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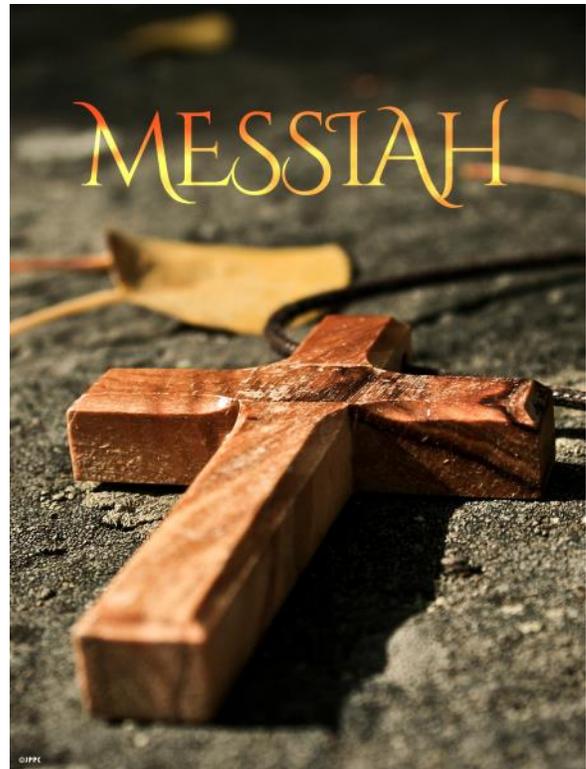
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September 16, 2018

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday Vigil 5:15pm

Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish

Daily

Monday through Friday 6:30am & 8am

Saturday 8am,

followed by Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers

Holy Days

Vigil: 7pm

Holy Day: 6:30am, 9am, 12:05pm, 7pm (Spanish)

Catholic Mass in Sign Language

4th Sunday of the month, Parish Center Chapel

Mass Interpreted in ASL

1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays, 9am Mass in the Church

Children's Liturgy of the Word

During 11am Mass, September through June

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8:30am to 9am; 4pm to 4:45pm

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Katharine Drexel Chapel

We welcome all to join us for worship and invite you to become a part of our parish family. New members are asked to call the Parish Center to schedule an appointment for registration. Registration is required for admission to our programs of Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation for Baptism, First Eucharist, Reconciliation, Confirmation and Marriage. Eligibility certificates for Sponsorship for Baptism and Confirmation are issued to registered parishioners who are practicing Catholics. Couples planning to be married, or those desiring to schedule a Baptism are asked to call the Parish Center to schedule an appointment.

¡BIENVENIDOS! Ayúdenos a conocerlos y servirles mejor. Comuníquese con uno de los sacerdotes de la parroquia.

Hágase miembro de las Parroquia de San Estanislao.

Inscríbese en el centro parroquial.

PARISH CENTER HOURS

Monday through Thursday: 9am to 9pm

Friday: 9am to 6pm

Saturday: 8:30am to Noon

Sunday: 8:30am to 1pm

Priests are available after office hours for the pastoral care of the dying by calling 215.368.0220.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Friends/Mis queridos amigos,

In today's gospel, Jesus asks the million dollar question: "Who do people say that I am?" The disciples respond with the opinions they have heard. By this time in His public ministry, Jesus was creating quite a buzz throughout the region of Palestine. His apostles reply with the popular notions of what the average person thought of the Lord . . . some said He was like John the Baptist, Elijah, or one of the great prophets of Israel. If that question were put to us in our day, I suspect our approach to answering would be the same. We would repeat what we heard in the break room or gathered around the water cooler, on social media, or what was whispered among our friends. Some might say Jesus was the best founder of a world religion; a good man who was concerned with people who were poor and sick; someone who made the lives of the destitute better by miraculous acts. Perhaps some might even Google, where they would find Jesus was "a first century preacher and religious leader, the central figure of Christianity."

