

# TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 24, 2023

## Commentary on the Sunday Mass Readings for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

The First Reading is taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 55:6-9. In this text the prophet urges the Chosen People to seek Yahweh, to come close to Him in friendship. To do this the sinner must abandon his evil ways. He need not fear: Yahweh is "rich in forgiving," He will forgive all sins of a repentant sinner. Though He is infinite and transcendent, yet He can and does come close to and is a true friend of all who seek Him. He is a personal God, not an abstract idea.

The Second Reading is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a. St. Paul wrote the letter from a prison cell in Rome or possibly Ephesus. It is a friendly letter, giving some news of his work to the converts in Philippi, warning them against certain enemies of the faith and exhorting them to remain humble.

The Gospel is from St. Matthew 20:1-16a. The call to the vineyard (to the Church), through God's gift of faith and the sacrament of baptism, is a gift for which we can never sufficiently thank God. If we remain in the vineyard and labor honestly, that is, if we cooperate with the actual graces God is continually giving us, we are assured of reaching heaven when our earthly days are ended. The work we have to do in God's vineyard is the fulfilling of the duties of our state in life. By carrying out these duties faithfully and honestly we are doing the will of God and earning heaven. The greater part of our day and indeed of our life, will be taken up with tasks of themselves worldly, but these tasks when done in the state of grace and with the intention of honoring God, have a supernatural value. For this we have to thank God for His goodness and generosity.

He could have made the attainment of heaven so much more difficult. He could have demanded extraordinary mortifications and renunciations and the reward (heaven) would still be exceedingly great. Instead He allows us to live our everyday life, to enjoy the love and friendship of our family and friends, to satisfy the natural desires of our bodies, within the commandments, and yet to merit a supernatural reward while so doing. As He tells us through St. Paul: "whether you eat or drink or whatever else you do, do all to the glory of God (1 Cor. 10 : 31)."

Looking back on our past life, how many years have we really given to God since we came to the use of reason? Those school years, the time spent learning a trade or profession, the weeks, months, years working in an office or factory or farm, the hours among the pots and pans in the kitchen — have we earned some credit in heaven for all of this, or is it all crossed off our pay sheet through lack of right intention or through sin?

If so, those years are lost to us. We were "idle" all that time. Today's parable, however, should give us new hope and courage. It may be the sixth or the ninth or even the eleventh hour of our life but we can still earn heaven if we listen to God's call and set to work diligently in His vineyard. If we put our conscience right with God today and resolve to be loyal to Him from now on He will be as generous to us, as the parable promises.

—Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

**Silent Adoration,  
Confession, Mass  
Tuesday  
Adoration - 5:00 p.m.  
Confession - 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.  
Mass - 6:00 p.m.**

**EVERYONE is WELCOME**



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*"Forward, always forward, everywhere forward! We must not be  
held back by debts, bad years or by difficulties of the times. Man's  
adversity is God's opportunity."*

Archbishop Boniface Wimmer, O. S. B.

## **Mass Schedule**

Monday - 8:15 p.m.  
Tuesday - 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday - 8:15 a.m.  
Friday - 8:15 a.m.  
Saturday Vigil - 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday - 10:30 a.m.

*(See the Weekly Schedule for changes to Mass times  
or location!)*

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Tuesday & Wednesday 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.  
Saturday 5:00 - 5:20 p.m.  
Sunday 10:00 - 10:20 a.m.

## **Adoration**

Tuesday & Wednesday - 5 - 5:45 p.m.

### **When Should Catholics Not Receive Holy Communion?**

- If you have a mortal sin on your soul. Some serious sins include (but are not limited to) being married outside the church, being unmarried but living together or purposely not attending Sunday Mass or holy days of obligation. For more info on what constitutes a mortal sin, refer to the Catechism of the Catholic Church 1857 - 1859.
- If you have not observed the Eucharistic Fast one hour before receiving. Mints and gum break your fast.
- If you have not yet received First Communion.

### **Why Can't Non-Catholics Receive Holy Communion?**

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are not admitted to Holy Communion.

For those who cannot receive Eucharist at this time, we welcome you to join in our liturgy, to pray and sing with us. Please remain in the pew during the Communion Procession, offering your heartfelt prayers to our God of love and mercy. We eagerly await the time when you will join us at the Eucharistic table!

