

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Friday, September 29, 2017
Feast Day of the Archangels:
Michael, Gabriel and Raphael



Our Lady of Fatima
*Pleaded that we pray the Holy Rosary
before Sunday Mass and
privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.*

September 24, 2017
*Turn to the LORD for mercy;
to our God, who is gener-
ous in forgiving.*
— Isaiah 55:7b

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Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule
Sunday: 10:30 AM - Holy Days: 6:00 PM
Rosary: 10:05 AM - Rosary: 5:40 PM

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator
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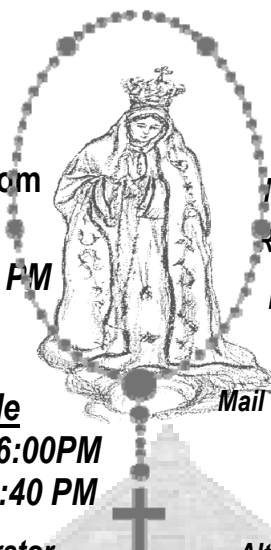
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8:00 AM 8:00 AM 8:00 AM

10:00 AM 12:00 Noon 12:00 Noon

12:00 Noon 5:30 PM Saturday: 8:00 AM

5:00 PM 12:00 Noon

September 24, 2017
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE THREE ARCHANGELS—FEAST DAY SEPTEMBER 29TH

St Michael (Who is like God?) was the archangel who fought against Satan and all his evil angels, defending all the friends of God. He is the protector of all humanity from the snares of the devil.

Gabriel (Strength of God) announced to Zachariah the forthcoming birth of John the Baptist, and to Mary, the birth of Jesus. His greeting to the Virgin, "Hail, full of grace," is one of the most familiar and frequent prayers of the Christian people.

Raphael (Medicine of God) is the archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey.

ARCHANGELS

The chief angels of the high order are Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. Michael is viewed as a guide to heaven, protector of God's chosen people, foe of Satan and guardian of the church. Gabriel, revealer of the Incarnation, announced the births of John the Baptist and Christ. Tradition honors Raphael, an angel of healing, as head of guardian angels, those who hear prayers and bring them to God. In artwork these messengers of God are depicted as winged beings, a possible reference to the appearance of Gabriel "in rapid flight" to the prophet Daniel.

MICHAEL, GABRIEL, RAPHAEL

These archangels, messengers sent by God, are the only ones named in the Bible. In the Book of Daniel, Michael is called "the great prince"; in the Letter of Jude, he argues with the devil over Moses' body; and in the Book of Revelation, he leads the battle against Satan. He is patron of the sick, radiologists and mariners. Gabriel explains Daniel's visions to him in the Book of Daniel, and in the Gospel of Luke announces to Zechariah and Mary the births of their respective sons. He is the patron of messengers and telecommunications and postal workers. Raphael guides Tobiah in the Book of Tobit; he is patron of the blind, physicians and travelers. The church created their joint feast after the Second Vatican Council.

POWERFUL PRAYER TO THE THREE ARCHANGELS

*Heavenly King, You have given us archangels
to assist us during our pilgrimage on earth.*

Saint Michael is our protector;

*I ask him to come to my aid,
fight for all my loved ones,
and protect us from danger.*

Saint Gabriel is a messenger of the Good News;

*I ask him to help me
clearly hear Your voice
and to teach me the truth.*

Saint Raphael is the healing angel;

*I ask him to take my need for healing
and that of everyone I know,
lift it up to Your throne of grace
and deliver back to us the gift of recovery.*

*Help us, O Lord,
to realize more fully the reality of the archangels
and their desire to serve us.*

*Holy angels,
pray for us.*

Amen.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that, "The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls "angels" is a truth of faith. The witness of Scripture is as clear as the unanimity of Tradition."

Angels are pure, created spirits. The name angel means servant or messenger of God. Angels are celestial or heavenly beings, on a higher order than human beings.

Angels have no bodies and do not depend on matter for their existence or activity. They are distinct from saints, which men can become. Angels have intellect and will, and are immortal.

They are a vast multitude, but each is an individual person. Archangels are one of the nine choirs of angels listed in the Bible.