All good answers, but popular opinion is one thing, while what we believe deep down can be something much different. Jesus was not looking for public opinion when He asked the question. He wanted a more personal response, not one just from the mind, but also from the heart. Hopefully that answer would include some willingness to follow Him closely and imitate His ways. It was time for Jesus to test the apostle's mettle as He approached Jerusalem, where he anticipated His death. Jesus knew He would suffer for who He was and what He was sent by the Father to accomplish. So He asks them to follow Him all the way to His death and resurrection. This was a test of their willingness to stay with Him through His death, and their acceptance of the suffering and sacrifice that would come to those who followed Him.

Peter's reply "You are the Christ," that is, the Messiah, is right on the mark. But Peter's notion of a Messiah was a triumphant ruler; it lacked any notion of suffering. Perhaps this is the reason for the "Marcin secret" that Jesus repeatedly requests throughout this evangelist's gospel. He did not want the apostles to tell anyone until they learned what kind of Messiah He would be . . . which was incredibly different from what they anticipated. Jesus had so much more to teach and show His apostles about His Messiahship. He did not want to be widely known as a miracle worker, or as a celebrity showman. They would have to learn more about Jesus before spreading word that He was the One anticipated by the people of Israel. Otherwise they would have gotten the message all wrong, and would have no understanding of what it meant when Jesus commanded His followers "to take up your cross and follow Me." Some reflection by them on the section of Isaiah would be helpful in this growing knowledge. Here one meets the "Suffering Servant of God" who prefigured Jesus. Anyone who follows Him must be the kind of servant Isaiah describes: willing to deny him/herself for others. The Letter of James spells out concretely what "taking up one's cross" means. We cannot just declare our faith in Christ, we have to put faith into action or risk the faith meaning nothing. Love for Jesus is reflected in our actions and words.

"Who do you say I am?" is not a question we have to answer just once and move on. Rather it presents itself many times in life. As we pass through various stages, crises, events, sicknesses, transitions and life events our response will vary, depending upon our maturity and faith. Today we are again asked: Who is Jesus for us **now** and what is the meaning of Jesus for our lives? Let us take Jesus' question with us through this week. Where are we in our lives and do we include God in what is going on now? In what ways have we allowed Jesus be the center and guide for our thinking and acting? Then, as the week progresses: what are my responsibilities as his disciple? How am I being asked each day to take up the cross and follow him?

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We are in communication with the architects about the bathroom renovation project and are in discussion about a few other things that were not announced previously, including a small "cry room," re-positioning of the candle shrine, water fountains, and eliminating the step from the front (i.e., Main Street) side of the Church. We have also been exploring ventilation options and assessing the ability of current infrastructure plumbing to handle the additional bathrooms. We are required to obtain competitive bids from two or three (ideal number) contractors. Bid packages will be sent to companies familiar with Archdiocesan contracting and policy/procedure, which we hope will speed the process. After reviewing bid request responses, work will be expected to move more quickly.

Undoubtedly you have noticed a different capital projects envelope which we will begin to collect for until we have sufficient funds to do something with updating/improving the **lighting in the Church**. As with most of the fixed equipment in the Church, these are 55-year old assets and do not have any of the budget-friendly and convenience features of more modern electric lighting. Presently we need to replace burned out light bulbs and valences using scaffolding (one of the reasons we can only do it twice a year as the replacement is *very labor intensive*). More modern lighting will enhance the liturgical experience as well as beautify the Church, and simplify the replacement process. We will not move on this until we have enough funds collected to avoid debt. Please support this project with a weekly or monthly contribution as you are able, and thank you for your consistent support.

HAVE A GREAT WEEK EVERYONE,



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Today: Is 50:5-9a; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35
 Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lk 7:1-10
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31; Lk 7:11-17
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 7:31-35
 Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50
 Friday: Eph 4:17, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13
 Saturday: 1 Cor 15:356-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15
 Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37

A Musical Note: Choir Season is

On! The children's choir will be starting up on Thursday, September 27 from 6:15-7:15pm in the church choir loft. The choir is open to grades K-8 and sings one mass per month. Not sure you can squeeze in your child's love of singing? Don't worry! The children's choir is very flexible for busy family schedules!



The Adult Choir rehearses Thursdays from 7:30-9pm in the choir loft. Questions? Contact Mary Gaus, the Director of Music Ministry, for more information at 215.813.7448 or email tgm8@yahoo.com.

