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## September 24, 2023

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### Masses in Masontown

Monday, Wednesday, Friday ..8:00 am  
Saturday .....6:00 pm  
Sunday..... 8:00 am & 11:30 am

**Confessions:** Saturday 5:00-5:30 pm

**Adoration:** First & Third  
Fridays - 4:30 to 6:00 pm

### Masses in Footedale

Tuesday & Thursday .....8:00 am  
Saturday: .....4:00 pm  
Sunday.....9:30 am

**Confessions:** Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm

**Adoration:** Second & Fourth  
Wednesdays - 12:30 to 2:00 pm

**Office Hours:** Monday through  
Friday - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Bulletin Articles:** The deadline  
for placing articles in the bulletin  
is Monday at Noon.

**New Parishioners, Welcome!**  
Please register as soon as possible.

**Communion to the Homebound** is  
provided on a regular basis. Call the  
Parish Office to be added to our list.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** By  
appointment. Prior to your baby's  
Baptism, you must be a registered,  
practicing member of this parish.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Requires  
parish membership by at least one of  
the parties for six months prior to  
making arrangements for marriage.

Weddings should be scheduled  
one year in advance.

**Prayer Chain:** To request prayer,  
please call Patty 724-245-9746  
or Valeria 724-583-9460



## 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Are you envious because I am generous?” Thus, the last  
will be first, and the first will be last.” - Mt 20:15-16

Thoughts from Father Anthony  
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

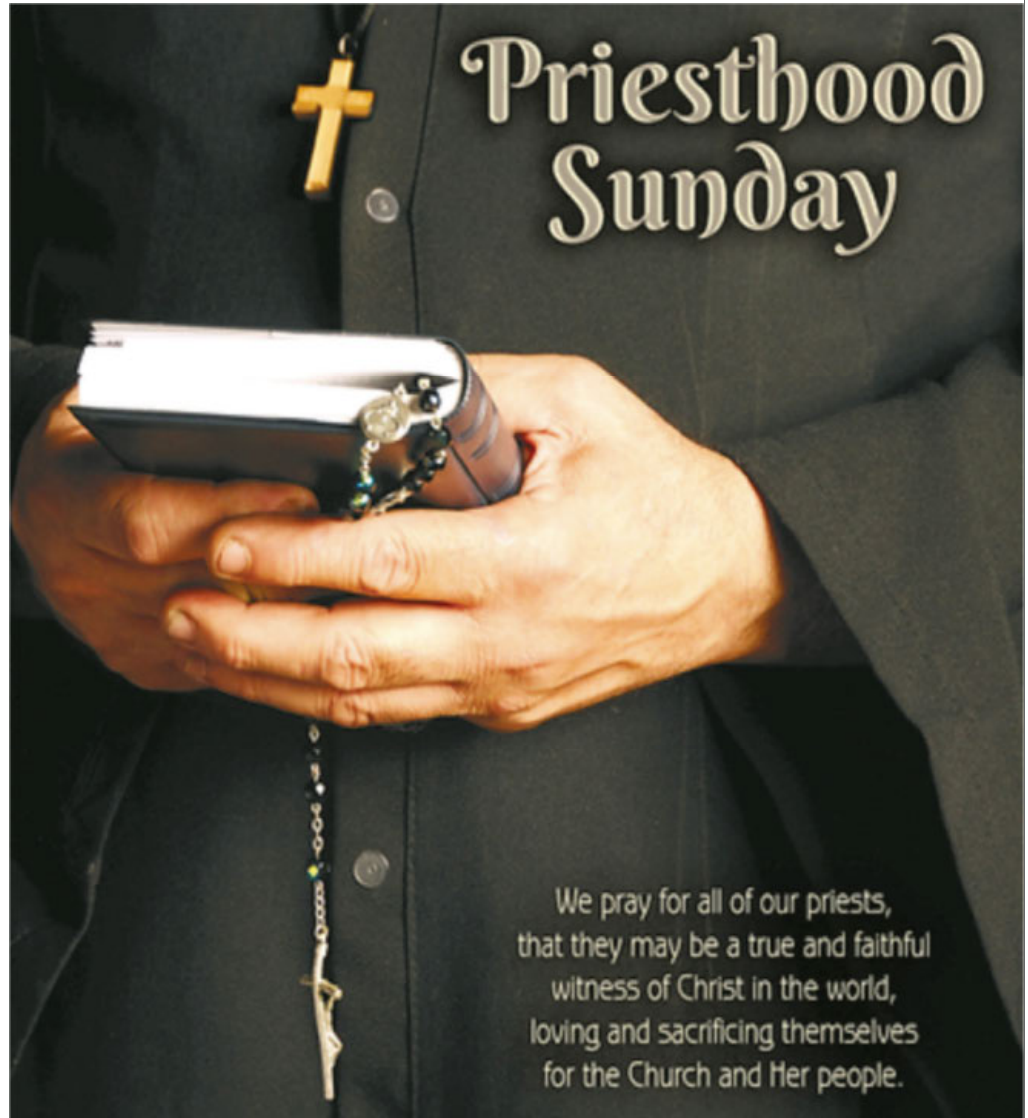


**Today is Priesthood Sunday,** a special day set aside to honor Priesthood across the nation and affirm the role of Priesthood in the life of the Church. As we celebrate this day, let us remember to pray daily for an increase of vocations in the Diocese of Greensburg.