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 23, 2023	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, September 24, 2023	10:30 AM	Mass for †Robert Hamilton by Tammy Arsenault
Monday, September 25, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †James Sweeney by David Curtis
Tuesday, September 26, 2023	5:50 PM	Mass for †Grace Turner by family
Wednesday, September 27, 2023	5:50 PM	Mass for †Ava Rowan
Thursday, September 28, 2023	11:00 AM	Mass for †Beth Nichols by Glenna Johnston
Friday, September 29, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for Bonnie Hall
Saturday, September 30, 2023	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, October 1, 2023	10:30 AM	Mass for †Helen Hyre

**The sanctuary lamp is burning in honor of Fr. George Manjadi, September 10 -23.**

### Prayer List

**Those who are sick:** Jill Balser, Vince Baker, Debbie Bailey, Dorothy Butcher, John Butcher, P. Dane Carder, Courtney Clevenger, John Collins, Rose Determan, Libby Ferrell, Denver Garrison, Greg Garton, Marsha Garton, Sandy Gill, Tim Hicks, Coretta Jefferson, Ellen Ketron, Shirley Murchland, Susan Murray, Judy Nicholas, Sue Nutter, Raylee Rahming, Brenda Riley, Jim Riley, Mike Tierney, Helen Tomaro, Audrey Westfall

• **Those who have died:** Lucille Dodson Boge, May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

• **All Veterans, and Military Personnel:**

• **Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**

• **All seminarians:** Especially, Joe Derico.

• **All studying for the diaconate program:** Especially, Mike Brumley.

• **Former priests and religious of and from our parish**

• **Those who are homebound, in assisted living or nursing homes.**

• **All struggling with infertility.**

### Mass Attendance

Saturday	93
Sunday	188
Total	281


### Collections

Saturday	\$2254
Sunday	\$1344
Mail/Drop Box	\$135
Total	\$3733
School	\$95
Votives	\$65
Maintenance	\$50
Loan	\$20
Organ	\$
<b>Wesbanco Balance</b>	<b>\$54,856.73</b>

### Protecting God's Children

St. Patrick Church takes seriously this 'VIRTUS' pursuit of excellence in our community. With the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, we are committed to making every environment – a safe environment. All employees and volunteers are required to complete VIRTUS Training. Participants of this training complete short video modules to learn how to best protect the vulnerable in our community. These short sessions empower participants to accurately identify and correctly report all instances of suspected child abuse. To create or update your account, please go to [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org). We thank all of the employees and volunteers for their continued support in making the environment at St. Patrick Church safe for all.

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. Please visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

 **myEoffering** <https://members.myeoffering.com/#/landing>

### August myEoffering Donations, Utilities and Other Expenses

General Fund:	Utilities \$4120.37
\$1704.50	(All buildings)
School: \$300	Taxes and Fire Fees \$3250
Maintenance: \$173.96	Copier Lease and copies \$439.66
	Pest Control \$140

### Catholic Sharing Appeal Update

We have reached 50% of our goal for the Catholic Sharing Appeal, **ALL** money donated from this point forward, will be returned to the church and not assessable to the Cathedralricum and PHRA annual assessment.

Goal \$22490 ~Raised \$12354 ~55%



## SCHOOL NEWS











Read more. Read well.

## YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN OUR "WELL READ MOM" SMALL GROUP!

Well-Read Mom accompanies women in reading great books and spiritual classics to encourage personal growth, friendship, and meaningful conversations to explore the human condition and reorient ourselves to what is good, beautiful, and true. Our group reads one book per month and meets to discuss it once a month. Book selections for each year correspond to the themes of a woman's life. This year we are excited to dive into the theme of "seeking" with the help of some excellent authors such as Brother Lawrence, T.S. Eliot, and Natalie Merrill, among others.

**All women are welcome!  
Not just moms.**

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday,  
October 17th after Mass in the Church  
Office Conference Room.

Registration is \$49.95 a year per member  
(includes WRM materials). If you need  
assistance, please don't hesitate to  
contact the parish office. The group will  
provide monthly books.

To register today, or find out more, visit  
[WellReadMom.com](http://WellReadMom.com).

