

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saints Irenaeus, Lupus and Callinicus -- August 23rd

August 23, 2026: Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: 1 Cor. 16: 13-24

Gospel: Mt. 21: 33-42

This Weekend	4:00 pm + Peter & Dorothy (Howard Smith) 10:30 For Our Parishioners
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Mon., Aug. 24	No Divine Liturgy
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Tues., Aug. 25	9:00 + Rev. Thomas Barylak (Father Nestor)
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Wed., Aug. 26	9:00 Special Intention (Annonymous)
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Thurs., Aug. 27	9:00 Special Intention (Annonymous)
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Fri., Aug. 28	9:00 Intention Available: See Father Nestor
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Sat., Aug. 29	No Morning Divine Liturgy 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + George & Mary Marushock (Daughter, Ilona)
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Sun., Aug. 30	10:30 For Our Parishioners
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YOU CAN THANK CATHOLICS FOR THESE 15 THINGS

The Catholic Church has left a profound and enduring mark on modern society, helping shape institutions, ideas, and communities that continue to benefit people today. From its historic role in preserving knowledge and advancing higher education through universities, to its work in healthcare, charity, social teaching, and moral formation, the Church has long served as a force for human dignity and the common good.

Here are just a few of the things that the Catholic Church has introduced to the modern world we live in today:

1. The Gregorian Calendar: The Gregorian calendar is the standard civil calendar used in most of the world, and it is named for Pope Gregory XIII, who promulgated it in 1582 as a reform of the older Julian calendar. Today, it organizes civil life in most countries around the world.

2. Hospitals as an institution: The Catholic Church helped pioneer organized care for the sick, especially through monasteries and religious orders that built and ran hospitals as acts of charity; this became the model

for the modern hospital. In modern times, Catholic sisters were especially influential in founding, financing, and managing hospitals, and in the United States they played a major role in building the health-care system.

3. The Big Bang theory: The Big Bang theory was formulated by Belgian Catholic priest Georges Lemaître, also a physicist and astronomer. The Church has also generally presented the theory as compatible with Catholic teaching on creation rather than as a contradiction of faith.

4. The laws of genetics: The foundational work on heredity was done by Gregor Mendel, an Augustinian priest and abbot in the Catholic Church. Mendel's experiments with pea plants led to the principles later called Mendelian inheritance, which became the basis of modern genetics.

5. Earthquake intensity scale (Mercalli): The Mercalli intensity scale was developed by Giuseppe Mercalli, an Italian Catholic priest and volcanologist. His scale measured the effects of earthquakes on people and buildings, and the modern Modified Mercalli scale still uses Roman numerals to describe intensity.

6. Electric batteries (dry cell): Italian priest Giuseppe Zamboni developed one of the first dry batteries,

a precursor to modern batteries, and the dry cell (the technology used for batteries) was invented by Georges Leclanché, a French Catholic priest and engineer.

7. The Stethoscope: René-Théophile-Hyacinthe Laënnec, the French physician who invented the stethoscope in 1816, was a devout Catholic, and his faith is often noted when writers explain the instrument's historical context. Laënnec's invention grew out of bedside observation and a simple paper tube experiment that let him hear chest sounds more clearly, and historians emphasize that his personal piety and charitable concern for patients informed his clinical work and reputation.

8. Printed books and the Gutenberg Bible: The Catholic Church was one of the earliest and most important patrons, users, and preservers of book culture in Europe, especially through monasteries, scriptoria, and later Catholic publishing networks. The Gutenberg Bible was printed in the mid-15th century as a Latin Vulgate text central to Catholic Christianity, during a period when the Church remained the main custodian of Scripture in the West.

9. Musical scale Do-Re-Mi-Fa-Sol-La-Si: Benedictine monk

Guido of Arezzo created the scale and a notation system still used to teach music today.

10. “Modern” European beer: Medieval monasteries, especially Benedictine and other monastic communities, played a major role in brewing, refining techniques, and preserving beer-making knowledge in Europe. The Catholic connection to modern beer is historical: monks brewed for sustenance, hospitality, and sometimes revenue, and their methods helped shape later commercial brewing.