**Please pray for our priests!**

Dear Lord, Thank you for the priests who have ministered to us through our lives, the ones who baptized us, gave us communion, offered absolution, prayed for us, inspired us, and nurtured our faith. May they know your goodness and our gratitude! Amen.

**Thank you and God bless you, Father Anthony !**



On October 4, Pope Francis will open the first session of the **16th General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops.** The Holy Father has asked that the whole Church, throughout the world, join in prayer for the success of this undertaking.

Father Anthony wishes to thank the gentlemen who helped trim trees and clean up our parish grounds this past week: Dom Galluzzo, Mark Moser, Rick Bobincheck, George Parish, Ed Rockwell, Tom Herbst, Frank Vaslavsky and Mark Whyel  
Thank you and God bless you!

**OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish is a Eucharistically-centered faith community whose life is formed by our baptismal commitment to Christ; is nourished by Scripture, Church teachings and the Sacraments; and is supported by membership in the worldwide church around us. It is a community made up of the former faith communities of All Saints, Holy Rosary, Madonna, Saint Mary, Saint Procopius and Saint Thomas. There is a long and rich history here where all are welcome, trust is present, risks for the kingdom of God are taken and the gifts of everyone are called forth. Under the patronage of Saint Francis of Assisi, we strive to be an instrument of peace and all that God calls us to be.





**Experience the MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS**

This holiday season, travel back in time to Bethlehem as the original Christmas story unfolds all around you.

Journey alongside Mary and Joseph, a flock of surprised shepherds, and three wisemen - along with their camels! There may be no room at the inn, but God has a lowly stable prepared as the angels announce the coming of the Messiah! as it comes to life on stage with massive sets and live animals in this cherished holiday production from Sight & Sound Theatres in Lancaster.

**Our parish has reserved 35 tickets for the 4:00 pm performance on Thursday, November 9.**

The cost is \$185 and includes transportation, show ticket and dinner at Miller's Smorgasbord. You are encouraged to make your reservation as early as possible. **Payment must be made by October 1.** The bus will pick us up at the Footedale parking lot and the Uniontown Mall. For questions and/or reservations, please contact Rosemary Regan at 724-245-8333.

Today, on the last Sunday of September, **World Day of Migrants and Refugees** is observed. "Our shared response to the many challenges of contemporary migration may be articulated by four verbs: *to welcome, to protect, and to integrate.*" (Pope Francis, Message for the 104<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees, 2018).

*rest in peace*

Parish Sympathy is expressed to the family of  
† **Cindy Mihalko**

who was buried Thursday, September 21.  
May God grant her eternal life and comfort  
her family. May she rest in peace.



**Faith Formation - Sunday, September 24  
10:30 to 11:45 am in Footedale**

Classes for grades Pre-K through second are held in the church basement; grades 3-7 are held in the social hall.

**Deadline** to register for the 2023-2024 Faith Formation year is **October 1**. A reminder that children are *required* to complete a year of Faith Formation before entering the sacramental classes of First Eucharist and Confirmation *except* for students who attend a Catholic School.

Questions? [kstavish@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:kstavish@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

**HOAGIE SALE** sponsored by our Youth Ministry Group after **all Masses this weekend**. The cost is \$6 for an 8" Italian hoagie made by New Salem Mini Mart.

No preorders needed. Get yours while they last.  
Thank you for your generous support of our youth!

**NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The annual Knights of Columbus **Pie Sale** is now being held. Order forms are available at the entrances of both worship sites. Pies are by "The Pie Shoppe".

Paid orders are due by October 27; the delivery date is November 7. Orders can be placed in the collection basket or mailed to PO Box 4, Masontown, PA 15461

**Regular Meetings** are held the first Tuesday of each month at 11:00 am in the Masontown cafeteria.

The K of C is a global Catholic fraternal service order founded by Michael J. McGivney on March 29, 1882.

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**Festival 2023**  
September 2 & 3

**The Practice of Stewardship**

Good stewards follow the advise of Saint Paul and conduct themselves - by wise use of their time and talents - in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ.

**Today is the annual diocesan collection for our Seminarians, Permanent Diaconate, the ongoing formation of our clergy and our International Priests.**

Please be generous in supporting the needs of our Seminarians and Clergy through this collection. In addition to your financial support, please pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and the religious life, so that the Lord may continue providing men with *Hearts for the Mission*.

**Stewardship of Treasure**

**September 17:** \$5,763; loose \$400; monthly \$370; children \$8; online \$4052; Accent \$291 total \$7,234  
 We also collected \$1,114 for the care of our cemeteries:  
 St. Thomas \$308; OLPH \$276; St. Agnes \$175; Holy Rosary \$155; Madonna \$130; St. Procopius \$70  
**Our parish is grateful for your continued support!**

**Tuesday is the Feast of Saints Cosmas and Damian,** brother physicians known as “moneyless ones” for their gratuitous care of the sick. They are patrons of physicians, surgeons, druggists, barbers and the blind.

