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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Mon.  
through Fri. 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Weekend Mass Schedule:**  
Saturday: (Vigil Mass) 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

**Weekday:** Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Fri.  
@ 8:30 am followed by the Rosary.

**Adoration:**  
Thursday 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

**Sat. Confession:** 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm  
Thurs Confession: 7:15 pm - 7:45 pm

**Baptisms and Weddings:**  
Please call the office: (603) 924-7647  
to schedule the date.

A religious painting depicting Jesus Christ seated in the center, wearing a red robe. He is surrounded by a group of people, including children and the elderly, who are looking at him with interest and devotion. The scene is set in a simple, rustic interior.

**25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name,  
receives me.” - Mk 9:37a

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**The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Times - September 19, 2021**



There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others.

When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit.

Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God.



### **The View from the Back of the Line**

Have you known that person? The one who leaves every person they encounter feeling a little more blessed for having met them? They're the friend you can count on when nothing is going well. They're the one who's always "doing" for others. They're never gossiping or sniping or complaining.

We wonder how they do it, how they have it in them. We're a little envious, even if we don't let ourselves acknowledge it.

That, folks, is what the view is like from the front of the line, gazing at those suckers in the way back and wondering why they're smiling so much.

We've all been at the front of a line and felt no shame about it. We show up early, we put in the time and the legwork, and we "earn" whatever it is we came for — sports tickets, the latest Apple product, whatever. That's how it works here on Earth, where the fastest win the race, the fittest survive and the first shall be first, always.

It's exactly why stewardship is such a tall order. Stewardship calls us to play by the rules of another kingdom — one where the richest have the least amount in their bank accounts and the happiest don't seem to have anything to show for it, at least materially.

If you have a person in your life who always seems happy "doing" for others, it's because by a boatload of God's grace, they play by the rules of the other place.

Watch and take notes — and don't be afraid to join them at the back of the line.

# Readings of the Week © LPI

## Readings for the Week of September 19, 2021

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8  
[6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3,  
4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5  
[5]/Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a,  
4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a  
and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk  
9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10,  
11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12  
-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-4



The Sanctuary lamp will burn this week in loving memory of:

Sept. 19 - Sept. 25, 2021 - Maxine Weibel

Please call the office at (603) 924-7647 to schedule a Mass intention or to arrange for the sanctuary lamp to be burned in memory of your loved one.

# MASS SCHEDULE © LPI

Mon., Sept. 20 - 8:30 am - David and Ginnie  
Bingham by the Whitney's

Tues., Sept. 21 - 8:30 am - Joyce Tenore  
by the family

Wed., Sept. 22 - NO MASS

Thurs., Sept. 23 - 8:30 am - Uighur People of  
China

Fri., Sept. 24 - 8:30 am - Louis Sirois by  
Ann Pelletier

Sat., Sept. 25 - 5:00 pm - Robert and Carolyn  
Trosky by the family

Sun., Sept. 26 - 8:00 am - For our Parishioners

10:30 am - Susan Kavenagh  
by the family



## Adoration

### Thursday 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Pope St. John Paul II said: "I wish once more to recall this truth and to join you, my dear brothers and sisters, in adoration before this mystery: a great mystery, a mystery of mercy. What more could Jesus have done for us? Truly, in the Eucharist, He shows us a love which goes 'to the end' (see Jn 13:1), a love which knows no measure."

Join us for an hour of Adoration Thursday evening, beginning at 7:00pm, to share in His love and mercy. The Sacrament of Penance will also be available.

## Twenty-Fifth Sunday



### Offertory September 4 & 5, 2021

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Envelopes (76)	\$ 3,677.00
Loose	\$ 343.00
Online Giving	<u>\$ 1,519.15</u>
Total	\$ 5,539.15

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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



September 19, 2021

## The Twenty-Fifth Sunday



### **Praise and Worship Youth Band**

Divine Mercy Parish is attempting to start a Praise and Worship Youth Band under the directorship of Patrick LaCroix. We are starting from scratch and therefore looking for high school teenagers who can sing or play a musical instrument such as guitars, drums or piano. If you are interested please call the office at 924-7647 and let us know your name, phone number, email address and whether you sing or play an instrument. We will get back to you. We are planning on starting the first rehearsal mid-October so please call as soon as possible so that you may be included, Come have some fun!



### **Men's Faith Study Group**

Fr. Mike will begin an eight week discussion group on key figures in the bible beginning Friday October 1, 2021 beginning at 6:00 pm in the parish hall. We will begin each session reviewing the video series "Footprints of God" followed by a discussion. Our time together is scheduled from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. All men are invited.



Religious Education begins Sunday, October 3rd. Parents & students meet following the 8:00AM Mass until 10:00AM. Schedules, curriculum, and materials will be distributed (K-8). Also, Sacramental information for grades 2 and 3 will be available for students who have yet to receive Confirmation.

Light refreshments will be served. Registration for those not registered. Join us in teaching our children the joys of following Jesus!

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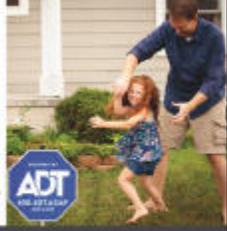
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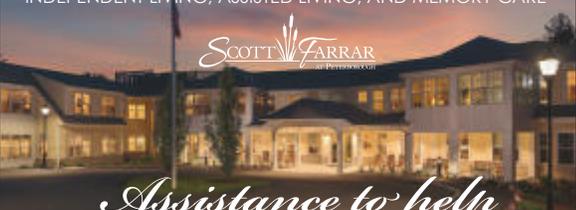


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