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September 20th, 2026

The Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am
10:30am

Daily Mass:

No daily Mass during
the
month of September

First Saturday of the Month:

Anointing of the Sick Mass: 8:00am

Holy Days:

Mass: 8:00am

Mass: 6:00pm



Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays: 8:30am-7:00pm

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:30-5:20pm

Anointing of the Sick and Communion to the Homebound

If you or someone you know is homebound and would like to receive Communion or the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please call the parish office.

Baptisms, Funerals, and Weddings

Call the parish office. (For weddings, please contact the parish office at least 6 months in advance of a potential date.)

St. Philip Benizi Mission Statement

St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church, being part of the universal Church, shares in its mission: to proclaim Jesus Christ who came to the world to fulfill His father's will; by proclaiming the kingdom of God, building up the parish community as a witness to God's love and care for the world, helping one another to become what God has called us to be. We are therefore encouraged to work toward God's purpose of "wanting all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth." (1 Tim 2:4).

NEXT WEEK'S ASSIGNMENTS

Date	Ushers	Lectors	EMHCs	Altar Servers
9/26 5:30 PM	Mike Henry	Tom Muldoon	Jeanne Hubel	Ed Schneider & Jeff Mitchael
9/27 8:00 AM	Butch Searls	Paige Martin	Kristine Bible	Ed Schneider
9/27 10:30 AM	Jim Stevens	Carolyn Brown	Janet Tankersley	Ed Schneider & Achilles
September Church Cleaners		September Altar Linens	Coffee Hour Servers 9/27	
Carolyn Brown		Debbie Fassel	9am: Pat & Elaine 11:30am: <i>Volunteer</i>	

WEEKLY SPIRITUAL ETIQUETTE 16

“CHOOSE TO BUILD, NOT TO DESTROY”



God created us in His image—not to hurt and destroy, but to love, care, and build. To bear God’s image means that our faith must shape the way we relate to one another and to all creation. We build when we heal relationships instead of breaking them, encourage instead of tearing people down, protect the vulnerable instead of exploiting them, and care for the earth instead of destroying it.

The Bible reminds us that God placed humanity in the garden “to cultivate and care for it” (Genesis 2:15). Our neighbor and our common home are not things to use carelessly; they are gifts entrusted to our care. So, wherever we are, let us leave something better behind: a person encouraged, a relationship healed, a community strengthened, a tree planted, a river protected, a corner of creation cared for.

Rev. Peter O. Okola, AJ

Liturgical Events This Week

The Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9/20/26

8:00am	Mass: For All Our Parishioners
10:00am	Recitation of the Rosary
10:30am	Mass: + Larry Sullivan (Becky Wooten)

Monday 9/21/26

8:00am	Morning Prayer & Scriptural Rosary
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Tuesday 9/22/26

6:45pm	OCIA Classes
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Wednesday 9/23/26

8:00am	Morning Prayer & Scriptural Rosary
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Thursday 9/24/26

8:00am	Morning Prayer & Scriptural Rosary
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8:30am-7:00pm	Church Open for Adoration 
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Friday 9/25/26

8:00am	Morning Prayer & Scriptural Rosary
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Saturday 9/26/26

4:30-5:20pm	Reconciliation/Church
5:30pm	Sunday Vigil Mass: For All Our Parishioners

The Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9/27/26

8:00am	Mass: For Lori Morton & Family (Johanna Lachapelle)
10:00am	Recitation of the Rosary
10:30am	Mass: + Wayne Brown (Tom & Debbie Schaffer)

SEMINARIAN APPEAL 2026

They have said ‘yes’ to God – now let us say ‘yes’ to them. Seminarians in Western Oregon are answering the call to serve our Church. Their journey is long, challenging, and full of grace. Your support helps provide the formation they need to become our future priests.



Please prayerfully support our seminarians.

Commitment weekend is September 26-27

Envelopes are in the pews.

Please make checks out to Seminarian Appeal
Visit SupportOurSeminarians.Church to learn more.