In ascending order, the choirs or classes are 1) Angels, 2) Archangels, 3) Principalities, 4) Powers, 5) Virtues, 6) Dominations, 7) Thrones, 8) Cherubim, and 9) Seraphim.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 24, 2017
10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 20:1-6

September 24, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in OT

Today's Intention — Catherine Burr

Readings: Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

October 1, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in OT

Hattie R. Zaczek, B/day Ann. (Children)

CATHEDRAL MASS INTENTIONS

September 25, Monday: Weekday

Readings: Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18

6:45 AM Marian Clemens (Pat Rhoa)

8:00 AM David Petrak (8:00 AM Mass Friends)

12:00 PM Jim & Mary Ellen Kelly (Alice & Butch Winkler)

September 26, Tuesday: Saints Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

Readings: Ezr 6:7-8, 12, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21

6:45 AM Joanna Tetanich (Russ & MaryAnn Pleva Family)

8:00 AM Alfred Rutolo, Birthday (Family)

12:00 PM Betty Capouellez, Birthday (Family)

September 27, Wednesday: Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

Readings: Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

6:45 AM Jim Davidson (Gary & Janet Roesch)

8:00 AM George Zsifkov (Bob & Joan Lozinak)

12:00 PM Betty McCabe (Tim & JoAnn Bettwy)

**September 28, Thursday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr,
/St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs**

Readings: Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9

*6:45 AM George D. Barry (Green, Tyler, Maryl Barry Family)

*8:00 AM Bernadette Weakland (M/M Thomas Heasely, Jr.)

12:00 PM M. Virginia Jones (Pat Byrne)

September 29, Friday: Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

Readings: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51

6:45 AM Marci Kaplonski (Friends)

8:00 AM Rose Ann Himmelein (Mary Ann Bell)

12:00 PM Linda Blackie, Birthday (Friend)

September 30, Saturday: Saint Jerome, Priest & Doctor

Readings: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15; Lk 9:43-45

8:00 AM Joe Maltet, Birthday (Family)

12:00 PM John Vogel, Birthday (Family)

Vigil: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

5:00 PM Frances Pagliaro (Stanley J. Krish Family)

Remember Our Sick and Dying in your prayers.

*Jesus, Son of the Living Father,
Have Mercy on Me, A Sinner*

*Our Lady of Fatima asks us to:
"Pray the Rosary daily for Peace."*

SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

Scripture Reflection

Perhaps you have heard the saying "God's ways are not our ways," in response to an unexplainable tragedy or a strange event. It originates in today's reading from Isaiah. The phrase "seek the Lord" is not about going to the Temple, but about seeing God's abundant mercy in the events and world surrounding us, and recognizing that God, though utterly transcendent, desires always to be among us in the most intimate ways.

Biblical passages describe the grape harvest as a time of celebration. A vineyard at harvest speaks security, abundance and the expectation of joy. Jesus plays on this in today's Gospel. The vineyard owner, feeling the spirit of the season, shows unexpected generosity to his late-coming workers, giving them a full day's wage. Although many had struggled to keep the faith during times of persecution, others had failed to do so. Now, as the end of time approached, Christ had drawn the lost back and promised them an equal place in the kingdom.

God's ways are not our ways, as Isaiah reminds us. Even among today's Christians, there are many who have struggled to live their faith, and some express resentment toward those who have not, but such emphases resemble the complaint of the labors who bore "the day's burden and the heat." They indeed bear such burdens, but that is not what earned them their reward. The grape harvest is a time of joy. Our labor alongside Christ is its own reward. By contrast, a person who has spent even one hour laboring alongside Christ has received a matchless gift of grace.

In the Gospel, when it comes time to pay the workers, everyone gets the same full day's wage, and some of the workers complain vehemently. Really, who does that sort of thing! Their human understanding of fairness cannot fathom God's radical generosity. Here's one of those times when we should say, "God's ways are not our ways."

- Can you think of a time when you heard yourself say, "God's ways are not our ways"?
- When have you received great, undeserved generosity?

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**ORDER
OF
CELEBRATING
MATRIMONY**

Liturgical Reflection...

After the Our Father at the Mass celebrating Matrimony, the prayer "Deliver us" is omitted and the couple receives the Nuptial Blessing. The priest, standing and facing the bride and bridegroom, invokes upon them God's blessings. The Nuptial Blessing is never omitted at Mass. There are three different blessings to choose. The engaged couple in planning the celebration of Matrimony is invited to select one of the three Nuptial Blessings. This is an ancient prayer for the newly married bride and bridegroom in the Christian tradition.

Order of Celebrating Matrimony, Numbers, 72-73, 206-207, 208-209.

