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Masses: Daily, M-T-W-F 7:00 am Thursday 6:30 pm ● Saturday (Vigil)- 4:00 pm ● Sunday- 8:00 am, 11:00 am and 7:00 pm Confession: Daily, M-T-W-F~6:40-6:55 am; Thur. — 6:10-6:25
• Saturday- 3:15-3:45 pm, and anytime upon request.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024





An Ordinary Reflection...

Cultivators of Peace

St. James, in our second reading this Sunday, challenges us to "cultivate peace," in order that we might be able to bring justice into our too often selfish world. But how does one cultivate peace? How do we remain patient, and approach the jealousy and selfish ambition inside us and around us in a gentle way? How do we receive into our lives those we know need our help, those seen in our society as least or lowly, without allowing our fears of not being safe overwhelm us?

The suggestion from our present culture's atmosphere is that in order to survive, be in charge, or have control of the situation, one must be great and powerful. Even Jesus' disciples have embraced this idea, as they argue among one another who is the greatest. Jesus clarifies what is important, after his probing question moves them to silence. To follow Jesus means we have to not be threatened by being "last of all and servant of all." Our weakness and innocence is exactly the type of helping fertilization Jesus needs to transform the world.

The threats that we face around us, from the intimacy and privacy of our personal and family lives, all the way through to almost every worldly event, are based on reality. There is not much happening in our time that we aren't able to research and see either good outcomes or evil cravings. There is so much that we know, and yet, we hope there is much more to discover about the One who sent Jesus to carry our crosses and die for our passions. We may throw up our arms in disbelief about many things, yet the "wisdom from above," has much more to teach us.

How can we be sure of this, that our learnings have only begun to sustain our lives? St. James again points to the disorders of our beloved lives and our world. Where is the purity of our intentions and the peace in our endeavors? Where is our gentleness toward one another and our compliancy with God? Are we full of mercy and goodness, or is there an inconstancy and insincerity in our response to other's failures, sins and shame?

Jesus does not add to the silent shame of his disciples. But he does call the Twelve, and ourselves, to not be concerned about being first. Rather, he puts his arms around all our inadequacies and breakdowns, all our coveting for others' possessions and fighting waged toward our imagined foes. Jesus receives us as the children we actually are. He desires to answer all our questions, not with the intelligence or judgement of the world; but by inviting us to enter into the house of the One who sows peace. God plants this peace into all of our actions and bids us become true cultivators of Christ's peace with another everyday of our lives.

-Fr. Michael



Questions of the Week based on this Sunday's Readings

▶ Wisdom 2:12,17-20 ~The Wicked Speak ▶ James 3;16 -4:3~ True Wisdom and Worldly Desires ► Mark 9:30-37~ Second Teaching of the Paschal Event and Words Against Ambition and Envy

Adults: What evidence do you see in the world around you that do not accept Jesus; teaching on power and ambition?

Kids: Why do you think Jesus says if you want to be first you should take care of others?

	LITURGICAL CALENDER, DEVOTIONS, AND INTENTIONS FOR-SEPTEMBER 23-28, 2024									
Mon	23	Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, Priest	7:00am 6:30pm	Ann Felter (by sons & daughters) Miraculous Medal Novena and Rosary						
Tue	24	Weekday	7:00am	Andrew Murman (by Pat, Christa & Carla)						
Wed	25	Weekday	7:00am	Rev. William D. Campbell (by The Priests Purgatorial Society)						
Thu	26	Sts. Cosmos and Damien, Martyrs	6:30pm	Robert Myefski (30 day)						
Fri	27	Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest	7:00am	Caroline Smith (Valerie Olszewski)						
Sat	28	Weekday	4:00pm	Christine Secula (by sister, Ann Francis Kurzweil and nieces, Dina & Robyn						
Sun	29	Twenty- Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	For the Intentions of the Parishioners Joseph & Bea Krysko (<i>by Krysko family</i>) Anthony& Leola Bartush (by family)						
VOTIVE CANDLES OFFERINGS										
	Sacr	ed Heart of Jesus	Andrew Murman (by Pat, Christa & Carla)							
	Ble	ssed Virgin Mary	Martii	Martin Hastie & Son, Martin (by family)						
		Saint Joseph	Ann F	Ann Francis Kurzweil (by Picnic crew)						

Upcoming Items... SEPTEMBER

23-Monday

- -Novena and Rosary. 6:30pm in Church **30-Monday**
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OCTOBER

4-Friday

- -Blessing of Animals, 6:30pm, church steps
- 7- Monday Our Lady of the Rosary
- -Annual Day of Solemn Adoration,
- -Evening Prayer, 7:00pm followed by

Rosary, and Candlelight Procession 11 Friday

- 9am- Pierogi making potato/ cheese prep
- -12 Saturday
- -10am- Mash and ball potatoes

-13th Sunday

9am -Pierogi Making

FINANCES AND ONGOING STEWARDSHIP

For the period ending September17: TOTAL \$6,403.00; Sunday \$4,251.00 (\$1,096.00 OL) Loose Sunday Offering: \$512.00; Other Envelopes \$1,640.00 (\$219.00OL);

Thank You, and may God bless your wonderful generosity!



