

MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF 8/27/2017

No meetings this week

“God forgives us not with a decree, but with a touch”. Pope Francis Jubileo de la Misericordia

PRO-LIFE CORNER: THE POPE AND THE ABORTIONIST "Nowadays efforts are made to deny them [unborn children] their human dignity and to do with them whatever one pleases, taking their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in the way of this. Frequently, as a way of ridiculing the Church’s effort to defend their lives, attempts are made to present her position as ideological, obscurantist and conservative. Yet this defense of unborn life is closely linked to the defense of each and every other human right. It involves the conviction that a human being is always sacred and inviolable, in any situation and at every stage of development" -- Pope Francis, Apostolic Exhortation "The Joy of the Gospel," November 24, 2013.

REFLECTION: Jesus surprised his Disciples with a question, "Who do people say I am?" The Apostles were quick to tell him that people say you are Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the old prophets. Jesus formulated the same question to get a personal answer as he asked "Who do you say that I am ?" The whole situation changed and the Apostles were in deep silence until Peter declared, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God". This confession to Peter is a revelation from God that Jesus is the Messiah. The Lord gave the authority to Peter that his followers, the Church should teach this revelation to lead people to the Kingdom of God. Christians are challenged to unlock the richness of their faith, trusting fully in the Son of the Living God and allowing him to direct our ways of life according to his law of love for God and the neighbor– Rev. Benjamin Koka, AJ

RETROUVAILLE is a three-month program to help couples struggling in their marriages. It has three phases, starting with a weekend experience in which couples learn to re-establish communication and to gain new insights into themselves as individuals and as a couple. Post sessions are held over a period of 12 weeks to further develop and enhance the techniques learned on the weekend. A support group is available offering interaction with other couples who are striving to improve their relationship. The next weekend is scheduled for September 8-10, 2017 at the Fairfield Inn & Suites in Beachwood. For more information go to their website www.helpourmarriage.com or contact Marce & Liz Gliha at 3031@retrouvaille.org

“Love God, serve God; everything is in that.” St. Claire

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
Eucharistic Prayer II is a popular choice for Mass since it is both simple in structure and short. It is written with a preface, which is the section after the dialogue “The Lord be with you . . . Lift up your hearts . . . Let us give thanks,” which introduces all the Eucharistic Prayers. The preface states the reason for the eucharistic assembly on that occasion, and there are dozens of them covering almost every imaginable gathering for prayer, some specific to feasts, others for Masses for the dead or for other needs. The preface attached to the second Eucharistic Prayer may be dropped in favor of a more appropriate choice, especially one of the prefaces for weekdays. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* says that Eucharistic Prayer II is best suited for weekdays or “special circumstances.” In practice, however, it has become the common Sunday prayer because of its brevity and its comfortable familiarity. It also includes an optional phrase for adding the name of a deceased person remembered in the Mass, and therefore is often prayed at funerals. Article 50 of the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* specified that the rites are to be simplified and restored “to the vigor they had in the tradition of the Fathers.” The rebirth of this ancient Roman prayer is a worthy response to this call.

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ATTENTION - ALL VOLUNTEERS OF ST. STEPHEN
If you have offered your service, in any way, for the Parish, you are cordially invited to attend a Volunteer Appreciation Mass and Reception on Sunday, September 24, 11:00 Mass. Please contact the Parish Secretary at 216-631-5633, if you plan to attend the reception in the gym at Metro Catholic right after the 11 AM Mass on Sunday, September 24.

