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SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 | TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday | 4:00 pm
Sunday | 8:30 am and 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Consult the bulletin

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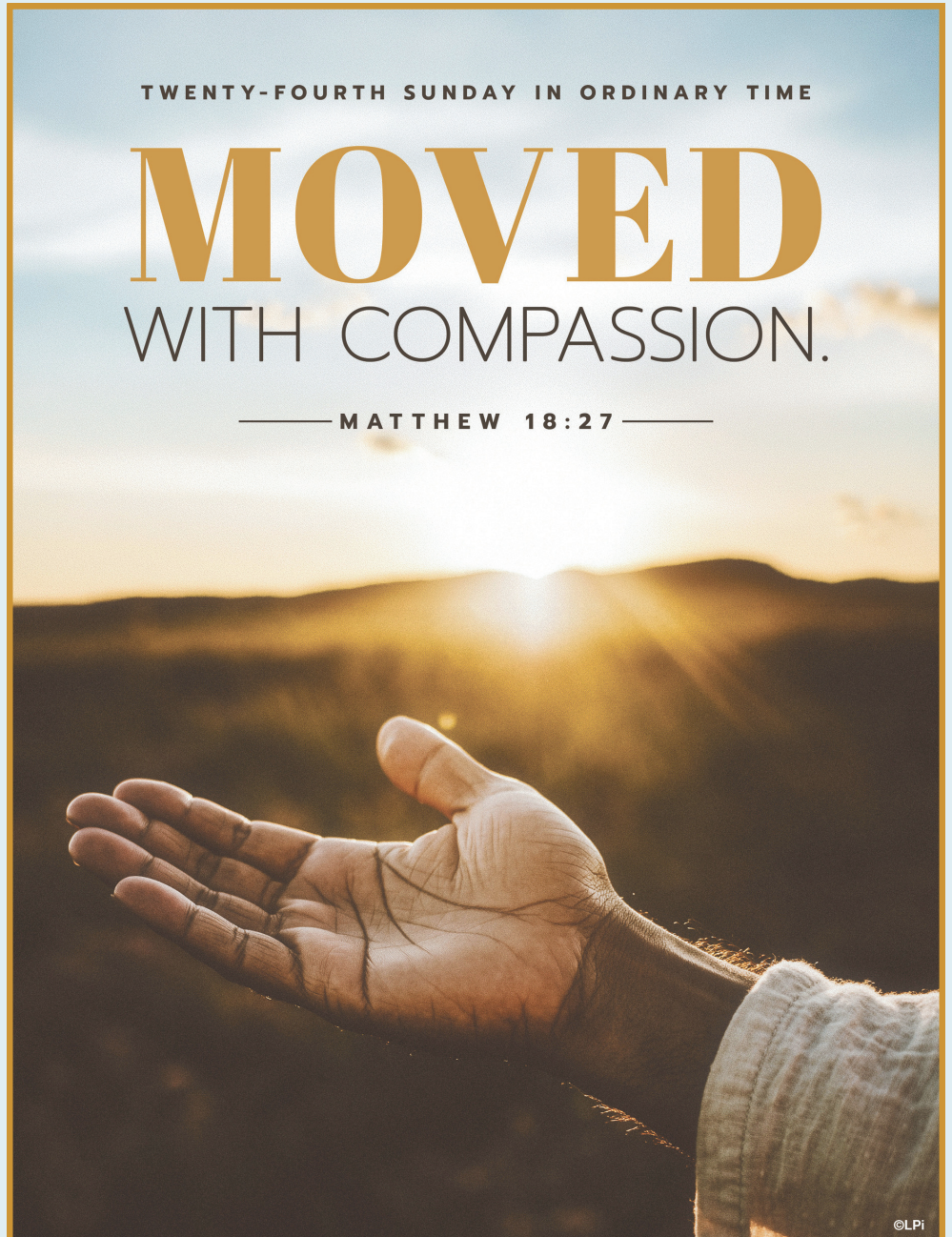
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PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Membership includes active participation in the sacramental life of the Church, involvement in the activities of the faith community and financial support of the parish.

New members are welcome to register by calling the parish office.



(GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE)

In my parish, there was once a new employee who frequently told me she was sorry for various imperfections in her work. It could be a little tiring. I finally told her, "You know, you don't have to say 'sorry' so often." She looked me right in the eyes and said, "Father, you're right. I'm sorry." Her ear-to-ear grin betrayed that she enjoyed the irony — and that she would keep asking for forgiveness as often as she needed it.

The Gospel reading this week proclaims to us that God, in Jesus, delights in numerous requests for, and the granting of, forgiveness. To Peter's question, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus responds, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." In other words, Peter, stop counting.

Christian life should be marked by a commitment to frequent forgiveness. God never tires of forgiving us. His limitless love has overcome the power of vengeance, hatred, and division. We tap into that each and every time we ask for forgiveness or extend it to another.

How beautiful our hearts become when they become accustomed to frequent forgiveness! How joyful and attractive become our marriages, families, and parish communities! How light our souls feel when unburdened by the habit of keeping score.

Challenge: Name one thing, small or large, for which you could ask forgiveness from someone in your life. Then do it.