Stock's Pound Cake Fundraiser: Benefits the Altar and Rosary Society! Hurry, as St. Stans is limited to 198 cakes! \$15 a cake, and all orders must be submitted by November 15. Pick-up date is Saturday, December 8 and Sunday, December 9 at the **Parish Center**. No need to travel to Philadelphia to get one of these Pastor recommended cakes. Stock's Pound Cakes are great gifts, and may be frozen to enjoy at a later date. Order forms are available in the Parish Center. Please complete the form and mail it with your check (made payable to St. Stanislaus Altar & Rosary) to the address listed on the form.



"10-Minute Catechism" Program

The next session will be held Sunday, September 30 after the 9am Mass. We will begin right after Mass is over, and the session will be completed in only 10 minutes. Drop in and learn something new about our faith!



Saint Stanislaus Play Group is Back: This Tuesday, September 18th!

The group meets most Tuesdays from 9:45 to 11:30am in the Parish Center. For more information please contact the Parish Center at 215.885.3133 and Linda Augustine will be in touch!



SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 16

12:00pm Secular Franciscan @ Lobby Rm

Monday, September 17

No community scheduled in the Parish Center

Tuesday, September 18

9:45am Playgroup @ Lobby Room

7:00pm Hispanic Prayer Group @ Chapel

Wednesday, September 19

9:30am Food Cupboard@ Lobby Room

Thursday, September 20

1:30pm Legion of Mary @ Cahill Rm

6:30pm BINGO @ Gym

7:00pm New Beginnings @ Lobby Room

Friday, September 21

No community scheduled in the Parish Center

Saturday, September 22

8:30am Confessions @ Church

4:00pm Confessions @ Church

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated Sundays after the 11am Mass. To ensure that parents and godparents understand the meaning of the sacrament of Baptism, what to expect on the day of Baptism and to reflect on the responsibilities that accompany their roles, we require that all new parents and godparents attend a Baptism preparation session known as Pre-Jordan. For information about this program and more, please contact the Parish Office or visit our website, www.ststanislaus.com.



SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Couples planning to be married should contact the Church at least 6 months in advance of the planned wedding date. No other arrangements should be made until the couple meets with a parish priest and the date and time are reserved. Attendance at a Marriage Preparation program is required in accord with Archdiocesan policy. Further information will be provided at the time of the meeting with a priest.

Annulments: *Contact the Parish Center to speak to a priest for more information on the annulment process. Directives of Pope Francis have eased the process of obtaining annulments.*

One Last Chance!! Looking to volunteer? Take advantage of the last opportunity available at our own St. Stanislaus to take the mandatory Protecting God's Children class: **Sunday, September 23 at 7pm.** All sessions take place in the Parish Center. Register today at www.virtus.org. Additional classes held in the area are also available at Virtus.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 16, 2018

7:00am Joseph J. Roos, Sr.
Requested by the Roos and Reilly Families

9:00am Hedwig Osuch
Requested by Betty and Marty Grouke

11:00am Marlin Souders (birthday remembrance)
Requested by Penny Mitchell

Monday
St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:30am Robert and Catherine Nugent
Requested by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Koch

8:00am John Iacono (birthday remembrance)
Requested by his daughter, Ann Malickson

Tuesday

6:30am Msgr. Bartholomew O'Brien
Requested by his Family

8:00am Helen Koneski
Requested by Susan and Charles Koneski

Wednesday
St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

6:30am John Mlodzinski
Requested by Lori O'Donnell

8:00am Ruth Bossert
Pam and Charlie Mohl

Thursday
Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

6:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory
Requested by Frank Carney

8:00am Florence Kling
Requested by Jack Kling

Friday
St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

6:30am Giuseppe Frate
Requested by Mecandro Poccia and Family

8:00am Paul A. Polito
Requested by James and John Polito

Saturday

8:00am Angelina Iacono (birthday remembrance)
Requested by her daughter, Ann Malickson

