

Lyrics for September 24, 2023

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 24, 2023

Saint Agnes Church – N. Huntingdon, PA

Pastor -Rev. Daniel J. Ulishney, J.C.L.

✚ VOCATION PRAYER

O Jesus, we believe you are truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We beg you to send your graces to inspire the young men and women of Saint Agnes so that God becomes so real to them that he lives within their hearts. We pray that you will touch their souls, and enlighten them to the true purpose of life on this earth. We especially ask that you call our men to the fulfilling life of the priesthood and permanent diaconate so that our Church may live on. O Mother Mary, please present our prayers to your Son. AMEN

♪ Gathering - AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE

1. As we gather at your table, As we listen to your Word,
Help us know, O God, your presence: Let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story Till we claim it as our own;
Teach us through this holy banquet How to make Love's vict'ry know.

2. Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
Send us forth to love and serve you, Bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion To forgive as you forgave;
May we still behold your image In the world you died to save.

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♪ Responsorial Psalm 145 – THE LORD IS NEAR

The Lord is near to all who call upon him,
The Lord is near; the Lord is near.

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✚ NICENE CREED: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

🎵 Presentation of Gifts - HEART OF A SHEPHERD Refrain....

If you love, feed my lambs; Be my heart, my voice,
my hands. If you love me, feed my sheep.

And for my part, I give you the heart of a shepherd.

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🎵 Communion - THE BODY OF CHRIST

V1. This is the Body of Christ, beautiful, broken and blessed;
Miracle of the greatest of loves, presence of God in our midst.
This is the Cup that her shares, endlessly emptied and poured;
Sacrifice made so that we might be saved now and forevermore. **Ref...**

Refrain: Amen, amen! We are healed by the Bread of life
Amen, amen! We are on ein the Body of Christ, We are one in the Body of Christ

V2. This is the Body of Christ, word become flesh by his grace;
Miracle of a mystery no tongue ever could fully explain.
This is the Blood of the Lamb, gift of a heart open wide;
Poured from the Cross to the altar where love comfort and fills and provides. **Ref...**

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🎵 Meditation – CALLED TO LABOT IN GOD’S VINEYARD

V1. Called to labor in God’s vineyard, Eager to accept the task,
Using every skill and talent, Doing all that God would ask,
May we give ourselves completely to the work that is at hand,
Offering our willing service as the stewards of the land.

V2. Called to labor in God’s vineyard, Not alone, but joined as one.
Sharing common goals and values, striving till the task is done.
May we work with one another in a just and honest way,
Whether hired at dawn or sunset, Not expecting greater pay.

V3. Called to labor in God’s vineyard, help us, Lord, in all we do.
As the vines are heavy-laden, Send more workers called by you.
May our work bear fruit eternal And our fervor never cease,
Till at last, the harvest gathered, We may rest and know your peace.

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SAINT MICHAEL PRAYER (said after Blessing): Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

♪ Sending Forth - SING OF THE LORD'S GOODNESS

V1. Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom,
Come to him and bless his name.
Mercy he has shown us, his love is forever,
Faithful to the end of days. **Refrain....**

Refrain:

Come, then, all you nations,
Sing of your Lord's goodness,
Melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory,
Praise him with your music,
Worship him and bless his name.

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