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Congratulations James and Elaine Kashmer!

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, FARRELL, PA.

Week of September 21, 2025, Calendar of Events Monday Sept 22:

Tuesday, Sept 23: 9:00AM Making Fatima Cavatelli
In the Good Shepherd Social Hall

Wednesday Sept 24: 6:00PM PRAYER BOOK CLUB

Downstairs in our Social Hall

Thursday Sept 25: 9:00AM Making Fatima Cavatelli

In the Good Shepherd Social Hall

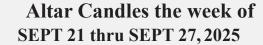
ALL DAY ADORATION 6:30AM TO 6:00PM HOLY HOUR 6:00PM TO 7:00PM-- COME JOIN US

Friday, Sept 26:

Saturday, Sept 27: 4:00PM MASS

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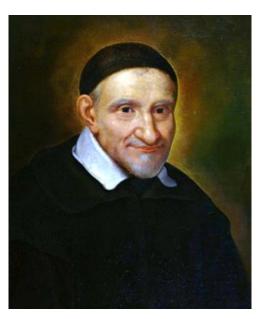
ANNA & GUIDO ARCI From Daughters, Gina & Loretta

Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Flowers

For this week were donated in memory of ANTHONY LENZI

From Gail Zucco, Stephanie & Tony Shawn

		Intentions	Requested By		
SATURDAY, Sept 20 at 4:00 pm		Deceased Members of the Spadafora Family Steve, Tony & Maria Mensu	Vincenza Grasso		
Monday, Sept 22 6:30 am		Prayer Service	·		
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Wednesday, Sept 24 at 6:30 am		Prayer Service			
Thursday, Sept 25 at 6:30 am		Prayer Service			
Friday, Sept 26 at 6:30am		Prayer Service			
Saturday, Sept 27 at 4:00 pm		Anthony Lenzi Judy Bator	Gail Zucco, Stepha Fran Chervinko	Gail Zucco, Stephanie & Tony Shawn Fran Chervinko	
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SATURDAY	Christine	Marsha Petrillo	Joe Perrico	John Jarocki	
4:00 PM	Oberman	Jean Burke	J.J. Ost	Jean Burke	
SEPT 27					



SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL (PRIEST)

Vincent de Paul, CM (24 April 1581 – 27 September 1660) was an Occitan French Catholic priest who dedicated himself to serving the poor.

In 1622, Vincent was appointed as chaplain to the galleys. After working for some time in Paris among imprisoned galley slaves, he returned to be the superior of what is now known as the Congregation of the Mission, or the "Vincentians" (in France known as "Lazaristes"), which he co-founded.

These Vincentian priests, with vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, and stability, were to devote themselves entirely to the people in smaller towns and villages. Vincent was zealous in conducting retreats for clergy at a time when the local clergy's morals were flagging. He was a pioneer in seminary education and also founded the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul. He is the namesake of the Vincentian Family of organizations, which includes both of the religious communities he founded.

He was renowned for his compassion, humility, and generosity. Vincent was canonized in 1737 and is venerated as a saint in both the Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion.[1]

Early life and education

Ranquines, birthplace of Vincent

Vincent de Paul was born in 1581 in the village of Pouy, in the province of Guyenne and Gascony, Kingdom of France, [2]:18 to peasant farmers. His father was Jean de Paul and his mother was Bertrande de Moras. There was a stream named the "Paul" in the vicinity, and it is believed that this might have

been the derivation of the family name. He wrote the name as one word, Depaul (possibly to avoid the inference that he was of noble birth), but none of his correspondents did so. [2]:21-22 He had three brothers (Jean, Bernard, and Gayon) and two sisters (Marie and Marie-Claudine). [3] He was the third child and demonstrated a talent for literacy early in life. He also worked as a child, herding his family's livestock. [2] At age 15, his father sent him to a seminary, which he paid for by selling the family's oxen. [4]

For three years, Vincent studied at a college in Dax, Aquitaine. It adjoined a monastery of the Friars Minor, where he resided. In 1597, he enrolled in theology at the University of Toulouse. The atmosphere at the university was rough. Fights broke out between various factions of students which escalated into armed battles. An official was murdered by two students. Nevertheless, he continued his studies, financing them by tutoring others. He was ordained on 23 September 1600, at the age of nineteen, in Château-l'Évêque, near Périgueux. This was against the regulations established by the Council of Trent which required a minimum of 24 years of age for ordination, so when he was appointed parish priest in Tilh, the appointment was appealed in the Court of Rome. Rather than respond to a lawsuit in which he would probably not have prevailed, he resigned from the position and continued his studies. On 12 October 1604, he received his Bachelor of Theology from the University of Toulouse. Later he received a Licentiate in Canon Law from the University of Paris.[2]:31



A Little Humor...

A man stopped by the local church to talk to the Pastor. He told the Pastor, "I stole a turkey on my way home from work this morning".

The Pastor told him, "That was a terrible thing to do".

The man replied, "Yes, I know that now. Do you want it?"

The Pastor replied, "No, take it back and give it to the man that you stole it from."

The man replied, "I tried to give it back, but he refused it".

The Pastor told him, "In that case, you can keep the turkey".

The man thanked the Pastor and went on his way.

When the Pastor arrived home later that day, he discovered that his turkey had been stolen!



"25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME" SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

"Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty."