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 16

7:00am The Intentions of Joseph Best
Requested by John and Sharon Best

9:00am Angelina Pasquale Moffo
Requested by Irene and Steve Dobranski

11:00am Kathleen Stagliano
Requested by Kathleen Kearney

Treasure Information: September 2, 2018

Contributed by 396 envelopes and 7 loose checks (non parishioner)

Weekly Parish Collections:

Sept. 2, 2018: \$13,535 Sept. 3, 2017: \$13,705

Electronic and Other Contributions:

Sept. 2, 2018: \$5,767 Sept. 3, 2017: \$7,650

Parish Building Improvements:

Sept. 2, 2018: \$2,227 Sept. 3, 2017: \$7,650

Major Bills Paid Since August 26, 2018:

Payroll and related: \$14,160

Financial Commitment to Mater Dei Catholic School
School-Year-to-date payments: \$231,320



Please pray for the sick who carry the cross of illness especially: Amanda DiCandilo Albright, Dwayne Baker, John Baur, Jr., John Baur, Sr., James De Paul, Bobby DiNenna, Terri Gurecki, Baby Tyler Griffin, Conrad Kuhn, Linda Kaars, Greg Lipschultz,

Anne Loeffler, Baby Elizabeth Lockhoff, Helen & John McCulleggh, Sheryl McGillicuddy, Meghan Melcher, Tricia and Chuck Miller, Stella Molettiere, George Murphy, Kristin O'Connor Zeigler, Jillian Preet, Donald Raymond, Lydia Rey, Antonio Romano, Donald J. Romano, Lawrence A. Romano, Lucille C. Romano, Mary Ann Rota Lewis, John R. Sciuillo, Barbara Smiley, Kim Smith, Catherine Storti, Mae Veneziale, Marilyn Wagner, Stephen Yourl. If you wish to place a family member or friend on the Bulletin list for three weeks, or to continue a name on the list, please call the Parish Center, ext. 107, the Communication Coordinator. If you wish to place a name on our Prayer Line, call the Parish Center or email your request to:

ssthoughtsandprayerline@gmail.com.



The Sanctuary Candle in the Church burns this week in memory of **Bob Troxel** at the request of **his wife, Barbara and children.**

The Sanctuary Candle in the Parish Center Chapel burns this week in memory of **Ed Kunze** at the request of **Barbara Troxel.**

If you wish to have the Sanctuary Candle burn in the Church or Chapel in 2018 in memory of a loved one or for a special intention, please come to the Parish Center during operating hours to make arrangements. An offering of \$10 is requested.



Flowers on the St. Joseph's Altar have been placed in memory of **Robert Kramer**, in honor of his birthday, at the request of his wife.

Catholic Tent Revival: Sun,

October 7, 1pm. Join thousands

of teens, adults, and families as we come together for The Catholic Tent Revival, a day of prayer, worship, fun and celebration of



God's love for us. (This is a bilingual event.) Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, PA — and it's FREE! **Registration is required!** Full details at www.malvernretreat.com.

Parish Religious Education Program

*Coordinator of Religious Education (PREP): Mrs. Leona Russell
Office Phone Number: 215.855.9893; Email: ststansprep@yahoo.com*

Do you have a child or children of age (K thru 8) to enter our Parish Religious Education Program but forgot to register them? It's not too late!! Please call the PREP office TODAY!



Our Sunday School for Little People (SSLP) program resumes next Sunday! *There is still time to register for this program, too! The program is open to children in Pre-K 3 & 4 and Kindergarten and is held in the school twice a month. An extended session is available through the end of the 11 a.m. Mass at no additional cost. Treat yourself to some peace and quiet to fully enter into the Mass! The cost is only \$30 for Pre-K and \$60 for Kindergarten for the entire year! Call the Religious Education Office for more information or to register.*



Catechetical Sunday is this weekend! There will be a special blessing of all catechists at all of the Masses, **September 15 and 16.**

Who is a catechist? One who passes on the faith...Catholic school teachers, volunteers who help with PREP, RCIA, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Adult Faith Formation and Pre-Jordan Baptism classes...the list goes on and on!

