

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



“There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was poor man names Lazarus...Luke 16:19-31

September 28, 2025

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY [27]
4:00pm +Mark Buskirk by Mother

SUNDAY [28]
8:30am +Michael Curcio by Karin & Family
10:30am living and deceased members of the parish

MONDAY [29]
8:00am +Anthony, Sarah & Andrew Carcione
by Doyle & Connie Smith

TUESDAY [30]
8:00am +Dennis Nemchick by Mark Nemchick

WEDNESDAY [01]
8:00am health and blessing Rev. Msgr. Koons by Family

THURSDAY [02]
8:00am +Domenic V. & Doris Abruzzese by Anna Abruzzese

FRIDAY [03]
9:15am +Becky Petroski by Pat & Shirley Damico
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SATURDAY [04]
4:00pm +Erelene McQuay by Tom & Michele Knapik

SUNDAY [05]
8:30am +Lisa Marie Hoppe by Family
10:30am +Harry & Angeline Cali by Joseph H. Cali
("+" before name indicates person deceased)

Ministers of the Altar – October 4/5
Altar Servers

4:00pm Jaxon Ellis, Jordyn Ellis
8:30am Natosha Morrison
10:30am Landyn Myers, Elliana Roberts

Eucharistic Ministers
4:00pm Briedella Fehr, Dennis Fehr
8:30am Dana Hahn, Charles DeBellis
10:30am Sr. Maria Juveneeh, Sr. Maria Luz

Lectors
4:00pm Philomena Reduzzi
8:30am Phyllis Pugliesi
10:30am Lelia Topalanchik

CONFESSION TIMES Saturday 2:45pm – 3:30pm. Confessions are available after the Saturday Vigil Mass upon request, or any time by appointment.

Victim Assistance - Office of Safe Environment
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\$\$\$ FUND RAISING \$\$\$

Please consider purchasing Weis cards. You do not lose a penny of purchasing power and the church receives 5% profit.

Weis Cards are available by calling the Parish Office M-F from 10 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.

The winner of the 200 Club on Sept 21 will be announced in next week’s bulletin.

Play-the-Month winners:
Sept 17 #123 Sherwood Roth
Sept 19 #501 Dan & Ruth Daly
Sept 20 #128 Christopher Dalessandro

The total of last week’s collection was \$5178. Thank you.

If you wish to have any events published in our bulletin, the information is due by Wednesday at 12 p.m. Please include the word “bulletin” in the ‘Subject’ line. Each event should have a title, date, time, location, group name, and all other information pertaining to the event.

Don’t forget to save your Weis shopping receipts and drop them in the “Weis Receipts” basket located in the Gathering Space. Thank you!



We will have Blessing of Animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi (Feast Day Oct. 4) in front of the church on Sunday, October 5, 2025 at 12:00 noon. Please make sure that animals are leashed or caged for their safety.

Christmas Cookie Extravaganza Fundraiser

Third Sunday of Advent
Msgr. Koons is asking for volunteers to form a committee for a “Christmas Cookie” Fundraiser to be held on Sunday, December 14, 2025. The purpose of the committee would be to organize, suggest recipes, discuss ideas, solicit volunteers and bakers; to brainstorm about other Christmas ideas/themes for the same day. Msgr. Koons is providing a visit from “Santa Claus” from 12 noon to 1:30pm on that Sunday. Please consider contributing your time and talents and ideas to plan, organize, and implement this unique fundraiser. Come with your ideas! Open to anyone interested in committing to the success of this fundraiser/social activity of our Parish.
First meeting to be held at 6pm on Wednesday, October 8, 2025 in the Church Social Hall.

