

Working with the Word Twenty-Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time September 21, 2025 (C)

Reading I: Amos 8: 4-7

Responsorial Psalm: 113: 1-2, 4-6, 7-8

Reading II: 1 Timothy 2: 1-8

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13 or 10-13



Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases: What shall I do, may welcome me into their homes, eternal dwellings, cannot serve both God and mammon

To the point: The wily servant has concern only for his immediate future and uses underhanded means to assure that his needs are met. In his efforts to protect his future, however, he limits it - he will only be welcomed into the homes of those whose favor he bought dishonestly with his master's wealth. By serving himself, the wily servant ultimately limits his world of possibilities. By contrast, disciples are to serve in such a way that they open their future to unending possibilities. Faithful disciples first choose not themselves nor the things of this world, but to serve God and others. This choice leads to an eternal future ("eternal dwellings").

Connecting the Gospel ...

... **to the First Reading:** The First Reading presents the same scenario about the future as does the gospel. God will hold accountable those who serve themselves for personal gain, and will never forget "a thing they have done."

... **to experience:** In the everyday humdrum of life, we rarely think about the ultimate future. Life itself pressures us into shortsighted choices for living. Discipleship, on the other hand, calls us to live in such a way that our daily choices form patterns of behavior that move us toward God's promise of life eternal.

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Pray for Peace



Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 21, 2025

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12:00 p.m. (Noon) + Derek Genesky
req by Mary Dee and Steve
Ognibene

+ Mildred Cina
req by Estate

Monday, September 22 - Friday, September 26, 2025

MASS AT RESURRECTION PARISH
St. Joseph Site 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 28, 2025

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12:00 p.m. (Noon) Living and Deceased Members
of the Strollo Family
req by Family

+ All Souls



Please join us for the Rosary
at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays
in Ascension Church.

GRIEF SHARE

Offered at St. Brigid Church Parish Center on Wednesday, September 24, 2025 through Wednesday, December 4, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. (either session). You may attend all or any of the sessions.

Session 4: (September 24, 2025) Self Care.

- Healthy lifestyle practices while grieving.
- Numbing with unhealthy behaviors hinders progress.
- How to build a relationship with the God of comfort and strength.

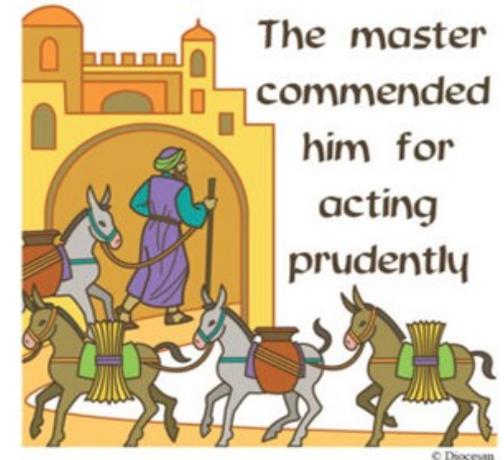
Additional information will be in weekly bulletins.

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The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 21, 2025



Mass Time:

Sunday, September 21, 2025 ~ 12:00 Noon

Parish Office Hours:

Monday and Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Confessions:

Saturday at 3:00 p.m. at Resurrection Parish, St. Joseph Site

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Save the Date

Saturday, October 25, 2025

October 25 is the day that Ascension Parish will honor our native-son Rev. Walter J. Szczesny on the occasion of his retirement from active priestly duties. Festivities for the first priest ordained from Sacred Heart will begin with a 5:30 p.m. Mass celebrated by Fr. Walter and continue with a reception in the Hall following Mass. More information will follow soon.

40 Days for Life Campaign: From September 24th through November 2nd, you're invited to join the ecumenical 40 Days for Life 2025 Fall Campaign – 40 days of prayer and fasting to end abortion. Please consider also joining us for one or more hours of peaceful, lawful, public prayer during the 40-day vigil in front of one of three local abortion facilities in Buffalo, North Tonawanda, or Niagara Falls. Please spread the word! Go to 40daysfor-life.com for more information and details.

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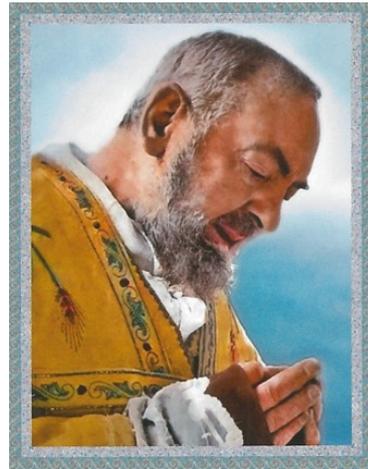
Let's try something new in this old column! Today's second reading begins Paul's Letter to Timothy. Timothy was a young man, possibly a teenager, when Paul ordained him a priest and appointed him as the Bishop of the Greek city of Ephesus. A big job for a young man! For the next five weeks, let's look at Timothy's story through this letter. And if you feel called to shepherd the flock, visit www.buffalovocations.org

September 14, 2025 **Includes online deposits**

Weekly Offering	\$4,447.40
Miscellaneous	25.00
TOTAL	\$4,472.40

Padre Pio (St. Pius of Pietrelcina)

September 23



“Padre Pio” was born Francesco Forgione in 1887 in the small Italian village of Pietrelcina. A Capuchin priest who received the stigmata (the wounds of the crucified Christ), he spent fifty years at the monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo, where he was much sought after as a spiritual advisor, confessor and intercessor. Despite such notoriety, he would often say, “I only want to be a poor friar who prays.” His life was devoted to the Eucharist and to prayer. He died September 23, 1968 at the age of eighty-one and was canonized a saint on June 16, 2002. Pope John Paul II announced the inclusion of his memorial in the General Roman Calendar in June, 2002. He is considered the patron saint of civil defense volunteers and Catholic adolescents.

***Pray for Pope Leo XIV.
May God grant him wisdom!***

Have you heard? The Queen of Hearts wasn't found.... It was her sister, the Queen of Diamonds! This Sunday, September 21, 2025, the Queen should be worth approximately \$20,000.00! Last week the Red, White and Blue was worth over \$900.00 and the Red Split Jackpot is over \$3,000.00! Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and play begins at 7:00 p.m. Come early to grab a good seat! The concession stand will have hot dogs, pizza and sandwiches.



Prayer to St. Padre Pio

Dear, Padre Pio, humble servant of God, you bore the wounds of Christ and carried the suffering of many. Through your powerful intercession, I ask that you watch over Pope Leo XIV as he leads the Church during this sacred time. Protect him with your prayers, just as you do for me and the faithful who come to you in need.

Together with Pope Leo XIV, and with you, beloved Padre Pio, may I walk confidently in the light of Christ - restored, reconciled, and rejoicing in the Lord's unfailing love. Amen.

Ladies Altar & Rosary Society Ascension Parish

FALL LUNCH

PLEASE JOIN US!

OCTOBER 5

11:15AM Rosary at Church

12PM Mass

1:15PM Lunch at Hall

Cost is \$12

RSVP to the Office

Name: _____ will attend!

Lunch Choices (Pick one):

Turkey Wrap ____ Chicken Salad Wrap ____

Paid: _____