

MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF 9/10/2017

Society of St. Stephen meets on Monday, September 11 at 7 PM in the Club Room

Parish Council meets on Tuesday, September 12 at 7 PM in the Rectory

Joseph & Jacqueline LaGuardia are celebrating their wedding anniversary on September 10. Congratulations!

Say one prayer for the Church, one prayer for the Pope, one prayer for the new Bishop & one prayer of thanks!

PRO-LIFE CORNER: COME TO THE CHURCH

“On what reasonable grounds and with what imaginable right can anyone suggest that any human life since that time of Abram, is less precious or valuable than that of Isaac? Or has less potential in the plan of our Creator? What a savage, unconscionable, heinous act it would have been to have put this special gift of God, Isaac, to death in his mother’s womb. And to how many potential Isaacs has that happened and is still happening.....The right to life is the greatest civil rights issue of our time. This is the issue that will determine whether America remains a hospitable society, committed to caring for women in crisis and their unborn children, -- or whether America betrays our heritage and the truths on which the founders staked their claims to independence....No one has to have an abortion. To all those in crisis pregnancies, I pledge our support and our financial help. Come to the Catholic Church. Let us walk with you through your time of trouble. Let us help you affirm life. Abortion need not be an answer ...”
---Archbishop Edwin O’Brien Maryland March for Life St. Mary’s, Annapolis, March 13, 2008

REFLECTION: It is not the plan of Christ that Christians care only about themselves. They have responsibility for their brothers and sisters who are battling with problems. The delicate task is how Christians can repair broken relationships in families or community. There is no doubt even brothers wrong one other, friends disagree, parents exchange bitter words with their children, those who pray together dislike others etc. The Lord has given his followers full authority to reconcile those who wronged one another. Christian correction is meant to return the brothers or sisters who have wronged others to the right path. To achieve true reconciliation with brothers, sisters, husband, wife, children, etc., we should allow ourselves to be enlightened with faith, wisdom, and love. In solving problems people should not focus their attention to condemn, punish, or humiliate the one who is wrong but to find ways to repair the damaged relationships. When two people failed to reach a solution, they should seek help from brothers and sisters who are endowed with wisdom. Be sure at the end God will bless such reconciliation.
– Rev. Benjamin Koka, AJ

ST. STEPHEN’S VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Mass & Reception will be on September 24 at 11 AM. Please call the Parish Secretary if you plan to attend.

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE			
MASS TIME:	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	11:00 AM
Sept. 9 & 10	Rev. C. Shao	Rev. B. Koka	Rev. C. Shao
Sept. 16 & 17	Rev. B. Koka	Rev. C. Shao	Rev. B. Koka
All Sundays & Holy Days at 9:30 AM: Rev. Bede Kotlinski			

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

On Good Friday, at the heart of the Triduum, the commemoration of the Lord’s Passion is colored by sobriety and decorum, but this Thursday the mystery comes in a luminous celebration of Christ’s victory. In its deepest origins, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is the feast of a dedication of a church, since in the year 335 the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was dedicated on September 13, and on the following day the “true cross” discovered by St. Helena was brought outside to the faithful for veneration. It is a great feast of the Eastern Church, which often marks it by having the whole assembly prostrate themselves on the floor honoring the life-giving cross.

At the core of the tradition is the quest of Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine, to acquire the cross and the nails of the Crucifixion from the ruins of Jerusalem. When she was satisfied that she had found them, thanks to the healing of a sick man whose body was placed on the cross, she had her son fund the building of the great basilica. The history of the relic is complicated, especially because it was carried off by invading Persians in the year 614 and “went missing” for fifteen years. Thursday’s feast does not celebrate the relic, but rather the life-giving cross from which salvation flows. It’s a good day to look around your house or office: Don’t those walls look bare without a cross? What better day to remedy that?
—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN will be the weekend of September 23-24. Our parish will take up the collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign. This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through podcasts, television, radio, and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our diocese and support local needs, so please be generous in this collection.

HURRICANE HARVEY SPECIAL COLLECTION

“As we witness the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey and the subsequent flooding, the people in Texas and beyond need our support and action for those whose lives, families and homes are being affected,” Bishop Thomas said. “I encourage all people to join the larger community to help those whose essential needs are compromised. By working through reputable charitable organizations, we can fulfill the mission of all human persons to help on another in times of need.”

