

Mon. Sept. 18
8:30 am
Tue. Sept. 19
8:30 am
Wed. Sept. 20
8:30 am
9:30 am **Mass ~ O'Brien Nursing Home**
Thurs. Sept. 21
8:30 am **Ida Pacileo**
by Vince Pacileo
Fri. Sept. 22
8:30 am **Morning Prayer ~ Rosary**
Communion
Sat. Sept. 23
4:30 pm **Kathryn Ross**
by children
Sun. Sept. 24
10:00 am **Mary DePascale**
by Elinor Bottar & Jennifer Lansky

Today is the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time. This weekend's Gospel is a continuous reading from Matthew from where last Sunday's Gospel left off. Jesus had taught his disciples a process for extending forgiveness to one who sins. Peter now asks Jesus to qualify how many times he must forgive someone. The numerical answer by Jesus shows that forgiveness is infinite. Forgiveness is the message in the short parable Jesus then declares. How could something be so simple and difficult at the same time?

Thanks to all those who prepared, cooked, and supported our Second Saturday Stuffed Cabbage Dinner! We sold 148, an almost even split between carry out and eat in. Thanks to the generosity of many who donated prep food for the dinner, we cleared \$1,217.00! **NEXT UP---** OKTOBERFEST GERMAN MEAL... Saturday, October 14, 4- 6:30 p.m.

The Second Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, October 22, 2:00 p.m. at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist in Canton. A special Mass will be celebrated for couples observing their 25th, 40th, or 50th and over wedding celebration in 2017. Deadline to register is September 22. Call the rectory to register.

Upcoming special events:



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

Very shortly you will be receiving information on the "Our Many Blessings" Stewardship drive that has been specifically tailored made for our parish. The intent of the program is to better acknowledge and appreciate the gifts God has given to us and our parish, and responding to those gifts back to the church.

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!

Save the date! Sunday, September 24, noon to 6:00 p.m. the Eighth Annual Faith and Family Festival will be held at Hoover Park at Walsh College in North Canton. It is a wonderful day for Catholic Families. For more information go to: www.faithfamilyfest.org

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) will resume September 24 & 25.

This weekend, the Church will celebrate **Catechetical Sunday** and will focus on the theme "**Living as Missionary Disciples.**" Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

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.

Youth Ministry is starting back up after a 2 year hiatus. **Post confirmation students through grade 12** can join the fun and help develop this ministry. The first meeting will be October 1, 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. **Teens come and make your voice heard.**

Coming the weekend of Sept. 23/24...our annual Anointing Mass will take place at both the Saturday 4:30 p.m. and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Masses. Anyone who feels they need to be anointed, you are asked to sit up front in the chairs and first pews in all sections. We will have people there to assist you. You can be anointed if you are facing an upcoming surgery, any type of physical ailment, spiritual deficiency, or for a need of mental clarity and stability.

Coming the weekend of Sept. 23/24... Representatives will be here to offer religious articles, statues, crucifixes and other spiritual items...all made out of olive wood from the Middle East. Proceeds from the sales will help benefit Catholic families who maintain Catholic Shrines in the predominantly Muslim areas of the Middle East. These items will be on display in the gathering space.

Please **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!**
Note

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) An informational meeting will be held on Monday, September 18 at 7:00 pm in the parish center.

Who needs RCIA? Anyone who is...

- ◆ Not baptized and considering full initiation through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
- ◆ Baptized in another Christian tradition and considering being received into the Catholic Church.
- ◆ Baptized in the Catholic Church seeking to complete initiation through the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.
- ◆ Seeking adult Confirmation.

Classes will begin on Monday, October 9 at 7:00 pm in the parish center.

Finally! The signs are in 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. If they are not in place this weekend, they definitely will be next weekend.



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.

September 10, 2017

Sunday \$4315.00 170 Envelopes
SVDP Society 112.00 9 Envelopes

Sign up for electronic giving at theapostlethomas.com

Recent monthly expenditures

Utilities average ~ \$2,637.98
Diocese Assessment ~ \$2,148.00
Copy machine rental ~ \$390.00
Mortgage payment ~ \$8,321.54