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**SEPTEMBER 19, 2021—TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY  
 IN ORDINARY TIME**

*“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name,  
 receives me.” – Mt. 9:37*

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass (2002), 1998, 1990 (22)

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### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM  
 Sunday: 9:30 AM  
 Weekdays: See schedule inside

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 PM, Monday 5:00-6:00 PM  
 during Holy Hour, and by appointment.



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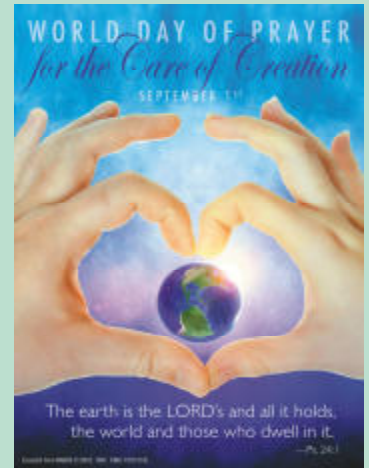
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### This Week at Church of the Good Shepherd

Monday - Youth Ministry (Family, Fire & Pizza Night),  
 Parish Hall, 6-8PM  
Monday - CGS 1, II, Orientation, Parish Hall, 5 PM  
Thursday - CGS III/Faith Formation, Orientation for  
 Parents & Children, Parish Hall, 6:00 PM  
Next Weekend - Knights of Columbus Exemplification  
 following Sunday Mass; Second Collection,  
 Seminarian/Clergy Formation

### Ecumenical Statement on Care for Creation

September 1 was the 5th annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation; to mark the occasion, Pope Francis, together with Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby (both symbolic figureheads of their respective churches) issued a joint statement calling for commitment on the part of all people to make responsible and sustainable choices regarding things we use.



They called for reflection on technology, and the way that it both helps progress, but also allows “accumulating unrestrained wealth” with “little concern for other people or the limits of the planet. At the same time they lamented the way that the poor throughout the world bear a disproportionate burden due to natural disasters and shortage of resources.

This calls on us to reconsider our personal and societal use of resources, not only for our own sake today, but also for future generations. “Caring for God’s creation is a spiritual commission requiring a response of commitment.”

The whole statement can be found online by searching for “A Joint Message for the Protection of Creation.

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54; Jas 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37*

**Saturday, September 18**

4:30 PM | All the People of Good Shepherd Parish

**Sunday, September 19**

9:30 AM | Chester & Stella Socol by Chet Socol

**Monday, September 20, Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest and Paul Chong Ha-Sang & Companions, Martyrs**

*Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126; Lk 8:16-18*

9:00 AM | Josephine Stango by Bob & Anne Kovalcik

5:00 PM | Holy Hour/Reconciliation

**Tuesday, September 21, Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

*Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19; Mt 9:9-13*

9:00 AM | Robert Rethi by Marty & Mary Tressler

**Wednesday, September 22, Weekday**

*Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13:2-4, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6*

9:00 AM | Anna Baroni by Bertha Bodnar Family

**Thursday, September 23, St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**

*Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149; Lk 9:7-9*

9:00 AM | Evo Prenni by Mike & Betty Ann Savage

**Friday, September 24, Weekday**

*Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43; Lk 9:18-22*

9:00 AM | Dory Yatzkanic by Harold & Michele Kantz

**Saturday, September 25, Weekday**

*Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12b, 13; Lk 9:43b-45*

3:30 PM | Confession

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48*

4:30 PM | All the People of Good Shepherd Parish

**Sunday, September 26**

9:30 AM | Enoch & Mary Smith by Nephew Jake & Family

(K of C Exemplification following Mass)



The Sanctuary Candle is lit in memory of Chester & Stella Socol by Chet Socol.

**CGS/Youth Ministry/Sacramental Prep Registration**

If you missed the CGS sign-up on August 22 or Youth Ministry sign-up on August 29, please contact Carolyn Davis for registration information. If you are interested in RCIA or Adult Confirmation, please contact the parish office. Please do not wait, as our youth events will be starting soon, and adult RCIA and Confirmation often involve additional preparation.

**Liturgical Ministers Wanted**

As COVID-19 precautions are lifted, we will make use of more liturgical ministers at Masses. If you are interested in a ministry (Server, Lector, Minister of Communion) contact the Parish Office.

**From Fr. Matthew's Desk**

**Back from a Quiet Place**—Thank you for your prayers and patience with my absence last week. In addition to being an opportunity for fraternity with some of the priests of the Diocese, it is also an opportunity to step aside and pray.



On its face, it may seem that this is something that is primarily *for me*, and in some ways it is. However, the Church recognizes that retreats help in the pursuit of holiness, together with liturgical prayer, mental prayer, and the Sacraments. This is not only for me, but also *for you*, because priests are ordained for the purpose of being “*dispensers of the mysteries of God in the service of His people*” (Code of Canon Law, c. 276, §1).

Even though the laity aren’t *obligated* to this extra prayer and silence, it also underscores that it is something important to grow in the spiritual life for *all* disciples. Have you taken the time to pause, allow yourself to be quiet, and listen to God? It doesn’t require as long of a time today, but remember that God is waiting for you, so long as you give Him the time.

**Knights of Columbus Exemplification**—A ceremony of **exemplification to 3rd Degree** will take place at Church of the Good Shepherd on **Sunday, September 26, following the 9:30 Mass**. The ceremony is open to all, and especially to friends and family of those taking part. This is a new experience for our parish, as previously the ceremonies took place privately; in 2019, the Knights of Columbus made the decision to consolidate the ceremonies into a **single ceremony** which is now **public** and can be celebrated **in parish churches** to better demonstrate the Knights’ emphases on Family and Parish Community. **If you are interested in becoming a Knight, it is not too late to sign up (see below).**

Please consider attending—whether to find out more about the Knights of Columbus, or simply to support our parishioners who are becoming full members.

