

October 12, 2025 / Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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PARISH VISION

To both welcome the unchurched in the Eastern Pocono Region and beyond, and to nourish and challenge all current church members by forming leaders and creating an irresistible weekend experience at the Church of St. John.

Mass Schedule

Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 9:00 AM
Tuesday and Thursday – 12:00 PM
Saturday – 4:00 PM and 6:30 PM (Spanish Mass)
Sunday – 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Live stream available on Saturday and Sunday on our YouTube channel, Facebook page, and church website.

Parish Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration

Mon, Wed, Thurs & Frid: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Tuesday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM &
4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Sacrament of Confession

Saturdays: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Or by appointment

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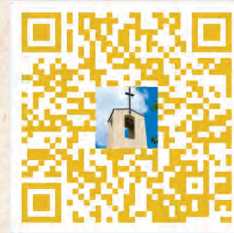
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Word, Worship and Prayer

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, October 11

4:00 pm Clifford & Crane Families by Crane Family
6:30 pm Maria Sophia Ve Lopez by Iliana Quononez

SUNDAY, October 12 2 Kgs 5:14-17; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

8:30 am Nancy Ann Bialkowski by Joan Breslin
11:00 am Jennifer Sovrinski by Christine Lopez

MONDAY, October 13 Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32

9:00 am Rafael Nunez by Nunez Family

TUESDAY, October 14 Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41

12:00 pm Anna Susie Reichlen
by Cathy & Peter Sterling

WEDNESDAY, October 15 Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46

9:00 am Fr. Greg by Cathy & Peter Sterling

THURSDAY, October 16 Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54

12:00 pm Lorenzo Nevin by Angela & Jim Nevin

FRIDAY, October 17 Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7

9:00 am Giovanna Scoleri by The Cirillo Family

SATURDAY, October 18

4:00 pm Mary Bridget McGeough
by Desmond McGeough & Family
6:30 pm People of the Parish

SUNDAY, October 19

8:30 am Nancy Bialkowski by Jill Sippel
11:00 am Florito Sipalay by Nejar & Arlene & Family

For Those In Need Of Hope, Healing & Health

Consuelo Accomasso, Michael Alotta,
Marius Bondoc, Jessica Lopez,
Brian Martinez, Sal Pomara,
Samantha Rodriguez, Jannielou Squires,
Rob Truex, Elizabeth Valentine

For The Souls Of Our Dearly Departed

Kathryn Capobianco,
Edward & Beatrice Crosby, Michael Dwyer,
Catherine Fusco, Danilo & Norma de Guzman,
Dion Lissimore, William Mulero,
Juana Quinones, Wendell Lissimore Senior,
Jose Neil Sipalay, Florito Sipalay Sr.,
Juanita Valentin, Elizabeth White,
Anthony Zanella

*To add to this list, please email:
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Announcements for this Week

All parishioners and families are invited to
our Annual **Holy Hour for Families on Sunday**
October 19 at 12:15 pm, after the 11 am
Mass.

It is a time of Prayer and Praise accompanied
by song, and with a message from
Fr. Reichlen. Refreshments will be provided
after the Holy Hour. Come join us for some
time with Jesus!



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Peace & Unity Around The World
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October 11, 2025 — October 17, 2025

TABERNACLE CANDLE

Rafael Nunez
by the Nunez Family
October 11, 2025 — October 17, 2025

You may reserve a candle for your special intentions—
whether in memory of a loved one, for healing, or to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and other
meaningful occasions. A special card is available to accompany the reservation.
To arrange this, please contact the Parish Office.



“Pilgrims of Hope” Week 1: Hope for Healing

The story of the ten lepers in Luke’s Gospel (**Luke 17:11-19**) is as much about community and gratitude as it is about healing. These men were isolated not only because of their disease, but also because of the stigma that came with it. To be a leper at that time was to be excluded from ordinary life, cut off from family, worship, and society itself. Healing for them meant more than the restoration of health; it meant a return to relationship, a chance to belong again.

As Jesus encounters the lepers, He does not simply speak words from a distance. He commands them to show themselves to the priests, a step of faith that anticipated their restoration. On the way, they are cleansed. Surprisingly, only one turns back to give thanks, and that one is a Samaritan, an outsider not just by sickness but by ethnicity and religion, an unchurched person. In this unexpected twist, Luke’s Gospel shows us how the marginalized can often be the first to recognize God’s saving work and respond with deep gratitude.

The Samaritan’s act of returning to Jesus is more than politeness. It is a recognition that the healing he received was not only physical but also spiritual. By falling at the feet of Jesus and praising God, he acknowledges that true healing means communion with the source of life itself. The other lepers were healed, but only this Samaritan allowed that healing to transform him into a disciple, a witness of God’s mercy.

This story is an invitation for us as disciples today. Each of us carries wounds, whether visible or hidden. Illness, broken relationships, fear, jealousy, envy, and shame can leave us feeling like exiles, cut off from others and even from God. Yet Christian hope tells us that no place is too distant for God’s healing touch. Hope is not wishful thinking about some day in the distant future when things might get better. Hope is the confident assurance that God’s power is present here and now, working to restore and renew us, today.

At the same time, healing does not always look like a cure. Sometimes the body continues to suffer while the heart is renewed. Sometimes circumstances do not change, but the Spirit gives us strength to face them with courage and peace. To hope in God’s healing means we trust Him with all areas of our lives, surrendering both our wounds and our need for control into His hands.

This week, we are invited to receive healing, but also to be instruments of healing for others. Just as Jesus restored the lepers to community, He sends us to restore connections, to bind up broken spirits, and to reach out to those who feel excluded. Healing often comes through presence, compassion, prayer, and acts of mercy. As a parish, one visible way to embrace this hope is to join in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick after every Mass this weekend and the Sacrament of Confession on Saturday morning or by appointment. But equally important are the daily choices to bring Christ’s healing love into our homes, workplaces, and friendships.

When gratitude fills our hearts and compassion fills our actions, we embody the Samaritan’s example and bear witness to healing that flows from God alone. Hope for healing begins in us, but it never ends with us, it overflows into the community around us.

1. What kinds of healing, physical, emotional, or spiritual, do you long for most right now?
2. Why do you think only the Samaritan returned to give thanks, and what does that say about true discipleship?
3. How have you experienced God’s healing power in your own life or in the lives of others?
4. In what ways can we as a parish community bring hope and healing to those who feel excluded or broken?
5. What is one step you can take this week to be an instrument of Jesus’ healing in someone’s life?

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