

**“You cannot be the
slave both of God
and of money”**

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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - “C”
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99th year of service

Events for the week:

Sun., 9/18/22 – XXV Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention for: +John David’s family, of. by Ms. Barbara David.

Wed., 9/21/22 – Feast – St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist - **10:00AM** – Holy Mass, intention: for all Parishioners.

Fri., 9/23/22 – *Weekday* - **1:00PM** – Holy Mass

Sat., 9/24/22 – *Weekday* - Holy Mass and Litany to the BVM for God’s blessing for the family.

Next Sunday, Sep. 25: XXVI Sunday
10:00AM – Holy Mass for Members of the PNU of America.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to September 18 – James Abicunas.

Today’s readings show us that holiness and justice go hand in hand. Acting justly towards those who are poor and doing justice in our day-to-day lives are not options. They are an integral part of what it means to be a person of faith, serving the God who is the source of all justice and compassion.

I Reading: Amos 8:4-7

II Reading: I Timothy 2:1-8

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to His disciples: ‘There was a rich man and he had a steward denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, “What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer.” Then the steward said to himself, “Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes.” Then he called his master’s debtors one by one. To the first he said, “How much do you owe my master?” “One hundred measures of oil” was the reply. The steward said, “Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty.” To another he said, “And you, sir, how much do you owe?” “One hundred measures of wheat” was the reply. The steward said, “Here, take your bond and write eighty.” The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light. ‘And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? ‘No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.’

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to September 24 – George & Ann Marie Wycheck.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Helen Hopko - James Panco – Jean Keim – Betty Brazausky - Marjorie Dean – Monika Dudek – Elaine Antalosky – Josephine Hause. *H & R Center Tremont*; Dolores Halaburda; *Luther Ridge Pottsville, PA* – Marie Demnitski, Carl Guzik; *Rehab. & Nursing Center Pottsville, PA* – Thomas Justen.

Upcoming Mass intentions: Sep. 28: for PNU Members; Oct. 2: +Father Felix Pyzowski; Oct. 9: +James Dean; Oct. 16: +Patricia Abicunas; Oct. 23: +John David's family.

Lord, forgive our sins, and save America!

Let us pray for the fruitful and successful General Synod of the PNCC!

**PRAY FOR
UKRAINE,
AND FOR THE PEACE OF THE
WORLD**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Thanks go out to: Church cleaner, Organist, lector, collector, and the Sunday greeters.

- Hall for Rent is available...\$100.00 for 2 hours/+ \$25.00 each additional hour, and \$50.00 returnable deposit.

October 1 – Craft vendors & food truck fall event.

October 19-21 – XXVI General Synod in Scranton, PA.

November 5 – Chicken pot pie sale.



September 21st – Feast – St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

Son of Alpheus, Matthew was a publican, that is, a tax collector for the Romans. His profession was despised by the Jews. Nevertheless, our Lord called him to be an apostle. Matthew's vocation reminds us that sanctity is not restricted only to a certain states in life. All professions, all our work and all our other endeavors should be sanctified. We do not know details of his evangelization or of his martyrdom which by most accounts took place in Persia or Ethiopia. Tradition unanimously acknowledges his as the author of the first Gospel, written in Aramaic, and afterwards translated into Greek. **Patron Saint of:** accountants, bankers, bookkeepers, tax collectors.