Saint Mary's Parish Community

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SAINT MARY'S PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

One of the hallmarks of Franciscan spirituality is to extend welcome to all. On Behalf of Fr. Kevin, Franciscan TOR and Parish Administrator of Saint Mary's and the members of the parish, we extend this heartfelt invitation to all who join us: No matter what your present or past status in the Catholic Church; no matter what your current family or marital situation; no matter what your past or present religious affiliation; no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, or color, you are invited, welcomed, accepted and loved here at Saint Mary's Church. In the words of Saint Francis Assisi, "May the Lord give you peace."

—Fr. Kevin, T.O. R., Deacon Jim, and Parish Staff

September 21, 2025

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ADMINISTRATOR Father Kevin Oueally, T.O.R.

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MASS SCHEDULE

8:30 AM

Monday through Friday

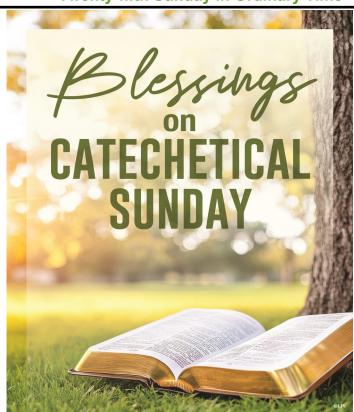
Sunday

Saturday 4:30 PM Sunday 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Sacrament of Penance

8:00 AM Friday Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM

BULLETIN DEADLINE: MONDAY AT NOON



BAPTISM Call the Rectory to make arrangements for Pre-Baptism Classes early in your pregnancy (if this is your first child) and to arrange for the Baptism after your child is born. You must also be a registered and active member of the parish.

MARRIAGE In accordance with Diocesan directives arrangements must be made at least 9 months before the marriage date. All couples are required to attend Diocesan sponsored Pre-Cana sessions and to participate in the FOCCUS inventory. Call the rectory for information and schedules.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP We are always happy to welcome new parishioners. You may register any day, Monday through Friday, at the parish office. Registration, the practice of stewardship, and regular participation in the Eucharist indicates active membership and eligibility to act as a Godparent or Sponsor. Your stewardship of time, treasure, and talent is essential for the common good.



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **SEPTEMBER 21. 2025**

"No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." —Lk 16:13

From the Pastor's Desk

PRAYER FOR TRUST

Jesus, With your gentle mercy, build my trust. Help me to believe you when you say you want good for me. In every season, give me grace. In every need, be my answer.

Amen. ©LPi

THE ADULT BIBLE STUDY will begin on Thursday, October 2, at 5:30 PM. The title of the class is Bishop Robert Barron's-"Priest, Prophet, King". The class will run for six weeks. A break will be at 6:30 PM with refreshments. If you are interested, please call the rectory at 814-749-9103 to sign up by September

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY The next distribution is on Saturday, September 27. Registration begins at 9:00 AM. Distribution begins at 10:00 AM.

THE INTERFAITH COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY THANKS-**GIVING FOOD DRIVE** will be from September 28 to October 26. There will be grocery bags, with a list of suggested food items for Thanksgiving Dinner, available at the entrances of the church. Monetary donations are also accepted. Bags will be picked up on Mondays. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Rager at 814-243-8184. Your generosity will certainly touch the lives of the needy in our area.

RETIRED PRIESTS MEDICAL COLLECTION Next week's Diocesan Retired Priests' Medical Collection is the perfect opportunity to thank our priests who have served our spiritual needs over the years. Because of the shortage of active priests and no longer receiving support from a parish, they become responsible for their housing and necessary living expenses. Please support our active and retired priests by completing your parish envelope or by giving online at www.dioceseaj.org/giving (under Retired Priests Medical Collection).

MINISTERING TO THE POOR-BE AN AMBASSADOR OF HOPE Pope Francis started the Jubilee 2025 as the 'Year of Hope.' It is to be a sacred time for us to rest, rejuvenate, restore relationships, and to spread hope to all. Pope Leo continues the Jubilee year and asks how we can be Ambassadors of Hope in our parish communities. Please consider attending a workshop on "Ministering to the Poor.' Topics include: the causes of poverty; what poverty looks like in you parish community; boundaries and learning about programs that are available to assist those struggling financially. For more information contact Cindy O'Connor, coconnor@dioceseaj.org or by calling 814-317-2621. **On-line Workshops**: Tuesday, 9/23/25,Link will be provided, 2:00-5:00 PM. To register online, please use this link: https://forms.office.com/r/UkPK2GJw0d

2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE TARGET GOAL: \$30,800.00; TOTAL AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$13,145.00; TOTAL CASH RECEIVED: \$12,685.00; PLEDGE BALANCE: \$460.00; TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING FAMILIES: 64; PERCENT: 16.25%. Thank you to the following who have responded to the *Catholic Ministries Drive:* Michaela Markovich. Please join her in supporting our parish and a select group of ministries that provide outreach to the poor, family life, youth, and seminarians. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, please use the envelopes available at all entrances to the church. Please mail your pledge card and gift directly to the diocese or you may give online at www.dioceseaj.org. On behalf of these vital ministries, thank you for your sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure.

