

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saint Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens -- October 4th

October 4, 2026: Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: 2 Cor. 11:31 - 12:9

Gospel: Lk. 8: 5-15

This Weekend	4:00 pm + Bob Westington (Wife, Ilona) 10:30 For Our Parishioners
Mon., Oct. 5	9:00 + Jennifer Phillips (Sara & Patrick Walsh)
Tues., Oct. 6	9:00 + Gene Turko, Sr. (Family)
Wed., Oct. 7	No Divine Liturgy Today
Thurs., Oct. 8	9:00 + Carol, Joseph & Jeffrey Klikus (Michael Shumek Family)
Fri., Oct. 9	9:00 Health & God's Blessings on Father Nestor (Howard Smith)
Sat., Oct. 10	No Morning Divine Liturgy 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Bill Davis (Wife, Michaelene)
Sun., Oct. 11	10:30 For Our Parishioners

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."

**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.”

**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.”..

**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.”

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.”

Saint John Paul II, pray for us!

*-- by Caroline Perkins,
ChurchPOP*

BE HAPPY WITH WHAT YOU HAVE

Should you find it hard to get to sleep tonight, remember the homeless family without beds to sleep in. Should you find yourself frustrated, stuck in traffic, don't despair. There are people in this world for whom driving is an unheard of privilege. Should you have a bad day at work, think of the man who has been out of work for years. Should you despair over a relationship gone bad, think of the person who has never known what it is like to love and be loved in return. Should you grieve the passing of another weekend, think of the woman in dire straits, working twelve hours a day seven days a week to feed her children. Should

your car break down, leaving you miles from any assistance, think of the paraplegic who would love the opportunity to take a walk. Should you notice a few gray hairs in the mirror, think of the cancer patient undergoing chemotherapy who wishes she had hair to examine. Should you find yourself at a loss and pondering what life is all about, asking "what is my purpose", be thankful. There are those who didn't live long enough to get the opportunity. Should you find yourself the victim of other people's bitterness, ignorance, smallness or insecurities, remember, things could be worse. You could be them!

THE STEAMTOWN MARATHON

The 29th Steamtown Marathon will be held next Sunday, October 11th. With so many streets closed for the race, getting to church may be difficult and challenging for some

parishioners. Please take a moment this week to plan your route or adjust your schedule as needed. We appreciate your patience and prayerful flexibility.

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.

ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

Please mark your calendar for Pennsylvanians for Human Life – Scranton Chapter's 52nd Annual Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, October 17, 2026, at Fiorelli's, 1501 Main Street, Peckville.

Doors open at 8:00 AM. Breakfast begins at 9:00 AM.

This beloved annual gathering brings our community together for prayer, fellowship, encouragement, and support for the mission of protecting and defending every inno-

cent human life from conception to natural death.

This year, we are especially focused on our Mother and Baby core community — coming alongside mothers, babies, and the organizations that serve them with compassion, practical support, and hope.

The morning will include: Breakfast, Raffle Baskets, Silent Auction, An inspiring keynote message, Opportunities to support the mission of PHL.

FROM THE VALLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY:

PAWS TO RELAX

Children and teens are invited to unwind and relax Monday, October 19 at 5:30 during this calming, sensory-friendly program. Take a break from the stress of everyday

life by spending time with friendly therapy dogs from Companionate Canines while enjoying a variety of hands-on sensory activities. Whether you prefer petting a furry

friend, exploring calming sensory stations, or simply relaxing in a quiet space, this program offers a peaceful opportunity to pause and relax. Ages 6-17. Registration is required. This program is a PA FORWARD Initiative promoting Health Literacy.

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM

The Collection Processing Team for the month of October 2026 is Team #2: Eugene Zin-sky, John Turko, Jr., and Michael Shumek

Sunday Collection for Sept. 26 & 27, 2026: \$

Sincere thanks to all of you for your kindness and generosity.

A TIME TO CELEBRATE

Happy Birthday and Mnohaya Leeta to the following Parishioners who celebrated their birthday in September:

George Chezik Sonia Maslar

Happy Anniversary and Mnohaya Leeta to the following Parishioners who celebrate their Wedding Anniversary during September:

Frank & Susan Lesnefsky John & Susan Sakson
Paul & Rosemary Mizerak Bill & Michele Vervan

If your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed, and you would like it listed, please drop us a note indicating when your Birthday or Anniversary is. We only publish this information by request. If you do not provide this information, it will not be published.

Growing the Good News

WHIPPANY

October 3rd
5:30pm

PHILADELPHIA

October 17th
5:30pm

TICKETS:

Early Bird Pricing (through September 1st): \$175 per person

Regular Pricing (after September 1st): \$200 per person

Enjoy an elegant evening featuring a cocktail hour, silent auction, and live musical accompaniment.

Find more information here:



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Advice for Christian Living

Let everything you do be done for God, both deeds and words. Refer all that is yours to Christ. Constantly turn your soul to God; and put your thought on the power of Christ, as if in some harbor by the divine light of the Savior it were resting from all talk and action. And often by day speak your thoughts to men, but most of all to God at night as well as by day. Don't let too much sleep keep you from your prayers and hymns to God, since long sleep is a rival of death. Show yourself always a partner of Christ, who makes the divine ray shine from heaven. Let Christ be to you continual and unceasing joy.

Do not relax the tension of your soul with feasting and drunkenness, but consider what is needful to be enough for the body. And do not rush early to meals, before the time for dinner comes; but let your dinner be bread, and let earth's grasses and the ripe fruits of trees be set before you; and go to your meal with composure, showing no sign of raging gluttony. In place of such

pleasures, choose the joys that are in divine words and hymns, joys supplied to you by wisdom from God; and let heavenly meditation ever lead you upward to heaven.

And give up the many anxious cares about the body by taking comfort in hopes toward God; because for you He will provide enough of all the necessary things: food to support life, covering for the body, and protection against winter cold. For to your King belongs the whole earth and all that is produced from it; and God treats the bodily parts of His servants with exceeding care, as if they were His, like His own shrines and temples. On this account do not dread severe diseases, nor the approach of old age, which must be expected in time; for even disease will come to an end, when with wholehearted purpose we do His commandments.

St. Clement of Alexandria