11. Champagne: Catholic monasteries in the Champagne region played a major role in cultivating vineyards and refining winemaking, and the best-known figure in the story is Dom Pérignon, a Benedictine monk. Monk Dom Pérignon stabilized and improved sparkling wine from the region and became a key figure in its development.

12. The Lenten pretzel: Traditionally attributed to Italian monks as a Lenten bread; its twisted shape symbolizes arms crossed in prayer.

13. Ferrero Rocher chocolate: The founder of the famous chocolate Ferrero Rocher, Michele

Ferrero, was a devout Catholic with a strong devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes, and the chocolate’s name is said to reference the Rocher de Massabielle, the rocky grotto where the Virgin Mary appeared to St. Bernadette.

14. Universities and higher education: Many of Europe’s earliest universities grew out of the Church’s intellectual life, with close ties to bishops, monasteries, and later Catholic religious orders. Catholicism helped preserve learning, train clergy and scholars, and create institutions where theology, philosophy, law, medicine, and the liberal arts could be studied systematically.

15. Cappuccinos: Blessed Marco d’Aviano, the Capuchin friar remembered for his role in the Battle of Vienna, is also part of the story behind cappuccino. Tradition holds that coffee found in the Ottoman camp was mixed with milk to make it more palatable, and the drink was named for the Capuchin habit, whose brown color it resembled. The story reflects how Catholic religious life helped shape European culture in unexpected ways.

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A REMINDER FOR VACATION SEASON

It is that wonderful time of year once again — Vacation Time! A season for rest and relaxation, when we temporarily step away from our daily routines to recharge. Whether we stay at home or venture out to visit friends, explore new destinations, or embark on exciting adventures, vacations offer a much-needed break for the soul. During these moments, it's easy to let our usual obligations slip from our minds.

However, there is one reality we cannot escape: bills and financial responsibilities never seem to take a vacation. This includes the operational costs of our Church, which, paradoxically, often increase during the summer months. Whether it's the upkeep of church facilities or utility bills,

these vital needs continue to require support, even as we are away enjoying time with loved ones.

So, as you pack your bags, finalize travel plans, or settle into your summer routine, please keep your Church in mind. Ensuring that your Sunday Collection envelopes are mailed in while you're away is an easy and thoughtful way to maintain your contributions to the Church's mission. This simple act allows you to fully enjoy your vacation, knowing you have supported the work that continues to uplift our community.

Thank you for remembering your Church during this busy season, and may your summer be filled with joy, relaxation, and renewal!

2027 DIVINE LITURGY INTENTION BOOK

The Divine Liturgy Intention Book for 2027 is now available. We understand that many people prefer to schedule a Divine Liturgy on the weekend. In order to be fair to all parishioners, we ask that each family schedule no more than three weekend Divine Liturgies per year. There are many weekday Divine Liturgies available, and we encourage you to consider those dates

as well.

Some may wonder about the weekly Divine Liturgy intention listed as "For Our Parishioners." Under Canon Law, the Pastor is obligated to pray for his parishioners every Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we strive to accommodate everyone's intentions.

BROCHURE ABOUT THE ARCHEPARCHY

The Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy has prepared a new brochure to help the faithful learn more about the

life and mission of our Archeparchy. Please feel free to pick up a copy in the vestibule after the Divine Liturgy.

FALL MUM FUNDRAISER

We are now taking orders for the 2026 Fall Mum Fundraiser! Mums are 9-inch pots for \$10.00 each and will be sold as vouchers to be redeemed by the purchaser at Corky's, 729 Justus Blvd., Scott Township. Customers may choose their mum color at pickup. Orders will be taken in the back of the Church before Liturgy on 8/8, 8/9, 8/15, 8/16, 8/22, 8/23, 8/29, and 8/30. Orders must be placed

by 8/30; vouchers will be ready for pickup in the back of the church before and after the September 12th and 13th liturgy's. and may be redeemed September 11–25, 2026. For more information you may call Janet Melnick – 570-56-16460, Judy Sepinsky 570-780-5244, Carol Zadarosni 570-0766-0596. Payment is due at the time of the order. No exceptions.

