

Mass Intentions for the Week

9/21 Mon	9:00 AM	John D'Angelo By Gloria Papastrat
9/22 Tues	9:00 AM	Kevin Maddalone By Gloria Papastrat
9/23 Wed	9:00 AM	All Deceased Parishioners
9/24 Thurs	9:00 AM	All Deceased Parishioners
9/25 Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
9/26 Sat	4:00 PM	Frances Gregory By The Family
9/27 Sun	10:30 AM	All Deceased Parishioners

Catholic University of America

Next weekend, the diocese will be taking up the National Collection for the Catholic University of America. By giving to the collection, you are supporting future Catholic Leaders, both religious and lay who are being formed by an exceptional, faith rooted education. Visit collection.catholic.edu to learn more and give easily online.

Harvest Festival ~ Crafts Needed

Hand crafted items are needed for the Craft Booth for this year's Harvest Festival.

Special Thank you

Thank you to everyone that helped with the Golden Age Party. It was a great time for all who attended.

Parish Center ~ Reminder

Beginning Monday September 21st the Parish Center will be closed in order for the Harvest Festival committees to begin setup.

Share the Bounty Dinner

September 24, 2026, 4:30 – 6:30PM
Taco Bar with all the fixings,
and dessert – Churros with Ice Cream.
All are welcome!

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Compassion

Perhaps we are familiar with the concept of *schadenfreude*, which Merriam Webster's dictionary describes as "enjoyment obtained from seeing or hearing about the troubles of others." If we're honest with ourselves, we all may fall into a bit of *schadenfreude* at times, particularly when we feel the person experiencing the troubles had it coming to them. Though certainly far from the love of neighbor our Lord calls us to, it's easy to be tempted to delight when someone whom we dislike, or whom we feel deserves it, experiences some hardship or other.

But there's also another less than charitable tendency we see in today's Gospel: We can have a particularly strong reaction when someone we feel hasn't earned it gets something good. There's no fancy word like *schadenfreude* to describe that feeling, but it's very real. In our Gospel we see the anger and confusion of the laborers who worked from dawn until dusk, grumbling against the landowner that the laborers who only worked an hour got the full daily wage. They are angry because the landowner's generosity defies their sense of justice, which wants each person to get exactly what they're due, and no more.

But God's justice doesn't work the way human justice works. *As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways*, the Lord says through the prophet Isaiah. Other places in Scripture tell us that God *makes the sun rise on the good and the bad, and causes rain to fall on the just and unjust* (Mt. 5:45). Or, as our psalm tells us, *The Lord is good to all and compassionate toward all his works*, good and bad, deserving and undeserving alike.

Why? Why is the Lord so indiscriminately generous, even when someone doesn't deserve it? Because of his infinite mercy. *Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked his thoughts; let him turn to the Lord for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving*, Isaiah tells us. The radical generosity of God's mercy helps the sinner to have confidence that it's never too late to turn back, it's never too late to come home.

The message of today's Gospel is that no matter what, all is not lost. Though we may have squandered our lives in dissolute living – like the prodigal son – upon coming home to the Father, we know that a heavenly banquet awaits us. When we move from seeing this Gospel through our small-minded lens of someone getting more than they deserve to understanding it from the vantage point of the infinite mercy of God, then perhaps we can move from our all-too-human reaction of grumbling at the unfairness to praise of God's goodness. May this Eucharist we share help us to offer thanks and praise to God for his unfathomable mercy, which gives each of us infinitely more than we could ever deserve.

Weekend of Sept. 26th & 27th, 2026
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:- Ezekiel 18:25-28

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Saturday 4:00 PM

Celebrant: Fr. Peter Anglaaere
Lector: Jane Artis
Eucharistic Ministers: Carole Ostrander, Bill Babbage, Dorothy Yaiser
Altar Servers: Anderson & Garret Callender

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Peter Anglaaere
Phyllis Blincoe
Paula Ciborowski, Pat Smith, Kathy Saludo
Shannon Casey & Ayla Gronwall

Offerings from September 12th & 13th, 2026: Regular \$2536.00; Fuel \$5.00; Rel. Education \$95.00

Harvest Festival 2026



The Harvest Festival this year is accepting donations thru October 2nd, so the items can be priced. Donations brought in after the 2nd will not be accepted.

- **Donations of glassware, ceramics, and dishes** must be **CLEAN** and should be chip free.
- **Small kitchen appliances and all electrical items** must be clean and in working order.
- **Holiday decorations especially;** Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter would be most appreciated.
- **Donations of uniquely crafted handmade items** are needed for the Craft Booth.
- **Cookbooks and paperback books**
- **NO CD's, DVD's, and VHS** (donate to the Nex-to-New)
- **No stuffed animals** (donate to local ambulance squads)
- **No clothing** (donate to Nex-to-New)
- **No electronics** (computers, printers, tape players, etc.)

