

## MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF 09/23/2018

150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 3 at 7 p.m. in the Club Room  
Blessing of the Pets is Saturday, October 6 at 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Garage  
St. Colman's Keeping the Doors Open Benefit October 7 – Please call 216-651-0550 for information  
PSR classes begin on Saturday, October 13 – Please call the Parish Office to Register!

### PRO-LIFE CORNER: POPE BENEDICT XVI LIFE

"We are well aware that all too often ... life is exalted as long as it is pleasurable, but there is a tendency to no longer respect it as soon as it is sick or handicapped. Based on deep love for every person it is possible instead to put into practice effective forms of service to life: to newborn life and to life marked by marginalization or suffering, especially in its terminal phase. The Virgin Mary received with perfect love the Word of life, Jesus Christ, who came into the world so that human beings might "have life... abundantly" (Jn 10: 10). Let us entrust to her expectant mothers, families, health-care workers and volunteers who are committed in so many ways to the service of life. Let us pray in particular for people in the most difficult situations" (Angelus, February 5, 2006). [www.priestforlife.com](http://www.priestforlife.com)

**REFLECTION:** The experience Jesus encounters with his disciples in the gospel of today is very common and part of human nature. We take a lot of time thinking and doing for ourselves and most probably forgetting about the others! I am the greatest, the most beautiful, the most intelligent echo the disease of our time and stands in sharp contrast to Jesus' exhortation. Most of us seem eternally engaged in making more money in bid to beautify ourselves and ensure long life packed with pleasure, the focus is inevitably I, me, myself, for me, and so on. Looking again at Jesus and the little child he places in our midst. The journey from self-gratification to self-giving remains a challenge. But it is the only antidote to I disease and me myopia, equipping us with a broader and deeper vision of life. We should and must therefore humble ourselves and place ourselves at the service of our brothers and sisters to be counted greatest. – Rev. Caroli Shao, AJ

**BLESSING OF THE PETS** – Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in the St. Stephen Parish Garage there will be a special Pet Blessing! The garage is located behind the rectory, please enter through the parking lot off West 57<sup>th</sup> Street. Bring your dog, cat, bird, bunny or fish in a bowl – all animals are welcome! Please have your pet on a leash or in a proper carrier.

**RCIA begins October 4 at St. Colman's.** Please call 216-651-0550 for more information or to register.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** [www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland](http://www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland)

### CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

MASS TIME:	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	11:00 AM
Sept. 22 & 23	Rev. B. Koka	Rev. Franz	Rev. C. Shao
Sept. 29 & 30	Rev. C. Shao	Rev. Franz	Rev. B. Koka

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

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

How long have there been parochial schools in the United States? Longer than you may imagine. The Jesuit fathers opened Saint Mary School in Philadelphia in 1782 in the first light of independence. Catholic and Protestant squabbles about the nature of education forced the Fathers to make this risky and innovative venture in the heart of the city. The school was closed by a devastating fire in 1902, but reopened in 1968 as St. Mary Interparochial School, the first example of a shared parochial school. It is also the only Catholic school within the confines of a national park. This is the "Mother School" of this uniquely American institution. Many parochial schools, especially in "national parishes," were established to preserve the culture and language of the "old country," and also to protect young people from prejudice.

In other countries, Ireland for one, the Church is authorized to run national schools, sometimes under the sponsorship of a parish. In still other places, such as Quebec, publicly-funded "separate schools" were administered by the Church. Wherever the state funds Catholic schools, normally enrollment is guaranteed to all applicants. The Quebec system was dismantled in 1998 when the state decided to reorganize schools along linguistic lines rather than religious affiliation. Parochial schools require considerable sacrifice, but they endure as a distinctive treasure of the Church in the United States.

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

**ST. COLMAN "Keeping the Doors Open" Benefit** will be held on Sunday, October 7, 2018, from 1 – 5 p.m. at the West Side Irish American Club. For info call 216-651-0550 or go to <http://stcolmanparish.org/events/>

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL** In today's Gospel Jesus called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me. Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will help hungry children feel the arms of Jesus around them. Simply write SVDP on the memo line and your donation remains here at St. Stephen's to help your brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank you for helping us with this most important ministry, spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ and sharing His love!

