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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020**

# 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



# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

**SUN 9/20** Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

**MON 9/21** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

**TUE 9/22** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21

**WED 9/23** Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6

**THR 9/24** Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9

**FRI 9/25** Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-22

**SAT 9/26** Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 [1]/Lk 9:43b-45

**SUN 9/27** Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

**Sunday:** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Catechetical Sunday

**Monday:** St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

**Wednesday:** St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

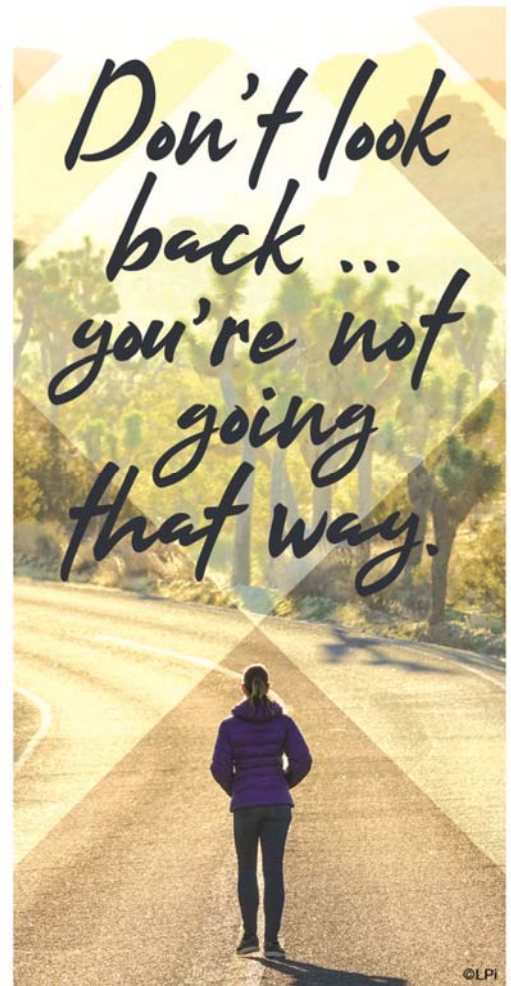
**Saturday:** Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

**Next Sunday:** 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

Think for a moment about the most special person in your life. Why do you love them? Many people will answer that question noting character traits they admire about the person, pointing to an indescribable compatibility that exists and describing a deep sense of connection and intimacy or even a sense of rightness about the relationship. In relationships that are authentic and true, rarely are the personal benefits gained from the relationship noted as motivating factors for its pursuit. If we truly love someone we do so simply because it is right and good to do so and not for some other self-serving reason. Why do you love God? The sense of happiness and the gift of mercy that come from that relationship are God's to give, regardless of when in life we come to Him. God's ways are different than ours.



*The  
Saving  
power  
of God*

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2020****TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****Collection: (Weekend of 9/12/2020 - 9/13/2020)**

Sunday	\$ 5,285.00
Mail-In	\$ 2,960.66
Online	\$ 925.00
Total	\$ 9,170.66

**Mass Attendance:**

4:30 pm: 79 - 8:00 am: 81 - 10:30 am: 95 - Total: **255**

**Monday - 9/21 - St. Matthew**

Intention 9:00 am - Edward & Lillian Fichter (daughter, Diana)

**Tuesday - 09/22**

Intention 9:00 am - Jerry & Gaylia Wallar (Mary & Bob Kring)

**Wednesday - 9/23 - St. Pius of Pietrelcina - (School Mass)**

Intention 8:20 am - Peg Cugliari (Kevin Kutz)

**Thursday - 9/24**

Intention - No Mass

**Friday - 9/25**

Intention 9:00 am - Pete Eaglowski (Mary Jane Malich)

**Saturday - 9/26 - Saints Cosmas & Damian**

Intention 4:30 pm - Floyd Draime (C & F Gonter)

**Sunday - 9/27 - TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Intention 8:00 am - People of Our Parish

Intention 10:30 am - William Peters (Agnes Peters)

**Sanctuary Candle:**

This week, the sanctuary candle is lit in memory of Paul Malek, from his wife, Diana.

**Flowers on the Altar:**

This week, the flowers on the altar are for John E. Glasure from Rita & Rebekka Glasure.

**Mass Intentions:**

Mass Intentions are available. If you would like to schedule a Mass for a loved one, please call the rectory office at (330) 833-6898 and speak with Jennifer.

**200 Club Tickets**

There are still some tickets available for purchase for the upcoming 200 Club year which runs from October 2020 through September 2021. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket for this great fundraiser or know someone who is, please contact Jennifer in the office at (330) 833-6898!

**Sanctuary Candle:**

There are still a few weeks available to have the sanctuary candle lit for a loved one. If you would like to schedule a week, please call the office and speak with Jennifer.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Are you someone or do you know someone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Perhaps you or a person you know was baptized Catholic, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation. RCIA offers an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about the Catholic faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

For information please contact: Amy Davis, Director of Religious Education, at 330-833-6898.