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for **all of us to rededicate ourselves to this mission as a community of faith.** Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children. They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith – through what they say and do. *This year's theme focuses on Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ. Catechists not only pass on the Faith, but help others to have an encounter with Jesus Christ, thereby sharing a deeper faith experience and drawing out the meaning of those experiences for their lives.*



We extend a sincere THANK YOU to all who are involved in the ministry of catechesis in our parish!

The Respect Life Group is Back! Join us on the first Tuesday of each month at the Parish Center from 8pm to 9pm in the Murray Room. Please check page 7 for some upcoming Respect Life Group activities! Questions about the group? Contact the Parish Center for more information.



The 10-week Alpha Course at Visitation BVM Church: Begins Thursday, Sept 27th at 6:30pm. There is an "Information Night" on Thursday, Sept 20th at 7:00 in the Visitation's Junior High School library (190 N Trooper Road, Norristown, PA 19403). Call/text Joe Baldassari (610.715.1593), or Ed Byrnes (610.608.8629) to register or if you have any questions. Questions? Go to the following websites: www.alphamidatlantic.com.



Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration
St. Katharine Drexel Adoration Chapel

"I sought the LORD, and he answered me, delivered me from all my fears."
-Psalm 34:5

Urgent hours of need:
Saturday 2pm, Saturday 3am, Sunday 4am

Hours of need: (Adorers in need of prayer partners)
Sunday: 12am, 1am, 2am, 3am, 4am, 6am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 4pm 6pm 7pm, 11pm.

Monday: 12am, 1am, 3am, 4am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 8pm, 9pm

All hours of need are available at www.ststanislaus.com under the *Perpetual Adoration* tab. Sign up today!

We are always in need of committed adorers and substitutes. For more information contact Sue Gillen: **215.362.8643** or scgwindows@gmail.com



MDCS: 215.368.0995
 Email info@materdeicatholic.com
 Website: www.materdeicatholic.com
 Child Care Center: 215.799.2211
 Email info: childcare@materdeicatholic.com



Great First Day at Mater Dei! So many smiles! After a busy summer of renovations, classroom prep, and planning, we were excited to welcome all of our students, new and returning, back to the halls. May God bless us and keep our children safe as they grow and learn this academic year!

Imagination Playhouse: Our newest program, Imagination Playhouse, will be offered at our Lansdale campus, where imaginative play and multi-sensory learning will be emphasized. Your child must be 2 1/2 to start this two day a week program (the program will accept 2 1/2 and 3-year-old children and your child does not have to be potty trained to begin). Space is still available for 2018-19. Contact Grace today!

Calling Legacy and Mater Dei Alumni! If you are an alum from any of our legacy schools or Mater Dei, consider sharing your time and talents in forming a Legacy School/Mater Dei Alumni Committee! Help is needed with social media, event planning, graphic design etc. Contact Grace Samanns today to learn more!

The Mater Dei Childcare Center, located at St. Maria Goretti Parish in Hatfield, has immediate part time openings for infants and full time openings for children ranging in age from 1 to 2 years old. Your child is welcome to participate in an amazing program where he or she will learn and develop socially, emotionally, academically, and spiritually in a nurturing environment. Mater Dei Child Care Center is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM to accommodate the working parent. If you would like information or would like to schedule a visit, please contact us at childcare@materdeicatholic.com or 215.799.2211. Space is limited for Fall!

Mark Your Calendars for the CYO Car Wash! Let the CYO coaches and players scrub the summer sludge from your vehicles on October 6 — location and time to be determined. The car wash is FREE, but donations are accepted. All donations support the CYO program! See you there!



Save the Date: MDCS Info Session & Registration: Please join us for the 2019-20 Info Session on **Tuesday, October 16, from 6 to 7:30 PM.** The general info session will begin promptly at 6:10 PM followed by mini-classes for the preschool and kindergarten children and tours for others. 2019-20 registrations in certain grade levels can be accepted this evening. For more information or to RSVP, contact us at 215.368.9787!



Mater Dei BINGO: Need a few hours to unwind and socialize with adults? Come play Mater Dei Bingo! Gym doors open at 5pm; games begin at 6:45pm every Thursday. 25 games of Bingo plus specials are offered all night! Admission prices start at \$8 and all proceeds support Mater Dei Catholic School.