AIR CONDITIONING With Fall here and Winter around the corner, Air Conditioning may be the last thing on anyone's mind. However, our air conditioning in church has not been working properly for about 6 weeks. We need to replace one of compressors and associated parts which have gone bad costing just over \$7,400.00. Whatever assistance you might be able to give to help offset this unexpected expense would be greatly appreciated. Please place any contribution in an ordinary envelope "AIR marked CONDITIONING REPAIRS" and place in the Sunday collection. Thank you for your kindness and consideration of this request, for your continued generosity to our parish.



NATIVITY OF OUR LORD PARISH

"Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this one in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

Gospel of Mark

STEWARDSHIP: <u>How a parish is making the most responsible use of one's gifts and resources</u>

through the sharing of gifts and the commitment of communal resources in service to the community of faith.

Goal I: We will work with the Administration and Finance Council to enhance and optimize our parish structures.

- 1. To assist the Finance Council in the formation of an ad hoc Committee on Building and Grounds In achieving goals for preventative maintenance, codes and ease of use, and continued care and beautification of buildings and properties
- 2. To assist the Finance Council in the formation of an ad hoc Cemetery Advisory Council to in achieving goals for preventative maintenance, codes and ease of use, and continued care and beautification of cemeteries.

Goal II: We will coordinate with the Finance Council and Administration the efforts that our parish community makes to raise funds and resources.

- To continue with the Finance Council to evaluate projects, programs and events that currently assist in the raising of funds and resources and to research and implement new ways for raising funds
- 2. To have the Ministry Team and Pastoral Council assess communication with all parishioners, specifically through Facebook, Webpage and Bulletin, to focus on their needs and the broader needs of the whole parish.
- 3. To have the Ministry Team and Pastoral Council assess communication with "new" parishioners, specifically through Facebook, Webpage and Bulletin, to respond to their particular needs within a new parish.

<u>Goal III:</u> We will encourage the respect of each person's talents, and promote their active commitment and participation within parish ministries.

- 1. To have the Ministry Team and Pastoral Council develop a Parish Ministry Fair to be offered the end of Summer 2025 or Fall 2025 on opportunities available for serving in our parish.
- 2. To have the Ministry Team and interested Young Adults dialogue with other Young Adults on their ideas and suggestions for future social, service and educational opportunities and ministries to be developed, to continue to support and build-up their existing service and leadership in our parish.

blessing

Stewards

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL, THE ARCHANGEL

Feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael - September 29th

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



"May prayer strengthen us for the spiritual battle that the Letter to the Ephesians speaks of: 'Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might' (Ephesians 6:10). The Book of Revelation refers to this same battle, recalling before our eyes the image of St Michael the Archangel (cf. Revelation 12:7). Pope Leo XIII certainly had this picture in mind when, at the end of the [19th] century, he brought in, throughout the Church, [this] special prayer to St Michael. Although this prayer is no longer recited at the end of Mass, I ask everyone not to forget it and to recite it to obtain help in the battle against the forces of darkness and against the spirit of this world." -- Pope St. John Paul II

Annual Day of **SOLEMN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Parish's annual Our Day of Solemn Eucharistic Adoration here at Nativity of Our Lord is set for Monday, October 7th, the Feast of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, Patroness of our church building.

The Eucharist will be exposed after the 7:00 a.m. Mass until Evening Prayer and Benediction at 7:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets are in the church vestibule. Our Guest Speaker for Evening Prayer this year will be Father Ryan Glenn, pastor of Christ the King Parish, Archbald.

Someone must be at prayer in the church at all times during exposition, and all members of societies and ministers are expected to make every effort to spend some time with Our Lord in prayer and adoration on this day. All parishioners should make the effort, but even if you cannot do a holy hour, do a holy half-hour, or a quarter-hour, or sacrifice a little of whatever time is available in your busy lives. Do not wait to ask for God's assistance, thank Him now for what peace we have in our lives, and come to Him in prayer and petition veiled in this Great Sacrament of the Altar while "the wood is green," asking for continued security, peace, and blessings for you and your family.

Our usual Monday Miraculous Medal Novena will move to 6:45pm this day, and our Monday rosary will be prayed following Evening Prayer and Benediction, with a candlelight procession. Light refreshments following.

OCTOBER COLLECTION FOR THE SPCA

Our Parish Women's Society will be collecting pet supplies for the SPCA during the month of October. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Please place

items in the receptacle in the Church vestibule. If you have any questions, please call or see Michelle Piontek or Beverly Dulny.