September 2 & 3 Offertory Contributions	
General Collection:	\$3,222.12 Children: \$3.36 (5)
Issued:	213 Returned: 83
Building Fund:	\$200.00
Utilities:	\$380.00
Thank you for each and every contribution!	

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 10, 2017

Please pray for the following:

Father Franz Laurel Miller Burley Blankenship
Chris Rose Sidonia & Hans Speier Roger Gregory
Colin Hogan Ann Miller Kufner Agnes Hogan
Sharon Sneed Theresa Dailey Victoria Bailey
Michalyn Blasius Lawrence Blasius Judith Kenny

The families affected by hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

Our brave safety forces who work to protect us.

If you would like someone added to this prayer list, please call the Parish Secretary at 216-631-5633. Thank you.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES <u>September 9 & 10</u>			
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Lector	Steve McElroy	Barb Rieth	Glenn Sneed
Euch.Min	Candra Krisch	John Rieth	Diane & Paul Beargie
Acolytes:	Terry Shannon	Kevin Kroesen	

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES <u>September 16 & 17</u>			
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Lector	Steve McElroy	Barb Rieth	Doris Durica
Euch.Min	Dr. Jim Lisi	John Rieth	Paul & Diane Beargie
Acolytes	Terry Shannon	Kevin Kroesen	

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SERVICES

Saturday, September 9 Church

4:15 - 4:45 PM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
Pray the Holy Rosary

5:00 PM Vigil of the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
† Helen Ujvari

Sunday, September 10 Church

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Coletta Forst
† Joann Musgrave

9:00 AM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
Pray the Holy Rosary

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass
14th Sunday after Pentecost
† Coletta Spuhler

11:00 AM Alumni Sunday Mass
† † Russell and Dawn Sutherland

The Living & Deceased Members of our Alumni

Monday, September 11 Chapel

6:30 PM Intentions of Our Lady

Tuesday, September 12

7:00 AM Latin (Church) (Most Holy Name of Mary)
Intentions of Bishop Nelson J. Perez

6:30 PM (Chapel) Members of the Parish

Wednesday, September 13 Church

6:30 PM Latin Mass (Feria)
Deceased Members of this Parish

7:00 - 8:00 PM Holy Hour

Thursday, September 14 Church

6:30 PM Latin Mass (Exaltation of the Holy Cross)
Intentions of Father Franz

Friday, September 15 Chapel

6:30 PM † Maria Lourdes Becerra

Saturday, September 16 Church

4:15 - 4:45 PM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
Pray the Holy Rosary

5:00 PM Vigil of the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
† Helen Ujvari

Sunday, September 17 Church

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Kevin Birdwell

9:00 AM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
Pray the Holy Rosary

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass
15th Sunday after Pentecost
Intentions of Robert Spuhler

11:00 AM Sunday Mass
† Chrisann Blankenship
† Dawn Tucker

The Deceased Members of the Smith Family

Call the office at 216.631.5633 to schedule a Mass.
The customary stipend is \$10.00

SAINTS/OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 9/10 (o) = Optional

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Grandparents Day

Monday: Patriot Day

Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

Wednesday: St. John Chrysostom

Thursday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Friday: Our Lady of Sorrows

Saturday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian

READ THE BIBLE WITH THE CHURCH (Daily Mass Readings)

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38;
Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11;
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:9; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

40 DAYS FOR LIFE runs from September 27 to Nov. 5

40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.

For more info go to www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland

ANNUAL CLAM BAKE – Great news, it is that time of year again for our Third Annual Clam Bake! Please mark your calendar for October 21. This event is catered by Smith's Catering of Avon. For all you clam lovers we will have extra bags of clams available. For those not liking clams we will be offering chicken dinners only. We also have a chicken tenders meal for the children. In addition, we will have door prizes, a 50/50 raffle and St. Stephen apparel available. Registration forms are in this week's bulletin and on the tables at the back of the Church. Tickets must be pre-paid. Our own parishioner, Tim Barrett, noted author and church historian, will be providing his annual informative Church tour. Questions? Please call the Parish Secretary at 216-631-5633