ANNUAL BENEFIT FOR ST. ANDREW ABBEY
Sunday, September 24, 2017, for more information www.standrewabbey.org

SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME 55TH Annual BBQ & Boutique - September 17 & 24 Noon to 5 pm
Barbecue Chicken or Ribs, Coleslaw or Applesauce, Chips, Roll and Butter, Beverage and Apple Pie
Chicken \$13 | Ribs \$16 Take out available!
Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin Gymnasium on the Notre Dame Education Center Campus 13000 Auburn Road, Chardon, OH (South of Mayfield Road) Handicapped Accessible. Visit www.sndchardon.org

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE			
MASS TIME:	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	11:00 AM
Aug. 26 & 27	Rev. B. Kotlinski	Rev. B. Koka	Rev. B. Koka
Sept. 2 & 3	Rev. B. Koka	Rev. B. Koka	
All Sundays & Holy Days at 9:30 AM: Rev. Bede Kotlinski			

August 26 & 27 Offertory Contributions
General Collection: \$3,511.12 Children: \$1.58 (6)
Issued: 205 Returned: 76
Food Pantry: \$280.00
Faith in Values: \$102.00
Thank you for each and every contribution!

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 27, 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 community assisted by our St. Vincent DePaul Society and our Community Kindness Food Pantry.

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES		August 26 & 27	
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Lector	Russell Nieling	Barb Rieth	Glenn Sneed
Euch.Min	Russell Nieling	John Rieth	Diane & Beargie
Acolytes:	Terry Shannon	Kevin Kroesen	

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES		September 2 & 3	
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Lector	Steve McElroy	Barb Rieth	Friederike Wintersteller
Euch.Min	Steve McElroy	John Rieth	Paul & Diane Beargie
Acolytes	Terry Shannon	Kevin Kroesen	

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SERVICES

Saturday, August 26 Church

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

5:00 PM Vigil of the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
† Maria Lourdes Becerra

Sunday, August 27 Church

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM The Members of this St. Stephen Parish

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

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass
12th Sunday after Pentecost
Intentions of Grace Wyrnn

11:00 AM Sunday Mass
Intentions of Susan Hollowell

Monday, August 28 Chapel

6:30 PM The Members of this Parish

Tuesday, August 29

7:00 AM Latin (Church) (Beheading of John the Baptist)
† Raymond Jacko

6:30 PM (Chapel) † Maria Lourdes Becerra

Wednesday, August 30 Church

6:30 PM Latin Mass (St. Rose of Lima, Virgin)
†† Myron & Patrick McDevitt

7:00 - 8:00 PM Holy Hour

Thursday, August 31 Church

6:30 PM Latin Mass (St. Raymond Nonnatus, Confessor)
The Catholic Church

Friday, September 1 Church

6:30 PM (Feria)
The Children Attending Catholic Schools

Saturday, September 2 Church

9:00 AM Latin Mass (St. Stephen of Hungary)
Intentions of Rene Eldridge

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 3 Church

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM The Members of this St. Stephen Parish

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

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass
13th Sunday after Pentecost
Intentions of the Thomas O'Donnell Family

11:00 AM German Sunday Mass
† Chrisann Blankenship † Dawn Tucker
The Deceased Members of the Smith Family
The Living & Deceased Members of the Smith Family
† Adam Schiebli

SAINTS/OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 8/27 (o) = Optional

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Augustine

Tuesday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Friday: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation;
First Friday

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

READ THE BIBLE WITH THE CHURCH (Daily Mass Readings)

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17;
Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12;
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2;
Mt 16:21-27

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED to join us for our 23rd Annual Birthday Celebration to Honor the Blessed Virgin Mary with special guest, Father Robert Jasany Spiritual Director of The World Apostolate of Fatima, Cleveland Division on Friday, September 8 @ 7 pm. All are welcome to attend this free event! The evening will begin with the Rosary prayed for the cause for life. After the Rosary, Father Robert Jasany, Spiritual Director of the World Apostolate of Fatima - Cleveland Division, will speak on the meaning of Fatima for the 20th century and beyond. Father's talk will be followed by a traditional birthday cake, along with a wide variety of party foods and Christian camaraderie. Please join us!
St. James Catholic Church, 17514 Detroit Ave., Lakewood.
For additional information, please call (216) 312-2511