

**MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF 10/08/2017**

**Fundraising Committee** meets on Monday, October 9 at 7 PM in the Club Room

**Parish Council** meets on Tuesday, October 10 at 7 PM in the Club Room

**Secular Servites** meets on Thursday, October 12 at 7 PM in the Club Room

**Ryan Neal's Concert** is on October 15 @ 3 PM at St. Stephen's. **SAVE THE DATE!**

**PRO-LIFE CORNER: MERCY TRIUMPHS** “The Church opposes abortion, but embraces with mercy those who have made this mistake. Let’s all take encouragement from these words of Pope John Paul II: *“I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To the same Father and to his mercy you can with sure hope entrust your child.”* (The Gospel of Life, #99).<http://www.priestsforlife.org>

**REFLECTION:** Jesus narrates this parable in today’s Gospel before He entered Jerusalem for the last time. The crowds were about to spread palms in front of Him. Shortly thereafter He would go up on the Mount of Olives, there to weep and cry out in pain when He looked out over Jerusalem and cried: “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you kill the prophets and stone those who are sent to you!. How often have I longed to gather your children, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you refused!” (Mt. 23:37-38). Then they crucified him. So when you are experiencing rejection, and when the fear of rejection is overpowering within you, give some time to being alone with Christ. He’s here for you all of the time, twenty-four hours a day. He’s here in the Mass. He’s here in the Blessed Sacrament. He knows rejection, and in His infinite love and caring for us, He gives us His power to overcome rejection and know what it is to love and be loved in return.

– Rev. Caroli Shao, AJ

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES** started yesterday. The classes will run every Saturday from 10:00 to 11:30 AM in the St. Francis Room here at St. Stephen's. It's not too late to join. Please call the parish secretary at (216) 631-5633 to register.

**RCIA CLASSES** begin on October 12 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm every Thursday through Easter. Please call St. Colman Parish Office at 216-651-0550 to register.

**CELEBRANT SCHEDULE**

**MASS TIME: 5:00 PM 8:00 AM 11:00 AM**

Oct. 7 & 8 ..... Rev. C. Shao ..... Rev. B. Koka ..... Rev. B. Koka

Oct. 14 & 15 ..... Rev. B. Koka ..... Rev. C. Shao ..... Rev. C. Shao

All Sundays & Holy Days at 9:30 AM: Rev. Bede Kotlinski

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Before long, as we’ve seen, the four newly constructed Eucharistic Prayers became two. The old Roman Canon faded away into relative disuse after 1600 unbroken years, sometimes heard only at Christmas Midnight Mass or the Easter Vigil. The new Eucharistic Prayer IV, at least in its English form, grates a bit on most hearers, and besides is meant only for Ordinary Time. The reconstruction of the ancient prayer of Hippolytus, Eucharistic Prayer II, is the most familiar, but its brevity sometimes creates an imbalance with the Liturgy of the Word. No wonder that as soon as the creative juices began to flow at the Vatican, people worldwide were trying their hands at new prayers.

In 1967, even before the final shape of the new Mass was announced, bishops were asking to adapt that celebration for the needs of children. They wanted to clarify what ought to happen when large numbers of children are at Mass: what could be adapted, omitted, or shortened. Experimentation had already begun. Separate Liturgies of the Word for children were by this time commonplace in Holland and elsewhere in Europe. Catechists were saying that many of our liturgical forms were too complex for the children in their charge, and priests were making adaptations on their own. Clearly, the Vatican had to take this seriously.

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**TODAY IS BLANKET SUNDAY – THANK YOU!**

Thank you for your donation to our Blanket Sunday collection. The Diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society will make your money go further with bulk purchases for use in our own metropolitan area. Members of our own St. Vincent de Paul Society have provided special envelopes for your donation or write ‘St. Vincent de Paul’ on the memo line. The envelopes are on the back tables. When you make a donation, your money will go even further through bulk purchases of blankets and other items for the homeless and poor individuals in our own metropolitan area. Please consider helping out for this great cause!

**RYAN NEAL – “How Great Thou Art” Benefit Concert** for St. Stephen Catholic Church is next Sunday, October 15 at 3:00PM. This concert is FREE but there will be a freewill collection taken. In case you missed Ryan’s last concert he is fabulous! Ryan will also have his CD available for purchase. It was recorded here at historic St. Stephen Catholic Church. Don’t miss this concert!

**September 23 & 24 Offertory Contributions**

General Collection: \$3,917.12 Children: \$3.09 (7)

Issued: 213 Returned: 75

**Utilities: \$355.00**

**Building Fund: \$367.00**

Thank you for each and every contribution!

## Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 2017

*Please pray for the following:*

Patricia Burfield    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 brave members of our Police, Fire, EMT's and our hospital personnel who work so fearlessly. Please say an extra prayer. If you would like someone added to this prayer list, please call the Parish Secretary at 216-631-5633. Thank you.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES		October 7 & 8	
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Lector	Russ Nieling	Barb Rieth	Doris Durica
Euch.Min	Candra Krisch	John Rieth	Diane Beargie
Acolytes:	Terry Shannon	Kevin Kroesen	

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES		October 14 & 15	
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Lector	Doris Durica	Barb Rieth	Martin Joyce
Euch.Min	Candra Krisch	John Rieth	Diane Beargie
Acolytes	Terry Shannon	Kevin Kroesen	Colin and Lucas Joyce

### SAINTS/OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 10/08 (o) = Optional

Sunday: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Denis and Companions;  
St. John Leonardi; Columbus Day;  
Canadian Thanksgiving Day

Wednesday: Saint John XXIII

Saturday: St. Callistus I; Blessed Virgin Mary

### READ THE BIBLE WITH THE CHURCH (Daily Mass Readings)

Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9;  
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;  
Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20;  
Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]

**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

### PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR OUR NATION

on October 14, 2017 at 12:00 noon. Our local Public Square Rosary Rally will take place at 1855 West 45<sup>th</sup> Street in Cleveland. For more info contact Rita Santora at (216) 281-9791.

## THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SERVICES

### Saturday, October 7 Church

**9:30 AM Latin Mass** (Our Lady of the Rosary)  
Intentions of Timothy and Sandra Weaver

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

**5:00 PM** Vigil of the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
† Helen Ujvari

### Sunday, October 8 Church

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:00 AM** † Terry Joshua Martin

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

**9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass**  
18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
† Shirley Volkenant

**11:00 AM Alumni Sunday Mass**  
The Living & Deceased Members of the Alumni  
† † Russell and Dawn Sutherland

### Monday, October 9 Chapel

**6:30 PM** † Linda Griffith

### Tuesday, October 10

**7:00 AM Latin (Church)** (St. Francis Borgia, Confessor)  
† Joseph Shannon

### 6:30 PM (Chapel)

† † Madeline T. and Roland M. Sittley

### Wednesday, October 11 Church

**6:30 PM Latin Mass**

(Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

The Living and Deceased Members of This Parish

**7:00 - 8:00 PM Holy Hour**

### Thursday, October 12 Church

**6:30 PM Latin Mass** (Feria)

† Intentions of Victoria Bailey

### Friday, October 13 Chapel

**6:30 PM** The Deceased Members of This Parish

### Saturday, October 14 Church

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

**5:00 PM** Vigil of the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
† Eleanor Fischbach

### Sunday, October 15 Church

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:00 AM** The Members of This Parish

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

**9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass**  
19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
† Coletta Spuhler

**11:00 AM Sunday Mass**  
† Chrisann Blankenship † Dawn Tucker  
The Deceased Members of the Smith Family  
The Living and Deceased Members of the Bewley Family