SUNDAY REFLECTION **BENEATH THE SURFACE By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman**

Jesus' parable of the untrustworthy steward sums up all our anxieties surrounding material wealth and the delicate balance we have to strike of caring for our physical needs while prioritizing our spiritual ones. LPI

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday September 22 Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM +Mary Sanderson

(Month Mind)

(Lynn and Paula Sanderson)

Tuesday September 23 Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest 8:30 AM Special Intention

(Father Kevin)

Wednesday September 24 Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM

+Sophie Bichko (Kathleen Livick)

Thursday September 25 Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM

+Chris Forcellini (Mark and Roxanne)

Friday September 26 Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

+Josephine Henshaw 8:30 AM

(Anniversary Remembrance)

(Family)

Saturday September 27 **Anticipated**

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM +Tina Jerome

(Anniversary Remembrance)

(Jerry Ray)

Sunday September 28 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Saint Vincent Volunteers

10:30 AM Parish Family

SEPTEMBER 14 SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adult Sunday Envelopes: \$ 4,290.00 Student Sunday Envelope: Sunday Loose Donations: 214.00 13.00 10.00 20.00 Votive Candles: **Eucharistic Devotions Envelope: Retired Priests Medical Envelope:** Saint Vincent de Paul Envelope: 10.00 \$ 4,562.00 Adult Sunday Envelopes: 172 out of 403 - 43%

September 21 Stewardship Reflection Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

After today's readings, we can't say we have not been warned about the dangers of mixed-up priorities. God's Word is so very clear today on the necessity of putting Him first in all areas of our lives.

What can we learn from the curious parable to help us avoid the worldly thinking condemned in our First Reading, and give ourselves away as Jesus did as is described in our Second Reading? We know this 'bad steward' was clever and energetic. He put thought, prudence, and creativity into the plans he made for his self-serving ends and carried out his plans with great success.

What if we put that kind of effort into our own tasks as good stewards of all God's gifts to us? Into our ministries, into the ways we could make more time for prayer as individuals, as couples, as families, and as a parish? What if we got as creative as the 'bad steward' in the use of our finances so that we could give more generously to the poor and the advancement of God's kingdom on earth? That's our lesson and our challenge.

Please remember the intentions of those in the hospitals and those recuperating at home: Linda DiPaolo, Rose Ann Mikesic, Louise Kachik, Pat LaMantia, Joyce McMullen, Jimena Setz, and Lucia Aguilar. Pray for all those who are sick, including all those in nursing facilities.



This week the Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of Francis and Mary Elizabeth Hines requested by family.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sun. 21: 9:30 AM Elementary CCD (St. John Vianney)

Mon. 22: 6:30 PM Perpetual Help Devotions

Fri. 26: 8:00 AM Confessions Sat. 27: 3:30 - 4:15 PM Confessions

Liturgical Appointments September 27 and 28

MASSES

SERVERS

Sat. - 4:30 D. & E. Ponchione

Sun. - 8:00 D. Snedden & J. Simmons Sun. - 10:30 P. Sheesley & Z. Shedlock

READERS

 Sat. - 4:30 (1) J. Lickert
 (2) M. Dipko

 Sun. - 8:00 (1) C. Agagliati
 (2) K. Janosik

 Sun. - 10:30 (1) J. Podgorney
 (2) B. Shedlock

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. - 4:30 D. Kline & T. McMullen
 Sun. - 8:00 L. Kupchella & S. Popich
 Sun. - 10:30 M. Shedlock & C. Ridilla

LEADERS OF SONG

Sat. - **4:30** Folk Choir **Sun.** - **8:00** M. F. Shedlock **Sun.** - **10:30** M. F. Shedlock

Daily Liturgical Schedule For Week of Sept. 29-Oct. 3
Server: B. Cote Reader: C. Agagliati

Extraordinary Ministers: D. Snedden & S. Popich

HOLY NAME SCHOOL NEWS

<u>Progress Reports</u>: The students have reached the middle of the first marking period. Please check PowerSchool for your child's progress and reach out to his/her teacher for any grading questions you may have.

