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Twenty-fifth Sunday in ORDINARY TIME
September 20, 2026

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Mass Intention for this Sunday: ***for ✝Helen and ✝Daniel Warner***

Upon the request of the Family.

The Generous Heart of God

We often measure life by comparison: "I worked harder," "I waited longer," "Why did he get more?" In today's Gospel, the workers who labored all day become upset because those who worked only one hour receive the same wage. Their problem was not that they received too little, but that someone else received generously.

How easily this happens in our own lives. We compare our prayers, our sacrifices, even our blessings with those of others. Yet Isaiah reminds us that God's thoughts and ways are beyond ours. - The Lord invites each of us to His vineyard for as long as we live. Some have served Him for many years, while others may only be beginning to seek Him anew. Yet His mercy is available to all, it is a gift.

Perhaps this week we can rejoice when another person receives a blessing, instead of asking, "What about me?" God's generosity is not diminished when it is shared. It is precisely what makes His heart so different from ours. *- Fr. Paul*

***We are Catholic community** called to serve God and others through Eucharist, prayer, education, and daily living of the Gospel values. **Everyone is always welcome to worship with us** in our beautiful church. It is **a house of prayer for all**, who with sincere heart desire to praise the only God, our Father in heaven.*

For those who are new to our church (and even those who aren't!) To follow along with the **Mass, begin on page 63 in the Mass booklet**. Father will announce which page to turn to for the Canon at the appropriate time.

Reception of the Holy Eucharist - Baptized Christians who **believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist and are in a state of grace**, free from mortal sin, are invited to partake of this Holy Sacrament with us. – If you are unable to receive the Precious Blood, please alert Father before Mass so that he is aware of the situation. If you would like to receive only a blessing from Father instead of Communion, come to the altar rail with your arms crossed, palms on shoulders. **Come and let us be one with our Lord.**

Can't get to Mass? The National Cathedral in Scranton and the Eastern Diocesan Cathedral have YouTube channels to which you can subscribe. Both channels archive the weekly Mass for later viewing. So, if you're away from home, or shut-in at home, you can still see a Mass from our Church. Check them out – https://www.youtube.com/@ststanislauscathedral or https://www.youtube.com/@bishoppaulsobiechowski9743

Pastoral Care Visit. The two great Sacraments: Eucharist & Holy Anointing may be a source of grace and health for a sick person. So, if you are confined at home or have a family member at hospital or nursing home unable to take part in Sunday Mass and Sacraments, please notify the father to set the day and time for pastoral visit.

In emergency call directly Fr. Paul @ 475-208-4455.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

➡ ***GENERAL SYNOD OF OUR CHURCH** will take place this month from **September 28th to 30th**. This synod is convened every four years, hosted each time by a different PNCC diocese. **This time, our diocese will serve as the host**. Delegations from individual parishes will gather in **Manchester, NH at Holy Trinity Cathedral**.*

➡ ***Pierogi Making Workshop** will take place this coming Saturday, **September 26th**. And **TASTE of POLAND** comes back on **October 24th** Please advertise these events among your neighbors.*

➡ ***Gift Card Raffle** – The 2nd edition of this lottery is taking place this month! Tickets worth **$2,500** were sold! **Winners of each day of the***

week will be drawn each Sunday of September after Mass and are eligible to win again (and again)! *GOOD LUCK! Thank you, Janet, for coordinating this event!*

Last week's winners: (Sept 13th – 19th): 13th – Michelle L., Prospect CT; 14th - Christine C., Stratford CT; 15th – Christine H., Naugatuck CT; 16th - Kim B., Waterbury CT; 17th – Patrick G., East Haven CT; 18th – David T., East Longmeadow MA; 19th – Yvonne M., Stratford CT.

➧ ***The Provancher family invites us to a PICNIC****, which will take place* ***next Sunday, September 27th, starting at 12:00 PM****. We will be meeting at* ***17 Janet Drive, Middlebury, CT****. We would like to* ***thank Marianna, Rey, and their family*** *for the invitation and their hospitality!*

Directions from our church, (total 15 minutes drive):

- *Take right into CT-68 (cross the Kosciuszko Bridge and go past Big Y)*
- *On traffic lights turn right onto CT-63 – continue 4.6 miles*
- *Turn left onto Park Rd Ext. (traffic lights) – continue 0.5 miles*
- *Turn left onto 3 Mile Hill Rd…*
  …and keep right to stay on 3 Mile Hill Rd – continue 0.3 miles
- *Turn right on Hannah Dr., then right on Dorothy Dr., then take a left onto Janet Dr…* ***1st beige house on your left****.*

➧ ***"Wine of the Month" raffle. The next drawing will take place next Sunday.*** *Tickets are available,* ***$2 each****, or* ***3 for $5****, and are on sale during coffee hour each Sunday. We thank Ken Krasko for donating a bottle of his excellent homemade wine to this raffle every month.*

➧ ***Heating of our church in Winter.*** *With the heating season approaching, we are beginning - as in previous years - to raise funds for this purpose. This is a FREE WILL donation.* ***Our goal is to raise at least $8,000****, because the price of oil is significantly higher compared to previous years. Specially designed envelopes are available in the church vestibule.* ***THANK YOU!***

THIS MONTH BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATE:

Christine Healy *- Sept 6;* ***Judith Kierman*** *– Sept 9;* ***Kathryn & Nicole Healy*** *- Sept 15;* ***John Stronkowski*** *- Sept 20;* ***Bill Lazowsky*** *- Sept 27;* ***Sarah Squezello*** *- Sept 28 and* ***Debbie Caruso*** *- Sept 30;*

Please remember in your prayer those who are suffering, sick or confined at home, hospitals and nursing homes, especially our parishioners and friends: **Bp. Paul Sobiechowski**, **Fr. Henry Smilonski**, **Sarah Squezello**, **Logan**, **Debbie** & **Emil Caruso**, **Diane Szczesiul, Aiden Klein** and **John Huggins**.

Question & Answer

Q: Why should we pray if God already knows what we need?

A: God certainly knows what we need before we ask. **But prayer is not about giving God information. It is about deepening our relationship with Him.** When we pray, we open our hearts to God, learn to trust Him, and allow Him to shape our desires according to His will. Just as a child speaks to a loving parent even though the parent already knows what the child needs, we pray because God wants us to come to Him. Prayer reminds us that we are never alone and that everything we have is ultimately a gift from our loving Father.

Q: What should we do when we pray but receive no answer?

A: Sometimes God's answer is not what we expected, or it may seem that there is no answer at all. In those moments, we are invited to persevere. Jesus tells us to *"ask, seek, and knock."* We can bring our disappointment, questions, and even our frustration honestly to God. **Faith does not mean always understanding God's ways. It means trusting Him even when we cannot see the way forward.** For this reason, we should keep praying, remain patient, and look for God's presence in the people, circumstances, and quiet moments through which He may be guiding us.

Q: Can doubting God be a sin?

A: Having doubts does not automatically mean we have sinned. **Faith is not the absence of questions.** Even faithful people can experience moments of uncertainty, especially during suffering, disappointment, or difficult times. What matters is what we do with those doubts. Instead of being afraid of them, we can bring them honestly to God in prayer. Remember the father in the Gospel who cried out, *"I do believe, help my unbelief!"* God is not threatened by our questions. He invites us to seek Him, and **our honest searching can sometimes lead us to a deeper and more mature faith and relationship with our Creator.**

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