**Respect Life**—On Monday, Sept. 27, people from all across Pennsylvania will gather in Harrisburg to advocate for an end to legalized abortion in Pennsylvania. As Catholics, we are called to oppose every violation of human life and human dignity, even when civil law and popular opinion may permit it.

The US Bishops teach us “*Abortion and euthanasia have become preeminent threats to human life and dignity because they directly attack life itself, the most fundamental good and the condition for all others*” (USCCB, *Living the Gospel of Life* (1998) no. 5).

The Church’s teaching on upholding the dignity of all human life encompasses many topics, and all of these must be considered to build a genuine “culture of life”. For more information, please consult the USCCB guide *Faithful Citizenship* (particularly paragraphs 64-67), which is available online or can be printed at the Parish.

**Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass Sept. 19**

Bishop Larry J. Kulick will celebrate the annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass, recognizing couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversaries, Sunday, Sept. 19, at 3 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg. All registered couples will receive commemorative scrolls signed by the Bishop.

**9/11 Video Remembrance Series Available for Viewing**

The Diocese of Greensburg’s 9/11 video remembrance series, “We remember,” is available for viewing at [DioceseofGreensburg.org/wereRemember](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/wereRemember), and on the Diocese of Greensburg Facebook and YouTube Channel. The series marking the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks includes Bishop Larry J. Kulick speaking to 9-1-1 workers who handled calls that day, journalists who covered the crash in Shanksville, a local Catholic who escaped the World Trade Center minutes before it collapsed, a former newspaper employee whose cousin and wife died on the plane that crashed into the Pentagon, and a remembrance Mass.

**PA March for Life Buses to be made available**

Pro-life supporters from across the state will gather in Harrisburg for the first Pennsylvania March for Life Sept. 27. The event will include a rally on the Capitol steps at 11 a.m. and the march at noon. Four buses, one from each county of the Diocese of Greensburg, are planned; there is no cost, thanks to an anonymous donor, but meals will not be provided. Seats can be reserved by contacting the following coordinators (departure and return times and additional details will be forthcoming):

Indiana: St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Indiana, 724-465-2210; bus will leave from the parish

**Annual Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast Oct. 2 in Greensburg**

Everyone is invited to attend the annual Interfaith Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast sponsored by the Greensburg Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women Saturday, Oct. 2, from 10 a.m.-noon at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. Bishop Larry J Kulick will be the keynote speaker. Cost is \$20 (\$10 for students). Register by Sept. 27 by contacting Millie Krinock at 724-537-2064.

**Movie nights at St. James Parish, New Alexandria**

St. James Parish, New Alexandria, will host outdoor movie nights featuring episodes of "The Chosen" on Saturdays, Sept. 18 and 25 and Oct. 2 and 9 from 6-9 p.m. Take lawn chairs. Food and popcorn will be available. Movies will be shown inside if necessary. A follow-up formation program for adults will be offered each following Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the social hall. For information, call the parish office at 724-668-2829.

**St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, 4<sup>th</sup> St., Indiana**



St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store located in the BiLo Plaza on N. 4th Street. Store Hours: Monday thru Saturday 10AM-2PM.

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**Please continue to watch for further information in the bulletin and on Facebook (@SVDPIndianaPa).**

**To request assistance from SVdP, please call the SVdP hotline at 724-471-2210**

**Parish Stewardship**

*For the Weekend of: September 11-12*

Weekly:	\$ 2,351.00
Monthly:	\$ 210.00
Loose:	\$ 22.00
Children:	\$ .00
Votive Candles:	\$ 48.00
For Improvements to Parish:	\$ 128.00
Catholic Accent	\$ 114.00
Online Giving	\$ 230.00
<b>Total Income:</b>	\$ 3,103.00
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget:	\$ 4,571.00
Variance Over or (Under):	( - \$ 1,468.00)
<b>Fiscal Year-to-Date:</b>	
Collected:	\$ 31,485.00
Needed to Meet Budget:	\$ 50,281.00
Variance Over or (Under):	( - \$ 18,796.00)
<b>Diocesan/Other Collections</b>	
Seminarian/Clergy Appeal	\$ 30.00
Haiti Disaster Relief	\$ 105.00

**DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL — As of September 8, 2021**

Total pledges/gifts received:	\$ 40,200.00
Percent of Diocesan Goal (\$22,433.00):	178.9%
Percent of Parish Goal (\$41,000.00):	102.0%
Participating Households - <b>116</b> (298):	38.9%
Average 2021 Parish Gift:	\$ 346.55
Average 2020 Parish Gift:	\$ 405.98

**2021 Diocesan Lenten Appeal — Parish Goal Met!**

Thank you to all who have donated toward the 2021 DLA Collection so far. We have now met our parish goal for the year. It will continue to be possible to donate toward DLA until the end of the year—Remember that 100% of the money donated at this phase of the appeal remains in our parish.

**Seminarian and Clergy Formation Collection to be taken September 25-26**

The Seminarian and Clergy Formation Collection will be taken throughout the Diocese of Greensburg Sept. 25-26. This collection supports our seminarians, men preparing for the permanent diaconate, the ongoing formation of our clergy and the International Priests serving in our diocese. Please be generous in supporting these needs. In addition, please pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and the religious life. Let us all continue to pray for all vocations, so that those who are called may prayerfully respond to God’s invitation. You can make a gift online at [www.dioceseofgreensburg.org](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org).



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