2017, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648

The Joy of The Gospel... hosted by Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Vocations Endowment Committee. Held at St. Michael the Archangel Basilica in Loretto, Oct. 8th, at 2:00 PM. in conjunction with Columbus Day. Bishop Mark will celebrate Mass. Immediately following Mass, a dinner will be held in the Community Hall. Knights, along with their family members, friends and all parishioners are invited to this social celebration. Cost of the dinner is \$15.00 for adults and \$7.50 for children 12 years old and younger. Reservations must be made and paid in advance! Please call the office at 942-0371. Deadline for reservations is September 30th.

2017 ALTOONA PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY, HERITAGE PLAZA, 11TH AVE., 14th St. ALTOONA

Join in the praying of the Rosary on the 100TH Anniversary of the "Miracle of the Sun" at Fatima on Saturday, October 14th, 2017 at NOON at the Heritage Plaza, 11th Ave. and 14th Street, Altoona. This event is celebrated in over 20,000 cities around the world on this same day. Invite a friend. We will be praying for our nation, veterans and troops. Go to www.anf.org.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 24)

The vineyard owner in today's Gospel asks, "Am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?" We are likewise free. Is a generous return to the Lord, in thanksgiving for his many blessings, among the choices we have made?

September 24 Mt. 20:1-16a

Today Jesus is saying to us: "Why are you idle? Go into my vineyard." Family, where "the last will be first," is the "vineyard" entrusted to us in today's gospel. Successful families are constructed by "laborers" who work hard on family relationships and not by couch potatoes.

Pet Blessing and Pastry Sale ...Franciscan Friars, TOR, Saturday, Oct. 7th at The Friar's Nook Gift Shop, 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg, begins at 10:00 AM. Event will be held rain or shine!

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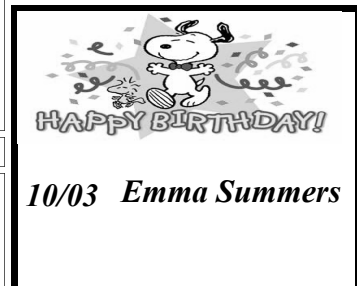
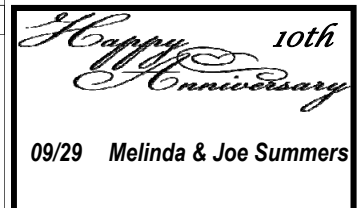
Our shortfall is now **\$2003**. Thank You to those who have just pledged! WE can make this goal! Please pray about giving and give what you can!

September 2017 Contributions

Sept 17, 2017	Env Used	56/147
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Cmas Club		5.00
Votives		45.00
Votives Fatima		10.00
Children's		6.50
Shrine		0
Music		0
Total Dep		1065.10

2017 Catholic Ministries Drive

Goal	\$10973.
Pledged to date	8970.
Short fall	\$2003.



AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA ROSARY RALLY: On Saturday, October 14th at Noon at City Hotel Park at 10th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue in Tyrone, PA you are invited to pray for peace and for help for our nation as part of the 2017 Public Square Rosary Crusade. Each year, the Public Square Rosary Crusade sponsored by America Needs Fatima hold thousands of rosary rallies in cities all across the country. This year the goal is 20,000 rosary rallies. In the historic year of the Fatima Centennial, we ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Rosary and prayers will be led by Father Jozef Kovacic, pastor of Saint Matthew Parish in Tyrone, PA. All those in attendance can provide prayer intentions. Chairs will be provided and refreshments will be served after the rally. This rally was initiated and organized by Sarah Zakrzewski, a junior at Bishop Guilfoyle High School, who will serve as the rally captain. If you have questions or need directions please contact her at 632-3070.

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OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

is commemorating the

*Centennial of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima
by scheduling*

*Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
for two (2) hours
on the remaining dates of the original Apparitions:*

*Sixth and last Apparition
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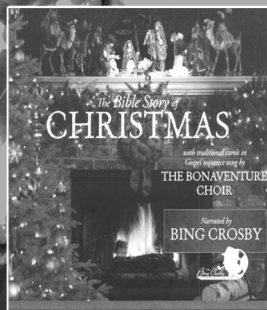
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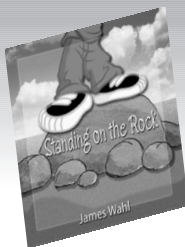
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