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES:**

SATURDAY - 4:30 p.m. - SUNDAY - 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.  
 HOLYDAY VIGIL - 7:00 p.m. - HOLYDAY - 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
 WEEKDAY - Monday, Tuesday, Friday, 9:00 a.m.  
 Wednesday, 8:20 a.m.  
 SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - SATURDAY - 3:30 p.m.

### DISPENSATION FROM THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS


The Catholic faithful who reside in the Diocese of Youngstown and all other Catholics in the diocese and especially those who are sick, or at high risk of becoming sick continue to be dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice. The Easter Duty obligation is extended for a period of one year from the end of the Easter Season 2020.

**Catechetical Sunday** This weekend we celebrate Catechetical Sunday. We will be commissioning catechists and teachers at each of the weekend Masses for ministry to the St. Barbara Community. The theme for Catechetical Sunday this year is "I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you." We appreciate all of the work that our catechists and Catholic school teachers do to pass the faith on to others. Please remember that through our baptism, we are each called to share the good news of the Gospel and be witnesses of the Christian faith. The St. Barbara School teachers in the 2020-2021 school year are: Connie Carbone – Preschool; Kelsey Williams – Preschool; Ashley Cross – Kindergarten; Ashley Gordon – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade; Abbie Geiger – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, including preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion; Tammy Berg – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade; Olivia Casenhiser – Middle School; Mackenzie Brenner – Middle School, including preparation for Confirmation; Will Ress – Middle School; and Sarah Knight – Middle School. Catechists in our Parish School of Religion (PSR) are: Jason Seifert – Kindergarten; Liz Vitale – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade; Ann Majors and Julia Majors – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade; Paul Bishop – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade; Tony Spitale and Aubrey Spitale – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade; Bekki Glasure – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade; Kristi French – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade; Mike Soehnen – 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grades. We are grateful to have the following individuals providing remote learning lessons to our students who are not participating in person this year for PSR – Jason Seifert, Liz Vitale, Rosalind Wilson, Larry Ardner, and Sara Tondra. We also recognize all parents in the critical role they play as the primary educators of their children in the faith. In the absence of formal faith formation programming at the end of the 2019-2020 school year, parents were especially charged with the task of instructing their children in the faith. Thank you for the dedication and passion that all of you put into passing the faith on to others!

**Flu Vaccines:** Heritage Square Pharmacy will be offering flu shots in the Narthex next weekend, September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. They will be here after the 4:30 pm Mass on September 26<sup>th</sup> and between the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses on September 27<sup>th</sup>. We will be offering a 4-strain regular dose for those under 65 years old and a 4-strain high dose for everyone over 65 years old. Please bring ALL insurance cards. (We are unfortunately not contracted with Stark county teachers and cannot bill for those vaccines.) If there is a co-pay after we bill your insurance, we will reach out to you to collect. If you do not have insurance, we will offer the vaccines at a cash price of \$39.00 for regular and \$75.00 for high dose. We will be accepting checks or exact change if paying cash. Questions?? Call Karli at 330-854-4949

The Poor Clare Nuns of Sancta Clara Monastery's Bread & Soup Sale is on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Orders can be placed and paid for through our website at [www.poorclares.org](http://www.poorclares.org). There will be curbside pick-up.  
BREADS: Raisin Walnut, Parmesan, Strawberry, and Banana Nut Bread. New York Cheesecake  
SOUPS: Wedding, Lentil, Tomato, Chicken Noodle, and Chili.

Thursday Sept. 24, 2020  
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St. Barbara Fundraiser: Dine In & Donate

Congratulations to Claudia Kelly,  
the winner of the Festival Raffle Drawing  
  
And  
  
Father Thomas Bishop  
the winner of  
  
the School Lottery Ticket drawing

### BINGO IS BACK

Bingo Starts back up on Wednesday September 2.  
Doors open at 4:30 p.m. - Bingo starts at 6:30 p.m.  
Limit 60 Players  
Masks Required at all times

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**SEPTEMBER 20TH – 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**“NOTHING WOULD BE DONE AT ALL**  
**IF A PERSON WAITED TILL HE COULD DO IT SO WELL**  
**THAT NO ONE COULD FIND FAULT WITH IT.”**  
**(CARDINAL NEWMAN)**

Dear Friends,

With all the many problems we are facing, there is a paralysis that seems to be happening. Either we feel we cannot do anything, and despair of the truly painful problems fills our heart with helplessness; or we are afraid that whatever we do will just be subject to criticism from others who usually are quick to judge but slow to offer help. We then let our fears lead to a withdrawal to the safe and familiar.

We hear from St. Paul this weekend to “conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.” (Philippians, ch.1) Grace-filled Christians engage life without calculating the cost. We don't give of ourselves half-heartedly. We engage and get involved; we take risks, knowing that we may make mistakes, but knowing that success is not our motivation to help solve problems, but fidelity to Christ.

Our prayer then is not calculated prayer as if we are getting payback for our efforts. Our prayer is to let our success be Christ's success, our victory but the source of praise to the One who promises to make all things work out.