Contact Megan White with questions at  
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The Office of Social Ministry Presents



## Catholic in Recovery

OCTOBER 17 6:30 P.M.  
ST. MICHAEL PARISH, WHEELING  
FREE EVENT



### SPEAKER - SCOTT WEEMAN

Scott Weeman is a beloved son of God, a husband, and a father. He is the founder of Catholic in Recovery, a community of men and women seeking freedom from a variety of addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments.

Scott is the author of *The Twelve Steps and the Sacraments* and editor/compiler of *The Catholic in Recovery Workbook*, both published by Ave Maria Press. He holds a master's degree in clinical counseling from Point Loma Nazarene University and is an associate marriage and family therapist. Scott and his family live in San Diego, California.

### PRESENTATION

#### Finding Freedom from Addictions, Compulsions, & Unhealthy Attachments

The allure of addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments related to alcohol, drugs, food, lust, money, codependency, and many others seek to separate us from God, isolate us from our families, and leave us empty. While sharing personal experience, strength, and hope, Scott Weeman offers key spiritual insight rooted in Catholic faith and 12-step recovery wisdom on how to avoid these temptations and freedom if already in the grip of addiction.

Discover more about Catholic in Recovery and our speaker at  
[CATHOLICINRECOVERY.COM](http://CATHOLICINRECOVERY.COM)  
For information about this event, contact St. Michael's parish  
office at 304-242-1560

### Adopt a Sheep/CGS Fundraiser

Please consider taking a sheep in the vestibule with an item listed on it that you would be willing to donate to our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program.

When the item is purchased, please place it in the boxes provided in the vestibule or the church office.

Your contributions are greatly appreciated!



## **St. Patrick School Annual Elimination Dinner**

**Saturday, October 14**

**\$25**

**Dinner begins at 6:30, Drawing begins at 7:00**

**Tickets Available through the school and parish offices.**

**Gather your friends and family for a fantastic evening. Hurry, tickets are going fast! See you there!**

**Priesthood  
Sunday,  
September 24, 2023**

### **A Prayer for Priests**

By St. Therese of Lisieux

O Jesus, eternal Priest,  
keep your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart,  
where none may touch them.

Keep unstained their anointed hands,  
which daily touch Your Sacred Body.

Keep unsullied their lips,  
daily purpled with your Precious Blood.

Keep pure and unearthly their hearts,  
sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood.

Let Your holy love surround them and  
shield them from the world's contagion.

Bless their labors with abundant fruit and  
may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and  
consolation here and in heaven their beautiful and  
everlasting crown. Amen.

**Annual Mass and Homecoming at  
St. Bernard Church,  
Loveberry**

**October 22**

**Mass - 12:15 p.m.**

**Join us on Sunday, October 22 for Mass and a  
covered dish dinner at St. Bernard Church.  
Meats, drinks and plastic ware will be provided.**

## **ON DECK**

**Tuesday, October 3, 7:00 p.m.**

Knights of Columbus meeting,  
cafeteria

**Sunday, October 8**

Donut Sunday

**Saturday, October 14**

Annual School Elimination dinner,  
tickets are on sale now!

**Monday, October 16, 6:00 p.m.**

Catholic Daughters meeting, cafeteria

**Sunday, October 22**

12:15 p.m.: Mass and Covered Dish  
Dinner at St. Bernard Church in  
Loveberry

## **Our Neighbor Collection**

**September: Papertowels & Cleaning  
Supplies**

**October: Soap, Cleaning Supplies,  
feminine products**

**Items can be placed in the cabinet  
on the back porch of the parish  
office.**

## **Would You Like to Sing in the St. Patrick Church Choir?**

St. Patrick's choir will officially resume on Sunday, September 10 with a 9:30 AM rehearsal in the office. 9:30 is the regular time every Sunday for the choir rehearsal. The choir provides music for the Sunday Mass at 10:30 as well as holidays. The choir sings Gregorian Chant and Traditional Sacred music. If you are interested in being a part of the choir, please come and see our Music Director and Organist, Steve Anisko at the rehearsal or after mass in the choir loft.

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Third Monday (Sept—May).  
6:00 p.m., Cafeteria



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