Eucharistic Adoration: The Intermediate students will attend Adoration on Tuesday, September 23, 8:30-10:00 AM.

Marianna's Pick-Up is Thursday, September 25 from 3:00-5:00 PM in the school cafeteria.

<u>Mass</u>: Please join us as we celebrate Mass together on Friday, September 26 at 9:15 AM. Intermediate students will participate in the ministries.

If you would like to learn more about Holy Name School, visit **holynameschool.net.**

Facebook: If you would like to learn more about Holy Name School in pictures and videos, please find us on Facebook at The Official Holy Name School.

<u>Gift Cards</u>: The SCRIP cards are available in the Narthex on Sunday mornings. If you would like to purchase gift cards during the weekday, please visit the Rectory Office.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

SAINT THERESE CHURCH, JOHNSTOWN will be holding their Annual Novena in honor of Saint Therese of the Little Flower of Jesus starting Tuesday, September 23, and will continue for nine days. Masses will be held at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM except on Saturday and Sunday, which will be Saturday at 9:00 AM, 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM and Sunday at 7:30 AM, 10:30 AM and 7:00 PM. The closing of the Novena will be

Wednesday, October 1. All are Welcome.

ST. NICHOLAS CATHOLIC CHURCH, NICKTOWN There will be a "Parents' Talk" on Tuesday, September 23, at 6:30 PM. This is a FREE talk for parents about faith education. Learn how to keep the faith alive in your little one for a lifetime! The Talk is located in the church hall. Also, on Wednesday, September 24 at 6:30 PM, there will be A "STORYTIME" HOUR for children ages 2-7. Students will enjoy a LIVE book reading with Dr. Story. Dr. Story, a Catholic father of four and beloved children's author, is bringing his popular Storybook Talk to St. Nicholas and your whole family is invited. Your kids won't just hear God's Word-they'll live it. Interactive Read-Alouds, Questions and Answers with the Author, and Faith Reflections for Young Minds. SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH SOCIAL HALL, SUMMERHILL,

SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH SOCIAL HALL, SUMMERHILL, PIE SOCIAL Sunday, September 28, at 1:00 PM. \$3.00 Admission. Tickets are 5/\$1.00. Pie and refreshments will be served. A few games of bingo will be played. All are welcome! Sponsored by the SJ Rosary Altar Society.

ST. DEMETRIUS ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ DINNER AND FALL FESTIVAL will be held on Sunday, September 28, in the parish Activity Center (former St. Mary's Hall)). The dinner includes a half BBQ chicken, slow roasted over a fire pit and perfectly seasoned, along with green beans, potato, a roll, and dessert. Dinners are available for dine-in or takeout for \$14.00 each, and will be served beginning at 11:00 AM until sold out. In addition to the meal, the festival will feature a rummage sale, baked goods, games, and a basket raffle. It's a wonderful opportunity to enjoy delicious food, spend time with friends, and share in the fun of our parish tradition.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON,

DC Making a pilgrimage to obtain a plenary Indulgence to either enter through a Holy Door designated by the Pope or visiting a Holy Site named by a local bishop is a very important foundation of the Jubilee tradition. The Diocese of Altoona Johnstown has contracted 14 buses for our own local Jubilee Pilgrimage, as most of us will not be able to go to Rome. The trip to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC is on Friday, October 17. The day will include a tour of the Shrine, confessions and 2:00 PM Mass with Bishop Mark Bartchak in the Upper Church. You can purchase a basic lunch at the shrine Cafeteria or bring a lunch. There will be a rest stop on the way to Washington and a dinner stop on the way back home. The dinner cost is on your own. Reservations and paid bus fee will continue up to September 26. Parishes in the Prince Gallitzin Deanery Ebensburg area can add an option to call Paula Clemens at the Altoona Cathedral, 814-944-4603 if Altoona is closer for them to board a bus at PNC Ball Park, Leaving at 7:00 AM. The bus from Ebensburg leaves at 7:00 AM form the Giant Eagle/McDonald's parking lot. The cost is the same at \$60.00. Limited seats available. To make reservations, call Jeanne Thompson 814-317-2672 or email jthompson@dioceseaj.org or Suzanne Barry 814-695-5579 or email sbarry@diocesea.org. If you are planning to carpool, please go to the Diocesan website: www.dioceseaj.org to give us your numbers.

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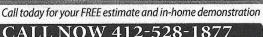
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