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LOSING OURSELVES TO FIND THE LORD

Dear Parish Family,
This weekend's Gospel (Matthew 16:21-27) brings us to a turning point in Jesus' ministry. For the first time, he tells his disciples plainly what discipleship will cost him: he must go to Jerusalem, suffer greatly, be killed, and on the third day be raised. Peter, who only a few verses earlier had proclaimed Jesus the Messiah, cannot bear to hear it. "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." His love for Jesus is real — but it is a love that wants a savior without a cross.

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FIRST FRIDAY

ADORATION AND MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday:

6:30 pm—7:30 pm with The Holy Rosary at St. Mary's

Friday:

8:00 am—12 pm at St. Mary's

11:30 am—3:30 pm at Cathedral

7:30 pm—8:30 pm at St. Francis—Delaware

Mass 12:05 At St. Mary's



PERDERNOS PARA ENCONTRAR AL SEÑOR

Querida familia parroquial:
El Evangelio de este fin de semana (Mateo 16, 21-27) nos lleva a un momento decisivo en el ministerio de Jesús. Por primera vez, les dice claramente a sus discípulos lo que costará el discipulado: debe ir a Jerusalén, padecer mucho, ser matado y resucitar al tercer día. Pedro, que apenas unos versículos antes había proclamado a Jesús como el Mesías, no puede soportar escuchar esto. «¡Dios te libre, Señor! Eso no te

puede pasar.» Su amor por Jesús es real, pero es un amor que quiere un salvador sin cruz.

La respuesta de Jesús es contundente: «¡Aléjate de mí, Satanás! Me eres un obstáculo, porque tus pensamientos no son los de Dios, sino los de los hombres.» No es que el amor de Pedro esté equivocado; es que su visión es demasiado

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FR. EMMANUEL UDOH TO BECOME SACRAMENTAL MINISTER AT COBLESKILL

On September 9th, Fr. Emmanuel will take up his new duties at St. Vincent De Paul Church, Cobleskill, and St. Joseph's Church, Worcester. We thank him for his dedication and kindness, and will pray for his success in his new positions.

St. James Food Pantry (518) 414-1929
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1:00 pm—3:00 pm
Welcome Table Tues. Th: 11:30 am—1:00 pm

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—AUGUST 30, 2026



SIGN UP FOR OUR PARISH PICNIC

The Annual Parish Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 12th at the Elm Ave. Park in the Town of Bethlehem from 11:30 'til 3:30.

We'll have games, a 50/50 drawing, raffles, and great food, fun, and fellowship. Hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages and paper products will be provided by the Parishes. All we need is **YOU** and whatever tasty salads, side dishes, or desserts you decide to bring to share!

Sign-up sheets are at the entrances of the Churches. Just put your name, how many will be attending, and what dish or dessert you will bring to share. We hope everyone decides to attend. Please remember to sign up. Thank you.



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Weekend Confession and Mass Schedule:

Saturday: Confession	3:15–3:50 pm	St. Francis (Del. Ave.)
Mass	4:00 pm	St. Francis (Del. Ave.)
Sunday: Mass	9:00 am	St. Francis (Del. Ave.)
Mass	10:30 am	St. Francis (Del. Ave.)
Mass	10:30 am	St. Francis (South)

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Santa Misa: Domingo 10:30 AM

Confesiones: Domingo 10:00 AM

Primer Domingo del mes: Bendición a todos los niños y jóvenes al final de la Santa Misa

- **Hora Santa:** Todos los primeros Sábados de cada mes a las 5:15pm.

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pequeña. Busca comodidad donde Dios pide entrega.

Entonces Jesús se dirige a todos nosotros: «El que quiera seguirme, que se niegue a sí mismo, cargue con su cruz y me siga. Porque el que quiera salvar su vida, la perderá; y el que pierda su vida por mí, la encontrará.»

Estas palabras no hablan de buscar el sufrimiento por sí mismo. Son una invitación a dejar de aferrarnos tanto a nuestra comodidad, a nuestros planes, a la imagen que tenemos de quiénes deberíamos ser — y en cambio, entregar nuestra vida a Dios, confiando en que lo que Él nos devuelve es mucho más abundante que cualquier cosa que pudiéramos guardar para nosotros mismos.

Antes de continuar, quiero decirles un sincero gracias. Domingo tras domingo, ustedes llegan — llenan estas bancas, cantan, oran, traen a sus hijos, sus alegrías y sus cargas a este altar. Su presencia aquí es un regalo para esta parroquia y para mí personalmente. San Francisco de Asís está viva porque ustedes siguen regresando a casa.