— Father John Muir

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CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS - Diocese of Erie Child Protection Policies: Everyone that works and interacts with children should have clear boundaries in place. This includes rules like staying in public view and avoiding isolated one-on-one situations with children and ensuring that two or more adults are always paired together to work with children, as well as other guidelines found in the Policy for the Protection of Children. All those who minister to minors are screened, trained, and must follow the Policy that includes a Code of Conduct. To read the policy go to:

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For additional information, contact the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.

**QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK FOR FAITH SHARING*****Forgiveness and Mercy***

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times but, I tell you, seventy-seven times." (Matthew 18:21-22)

Adults: When someone hurts you, how do you forgive them?

Kids: When have you forgiven someone who treated you unfairly?

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS***SHOULD I STAY OR SHOULD I GO?***

By Tracy Earl Welliver

Life is not always easy on us and it can be hard to figure out the next step to take in our journey. We can even become immobilized by indecisiveness and fear about making the wrong move or choosing the incorrect path. I think of the song, *Should I Stay, or Should I Go*, as a mantra for many times in my life. Should I stay in this house, this job, or this car? Should I go here or there? When those times of decision surface, I usually turn to my wife, my friends, or even my children. Talking it out can help, and their perspectives give me more data to consider. When I lean on others to help me make a decision, it helps me become more confident in my choices.

Discerning the will of God is not easy either. Rarely do we understand God's calling clearly at first. God's calling is always more easily discerned within a community of faithful disciples. Our stewardship way of life can suffer greatly if we refuse to allow others to assist us in the process of discernment. What gifts or talents are needed for the task at hand? Where do I fit best into God's plan? Where is God leading me? No one should have to decide the answers to these questions alone. We need to always lean on the Body of Christ to help us see the path that God has laid before us. Without a little help along the journey, over time we might find ourselves stuck in the same place where we started.

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CALLING ALL KNIGHTS! Your help is needed for us to continue to support our church, school, community and faith! Cook day to prepare for our ALF Sausage Stand is Sunday, September 27th from 10 a.m. to ? in the school cafeteria. Shifts are still available during ALF, October 3rd through 11th. Call or text Andy at 814-221-2683 or Vince at 814-227-7665 for details. **Thanks to everyone who makes our biggest fundraiser of the year a great success!**



CONNECT! SERVE! CELEBRATE!

For a fun day the whole family can enjoy while growing in faith, check out the FestPGH music and arts festival on Saturday, September 19, 2026, in F.N.B. Stadium (formerly Highmark Stadium on Pittsburgh's South Shore). The alternative rock band Switchfoot headlines many performers, including Jervis Campbell, Arcadian Wild, Josh Blakesley and The Scally Brothers. FestPGH offers family activities for all ages, games, art, and opportunities for service. Bishop Eckman will celebrate Mass. The event is free but requires an RSVP and digital ticket. Go to <https://festpgh.org/> for information and to get tickets.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION COLLECTION -

Next weekend's second collection supports the Catholic Education Collection. Half of every gift stays at Immaculate Conception to support religious education; the other half funds diocesan faith formation and educational ministries. Please use the special collection envelope in your packet or give online at <https://www.eriecd.org/cec.html>. Thank you!

RETREAT – The Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center in Villa Maria, PA will sponsor a retreat titled “Walking with Mary through the Light and Darkness of Our Daily Life” with Melannie Svoboda, SND. It runs from Friday, October 9 to Sunday, October 11, 2026. This retreat weaves together prayer, music, scripture, input sessions, videos, art, personal reflection time, and sharing. This time together will help us to know Mary better as our mother, sister, companion, and fellow disciple of Jesus.

For more information on this program, go to: <https://vmesc.org/programs-retreats/all-events?id=1080>

A BLESSING FOR GRANDPARENTS

Dear God,
Bless the grandparents in our community. Stir in them a sense of caring, thoughtfulness, and kindness toward their preceding generations. Like St. Anne and St. Joachim, inspire them to live lives of brave faith and virtue. Give them and their families warm memories, happy times, and bright hope. Amen.

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*Happy grandparents
Day!*

MASS INTENTIONS

Please watch for communications through the week for other opportunities for confession and adoration.

Monday - September 14 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:30 am | † Marjorie Carroll by Susan Larrow

Tuesday - September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

8:30 am | † Robin and Ron Heasley by Clay and Kim Kroh

Wednesday - September 16 - Saints Pope Cornelius and Cyprian

7:30 am | † Beeze Hartle by the Family

Thursday - September 17 - Saint Robert Bellarmine and Saint Hildegard of Bingen

8:30 am | † Jim and Martha Kerle by Clay and Kim Kroh

5:30 pm to 6:30 pm | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction

Friday - September 18

7:30 am | † Rebecca Wineman by Nancy Myers

Saturday - September 19 - Saint Januarius

3:00 pm to 3:40 pm | *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

4:00 pm | † Don Weidner by Laurie and Brian Kerle

Sunday - September 20 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am | † For the People

8:30 am **RADIO MASS** | † Charles Mohnney by Jane Mohnney

11:00 am | † Jack Slike by Susan Slike

SANCTUARY CANDLE:

for Chet and Gerry McMillen

by Sue and Theresa McMillen

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Monday

Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11
/Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 19:25-27
or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday

1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday

1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50

Friday

1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday

Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a
/Mt 20:1-16a

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