

MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF 9/24/2017

Fundraising Committee meets on Monday, September 25 at 7 PM in the Club Room
Mass and Reception with Bishop Perez on Tuesday, September 26 at 7 PM @ St. Ignatius of Antioch
Molly Kuras and Steven Patt will be married at St. Stephen's on Friday, October 6. Congratulations!
Elizabeth Pantuso and James Eberts will be married at St. Stephen's on Saturday, October 7.

PRO-LIFE CORNER: LIFE AND CHOICE “Choice’ is a positive concept, and an attractive concept. That’s why abortion apologists use it. But the way they use it is a lie and, increasingly, Americans are catching on. There is hope in this development. Increasingly, Americans are recognizing what a moral evil is embodied in *Roe*. Increasingly, they are aware of the vast network of lies that have been spun and fortified to sustain the illusion that abortion is somehow a good, or at least a morally neutral procedure; that it is a standard part of health care and family planning; that it is a proper exercise of a woman’s freedom; that it is a solution to intractable social problems. It is, of course, none of these things. What it is, is an unfettered right to take an innocent, human life from the mother’s womb. All this, more and more Americans are coming to know.” ---Cardinal William H. Keeler, Former Archbishop of Baltimore January 23, 2005, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

REFLECTION: In today’s Gospel Jesus warns us against the danger of self-complacency with one's discipleship, and against the temptation to set limits to God, and on account of this promise to classify people into two sets: the people that are following Christ, and are going to receive this reward, and the people that have left him, and will not receive this reward. God does not so quickly give up. He does not act as a businessman who wants to get as much income with as little expenditure as possible. He wants to give, and he constantly invites all, so that he can give to all. The first places in heaven, if we can speak in this way, belong not to the bishops, priests, religious, deacons, pastoral assistants, and those who put in the most hours for the kingdom, but to those who most of all recognize their own neediness and open themselves to God's love.
– Rev. Caroli Shao, AJ

WELCOME BISHOP PEREZ to the West Side of Cleveland! On Tuesday, September 26th you are invited to join the priests and parishioners on the west side of Cleveland for a special Mass with newly installed Bishop Nelson Perez. Mass will be at 7 pm at St. Ignatius of Antioch at 10205 Lorain Ave. in Cleveland. A reception will follow. Please bring a dessert to share with others.

BLESSING OF THE PETS is on Saturday, Sept. 30, at 11:00 am in the parish garage. You must have your pet on a leash or in a proper carrier. All animals are welcome!

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

MASS TIME:	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	11:00 AM
Sept. 23 & 24	Rev. C. Shao	Rev. C. Shao	Rev. C. Shao
Sept. 30/Oct. 1	Rev. B. Koka	Rev. C. Shao	Rev. Franz
All Sundays & Holy Days at 9:30 AM: Rev. Bede Kotlinski			

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Along with the reform of the Roman Canon and the redrafting of an ancient Roman prayer in Eucharistic Prayer II, two additional prayers were announced in 1969. Eucharistic Prayer III is a fresh composition. Like Eucharistic Prayer II, it has no preface of its own, but the presider chooses from a long menu of possible prefaces to become part of the prayer on a particular occasion. Also, like Eucharistic Prayer II it has a way to insert the name of the deceased in Masses for the dead such as funerals and memorials. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* views Eucharistic Prayer III as the best substitute for Eucharistic Prayer I on Sundays and feasts.

In practice, this prayer is used very often at Sunday Mass, and its texts are familiar to all members of the assembly. In this prayer, notice that the priest extends his hands over the gifts and calls down the Holy Spirit to change them into the Body and Blood of Christ. This call of the Holy Spirit is called the *epiclesis*, and Eastern Christians consider it to be the consecration. Latin Christians have long considered the “institution narrative” to be the consecration. Partly in response to a deep sensitivity to the East, the reformers took care to structure all our new prayers with a strong *epiclesis*. The poetry and images of Eucharistic Prayer III are fruitful sources of meditation. Why not take a sentence or two into your private prayer?

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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

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

September 16 & 17 Offertory Contributions

General Collection: \$1,714.12 Children: \$2.60 (6)
Issued: 213 Returned: 72
Food Pantry: \$146.00
St. Vincent de Paul: \$299.00
Thank you for each and every contribution!

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24, 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 families served by our Community Kindness Food Psntry and our St. Vincent d Paul Society.

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 23 & 24</u>			
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Lector	Steve McElroy	Barb Rieth	Diana Lipfird
Euch.Min	Candra Krisch	John Rieth	Diane Beargie
Acolytes:	Terry Shannon	Kevin Kroesen	

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES			
<u>September 30 & Oct. 1</u>			
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Lector	Steve McElroy	Barb Rieth	Albert Juhasz & Tina Waters
Euch.Min	Dr. Jim Lisi	John Rieth	Paul & Diane Beargie
Acolytes	Terry Shannon	Kevin Kroesen	

SAINTS/OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 9/24 (o) = Optional

Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian

Wednesday: St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday: St. Wenceslaus;
St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

Friday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael,
Archangels;
Yom Kippur (Jewish day of atonement)
begins at sunset

Saturday: St. Jerome

READ THE BIBLE WITH THE CHURCH (Daily Mass Readings)

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5;
Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8;
Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13;
Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5];
Mt 21:28-32

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN Today, we will take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). This collection funds communication of the gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through podcasts, television, radio, and print media. Please be generous in this week's collection and support this important work. Remember, half of your donation stays in our diocese to support local communication needs. The CCC is how we share our experience of faith, worship, and witness.

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SERVICES

Saturday, September 23 Church

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

5:00 PM Vigil of the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
† Helen Ujvari

Sunday, September 24 Church

25th 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
16th Sunday after Pentecost
† Coletta Spuhler

11:00 AM Sunday Volunteer Mass
Volunteers of St. Stephen Parish

Monday, September 25 Chapel

6:30 PM Deceased Members of the Parish

Tuesday, September 26

7:00 AM Latin (Church) (Feria)
† John Sablian

6:30 PM (Chapel) NO CHAPEL MASS TONIGHT

Wednesday, September 27 Church

6:30 PM Latin Mass (SS Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs)
Deceased Members of this Parish

7:00 - 8:00 PM Holy Hour

Thursday, September 28 Church

6:30 PM Latin Mass (St. Wenceslaus)
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Friday, September 29 Chapel

6:30 PM Members of this St. Stephen Parish

Saturday, September 30 Church

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

5:00 PM Vigil of the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
† Helen Ujvari

Sunday, October 1 Church

26th 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
17th Sunday after Pentecost
† Coletta Spuhler

11:00 AM German Sunday Mass
Volunteers of St. Stephen Parish

Call the office at 216.631.5633 to schedule a Mass.
The customary stipend is \$10.00
We are scheduling for 2018, call soon!