Let's pray for each other to overcome despair and fear, to engage in the adventure of truly being Christ to a world so in need!

Sincerely, with love,

**200 Club Winners for the 09/15/2020 Drawing**

# 1 – St. Barbara PTO (Ticket# 83)

#2 – Polly Pifer (Ticket# 115)

Congratulations! Both tickets will be put back in for another chance to win at our final drawing of this 200 Club year on September 30, 2020!

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET** will be led by a member of Massillon K of C on Tuesday, September 22nd at 9:45 am during Eucharistic Adoration following the 9:00 am Mass. The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us — all of us, and he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

**RIGHT TO LIFE OF STARK COUNTY EVENTS**

Canton 40 Days for Life Fall Kickoff will begin on Tuesday, September 22nd with a 1:30 pm rally by Sue Thayer of National 40 Days. Wednesday, September 23rd through November 1st, 2020 we will be praying to end abortion in a peaceful vigil from 8 am to 6 pm seven days a week. **Hearts and Minds have changed since 2007 when 40 Days began.** We stand at Planned Parenthood, 2663 Cleveland Avenue NW, Canton across from the Post Office. For information call Linda Warren at 330-826-1885 or email fortydayscanton@gmail.com or call Mary Kring at 330-833-9851. Social Distancing will be followed. Please join us on the line.

**LIFE CHAIN** will take place on Sunday, October 4th, 2020 during “**Respect Life**” Month at 2:30 pm. This is the 33rd National Life Chain. We will pray at Planned Parenthood, 2663 Cleveland Avenue NW, Canton to honor the millions of babies who lost their lives to abortion. Signs will be provided beginning at 2:00 pm. This is a time of peaceful prayer. Social Distancing will be followed.

# St. Barbara Church

## Finances for Fiscal Year

### July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

**PARISH OPERATING REVENUES**

Collections	\$ 578,884
Bequests and Gifts	2,400
Parish Activities	-
Stewardship	36,332
Bishop's Appeal Rebate	
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>617,616</b>

**PARISH NON-OPERATING REVENUES**

Investment Income	9,183
Proceeds from Loan(s)	
Other Parish Income (rental income)	28,423
<b>Total Non-Operating Revenues</b>	<b>37,605</b>

**TOTAL PARISH OPERATING REVENUES****655,221****PARISH OPERATING EXPENDITURES)**

Salary and Payroll Expense	246,264
Office Expense	23,269
Rectory Expense	13,960
Sanctuary Expense	15,954
Religious Education	21,879
Parish Activities	5,198
Building Expense, Utilities, Maintenance and Insurance	102,888
Payments to Diocese (Diocesan Assessment and High School Quota)	91,139
Other Parish Expense	16,373
<b>Total Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>536,923</b>

**PARISH NON-OPERATING EXPENDITURES**

Furniture and Equipment Purchases	-
Principal and Interest Payments on Loans	-
Parish Subsidy to School	118,298
Other Non-Operating Expenses	
<b>Total Non-Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>118,298</b>

**TOTAL PARISH OPERATING EXPENDITURES****655,221****NET PARISH OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENDITURES)****\$ (0)**



## LITURGICAL LIFE

# RESPONDING *to the Call*

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

##### Be Sure to Look the Part

I used to coach my oldest son in soccer when he was younger. As he got older, he would go to tryouts for select and high school teams. I was no longer the coach, but I always shared with him one piece of advice before any tryout: Be sure to look the part. I told him that if he showed up looking like a soccer player, there was an increased chance of him being seen as a soccer player. If he showed up looking like a kid that plays soccer in video games as opposed to the real thing, he might not be taken seriously. As he grew older, that same advice was then applied to getting a job. It's advice I have heeded myself all my life. You can even say it is like another common phrase: "Fake it till you make it."

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we certainly do not want to fake it, but we do need to look the part. The world looks at those of us who proclaim to be Christians to see if there is anything to this way of life. If they see us looking and acting like people transformed by Jesus Christ, they will be more likely to take Christianity seriously. If they look at us and see nothing different, then they can easily conclude that there is nothing different about Jesus Christ. He just becomes simply another religious figure of history. Can the world see the power of Christ in you? How will do you look the part?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!



### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

#### Catholic Life Explained:

##### Good and Evil

#### Question:

If God is good, why is there evil in the world?

#### Answer:

The problem of evil is perplexing. If God is all-powerful and all-good, why doesn't He stop bad things from happening? He must either not be all-powerful, or perhaps He's not very good after all. Human beings have faced the possibility of evil since the very beginning of our existence. In granting us free will, God gives us the ability to make free choices. God does not force us into moral perfection. We are not forced to love Him or to love our neighbor. We must make the decision ourselves. This means, of course, that we have the ability to choose against love.

One small decision of selfishness, jealousy, or pride may not seem so bad. But every decision — good or bad — is like a stone dropped into a still pond. The ripples extend much farther than the original stone. When decisions against love begin to compound, they affect families, neighborhoods, and nations. This is all the more reason for Christians to be faithful to our baptismal call to love one another as Christ has loved us!



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