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September 27th, 2026

The Twenty Sixth 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
10/3 5:30 PM	Clay Rosenau	Pat Dieringer	Becky Wooten	Ed Schneider
10/4 8:00 AM	Scott Bible	Kristine Bible	Jeannine Breshears	Ed Schneider
10/4 10:30 AM	Karla & Hugo Vazquez	Zirui Zhu	Marina Logue	Ed Schneider
October Church Cleaners		October Altar Linens	Coffee Hour Servers 10/4	
Erin Person		Alice Bechtold	9am: Paul & Claudia 11:30am: Volunteer	

WEEKLY SPIRITUAL ETIQUETTE 17

“APPRECIATE GOOD”



It is easy to notice what is wrong and forget what is good. A person may do a hundred good things quietly, yet one mistake can suddenly become the only thing people remember. Jesus reminds us: “Stop judging, that you may not be judged” (Matthew 7:1). When someone fails, do not let one mistake erase all the good they have done. Correct, when necessary, but always with fairness and mercy. Notice the good. Appreciate it generously. And when someone falls, be slow to condemn.

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Liturgical Events This Week

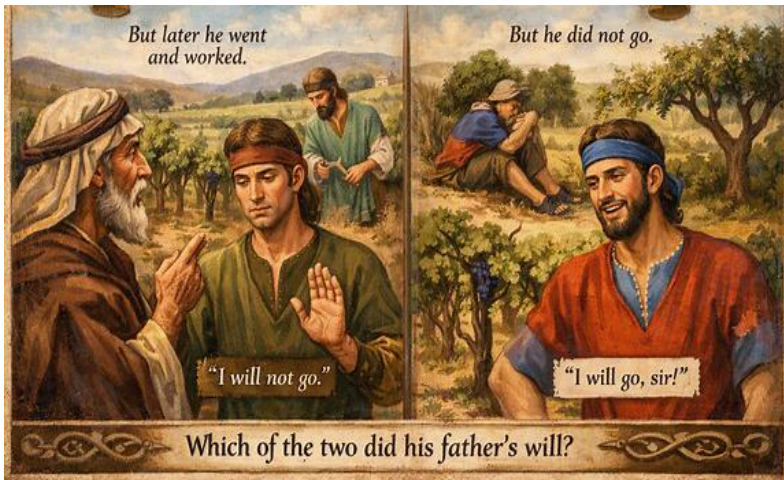
The Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9/27/26	
8:00am	Mass: For Lori Morton & Family (Johanna Lachapelle)
10:00am	Recitation of the Rosary
10:30am	Mass: + Wayne Brown (Tom & Debbie Schaffer)
Monday 9/28/26	
8:00am	Morning Prayer & Scriptural Rosary
Tuesday 9/29/26	
6:45pm	OCIA Classes
Wednesday 9/30/26	
8:00am	Morning Prayer & Scriptural Rosary
Thursday 10/1/26	
8:00am	Morning Prayer & Scriptural Rosary
8:30am-7:00pm	Church Open for Adoration 
Friday 10/2/26	
7:40am	Morning Prayer & Rosary
8:00am	Mass: +Jerry Siler (Linda Zacher)
Saturday 10/3/26	
8:00am	Mass: +Jerry Siler (Becky Wooten)
4:30-5:20pm	Reconciliation/Church
5:30pm	Sunday Vigil Mass: For All Our Parishioners
The Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 10/4/26	
8:00am	Mass: +Ray & Mary Lou Silvander (Janice & Butch Searls)
10:00am	Recitation of the Rosary
10:30am	Mass: + Kathryn Bernert (Mike & Karen Henry)

The Word Among Us is available
at both doors of the church.
Please pick up your free copy!



Blood Pressure checks
will be in the Hall
Sunday, October 4th
at 9:00am

THE TWO SONS



In today's gospel, Jesus presents two sons: One says "I will not" but later repents and goes. The other says "Yes, sir" but never goes. When Jesus asks which son did the Father's will, the answer is obvious: the first. Jesus then delivers the shocking conclusion: tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the Kingdom of God before the religious leaders, because they listened to John the Baptist and changed their lives, while the leaders—despite their religious status—did not. What is Jesus confronting?

Empty religiosity: The second son represents those who say the right things, hold the right titles, and appear faithful—but their hearts resist God's call.

Authentic conversion: The first son represents sinners who initially resisted God but later repented. Their "no" becomes a "yes" through action. This is metanoia—a change of heart that becomes a change of life.

Those considered spiritually unworthy respond to God; those considered righteous do not. Jesus overturns the social and religious assumptions of His time. For those who feel unworthy. This Gospel is profoundly hopeful. Jesus is saying: *Your past does not disqualify you from the Kingdom. Your repentance opens the door.* The Father is not looking for perfect beginnings—He is looking for willing hearts.

There is a gentle but firm warning: It is possible to say "yes" to God for years—through habit, culture, or routine—yet never actually enter the vineyard. The Father is not looking for perfect words. He is looking for converted hearts that become faithful actions. May we be the children who, even if we have said "no" in the past, rise today and go into the vineyard with courage, humility, and love.

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Finance Corner

9/20/26	Actual	Budget
This Week, General Fund	\$3,421 (includes \$730 Online)	\$5,125
Fiscal Year (YTD)	\$53,886	\$59,875

Thank you for your generosity in supporting the parish! May God's continued blessings be upon you and your loved ones.



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The Second Collection for the Building Fund is next weekend.

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.

Priesthood Sunday, September 27

Gracious and loving God,

we thank you for the gift of our priests.

Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help them, and all priests, to be strong in their vocation.

Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.

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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

Women's Saints & Souls Retreat



A seat is
waiting
for you!

Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2026
with Retreat leader
Dina Marie Hale

founder of Faith Moments™

RETREAT FEATURES:

Conferences with Dina Marie
Mass & The Divine Office with the Monks
Celebrate All Saints Day with the Monks
Confession
optional spiritual direction
private room and bath with a scenic view
delicious meals with a hilltop view
time for rest, reflection and rejuvenation

Our theme
Sinners,
Saints and the
Holy Spirit



RETREAT LOCATION:

Saint Benedict Guesthouse & Retreat Center at
Mount Angel Abbey

TO REGISTER: dinamarie.org or 503-380-2575



Seek Things Above

MONASTIC DISCERNMENT RETREAT OCTOBER 16-18

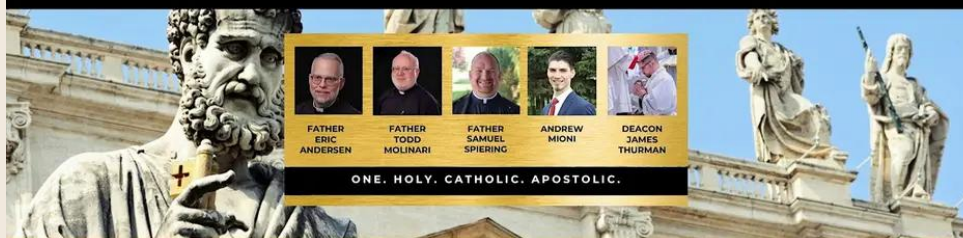
at Mount Angel Abbey for Catholic men 18 to 45 years old
considering the priesthood or brotherhood in the religious life.

For information or to register, contact
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