselves "pillars" of the Church that there is no elite or aristocracy in the kingdom of God. The faith we have received is a gift that should deflate pretensions, intolerance and self-righteousness and, instead, instill a sense of joy, peace and direction to our lives. Christ calls us to embrace the Gospel, not as ideologues or zealots, but as disciples who love him through our love for others. We are called to share Christ, not to manipulate or control others through him.



INTENTIONS FOR OUR WEEKLY LITURGIES:

MONDAY 9/21

8:00 A.M.

Betty Barrett-Sublesky (Linda Aswad)

St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

TUESDAY 9/22

8:00 A.M.

Marilyn St. Jean (Deacon Pat Massino, Joann & Fam.)

WEDNESDAY 9/23

8:00 A.M.

Anna Lacotta (Mary Perrault)

St. Pius of Pietrelcina

THURSDAY 9/24

8:00 A.M.

Virginia Chester (Tony & Marie Spataro)

FRIDAY 9/25

8:00 A.M.

Kenneth Santarelli (Don Yurgosky)

SATURDAY 9/26

4:00 P.M.

Pauline Solomon (Theresa, Rich & Angelica)

SUNDAY -9/27- THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 A.M.

Ambrose Wilk (M/M Andrew Franks)

10:30 A.M.

Christopher & Wayne Marsico (The Family)

12:00 P.M.-Spanish Mass

WORD OF LIFE: "Throughout salvation history, God has

welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: 'there will be more joy

in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance' (Lk. 15:7)*."

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"Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing after Abortion"

THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH AND FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH.

BAKE SALE THANK YOU: Thank you to ALL who made our Bake Sale a huge success. the total was \$1,563.00. Delicious, great working together and wonderful spirit!



OUR WEEKLY OFFERING FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 2020	
OFFERTORY	\$3,083.40
ON-LINE GIVING	\$110.00
SALARY/DUES	\$351.00
FUEL	\$510.00
SECOND COLLECTION/ROOF REPAIRS	\$640.00
INCOME=\$4,693.40	
EXPENSES=\$2,950.67	

COUNTERS FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

Mary Fran Smith
Dorothy Perry
Sandra Mullen



THANK YOU: To all who continue to support our parish financially. We are grateful for the sacrifices you make, God Bless You.



STEWARDSHIP
Managing God's Gifts To Us

REMEMBER YOUR FACE MASK: Please remember to bring your mask to Mass.

DIRECTION: Isaiah tells us something that we already know, and yet seem to forget every now and then. He tells us, essentially, that God is God and we are not. When we're confused and troubled and can't figure everything out, it might be wise to recall Isaiah speaking on the Lord's behalf and explaining that God—who is on a much more, well, Godly wavelength than we are—moves in ways we can't even imagine. Saint Paul, by comparison, has everything figured out. Kind of. At least he understands his calling in life—to magnify Christ in everything he does. That should give us all the direction we need. Jesus gives us direction, too, explaining to us once again in the parable of the workers in the vineyard that the last will be first, and the first, last.



SONNY SAYS:

One priest shocked some of the less ardent church-goers among the congregation by describing them as “Four-Wheel Catholics.” “You know the ones I mean,” he said. “Those whose only visits to church are in a baby stroller to be baptized, in a car to be married, and in a hearse to be buried.”



FALL IS HERE

Fall is here.
Another year is coming to an end.
Summer's finished,

Summer's gone,
Winter's round the bend.
Fall is piles of crunchy leaves,
orange, gold and red.
Fall is sweaters with long sleeves
and blankets on the bed.
Fall is football,
Fall is pumpkins,
Fall is where summer ends.

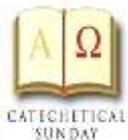


NEW ST. JOHN'S 300 CLUB MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE:

Captains of St. John's 300 Club of St. John's Russian Orthodox Cathedral, Mayfield have announced that new membership cards for the next session of this fundraising Club are now available. The next session will begin in October 2020 and continue for 26 weeks. If you would like to be in the next club, you may do so by sending your name, address and payment of \$25.00 to St. John's Rectory, 706 Hill Street Mayfield, Pa. 18433. Membership cards will be sent upon receipt of payment-Membership includes eligibility for 26 weeks of drawings, a final drawing and meal-date will be announced via newspapers and local TV channels. Any questions, please call St. John's Rectory at 570-876-0730. The public is invited to join this fundraising club to benefit St. John's Cathedral.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY: Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role each person plays by virtual baptism in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.



SS. ANTHONY & ROCCO PARISH TAKE-OUT FESTIVAL: Friday & Saturday Sept. 25/26 from 5P.M.-8 P.M. at St. Rocco's Church Grounds, 122 Kurtz Street, Dunmore. Pizza Fritta, Sausage & Peppers, Pasta & Meatballs and Homemade Dessert Box assortment available. Prepaid Pre-Order deadline is Tuesday, Sept. 22. Pre-Orders can be placed on Facebook, our parish website or by calling the office 570-344-1209. Drive-up orders will be taken at the Festival, but quantities may be limited.

PRAYER FOR CATECHISTS:

Loving Father, today we pray for our Catechists We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church.
Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.
Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning right judgement of how to apply them to life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence in all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son. We pray this through Christ our Lord, Amen. †

ASK THE PASTOR:Please join Father Cyril Edwards and Father Jeff Tudgay on Tuesday, September 29th at 7:00 P.M. for the Facebook Live “Ask the Pastor” session. The session will cover the topic of divorce and remarriage within the Catholic Church. Participants can engage live or use the form below to submit questions or comments ahead of the session. <https://forms.gle/nj5gTXHUuj53qpXg6>



HOLIDAY HELPER FUNDRAISER: Due to the pandemic, our parish is unable to sponsor the Christmas Cash fundraising event this year. In place of Christmas Cash, the parish will conduct the Holiday Helper fundraiser, as was done in 2019. Holiday Helper will feature both cash prizes and gasoline gift certificates. The drawing for Holiday Helper will be in December, just in time for the holiday season. While we are gathering donations from local businesses, we are also asking for donations from our parishioners. Anyone interested in making a donation to Holiday Helper, can drop off the donation in the collection basket at Mass, at the rectory, or by contacting Sheila Wilkes (570-954-7963). Thank you in advance for your generosity!



ANNUAL NOVENA IN HONOR OF ST. THERESE-THE LITTLE FLOWER:

Tuesday, September 22-Thursday October 1st. Novena prayers will be recited at weekday (8:00 A.M.) and week-end Masses (Sat. 4:00 P.M. & Sun. 8:00 and 10:30 A.M.) A General Blessing will be given with her relic. Queen of Angels Parish at St. Michael's Church 320 1st Avenue, Jessup, Pa. Blessing and Distribution of St. Therese oil Tuesday

September 29th at both Masses.