

Mon. Sept. 25
8:30 am
Rita George
by Mike & Shirley Vojtko

Tue. Sept. 26
8:30 am

Wed. Sept. 27
8:00 am
Members & Benefactors of St. Vincent de Paul Society
by St. Thomas the Apostle Community

Thurs. Sept. 28
8:30 am

Fri. Sept. 29
8:30 am
Morning Prayer ~ Rosary Communion

Sat. Sept. 30
4:30 pm
Arthur Daly
by Family

Sun. Oct. 1
10:00 am
Jeanne Roscoe
by Fran Roscoe

Please Note: On Wednesday, September 27, the morning Mass for the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, will be at 8:00 am so that workers can attend before going to the Dining Hall. We will then carpool from the church.

Today is the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. We move ahead from the section in the Gospel of Matthew about forgiveness to where Jesus tells his disciples the parable of the landowner and his workers. The landowner hires workers at various times during the day, but pays them each the customary daily wage. Those laborers who worked more hours exhibit frustration. The landowner's generosity turns the world's view upside down. Such is the way it will be in the Kingdom of heaven, where the last will be first and the first, last.

As mentioned last weekend, the Diocese will begin monitoring attendance at all Masses in all parishes for the next several weeks. Totals from the Masses will be collected by the Diocese at the end of October. Future decisions on any further parish closings, or mergers, how to assign priests, etc. will be based on these numbers, church building size, and how active the parish is. For example, we have 13 parishes in Trumbull County, 12 of the 13 have a Saturday evening Mass either at 4:00 or 4:30. We do not need 12 Saturday Masses at almost the same time, especially since some of these parishes are less than 2 miles apart. Therefore, it would behoove us to get as many people into our pews as possible.

It is amazing sometimes how things fall into place. As you may have noticed we have been planning a pew packing weekend. What is that? In an attempt for everyone to evangelize, we are asking you to bring with you, on the weekend of **October 21/22**, anyone who has not been to church in awhile. This could be a spouse, family member,

friend, neighbor, etc. Through our shared baptism we are no different than the original Apostles who were sent by Jesus to share their faith with everyone. Bring them back for one weekend, and just maybe, we can get them to return on a regular basis. How interesting... this will take place when we are going to be taking attendance figures.

Upcoming special events:

Sealing of our time capsule
'Pew Packing weekend' - Weekend of Oct. 22/23
Commissioning of Hospitality Ministers (Greeters and Valet parkers), Choir members, and Altar Servers.

"Our Many Blessings" Stewardship, specifically tailored made for our parish, will begin the weekend of September 30/October 1. The intent of the program is to better acknowledge and appreciate the gifts God has given us and our parish. We are asking all parishioners to respond to those gifts by increasing their weekly contribution in response to recognizing how blessed we are in the many gifts God has given to us.

Welcome visitors! We would love to have you join our parish family! If you would like to join us, our welcome/information table is set up in the gathering space. There are new parishioner packets available, and a booklet of all our organizations and groups in the parish and how to contact them. Stop by on your way out of church and sign our guest book!

Finally! The signs are in and posted for all those who donated trees to our landscaping last year. A big thank you to all who helped make our church grounds so beautiful. Trees down "memory lane" (the driveway approach to the church) are marked in the order of when the donation was made.

Villa Maria (Sisters of the Humility of Mary) is presenting their 2017 HARVEST DAY on Saturday, September 30 from 11 a.m. - 5:00 pm. Experience the best of Fall, and the beauty and reverence of the land! There will be music, hay rides, children's activities, farm fresh food, bakery, vendors and much more. Price of admission is a non-perishable food item. They are located at 225 Villa Maria Rd., Pulaski, PA 16143 or for more information go to humilityofmary.org

Mathew Local Schools are sponsoring a Meet the Candidate Night at the High School Gymnasium on Tuesday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m. There will be 7 candidates vying for 3 positions on the Board of Education and 4 candidates vying for 2 Trustee positions in Vienna. Fowler has 2 candidates running unopposed for Trustee in Fowler. Everyone is invited.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: T.G.I.F. (Together Growing in Faith) returned September 10. If you would like to register, you can find forms in the back of church or online at the parish web site. You must be registered to attend T.G.I.F. Our next T.G.I.F. is October 1, 2017.

CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word) Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume this weekend.

Religious Education is in need of 6 cd/tape player combos. If anyone has one in working order they would like to donate, please drop it off at the rectory.

Our Sixth Annual Community Trick or Treat will be held October 21 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. We will be having it indoors again this year. Please sign up to pass out candy to children in our parish and the community. Individuals or groups can sign up to decorate a table and provide candy to the little ghosts, goblins and princesses. All you have to do is register, by October 13, decorate a table and hand out your candy to area children. Last year we had an attendance of over 315. Monetary or candy donations are greatly appreciated. To sign up, call 330-394-2461.

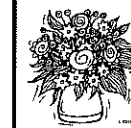
Post confirmation students through grade 12.. Light It up! The first meeting will be October 1st during TGIF. It will begin with Mass at 3:30, then a light dinner with the Parish community. Following the dinner Teens will meet with their leaders Michelle Spagnoletta and Pam Dudeck. Join the fun and help develop this ministry. **Teens come and make your voice heard.**

St. Vincent de Paul Society will be serving a meal at the Dining Hall on Niles Rd. in Warren on September 27, the feast day of St. Vincent de Paul. We will be there from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. You are welcome to join us at anytime. Thank you to all who make this outreach possible.

Bus Trip to Hard Rock Rocksino
Our Bus Trip is Wednesday, October 25, 2017.
We are leaving at 9:30 am and returning at approximately 6:00 pm. The cost is \$22. You may call Judy at 330-448-4856 for a reservation. All money is due as soon as your reservation is confirmed. Incentive is \$20 in free play.



Floral Arrangements for the Sanctuary - If you would like to honor or memorialize one of your deceased loved ones by purchasing a floral arrangement to be placed at the Mary and Joseph altar, please call the office. Let us know if you want to get this at your florist, or if you want us to purchase it. The person's name will be in the bulletin the weekend you choose.



Flowers for Mary/Joseph altar the week-end of September 23/24 were donated by Virginia & Dennis Crumb in thanksgiving.

The monthly calendar insert will be printed on Tuesday, September 26. Deadline to include items for the calendar for October is Monday, September 25. Please submit your items in writing before 12 noon.

Please Note **It is very important that you mark the amount of your contribution on your envelope. If you are using an envelope from the welcome table, don't forget to put your name on it!**

Baptism Class - If you are anticipating a Baptism in your family between now and the end of the year, our next class is scheduled for Saturday, October 28, at 11:00 am in the church. Please call the rectory to pre-register.

September 17, 2017		
Sunday	\$4504.00	156 Envelopes
SVDP Society	80.00	4 Envelopes
Exponent	36.00	6 Envelopes
Sign up for electronic giving at theapostlethomas.com		
Recent monthly expenditures		
Utilities average ~ \$2,637.98		
Diocese Assessment ~ \$2,148.00		
Mortgage payment ~ \$8,321.54		
Retired priest's health care insurance ~ \$636.00		