Save the Date for your "ALUM BREAKFAST": Alum of St. Maria Goretti, St. Rose, and St. Stans! Join us for Breakfast on Saturday, November 10, 2018 at 9:30 AM in the Mater Dei Catholic School Gym. Reconnect with classmates and catch up with each other! All are welcome! More details to follow about reservations for the breakfast. Table reservations by graduating year will also be accepted. Any questions, please contact Grace Samanns (gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com or 215.368.9787).

Have you begun the search for a private high school? We regularly post scholarship, open house, and exam information on our "Beyond the Parish" section of the St. Stanislaus website. Go to www.ststanislaus.com and click on the *Get Involved* tab, then click on the "Beyond the Parish" link. Most recent information is posted at the top and is highlighted. Then events are posted in chronological order. Visit the site today!

Respect Life Committee Events!

40 Days for Life: Please join our parish's Respect Life Committee for one hour of prayer of your choosing (8am to 5pm) on Sunday, September 30, at Planned Parenthood in Warminster. We, along with over twenty parishes in our area, have committed to pray for an end to abortion in our country and to the restoration of a Culture of Life. To sign up for an hour and/or for more information, please call Ceil McMonagle at 215.361.3393.

Respect Life Sunday:

Respect Life Sunday will be observed on October 7. The Respect Life Committee will hold a bake sale that day to raise funds for the March for Life in Washington D.C. **Baked goods are needed.** Please drop off any donation to the Parish Center Saturday morning 8:30 to noon or before the Mass you attend that weekend. Baby bottles will also be distributed to parishioners to collect their loose change during the month of October. We ask that you return your bottle to the Parish Center by October 28. The money raised will benefit the life saving work of the Legacy of Life Foundation.



Praying for children who are hidden from sight, but not hidden from God...
Praying for the protection of unborn people...

Pre-Cana at St. Mary of the Assumption in Phoenixville: Saturday, September 29.

The program begins at 9am and ends after the 4pm Mass. Call the Parish Office for an application: 610.933.2526 or visit the website www.stmaryassumption.org.



Saint Philip Orthodox Church International Food Festival: Friday & Saturday, Sept 21 & 22, 12 noon – 8pm. 1970 Clearview Road, Souderton. View more information online at www.st-philip.net/festival This festival is a wonderful opportunity for cross-cultural exposure and interaction, with a variety of Middle-Eastern, Mediterranean, and African cultures represented. Along with the delicious selection of food, there will be ethnic dance, chanting demonstrations, iconography display, and church tours dedicated to describing the Eastern understanding of icons (which cover the church walls) and liturgical practice—all of which combine to offer a glimpse of the rich cultural and spiritual heritage of Eastern Christian lands. A rich educational opportunity for anyone in the arts and humanities!

It's RCIA time again at St. Stanislaus!
A PROCESS, not a Program:

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the normal way for unbaptized persons and those who have been baptized in another Christian tradition to become a Catholic, via discerning and ritualizing the stages of gradual conversion. The rite of Christian initiation is designed for adults (and children of catechetical age) who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seek the living God and enter the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts. By God's help they will be strengthened spiritually during their preparation and at the proper time will receive the sacraments fruitfully (from the Introduction to the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Par #1).



For the **Unbaptized**, the RCIA gradually uncovers the story of God's salvation for all; the mystery of Jesus' life, death and resurrection; and the workings of the Holy Spirit as revealed in the beliefs, sacramental life and spiritual practices of the Catholic Church. The initiation of catechumens is a gradual process that takes place within the community of the faithful and in accordance with the Church's liturgical year. Together with the catechumens, the faithful reflect upon the value of the paschal mystery, renew their own conversion, and by their example lead the catechumens to obey the Holy Spirit more generously. (#4)