The unjust manager concocts a strategy to save his skin. Thinking his plan will make him safe and possibly be hired by his master's debtors when he loses his position, he's confident he won't be out on the street. He has come up with a survival scheme that saves the debtors financially and he hopes, greases the skids for himself. However, he might not be as clever as he thought. A more subtle scheme might be unfolding.

The debtors are called in one by one, leaving no chance for a group discussion – shared reflection often leads to scrutiny and hesitation. Stealth needs privacy. Then he questions the debtors – THEY must acknowledge how much they owe, and THEY must alter the numbers. The manager tells them what to do and THEY change the debt. It is THEIR handwriting that has doctored the bills. And as is often the case with shady undertakings, they must do it QUICKLY.

Now the debtors are not only in the manager's debt, they are also in collusion with him – full-scale accomplices in a scheme to defraud the owner. The willey manager has taught them how to cook the books and they have cooked them willingly. And so he is already in their lives in a way that wasn't true initially because he has made them like himself and placed them in jeopardy, as well.

The rich man now has the same case against them as he has with the manager. However the manager intended this plan to work, it doesn't appear to be foolproof. The master is oddly impressed. Instead of focusing on his lost income, becoming enraged and determining a form of punishment, he comments on the practical motive of his manager. (Note: The parable immediately before this one in Luke's gospel is the story of the prodigal son, which we would have heard last week when we celebrated instead the Triumph of the Holy Cross. Recall the father doesn't act like a typical patriarch but welcomes his wayward son with open arms. Evidently, Luke is repeatedly trying to make a point.) The master in this story is so unrealistic and out-of-character that he doesn't even get to speak – we are simply told about his reaction.

The master has seen more than dishonesty, so he commends rather than corrects those who are shrewd – we may not agree with what he did, but it was a bold move! And although the manager was commended for acting shrewdly, the word means simply "wise," a word that is associated with practical actions that ensure survival. In the New Testament, the "wise" know how to survive (*Remember the story of the 10 bridesmaids?*)

Even though the landowner's resources are depleted, he values the manager's resilience and effective action and praises rather than critiques him.

Jesus' final comment to the story seems confusing:

"The children of this age are more shrewd than are the children of the light." Some scholars see this as a lament, rather than praise. When our lives are submerged in our physical/social lives, we are children of this age, and being quick to sense threats to our physical/social lives, we spring into action. Nothing will stand in our way; we are ingenious in how we do it. But we're also children of the light whose souls have been illumined by the saving message of Christ. And that "soul relationship" with God makes us brothers and sisters to one another. That spiritual reality is also threatened on all sides, but we're not as alert to them nor do we struggle against them. Because we're not as galvanized into action to save our spiritual lives as we are to preserve our physical/social interests, we are shrewd in the ways of the world. And because of that, we still need to be instructed. Today's lesson wraps up with some practical instruction.

WELCOME TO SISTER JOYCE!

Enjoy the week, Fr. Frank & Fr. Glenn

We're pleased to welcome Sister Joyce who's come to speak to us about the needs of her community The Daughters of the Compassionate Lord Jesus Christ, based in Africa. Their needs are great, especially as a recently founded community with a rather broad mission. Please be generous.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT 21

Sunday Am 8:4-7 1 Tm 2:1-8

Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13 (135)

Monday Ezr 1:1-6

Lk 8:16-18 (449)

Tuesday Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20

Lk 8:19-21(450)

Wednesday Ezr 9:5-9 Lk 9:1-6 (451)

Thursday Hg 1: 1-8

Lk 9:7-9 (452)

Friday Hg 2:1-9

Lk 9:18-22 (453)

Saturday Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a

Lk 9:43b-45 (454)

The 2026 Mass Book will be open October 1st.

We are asking that it be Limited to 2 masses per person to start.

We want to make sure that everyone who wants a Mass can have one.

We will assess openings as the year goes on.

A STEWARDSHOP PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER

Heavenly Father,
September is a month that offers hope for things to come:
Our daily life has a new rhythm,
There are new beginnings and new encounters,
And a new energy is seen in the

In this month of accelerating activities,

parish community.

keep us mindful that we live for Christ and not for ourselves.
Give us the strength and the wisdom to be "Doers" of Your Word, and not just listeners:
To be good stewards of the Gospel each and every day.

In this month of transition help us find a deeper spiritual balance in our lives that takes time for you, listens to the promptings of your Spirit and gives us hope that the body of Christ has well begun the transformation of a troubled world. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, Forever and ever.

Amen

Amen



A.FAMILY.PERSPECTIVE

Despite all our time-saving gadgets, we still have less leisure and family time. To address this, we created the Myth of Quality Time. Don't be fooled: Quality Time is Quantity Time. Jesus counsels us today that we "cannot serve two masters" and expect to be happy. Dedicate time to your family. No one in their final hours regretted not spending more time at work.

UPDATE ON FATHER FRANK

MANY OF YOU HAVE BEEN ASKING HOW FATHER FRANK IS DOING.

FIRST OF ALL HE REALLY MISSES ALL OF US HERE AT FATIMA.
HE IS IN GOOD SPIRITS.

HE HAS STARTED CARDIAC REHABILITATION. SO WE WILL SEE WHERE THAT TAKES HIM BUT HE IS VERY AWARE THAT ALL OF OUR PRAYERS ARE GOING WITH HIM FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEND HIM CARD HIS HOME ADDRESS IS 625 RICHMOND DR. HERMITAGE, PA. 16148