### September 15 & 16 Offertory Contributions

General Collection: \$2,966.12 Children: \$5.45 (9)  
Issued: 181 Returned: 81

**Community Kindness Food Pantry:** \$731.00

**Utilities:** \$256.00

Thank you for each and every contribution!

**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 23, 2018**

*Please pray for the following:*

Robert Johnson	Jim Cables	Burley Blankenship
Michalyn Blasius	Wayne Daubert	Karin Whyde
Patricia Burfield	Wanda Eland	Jean Gandee
Leo Bevelacqua	Judith Kenny	Fr. Lawrence Tosca
Inis Lustrì	Lawrence Blasius	Sharon Sneed
Susan Hatta	Tadaaki Hatta	René Kolecki

Our brave First Responders who worked tirelessly to keep us safe. If you would like someone added to this prayer list, please call the Parish Secretary at 216-631-5633. Thank you.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES <b>September 22 &amp; 23</b>			
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Lector	Steve McElroy	Barb Rieth	Glenn Sneed
Euch.Min	Dr. Jim Lisi	John Rieth	Paul & Diane Beargie
Acolytes:	Kevin Kroesen	Kevin Kroesen	

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES <b>September 29 &amp; 30</b>			
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Lector	Steve McElroy	Barb Rieth	Glenn Sneed
Euch.Min	Steve McElroy	John Rieth	Paul & Diane Beargie
Acolytes	Evelyn Trucks	Kevin Kroesen	

**SAINTS/OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 09/23** (o) = Optional

Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
 Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival) begins at sunset; Autumn begins

Wednesday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian

Thursday: St. Vincent de Paul

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

Saturday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael

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

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22

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

Sunday: Nm 11:25-19; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14;  
 Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

will be starting on Saturday, October 13. You must register to participate. Please call the Parish Office at 216-631-5633 for a registration form. If you worship in the Tridentine Latin Rite we still need to have an official registration filled out. Thank you.

**TOUR OF GOOD CHEER** – For the past two years this nonprofit has partnered with St. Stephen Church to bring the love of Christmas to the needy. We are once again asking for your help. Here's what we can use. A new or used toy. Cleaning out the kids toy box before Christmas? We can redistribute those gently used toys. Do you have an extra hat, scarf or mittens in your closet? How about a new pair of socks? These are all things the residents in the shelters can enjoy. We are starting our collection now and will continue until Christmas. We thank you for helping us to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Simply place your unwrapped items in our food donation boxes. Thank you!

**THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SERVICES**

**Saturday, September 22 Church**

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

Pray the Holy Rosary

**5:00 PM Vigil** Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

† Helen Ujvari

**Sunday, September 23 Church**

Twenty-Fifth 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**

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

† Coletta Spuhler

**11:00 AM Sunday Mass**

†† Madeline T. and Roland M. Sittley

**Monday, September 24 Chapel**

**6:30 PM** Intentions of Gabriel Konieczny

**Tuesday, September 25 Church**

**6:45 AM Latin Mass** (Feria)

† Raymond Polantz, Sr.

**6:30 PM (Chapel)** Intentions of Madox Konieczny

**Wednesday, September 26 Church**

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

Intentions of Father Paul Pietrzyuk

**Thursday, September 27 Church**

**6:30 PM Latin Mass** (SS Cosmas & Damian)

† John F. Murrin

**Friday, September 28 Chapel**

**6:30 PM** Intentions of Christina Knox

**Saturday, September 29 Church**

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

Pray the Holy Rosary

**5:00 PM Vigil** Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

† Helen Ujvari

**Sunday, September 30 Church**

Twenty-Sixth 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**

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

† Mildred Orange

**11:00 AM Sunday Mass**

†† Dawn and Russell Sutherland

Call the office at 216.631.5633 to schedule a Mass.

The customary stipend is \$10.00