ST. MARY'S BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH CHICKEN BBQ

St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, Scranton, invites everyone to its annual Chicken BBQ on Sunday, September 13, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the St. Mary's Parish Center, Mifflin Ave. and Linden St.,

Scranton. Dinner tickets are \$15. The event will also feature a Bake Sale and Basket Raffles. Come enjoy great food and fellowship while supporting the parish's fundraising efforts.

ST. CYRIL'S 3RD ANNUAL CAR SHOW

Parishioners and friends are invited to participate in St. Cyril's 3rd Annual Car Show on Sunday, September 20, from 12:00–4:00 p.m. at 207 River St., Olyphant, with a

memorial salute to + Gibby Carozzi. (Rain date: September 27.)

Cars, trucks, and motorcycles are welcome. Registration is \$10 per vehicle. The event will feature

trophy awards, door prizes, basket raffles, a 50/50 raffle, a Gas Card raffle, food, and music by Stevie Ray Entertainment.

Proceeds benefit SS. Cyril & Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church. For information, contact Ron at (570) 876-3213.

VALLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY'S FALL FAIR

The Valley Community Library is excited to welcome you back for our 2nd Annual Fall Fair on October 3, 2026 from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.! Browse unique goods from local vendors, meet talented local authors, and enjoy an afternoon celebrating creativity and community. Families can also enjoy fun activities for kids, making it the perfect event for all ages.

Looking for ways to help? The library is looking for raffle baskets, volunteers for the event, and baked

good donations that can be dropped off Saturday, October 3rd from 10 A.M. to 12 P.M. Any questions can be emailed to Kwallo@albright.org

The Valley Community Library, which is a member of the Lackawanna County Library System, is located at 739 River St., Peckville, and serves residents in Archbald, Blakely, Dickson City, Jessup, Throop, and Olyphant. The library is open Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

SIMPSON FUNDRAISER CASH PRIZE BINGO

A fundraiser Cash Prize Bingo is planned for October 11, 2026 at Trinity Hall, Prospect St., Simpson. The Bingo will include 14 games, 3 Specials, and a Jackpot prize. Snacks

and refreshments will be available for purchase. Tickets will be \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

For tickets or more information, call 570-282-5680 or 570-282-0796.

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM

The Collection Processing Team for the month of August 2026 is Team

#4: Ron Barkofsky, Steve & Jeannie Cucura.

Sunday Collection for Aug. 15 & 16, 2026: \$.

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Wisdom from the Bishop of Lyons

One should not seek among others the truth that can be easily gotten from the Church. For in her, as in a rich treasury, the apostles have placed all that pertains to truth, so that everyone can drink this beverage of life. She is the door of life.

He who shall preserve the life bestowed upon him, and give thanks to Him Who imparted it, shall receive also length of days forever and ever. But he who shall reject it, and prove himself ungrateful to his Maker, inasmuch as he has been created, and has not recognized Him Who bestowed the gift upon him, deprives himself of the privilege of continuance forever and ever. And, for this reason, the Lord declared to those who showed themselves ungrateful towards Him: 'If you have not been faithful in that which is little, who will give you that which is great?' (cf. Lk. 16:11) in-

dicating that those who, in this brief temporal life, have shown themselves ungrateful to Him Who bestowed it, shall justly not receive from Him length of days forever and ever.

We have learned the plan of our salvation from no one else other than from those through whom the gospel has come down to us. For they did at one time proclaim the gospel in public. And, at a later period, by the will of God, they handed the gospel down to us in the Scriptures-to be the 'ground and pillar of our faith.'

He who was the Son of God became the Son of man, that man ... might become the son of God.

The glory of God is the human person fully alive.

St. Irenaeus of Lyons