

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saints Cosmas and Damian -- November 1st

Oct. 29, 2023: Twenty Second Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: Gal. 6: 11-18

Gospel: Lk. 8: 26-39

This Weekend	4:00 For Our Parishioners 10:30 + Anna Mae Krisanda (Lauren Telep
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Mon., Oct. 30 to Fri., Nov. 3	No Divine Liturgies
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Sat., Nov. 4	No Morning Divine Liturgy 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm For Our Parishioners
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Sun., Nov. 5	10:30 + Jimmy Maslar (Family)
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WITH MUCH GRATITUDE AND THANKS

This weekend, I am resuming celebrating the Divine Liturgy.

First of all, I wish to thank everyone for ALL your prayers. THEY WORK! My surgery went well; when the dressing came off the incision, it was just as it should be; my physical therapy is progressing well.

I thank everyone for your "Get Well Cards," the "Birthday" cards and all your "best wishes." It is so nice to be remembered in this difficult time.

I thank all those who provided transportation both to and from

the Hospital, to my doctors' appointments and to my many physical therapy appointments.

I thank all those who cooked for me during my recovery. All the food was delicious and gave me the strength to recover.

I thank those who helped me in the Rectory in any way. During my recovery, I had nothing to worry about.

May God bless all of you for your kindness and your Christian love.

As I continue with my recovery, since my right leg is still

weak, and my balance is not as it should be, I have been granted permission by the Chancery to use an extraordinary Eucharistic

Minister. Patrick Marcinko will function in this capacity until I am strong enough and steady enough to resume this myself.

5 IMPORTANT LIFE LESSONS FROM POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II TO HELP YOU BECOME A SAINT

Pope Saint John Paul II is one of the most influential figures in the history of our faith. His words had a lasting impact on not only the Catholic Church, but the entire world! His wisdom is truly timeless.

Pope Saint John Paul II served as Pope from 1978 until his death in 2005. Over the course of his papacy, he spoke on many topics.

Below you will find some bits of wisdom from this powerhouse saint!

You Are Not Alone in Your Struggles

“There is no evil to be faced that Christ does not face with us. There is no enemy that Christ has not already conquered. There is

no cross to bear that Christ has not already borne for us, and does not now bear with us.” (Oct. 8, 1995)

You Were Made for Relationship with Jesus

“It is Jesus you seek when you dream of happiness; he is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; he is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is he who provokes you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is he who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is he who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle.

“It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something

great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be grounded down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal.” (Aug. 19, 2000)

**Do Not be Afraid to Share
Your Faith**

“This is no time to be ashamed of the Gospel. It is the time to preach it from the rooftops. Do not be afraid to break out of comfortable and routine modes of living in order to take up the challenge of making Christ known in the modern metropolis.” (Aug. 15, 1993)

**Your Full Potential is Found
in Christ**

“When you wonder about the mystery of yourself, look to

Christ who gives you the meaning of life. When you wonder what it means to be a mature person, look to Christ who is the fullness of humanity. And when you wonder about your role in the future of the world and of the United States, look to Christ. Only in Christ will you fulfill your potential as an American citizen and as a citizen of the world community.” (Oct. 3, 1979)

Your Life Has Meaning

“The most beautiful and stirring adventure that can happen to you is the personal meeting with Jesus, who is the only one who gives real meaning to our lives.” (March 1, 1979)

Saint John Paul II, pray for us!

*By Caroline Perkins,
ChurchPOP*

HEAVEN’S GROCERY STORE

I was walking down life’s Highway, a long time ago,

One day I saw a sign that read
Heaven's Grocery Store

As I got a little closer, the door
came open wide,

And when I came to myself, I
was standing inside.

I saw a host of angels, they
were standing everywhere,

One handed me a basket and
said, my child shop with care

Everything a Christian needed,
was in that Grocery Store

And all you couldn't carry, you
come back the next day for more.

First I got some **Patience**,
Love was in the same row,

Further down was
Understanding, you need that
everywhere you go.

I got a box or two of **Wisdom**,
a bag or two of **Faith**,

I just couldn't miss the **Holy**
Ghost, for it was all over the
place.

I stopped to get some **Strength**
and **Courage** to help me run this
race,

By then my basket was getting

full, but I remembered I needed
some **Grace**,

I didn't forget **Salvation**,
Salvation has always been free,

So I tried to get enough to save
both you and me.