**Wednesday is the Feast of Saint Vincent de Paul.** He renewed the clergy and defended the poor and abandoned. He is patron of charities, hospitals and prisoners.

**Thursday is the Feast of Saint Wenceslaus,** duke of Bohemia who sought to bring the faith to his people. He was killed by his pagan brother and is patron of the Czech Republic and Slovakia

**Thursday is also the Feast of Sixteen Martyrs of Nagasaki, Japan.** During the years 1633-1637, they included nine Japanese, four Spaniards, one Frenchman, an Italian and the Philippino, Lawrence Ruiz, the father of a family and protomartyr of the Philippines.

**Friday is the Feasts of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels.** These biblical messengers signify God’s transcendence and loving care: Michael (Who is like God?), Gabriel (God’s Strength) and Raphael (God’s Remedy). Michael is patron of security forces and of the sick; Gabriel is patron of telecommunications and the postal service and Raphael is patron of travelers and of the blind.

**Saturday is the Feast of Saint Jerome,** a devoted monk who wrote numerous commentaries on and authored the Latin translation of the Bible. He is one of the four great doctors of the Latin Church and is patron of scripture scholars



# MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday, September 23 -- Vigil: 25<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday**

4:00 pm-F *Adeline Kiec (Frank/Judy Richnavsky)*  
 6:00 pm-M Carol Boyer (Paul & Irene Krokus)

**Sunday, September 24 -- 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am-M Pro Populo  
 9:30 am-F *John Olesh (Nieces Patti, Mickie, Families)*  
 11:30 am-M Joseph Sabatelli (Wife, Rosalie)

**Monday, September 25 -- Weekday**

8:00 am-M Joseph Spak (Dtr Kathy/John Pleban/Fam)

**Tuesday, September 26 -- Saints Cosmas & Damian**

8:00 pm-F *Louis & Angela Pikulski (Daughters)*

**Wednesday, September 27 -- Saint Vincent de Paul**

8:00 am-M Greg Cox (Mom & Dad)  
 12:30-2:00 pm-F Adoration / Confession

**Thursday, September 28 -- Weekday**

8:00 am-F *John & Bridget M. Berisko (Sons)*

**Friday, September 29 -- Saints Michael/Gabriel/Raphael**

8:00 am-M John Krovich Jr. (Brother, George)

**Saturday, September 30 -- Vigil: 26<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday**

3-3:30 pm-F *Confessions*  
 4:00 pm-F *Charles Kozub Sr. (George Sasko)*  
 5:00-5:30 pm-M Confessions  
 6:00 pm-M George Homa (Judy & Joe Bogoz)

**Sunday, October 1 -- 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am-M Pro Populo  
 9:30 am-F *Judith A. Scola (Joanne/Mary Jo Bashour)*  
 11:30 am-M Donna Waslousky (Fedor Family)

**Mass Readings for the Week Ahead**

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18  
 Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-20; Lk 8:19-21  
 Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6  
 Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9  
 Friday: Dn 7:9-14; Jn 1:47-51  
 Saturday: Zec 2:5-15; Lk 9:43-45  
 Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32



**Question of the Week:**

How can I prioritize generosity over fairness  
 in how I regard and treat others?



**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Wednesday, September 27, in Footedale**

12:30-1:30 pm: Exposition / Confession  
 1:30-1:45 pm: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena  
 1:45-2:00 pm: Benediction



**Beyond Fair**

Matthew 20:1-16

After something terrible happens in our lives, we may conclude that God doesn't care, that God has abandoned us, or that there is no God. This is natural, for we cannot see our world as God sees our world. Isaiah tries to impress upon His listeners that God's thoughts and actions are so far above our own that we will never understand them. As Christians, we believe that God so loves us that God sent the Son, who suffered and died to save us. We trust that no matter what, God is with us. May we be reassured by that truth as we gather today in God's name.

**October Calendar Tickets**

We still have a number of tickets available and it's not too late to get yours! The cost of \$20 entitles you to a chance to win daily cash awards - ranging from \$100 to \$500 - each day during the month of October.

Winning numbers will be determined by the 7:00 pm Pennsylvania Pick 3 Lottery number. Tickets are available Monday through Friday at the Parish Office 9:00 am to 4:00 pm or by calling Carletta (724-570-4133) or Karen (724-557-3421)

**Memorial Candles** burn this week in loving memory of or for the special intention of:

- † **Sanctuary** - *All Living and Deceased Parishioners of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish*
- † **Blessed Mother** - *John & Bridget M. Berisko* requested by son, Philip  
*My loving family, Dad, Mom, Andrew & Marie* requested by Sis
- † **Saint Joseph** - *Wallace Frost* requested by Roseanne, Eugene & Family  
*Michael Kovacic* requested by his children
- † **Sacred Heart** - *Louis & Angela Pikulski* requested by their daughters





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