

## MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF 09/02/2018

The Parish offices will be closed on Labor Day, September 3.

Monday, September 3, 2018, Labor Day Mass will be at 10:00 a.m.

Holy Name Society will meet on Thursday, September 6 at 7 p.m. in the Rectory

**Every Day:** Say one prayer in thanksgiving, one prayer for someone other than yourself, and one prayer for the Church.

### THE HIGHEST LAW

From time to time, newspapers and magazines will offer, as an item of “filler,” various laws that are still on the books but seem silly to us in our day and age. In one California city, it is illegal to have two indoor bathtubs in one house. Clean water, a precious commodity when the law was written, is now readily available, so the law seems silly. But the human value of protecting and preserving precious resources is still around, evident in many conservation laws that seem sensible to us. So it is with the laws of religious tradition. What Jesus scorns today is others’ attitude toward ritual laws, an attitude that becomes nearly idolatrous when laws are observed for their own sake. Jesus teaches that observation of external ritual laws is of value only when they are emblems of our internal disposition toward the will of God. Our whole lives must follow the one ultimate law of God: to love God completely and to love neighbor entirely. Roman Catholicism is a tradition rich with customs, traditions, and even laws. As we continue to listen to the voice of Christ, we must always look into our own hearts and underneath our ritual practices to make sure that love of God and love of neighbor are what we prize above all. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**REFLECTION:** The Pharisees were not comfortable with Jesus and his Disciples when they did not perform the traditional rituals of purification. Jesus never entertained religion of the hypocrites which gave importance to external purification rather than the purity of the hearts. Jesus said to his opponents and his followers what defiles people originates from their bad hearts. It is from bad reasoning that even practicing Christians become impure and commit evil things including theft, pride, sexual immorality, discrimination, anger, jealousy, and many others. Jesus wanted his followers to practice religion of heart which pleases God but not religion of the lips which is void of God's grace. To obtain purification, let us Christians benefit from the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is the best gift of Christ in the Church.

Father Benjamin Koka, AJ

**URGENT: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for planning the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Historic St. Stephen Catholic Church. We need historians, party planners, caterers and music for Mass celebrations. If you are interested in helping please call: Paula McClain at 440-668-0693.

Our first committee meeting will be during Parish Council on Tuesday, September 11 in the Club Room. We encourage your participation.

*Everyone is welcome to attend!*

### CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

| MASS TIME:  | 5:00 PM      | 8:00 AM      | 11:00 AM   |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Sept. 1 & 2 | Rev. B. Koka | Rev. B. Koka | Rev. Franz |
| Sept. 8 & 9 | Rev. Bede    | Rev. B. Koka | Rev. Franz |

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

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When an altar is dedicated, the Rite of Dedicaton directs that, if possible, the relics of a martyr be mortared into the church floor under the *mensa*, or “altar table.” Up until this revised rite, the general practice was to include small relics of saints in an altar stone, a slab of marble that was normally set in the altar itself. Today’s rite states a clear preference for “martyr,” and for a substantial part of the body, in accord with our tradition’s desire for substantial symbols. Martyr, of course, means “witness” in Greek, and was the title given early on to the people who by their death imaged the death of Christ.

From the beginning, there has never been a shortage of such people, although it took a while for the Church to develop a process to declare someone a martyr. Saint Augustine tells how it was done in the fifth century. By then, popular opinion didn’t count as much as an official tribunal set up by the bishop of the place where the martyr suffered. After the inquiry established that the person did indeed die for the faith, a metropolitan bishop had to ratify the decision before a shrine could be built or an altar set up over the martyr’s tomb. For the most part, the honor paid to a martyr (called a “cult”) was restricted to that diocese, although the fame of some heroes spread so much that they were celebrated elsewhere. The age of the martyrs is now, and more people died for the faith in the twentieth century than ever before, witnessing to Christ to the end. Their sacrifice remains “the seed of the Church.”

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

### PRO-LIFE CORNER: BISHOPS ON ABORTION

“In the United States abortion is legal throughout pregnancy. Yet abortion is a violation of human rights incomparable in magnitude and an atrocity for the whole human family. While *Roe v. Wade* appeared to create a right with some limitations, *Doe v. Bolton*, which was decided the same day, erased those limitations by creating a “health” exception so broad that it effectively allows abortion for any reason at any time... Most Americans are surprised and shocked to learn about the lack of any meaningful legal limitations for abortion. Most know things have gone too far. Together with those from many other faith communities, we work to bring about a society that recognizes abortion for what it truly is” (A Matter of the Heart -- A Statement of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops on the Thirtieth Anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*)

### Aug 25 & 26 Offertory Contributions

General Collection: \$3,302.12

Issued: 218 Returned: 86

**School Support:** \$206.00

**Building Fund:** \$140.00

Thank you for each and every contribution!

## Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 2, 2018

Please pray for the following:

|                   |                  |                     |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Robert Johnson    | Jim Cables       | Burley Blankenship  |
| Michalyn Blasius  | Terry Shannon    | Karin Whyde         |
| Patricia Burfield | Wanda Eland      | Jean Gandee         |
| Leo Bevelacqua    | Judith Kenny     | Maryanne Sutherland |
| Inis Lustri       | Lawrence Blasius | Sharon Sneed        |
| Susan Hatta       | Wayne Daubert    | Deacon Moises Cruz  |

The families served by 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      |               |               |                          |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| <u>September 1 &amp; 2</u> |               |               |                          |
|                            | Saturday 5 PM | Sunday 8 AM   | Sunday 11 AM             |
| Lector                     | Steve McElroy | Barb Rieth    | Friederike Wintersteller |
| Euch.Min                   | Dr. Jim Lisi  | John Rieth    | Paul & Diane Beargie     |
| Acolytes:                  | Kevin Kroesen | Kevin Kroesen | Joyce Children           |

| LITURGICAL MINISTRIES      |               |               |                      |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|
| <u>September 8 &amp; 9</u> |               |               |                      |
|                            | Saturday 5 PM | Sunday 8 AM   | Sunday 11 AM         |
| Lector                     | Steve McElroy | Barb Rieth    | Robert Filippi       |
| Euch.Min                   | Dr. Jim Lisi  | John Rieth    | Paul & Diane Beargie |
| Acolytes                   | Evelyn Trucks | Kevin Kroesen | Joyce Children       |

### SAINTS/OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 09/02 (o) = Optional

Sunday: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Gregory the Great; Labor Day

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30,  
or, for Labor Day, any readings from the  
Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor,"  
nos. 907-911

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40;  
Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6;  
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5;  
Mk 7:31-37

### NEXT CLEVELAND RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND

September 14 - 16, 2018 A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages

Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring – your relationship cold, distant - thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but both of you want to try again? Then the Retrouvaille program may help.

RETROUVAILLE, which means rediscovery, is supported by the Catholic diocese of Cleveland, but it is open to couples of all faiths. This program consists of a weekend experience for couples and six follow up sessions. A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. For more information concerning the program, or to register, please call Marce or Liz Gliha at 440.357.6580 or 1.800.470.2230, or go online to [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

### FORGIVERS

A happy marriage is a union of two good forgivers.

—Anonymous

## THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SERVICES

### Saturday, September 1 Church

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass

Special Intentions Jeffery and Allison Pappas

4:15 - 4:45 PM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)

Pray the Holy Rosary

5:00 PM Vigil Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

† Helen Ujvari

### Sunday, September 2 Church

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Members of the Parish

9:00 AM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)

Pray the Holy Rosary

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

† † Anthony and Adeline Stadnik

11:00 AM German Sunday Mass

† Horst Kinscher

### Monday, September 3 Church

10:00 AM Intentions of Maryanne Sutherland

### Tuesday, September 4 Church

6:45 AM Latin Mass (Feria)

† Thomas Telisman

6:30 PM (Chapel) Intentions of the DeJesus Family

### Wednesday, September 5 Church

6:30 PM Latin Mass (St. Lawrence Justinian, Bishop)

Intentions of Father Paul Pietrzyuk

### Thursday, September 6 Church

6:30 PM Latin Mass (Feria)

† † Madeline T. & Roland M. Sittley

### Friday, September 7 Church

6:30 PM Latin Mass (Feria)

Intentions of the Thomas O'Donnell Family

### Saturday, September 8 Church

4:15 - 4:45 PM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)

Pray the Holy Rosary

5:00 PM Vigil Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

† Helen Ujvari

### Sunday, September 9 Church

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Members of the Parish

9:00 AM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)

Pray the Holy Rosary

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Intentions of John Paul Volkenant, Jr.

11:00 AM Alumni Sunday Mass

† † Dawn and Russell Sutherland

Call the office at 216.631.5633 to schedule a Mass.

The customary stipend is \$10.00

We are scheduling 2019 Masses.