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A
WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD**



"So the last will be first, and the first will be last." Matthew 20:16

"The last will be first, and the first will be last." Jesus' parable of the laborers in the vineyard confronts our instinct for fairness and replaces it with the logic of divine generosity. The landowner (God) calls workers at different hours of the day yet gives each the same wage. Those who worked longer complain, but the master reminds them: *"I am doing you no wrong... Are you envious because I am generous?"*

The landowner goes out at dawn, mid-morning, noon, mid-afternoon, and even at the eleventh hour. He never stops calling. This shows a God who does not wait passively for us to come to Him; He goes out searching for us throughout the "hours" of our lives. Whether early in life or late, whether fervent or hesitant, God's invitation is constant.

The complaint of the early workers mirrors our own hearts. The first workers feel cheated. They compare, measure, and resent. Their grievance is not about justice — they receive exactly what was promised — but about envy. Jesus names this spiritual disease: *"Is your eye evil because I am good?"*

The equal wage symbolizes salvation — not earned, but gifted. Grace is not a paycheck; it is a gift flowing from God's freedom and goodness. As one commentary notes, God "reserves the right to be more generous than fairness demands." God gives us not what we deserve, but what He desires — and He desires to save. In God's kingdom, no one is "too late," and no one is "more deserving." All is grace. All is gift. All is mercy. And the last will be first, and the first will be last.

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Finance Corner

9/13/26	Actual	Budget
This Week, General Fund	\$4,493 (includes \$1,320 Online)	\$5,125
Fiscal Year (YTD)	\$50,465	\$54,750

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**The First Ladies Christmas Tea Meeting
is Sunday, September 27th at 9:15am in the hall**



If you are interested in helping with planning or just want to know more, please come and share your ideas.

Questions: call Elaine Keavney at 503-939-5620

**20th Annual Rosary Bowl NW
SAT OCT 3 2026 | 9AM-3PM**

**A EUCHARISTIC AND MARIAN CELEBRATION
Featuring a keynote on
The Apostle of the Rosary
Saint Bartolo Longo**



**Auxiliary Bishop
Peter Smith**



Saint Bartolo Longo
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**Keynote Speaker
Fr. Theodore Lange**



EVENT DETAILS

9am Confession | 10am Mass

11am Holy Hour and Rosary

1:30pm Keynote on Saint Bartolo Longo

The Apostle of the Rosary

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit

Community Resource Fair | Diaper Drive

2:45 pm Chaplet

East Salem Community Center

1850 45th Ave. NE, Salem, OR

Sat Oct 3 2026 | 9am - 3pm

A freewill offering taken

Details at dinamarie.org



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EXPLORE PORTLAND AREA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS THIS FALL

St. Mary Academy (Portland) – October 4

LaSalle Prep (Milwaukie) – October 11

Jesuit High School (Portland) – October 18

Central Catholic High School (Portland) – October 25

Valley Catholic High School (Beaverton) – November 1

De La Salle North Catholic High School (Portland) – November 1

ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO

St. Joseph was born in 1603 at Cupertino in the diocese of Nardo in the Kingdom of Naples. It is said that his mother often considered him a nuisance and treated him harshly. Joseph was said to be slow to learn and absent-minded. He would frequently wander aimlessly, with his mouth gaping open. And, he had a bad temper, so he was not very popular. He tried to learn the trade of shoemaking but failed. He asked to become a Franciscan, but they would not accept him. He did join the Capuchins, but only for a very short period of time. Eight months later, they sent him home. Sources said he could not seem to do anything right.

His mother was not all that pleased to have the 18 year old Joseph back home again, he kept dropping piles of dishes and kept forgetting to do what he was told. She finally got him accepted as a servant at the Franciscan monastery. He was given the friars habit and put to hard work taking care of the horses.

About this time, Joseph began to change. He grew in humility and gentleness. He became more careful and successful at his work. He also began to pray more. Finally, he was able to enter the Franciscan order and eventually, study for the priesthood.

The Holy Spirit began to work many miracles through St. Joseph. Over seventy times, people say they saw him rise from the ground while offering Mass or praying. Often he went into ecstasy and was heard talking with God. Once as Christmas carols were being sung, he soared to the high altar and knelt in the air. People flocked to him seeking help and advice in the confessional. This humble man had to endure many severe trials and terrible temptations throughout his life. He died on September 18, 1663.

Feast day: September 18

Patron saint of aviators, flying, studying and those suffering mental handicaps.