Y últimamente, esta casa se ha ido llenando más. Están apareciendo rostros nuevos en la Misa, en los bautismos, en nuestros eventos parroquiales — personas que buscan, que regresan después de años de ausencia, o que cruzan nuestras puertas por primera vez. Este es un momento de gracia, y a la luz del Evangelio de hoy nos pide algo: nos pide negarnos un poco a nosotros mismos. Perder, por amor a Cristo, nuestra comodidad con los rostros conocidos en «nuestra» banca, y hacer espacio — literal y espiritualmente — para alguien nuevo que se sienta a nuestro lado.

Una comunidad acogedora es una comunidad dispuesta a perder un poco de sí misma para que otra persona pueda encontrar a Cristo. Ese es exactamente el intercambio que describe Jesús: lo que parece pérdida se convierte en el camino mismo para encontrar la vida — para nosotros y para quienes recibimos.

Por eso, esta semana los invito a dos cosas sencillas. Primero, miren a su alrededor en la Misa — saluden a alguien que no reconozcan, invítenlo a tomar un café después, aprendan su nombre. Segundo, permanezcan conectados con el Señor más allá del domingo: unos minutos de oración diaria, el Rosario en familia, una visita a la iglesia para confesarse o para la Adoración Eucarística. El discipulado, nos dice Jesús, no es un compromiso de una hora. Es toda una vida, cargada día a día, cruz incluida — juntos, como una sola familia.

Con gratitud y bendiciones,

P. Daniel Vallejo

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Jesus' response is startling: "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." It isn't that Peter's love is wrong; it's that his vision is too small. He wants comfort where God is asking for surrender.

Then Jesus turns to all of us: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

These words are not about seeking suffering for its own sake. They are an invitation to stop clinging so tightly to our own comfort, our own plans, our own image of who we think we should be — and instead to hand our lives over to God, trusting that what he gives back is more abundant than anything we could hold onto ourselves.

Before I go further, I want to say a heartfelt thank you. Sunday after Sunday, you show up — you fill these pews, you sing, you pray, you bring your children, your joys, and your burdens to this altar. Your presence here is a gift to this parish and to me personally. St. Francis of Assisi is alive because you keep coming home to it.

And lately. New faces are appearing at Mass, at baptisms, at

our parish events — people searching, returning after years away, or walking through our doors for the very first time. This is a moment of grace, and in light of today's Gospel it asks something of us: it asks us to deny ourselves a little. To lose, for Christ's sake, our comfort with the familiar faces in "our" pew, and to make room — literally and spiritually — for someone new sitting beside us.

A welcoming community is a community willing to lose a little of itself so that someone else can find Christ. That is exactly the exchange Jesus describes: what looks like loss becomes the very way we find life — for ourselves and for those we welcome.

So this week, I invite you to two simple things. First, look around you at Mass — greet someone you don't recognize, invite them for coffee afterward, learn their name. Second, stay connected to the Lord beyond Sunday: a few minutes of daily prayer, the Rosary with your family, a visit to church for confession or Eucharistic Adoration. Discipleship, Jesus tells us, is not a one-hour commitment. It is a whole life, carried daily, cross and all — together, as one family.

With gratitude and blessings,

Fr. Daniel V

LET'S HELP EVANGELIZE THE WORLD!

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Sunday Mass Intentions

As of August 25, 2026

Saint Francis (Delaware)

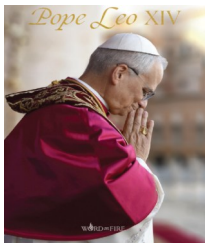
Requested by:

Sat, August 29 4:00 PM	† Gloria Johnson, † Francis R. Johnson † Francis J. Johnson	Gloria Moak
Sun, August 30 9:00 AM	Pro Populo	
Sun, August 30 10:30 AM	Pro Populo	
Sat, September 5 4:00 PM	Pro Populo	
Sun, September 6 9:00 AM	Karen Paloga Anniversary	Andy Paloga, Husband
Sun, September 6 10:30 AM	Pro Populo	
Saint Francis (South End)		
Requested by:		
Sun, August 30 10:30 AM	† Lucy & Paul Tudico	Daughters
Sun, September 6 10:30 AM	† JoAnn Buckley Grmek	Denise Buckley

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Please help those in need through almsgiving. Either place your gift in one of the poor boxes near the church entrance, or place a check made out to “The St. Vincent de Paul Society” in the collection basket.

You can also help by joining us.

Call the Cathedral at 518-463-4447 for more information.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2026

Sunday:	Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/ Mt 16:21-27
Monday:	1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/ Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday:	1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd- 14/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	1 Cor 3:18-23/ Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/ Lk 5:33-39
Saturday:	1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday:	Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/Rom 13:8-10/ Mt 18:15-20

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