Join Us for Bible Study with Monsignor Koons: “The Advent of the Messiah”

The coming of God's Son to earth is an event of such immensity that God willed to prepare for it over the centuries. He makes everything converge on Christ: all the rituals and sacrifices, figures and symbols of the "First Covenant." He announces him through the mouths of the prophets who succeeded one another in Israel. Moreover, he awakens in the hearts of the pagans a dim expectation of this coming.
The word "advent" comes from the Latin “adventus”, meaning “an arrival.” For centuries, the children of Israel faithfully awaited the advent of the promised Redeemer-Messiah. God first promised a future Redeemer after humanity's fall in Eden, cursing the serpent and assuring that Satan's power would one day end. Centuries later, the prophet Isaiah foretold that a virgin from the House of David would bear the Davidic Messiah. In the winter of 3/2 BC, the time arrived for the Redeemer-Messiah—promised since Adam and Eve's fall—to undo Satan's work and redeem humanity.
Prepare for Advent (Sunday, November 30) and Christmas this year with a Bible Study of “The Advent of the Messiah” and help to deepen your understanding of this beautiful mystery with Monsignor Koons. All are welcome! Begins Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 7pm in the Church Social Hall. Meetings each Tuesday: October 28, November 4, 11, 18, and December 2, 9, 16. Please call the Parish Office to register. No charge!

The **St. Elizabeth of Hungary Memorial Society** is an opportunity to have your departed loved ones prayed for once a month in a Mass. The next Mass for members of the Memorial Society will be offered **Sunday October 12, 2025, at 10:30 A.M.** Once enrolled, those in the Memorial Society will be prayed for each month and need not be reenrolled again. Recent enrollment: **Carole Carrescia** by Fred C. DeRea

The Rosary is prayed publicly before all weekday morning Masses and Thursday's, at 3 p.m. Do you have a ‘Special Intention’ whom you would like to be prayed for? Fill out a prayer request form located on the side tables in the vestibule, then place it in the basket next to the statue of the Blessed Mother.

Please pray for the sick... Janet Abitabilo, Liza Bonisese, Anna Fiorot, Kathleen Gerenser, Tina Lohman, Millie Popovice, Ryan Savage

More than 200,000 + babies have been saved since Roe Wade was overturned.
Frank Pavone



Dinner
The Knights of Columbus Council #3862 is extending the invitation to all Knights and Parishioners to this year’s Harvest Dinner Dance, to be held on **Saturday, October 4, 2025**. Our time for celebrating achievements with an evening of fun and fellowship will be held at the Council Home Event Hall beginning at 6:00 PM with Hors d'Oeuvres and dinner starting at 7:00 PM. We will also have the opportunity tp present the Knight of the Year Award. Catering will be provided by Carol's Catering and Music for the evening will be supplied by DJ Zazzy, of local fame. Tickets are available at \$25.00 per person and \$40.00 a couple. Reach out to: Jim Bauer at 570.994.2767 or jpbauer@ptd.net prior to **September 26, 2025** to make your reservations. This is a BYOB event where sodas and mixers are included with the meal.

Dance

ALL SOULS PICTORIAL REMEMBRANCE
Sunday November 2, 2025 through Sunday November 23, 2025

If you would like your departed loved ones to be prayed for in a special way during the month of November, you are invited to bring in a photograph of them to be displayed in the front of the Church during the month of “ALL SOULS.” **Memorial candles also can be purchased to include up to five names on each candle for \$15.00. Please see the bulletin insert this weekend, or pick up a form in the vestibule.** There is no charge for having your loved one’s photo diplayed. Please place the **FRAMELESS** photo in an appropriate-sized envelope with your loved one’s name, year of birth, year of death, and YOUR NAME ON THE ENVELOPE so that the photos may be properly identified and returned at the end of the month.

All Souls Envelopes, with names inscribed, also will be placed on the Altar during the month of November, as Monsignor Koons will pray for the intention of their eternal rest at every weekday and weekend Mass during the entire month of November.

Praying for the deceased is one of the seven SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY and is a hallmark of Catholic Prayer that finds its biblical roots in:

- 2 Maccabees 12:46 - Judas Maccabeus offers a prayer and a sacrifice for his soldiers who died with impurities or attachment to sin.
- 2 Timothy 1:16-18 - Saint Paul offers a prayer for Onesiphorus and his household, asking for mercy on the Day of the Lord.
- Matthew 12:32 - Jesus states, "whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age *or in the age to come*." This statement reveals that some sins can be forgiven or atoned for after death, providing a doctrinal basis for praying for souls who may need purification before entering heaven.

The Catholic faith has always taught that believers are in spiritual communion with the dead, and that prayers for them are not wasted, even if they are in heaven, as they can be applied to other souls in need.