Animal supplies:

Dog and cat treats Cat litter Dry kitten chow Canned dog and cat food Guinea pig/rabbit food Timothy hay Collars and leashes Harness and slipleads Kong toys for dogs Cat toys and scratchers Peanut butter (non-xylitol) Small cat beds Kuranda dog beds

Paper clips

6-inch paper plates Trash bags (55 gal.) Tall kitchen bags Ziplock bags large or small) Prepaid fuel cards Gift cards for Petco or PetSmart

AA, AAA, D & 9 Volt batteries

Office and Misc. items:

8-1/2 X 11 copy paper

Scotch tape refills

Pens and markers

Cleaning Supplies:

Rubbing alcohol Peroxide Cleaning supplies Paper towels Toilet paper Sponges Dust pans with small brooms Latex/non latex gloves all sizes

Dish & Laundry detergent Bleach, Windex, Clorox wipes Non pine floor cleaner Dog waste scoopers

Items from home:

Towels / washcloths, Blankets, and Comforters (No Pillows Please!)

"In the Mass and in Eucharistic Adoration we meet the merciful love of God that passes through the merciful Heart of Christ."

-St. John Paul II, Pope

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Classes continue Sept 22, the 25th Sunday in Ordinary time. 1-6th Grades: 9:45-10:45 am.

Evening classes 7-8th Grades: 5:15-6:45pm.

MONDAYS WITH MARY With a world in need, needs in our families and communities, we will turn to Our Lady each Monday at 6:30pm, as we gather in church for the Miraculous Medal Novena, and the Rosary. Prayer should last about 25 minutes, though the church will be open early for those who wish.

GIFT CERTIFICATES/VOUCHERS For Catholic Education: the next sale dates will be Wednesday, September 25, from 8am-10am in the Church Hall. Consider using this opportunity to assist Catholic school students and our schools. For more information, stop in during sale hours. Anyone may participate.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS The Church celebrates the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Monday, October 4. Blessing of Animals will take place at 6:30 pm in the parking lot next to the Pastor's Residence. We invite you to bring your pets for the blessing on this special day.

TAKE OUT PASTA DINNER to benefit the HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION - Monday, October 21, 4:30-6:30. Pick up at Amadeo's Restaurant, 4001 Birney Ave., Moosic. Dinner includes Amadeo's Famous Pasta, Meatballs, Bread, Salad, & Dessert. \$17.00 Per Person. Call HRS at 570-457-2553. No orders or payments accepted the day of pick up. Questions to Colleen, 570-406-5141.



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11:00

Following what Mass?

Name

4:00

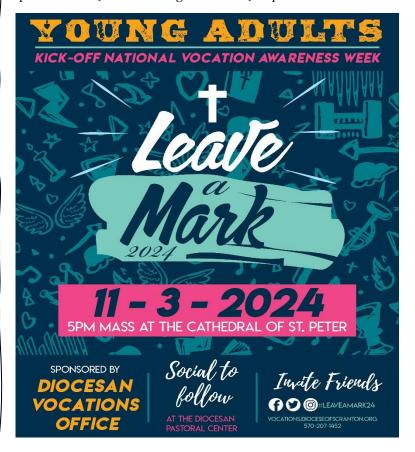
IN THE COMMUNITY:

AT QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES, AVOCA ● Queen of the Apostles Parish Fall Craft Fair and Soup Sale sponsored by Social Concerns/Respect Life Ministry. Saturday, October 5, 2024. 9 AM - 2 PM in the Parish Hall, 742 Spring St. Avoca, PA. Along with a variety of beautiful crafts items being sold will be jewelry sales including watch battery replacement, Tupperware, engraved glass, Crocheted items, Christmas wreaths & ornaments, quilts placemats pillow, wreaths more. A Raffle will be held for prizes donated by our vendors and donors. Food items will be available: Wimpies, Turkey Chili, Piggy, Vegetable, & Broccoli Cheddar Soup (pint or bowl), Hot dogs, Funnel cake, Haluski, Desserts and Beverages. Treats will also be available for the children. ALL ARE WELCOME!! Admission is free. Soups available for order by quart: Red or White Clam Chowder - \$10 Haluski - \$7 Vodka Sauce - \$10 Call Carol #570-457-8843 or Ruth #570-457-2111 by 9/29.

AT DIVINE MERCY PARISH, MINOOKA ● ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT ROSARY NOVENA beginning on Saturday, October 5th and continuing every evening until Sunday, October 13th. For more information, contact the Divine Mercy parish at (570) 344-1724 or email: nkatchur@divinemercyparish.us

AT ST MICHAEL'S BYZANTINE CATHOLIC, PITTSTON ● NIGHT AT THE RACES, Saturday, October 19, 2024, 205 N. Main Street Pittston. Doors open at 6:00pm – Races start at 7:00. Call 570-466-4227 to reserve a table and/or to purchase horses.

AT ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, PITTSTON ● AN EVENING OF SONG - Saturday, October 19 at 7:00 PM with the St. Thomas Gospel Choir of Philadelphia and Cantores Christi Regis of King's College in Wilkes-Barre. Both choirs will perform together for a number of selections. A suggested offering of \$10 per person will be accepted at the door. The concert is being co-sponsored by the parishes of St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph Marello in Pittston.



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