

# TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## SEPTEMBER 17, 2023



### MASS INTENTIONS



Sat	9/16	5:00 PM	Joan Pecora by Robert and Lori Gaffney
Sun	9/17	10:15 AM	Margaretta Walb by Pastore Family
Wed	9/20	8:00 AM	Helen Jones by Elizabeth Puhak
Thu	9/21	8:00 AM	Matthew Murphy by Niece, Margie
Fri	9/22	8:00 AM	Jimmy Mariner by Theresa Engman Family
Sat	9/23	5:00 PM	Jesse Brown by Family
Sun	9/24	10:15 AM	Joseph & Mary Kattner Hydro, Happy Birthday in Heaven, Mom By Daughter, Celine Nauman & Family, Eternal Memory

**CONFESSION SCHEDULE:** Sat, 4:00 to 4:45 PM - Sun, 9:00 to 9:45 AM or by Appointment

**OFFERINGS:** Wkly \$4,047 Outreach \$248 Total \$4,295 Care & Education of Priests: \$333

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION** begins on October 6. Sign-up Sheet is on the table entering the church.



**Message from Fr. Mike Kloton....** This classic Gospel answers Peter's question: How often must I forgive my friend? As much as seven times? Jesus gives a mathematical answer: Not seven, but seventy times seven. Of course, Jesus was not referring to a numerical answer (490).

The number seven in the Bible translates into the word perfect. Just like the seven days of a week refer to a full week. Jesus is using this image: We must be perfect times perfect in forgiving our friend.

If you are reading these words, I can assure you that there is someone in your life that needs to hear the phrase: I forgive you! Some of you have been carrying around anger, hate and discontent for years. It is time to let go of that burden. Withholding forgiveness is a millstone around YOUR neck. The challenge this week is to offer that forgiveness, even if the person is no longer living. Jesus wants YOU to be perfect. Go ahead and do it!



**FAITH FORMATION** classes for students in grades Pre-K to 8 will start on **October 1**. You can obtain a copy of the Registration Form by printing one from our website, [www.stpatrickswHITEHAVEN.org](http://www.stpatrickswHITEHAVEN.org) Click on the Bulletin tab, then Faith Formation link. Forms will also be available on the table in back of the Church.

**Please return completed forms by Sunday, September 17.** Choose one of the following options: Mail to the office at 411 Allegheny Street, White Haven

Email to [jeanprice18661@gmail.com](mailto:jeanprice18661@gmail.com)

Place in the collection basket at church.

Call the office with any questions, 570-443-9944.

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

As an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, your ministry goes far deeper than helping the Priest distribute the Eucharist.

During the month of September (dates to be announced), Fr. O'Rourke will explain the theology and the meaning of the communal celebration of the Eucharist and the role and responsibility as a member of the assembly. With prayer and reflections, you will find yourself renewed in a love for the Eucharist, the very life of the Church.

If you feel called to serve, please contact Jean and become more informed of the duties and responsibilities of the Extraordinary Ministry of the Holy Eucharist.



To dedicate a Rose for Life, call Roseann Kolensky, 570-443-8688.



The next mandatory Baptismal Preparation class will be at 6 PM on Thursday, October 12, in the lower level of Immaculate Conception Church. Please use the Chestnut Street entrance (through the garden). Please register by calling St. Patrick Parish Office at 570-443-9944. Please plan to attend the Baptismal Preparation Class well in advance of your baby's birth so that you are aware of all the information necessary to schedule your baby's baptism.

**HAVE YOU BEEN ASKED TO BE A SPONSOR FOR EITHER BAPTISM OR CONFIRMATION?**

It is an honor and a privilege to be chosen as a sponsor for either Baptism or Confirmation. Those who asked you to take on this solemn responsibility are looking to YOU to be a role model for the person receiving those sacraments. The Roman Catholic Church has some basic criteria one must meet to be a sponsor:

1. You must be registered in the parish. This means that you have your own registration, not your parents'.
2. You must attend Church on a regular basis.

If you do not fit the above two criteria, we are unable to issue the document saying you are a **PRACTICING CATHOLIC**. This is the teachable moment. If you want to be a sponsor and are not active in the church, there is still time for you. Make an appointment with the Pastor to talk about the situation. The door is always open!

**PARENTS:** Make sure the Godparents you choose are able to meet these two very important criteria. Being a Godparent is not just an honorary title. It is a commitment to the faith formation of your child.



**Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (formerly RCIA, now OCIA)**

Do you want to become Catholic or know someone else who does? Are you a Baptized Catholic who still need the sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation or know someone else who does? Do you want to grow deeper and enrich your knowledge of Catholic faith?

*If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, the OCIA program is for you!* This program is being offered jointly between Good Shepherd, Immaculate Conception, and Saint Patrick Parishes.

**All Adults who have been baptized or not baptized are welcome!** Please contact the parish office for any questions and to register for new classes that are forming and will begin shortly by calling the parish office at (570) 788-3141 (Good Shepherd), (570) 636-3035 (Immaculate Conception), or (570) 443-9944 (St. Patrick).



St. Patrick's 150<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Celebration will be Sunday, August 18, 2024. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this fantastic event. Call Joan (570) 401-9815 or Ed Gower, (570) 401-9814 to help with the planning.

The next Parish 150<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 28 at 6:30 in the Parish Center. Committees are forming: Liturgy, History, Celebration (including Special Guest List, Invitations, Program, Menu, Pricing, Decorating, Set-up, Clean-up); and Tickets. We need your expertise. If interested in possibly chairing or assisting with one of the Committees, please call Joan, (570) 401-9815 or Ed Gower, (570) 401-9814; email [ejgower2231@gmail.com](mailto:ejgower2231@gmail.com) BY SEPTEMBER 25. See you on the 28<sup>TH</sup>.

**Catholic Men's Conference:** Saturday, October 7, 8 AM to 3 PM at Holy Redeemer High School, Wilkes-Barre. To attend, please register online at [www.BeACatholicMan.com](http://www.BeACatholicMan.com), or by mail to: "Be a Catholic Man, Inc", P.O Box # 669, Wyalusing, Pa. 18853. Include your name, address, email & parish with your check payable to "Be a Catholic Man, Inc" with "Men's Conference" on the memo line of the check. Cost is \$40 Students \$15, Priests/Deacons are FREE. For more information contact: Your Men's Conference Parish Contact Mike Kilmer at 570-721-0872 or [mkilmer@thekilmergroup.com](mailto:mkilmer@thekilmergroup.com).



**NIGHT AT THE RACES!** Saturday, October 21 – Doors open at 6 PM, Buffet 6:30, and Post Time 7:30 with 12 races. Dinner and admission for the evening is \$15. Horse sponsorship cost is \$10 each. Get ready to place wagers on your favorite horse. Keep the reins tight and your eyes on the prize!

**PARISH HALL RENTAL:** Contact Debbie, 570-406-9954

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