Then I started up to the counter
to pay my Grocery bill,

For I thought I had everything
to do my Master's Will

As I went up the aisle, I saw
Prayer and I just had to put that
in,

For I knew when I stepped
outside, I would run right into **Sin**.

Peace and **Joy** were plentiful,
they were on the last shelf,

Songs and Praises were
hanging near, so I just helped
myself,

Then I said to the angel, now
how much do I owe?

He just smiled and said, just
take them everywhere you go.

Again I smiled at Him and
said, how much do I really **Owe**?

He smiled again and said:

"My Child! Jesus Paid Your
Bill a Long Time Ago."

OUR CONDOLENCES

In your Christian Charity, please remember the soul of + **John Spryn** who fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday, October 21st. +

John was buried from St. Cyril's on Tuesday, October 24th. May his memory be eternal! Vichnaya Pamyat!

ANNUAL TURKEY-FEST DINNER

Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, will host their annual Turkey Fest Dinner as a take-out only event on Saturday, November 4th in their school hall on the corner of West Chestnut and North River Streets in Wilkes-Barre. Pick-ups will be from 12:00 (noon) to 4:00pm. The event will feature

our traditional turkey dinner and basket raffle. Dinners will be \$15.00 for adults and \$9.00 for children. Walk-in customers will be welcomed, but reservations are strongly encouraged. Tell your friends and family. Non-perishable food items will be collected for donation to a local food pantry.

DUNMORE CENTRAL CATHOLIC HS/

BISHOP OHARA HS...50TH CLASS REUNION SET

The class of 1973 from Dunmore Central Catholic HS/Bishop O'Hara HS will celebrate its 50th Class reunion on Saturday, November 18, 2023 at LaBuona Vita, 200 Reilly Street, Dunmore, PA. The event will start at 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The cost is \$50.00 per person, including

Buffet, Dessert table, coffee, tea, soda with a cash bar, and entertainment by "EJ the DJ". Please respond before October 10, 2023. For additional info: contact Michele Gerrity Druther at 570-587-2867 or Lauren Telep 646-241-9443.

STS. PETER AND PAUL UGCC 2024-6 MONTH LOTTERY CALENDAR

**Each \$20 Calendar includes two numbers for the Pick 3 Evening
Drawing of the Pennsylvania Lottery**

**Prizes include \$25 on weekdays, \$40 on Sundays, and Five \$100
prizes**

Calendars purchased by check will be mailed to return address. Make
checks payable to SS. Peter and Paul UGCC, and mail to: P.O. Box
124, Carbondale, PA 18407

For more information contact Marge 570-282-5680 or Dorothy at
570-282-2084

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

The Collection Processing Team Turko, Jr., Leonard Mitchko, and
for the month of October 2023 is Michael Shumek.
Team #2: Eugene Zinsky, John

Sunday Collection for Oct. 21 & 22, 2023: \$

A TIME TO CELEBRATE...

*Happy Birthday and Mnohaya Leeta to the following Parishioners who
celebrate their birthday in October:*

Christina Carey
Thomas J. Drakes

Jule Harris
Father Nestor

Sandy Szczesniak
Mary Ann Spryn

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Physicians Who Work for Free

On November 1st, we celebrate the feast of two remarkable brothers who lived during the early years of the Christian Church. Cosmas and Damian were born of wealthy parents in Asia Minor who gave their sons the best education in the Roman Empire. They were interested in medicine and became physicians at an early age. During this same time, the two brothers also became Christians. Their unique combination of medicine and prayer attracted the attention of many. Through their commitment to Christ they endeavored to become healers not only of the body, but of the soul as well. Consequently, their fame spread and they soon developed a reputation as being miracle-workers who could heal with an herb as well as with a prayer.

About this same time, the brothers made a most unique pledge: they pledged not to take

any money for their services. They healed thousands of people from diseases of body and soul and never accepted anything for their efforts. Their reputation spread even more rapidly as they became known as “unmercenaries” – someone who does not expect payment of any kind in return for services rendered.

In a sense, each of us can become unmercenaries in the same spirit as were Saints Cosmas and Damian. Each of us can freely give something of ourselves without expecting anything in return. Perhaps we can give our time to a person in need without expecting an equal favor in return. Perhaps we can freely give advice without being offended if it is not followed. Or, perhaps we can give the gift of forgiveness without receiving an apology in return.

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