Treasure Chest and Craft Booth **donations should be brought inside the Parish Center during office hours – Mon. to Thurs. 8:30AM to 1:00PM.** Please contact the Parish Office, 563-1591, if you are unable to come during office hours to arrange for a time to bring in your donations.

Donations left outside the Parish Center cannot be accepted per Catholic Mutual guidelines. *Please do not leave items outside the doorways or inside the hallways. This is so we are in compliance with fire and safety codes.*

Sign-up sheets for volunteers for this year's Harvest Festival will be in the vestibule of the church beginning September 19th and 20th.

If you have any questions please contact
Carole Ostrander ~ 607-563-1591.

Blessing of the Animals **Sunday October 4th @ 1PM**

St. Francis Shrine at the back of the church. Please bring your pets for this special blessing.

September Bulletin Quote

We pray to you, O Lord, that we always recognize each member of this human family as being made in your image and beloved by you, with worth and dignity.

USCCB, - Prayer to Heal Racial Division

Question of the Week

(The landowner) said: Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous? (Matthew 20:14-15)

Adults: What lesson do you draw from today's Gospel? How has God been generous to you this way?

Kids: Who is generous to you, even when you do not always deserve it?

Family of Envelope #87

To the family of envelope # 87 can you please contact the Parish office. Thank you!

Diocesan Appeal 2026-2027

Your support helps many services we provide. For pledges made now; payment in full is due by 6/30/ 27. You can spread out your payments for up to 12 months! Please apportion your gift to one or more areas of focus:

*Seminar Formation, *Campus Ministry,

Catholic Charities, Parish Operational,

Parish Mission, Vocations, * General Budget

Our goal for this year is \$12,217.00.

We prayerfully thank you for all your support!

Dominican Retreat & Conference Center

Wednesday, September 23, 2026 – 10:00AM

Give yourself the Gift of a Day Away
from the Ordinary

For more information please see flyer in the vestibule.

Wisdom of the Saints

We find rest in those we love, and provide a resting place to those who love us.

~St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers: Joe LaFave, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, Kimberlee Roe, Michael Bell, Barbara Bennett, Kim Sumski, Grady Charles Weigand, Daniel Rickard, Dorothy Kashuda, Alyson Sabillon, Linda Falk, Bonnie La Voie, Doug Williams, Faith Williams, Don Butler, Debra Patterson, Ed Nicol, Dawn Maruszewski, Madlyn Sumski, Alex Roberts, Mary Munetz, Jazmers Moore, Bruce Allen, Kimberly Bosket, David Rivera, Jackie Bargher, Matthew Baxter, Darline Smith, Joseph Dermody, Alice Anderson, Sandy Kemp, George Walters, Lorraine Keckeisen, Maria LaBar, John McCann, Natalie Stone, Marian Heeps, Mary Kolermous, Terri Cristofaro, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Morotwe, Sharon Guenther, Kira Cronk, Terry Yackel, Jack Yackel, Jim Mylotte, Alice Walters, Rev. Steve Deckard, Nick Gibson, Andy Woods, Bob Jenks, Dolores Storzinger, Alexis Spencer, Ines Warlock Susan Chidester, Bob Oliver, Rose LoCasci, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Timothy Bell, Ruth Glaum, Holly North, Dixy Pflug, Celeste Hartman, Aidan Burns, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlana Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Gary Maraia, Rachel Feyh, Marge LaFave, Olivia Ross & family, Joe Maggio, Eric Roll, Barbara Haynes, Renee Joseph, Charlie Washburn, James Rattrie, Sean Granan, Marge Ramsey, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselic, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, Ellen Reuter, Jaxson Beadle, Francis Duguay, Joan Rice, John MacDonald, Rowan DeCocker, Stephanie Soldinger, Bonnie Tabone, John Gilmore, Will Sterchek, Donna Khan, Anthony Barber, Jr., Payton Lakin, Joan Barber, Mathias Mietzelfeld, Maggie Hoffman, Marybeth Modinger, Jacqueline Richardson, Celeste Aber, Teri Frallich, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Bill Babbage, Sarah Pressler, Chris West, Dawn Cronin, Josephine Materazzo, Avery Maggio, Barb & Jerry Patrick, Paisley Halbert, John MacDonald, Anne Klopchin, Gloria Parsons, Anthony Naples, Danielle Spry, Ellen Hogan, Bradley Lathan, Peter Burghardt Jr., The Family of Mufide, Kathy Saludo, Elizabeth Cline, Robert Ostrander, Kyle Banas, Kristin Barber, Ellen Hogan, Susan Hanaway, Betsy, Bobbie Galchutt, George Innes, Veronica Rivera, Cassandra Hoblitz, MaryAnn Schalk

Please note: All names will remain on our prayer list and will be prayed for unless our office is notified to remove an individual.