For **Baptized Christians** who seek full communion with the Catholic Church, the RCIA includes rites and pastoral practice. For **Baptized Catholics** who have received no other faith formation and have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, the RCIA details the pastoral practices to become a fully initiated Catholic. There are four stages as well as rituals that mark these stages for unbaptized persons: Inquiry, Catechumenate, Purification and Enlightenment, and Mystagogy (or post-baptismal catechesis). We begin with the period of Inquiry, a "come and see" experience to determine if RCIA is right for you at this time. No commitment is expected or required to attend. **RCIA meets every Wednesday at 7 pm in the Parish Center Meeting Room. Everyone is welcome to join in this supportive, safe, confidential, and inquisitive process that is RCIA.**

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Lecture Series - Marriage and Sexual Morality: Where Do Things Go From Here? In honor of the 50th anniversary of *Humanae Vitae*, join Professor Robert P. George at the St. John Vianney Auditorium of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. For more information, visit scs.edu/Lectures



Looking for more to do? If you are seeking more opportunities for spiritual enrichment or ways to engage with the Parish and surrounding communities, check out www.ststanislaus.com and click on the *Get Involved* tab today!

Great News for Women in Our Area!

We are thrilled to share with you the opening of the new Gianna Center in Philadelphia! The Gianna Center of Philadelphia is dedicated to providing general gynecologic care, natural family planning education and infertility services - all while honoring the sanctity of each human life, the dignity of women and the integrity of marriage. All medical treatments are aimed at restoring the reproductive system and work cooperatively with a woman's body. For more information, visit their website, phgiannacenter.org



Mass of Support: All Affected by Addiction.

Addiction has touched far too many families and taken far too many of our loved ones. Join us that we may draw strength from one another in the power of our faith. *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. - Philippians 4:13*

All are invited to St. Mary Roman Catholic Church in Schwenksville on **Saturday, Sept. 22**. Confessions will be heard at 9:30am, and Mass will be held at 11am with exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament to follow. The Pastor, Rev. Louis P. Bellopede, will celebrate the Mass and offer healing blessing after Mass.

First Thursday Breakfast Club: The Breakfast Club

is held on designated first Thursdays of the year at Saint Maria Goretti Parish and provides a way for people to gather together in friendship following their time spent together in worship and prayer. Coffee, tea, juice, and nutritious breakfast refreshments are served along with lots of laughter and conversation. There is no cost to participate and no registration is required. Non-parishioners are always welcome. **Next Breakfast Clubs: Thursday, October 4** in the Saint Maria Goretti Church Narthex, following the 8:30am Mass. *The Breakfast Club is automatically cancelled when a funeral is scheduled for the same morning. Questions? Call 215.721.0199 (ext. 202).*



Attention: Class Reunions!

Assumption B.V.M. Feasterville, All-Classes Reunion: Saturday, September 29 from 6:30pm - 10:30pm in the Assumption B.V.M. Church Hall. For additional information and tickets, please visit: <http://ticketstripe.com/events/1021885>



CDC Class of 1963 55th "Casual" Reunion: Saturday, September 29 from 2 to 6pm at Miller's Ale House in Willow Grove. Come out and celebrate 55 years after Cardinal Dougherty! If you have questions or wish to RSVP, please contact RichinTravel@verizon.net.

St. Martin of Tours School 1958 60th Reunion: October 14 at the Brookside Manor (Formerly Somerton Springs), 1-5pm. For more information, call Cathy Hynes Pfeiffer at 215.632.0328 or email FXP3805@gmail.com.

Bishop McDevitt High School, Class of 1968 will hold the 50th Reunion this year on Friday, November 23, 2018. Please check out the *Facebook* website, **Bishop McDevitt HS Wyncote, 1968 50th Reunion**, and add your name and email to be contacted for reunion details. Direct questions to: bishopmcdevitt1968@gmail.com

St. Anthony's Relics to Visit the Archdiocese of Philadelphia! Saint Anthony will be visiting parishes in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in the form of two precious and first-class relics from his Basilica in Padua, Italy from October 6 to October 9. The Relics will visit multiple parishes. For more details, visit <https://bit.ly/2KYIrvR>.

Italy 2019 Pilgrimage Information Night:

October 29. Experience the "Faith and Flavors of Italy" during a unique pilgrimage with Father Zachary Navit from **October 28-November 8, 2019**. Travel from Milan through Padua, Venice, Florence, Tuscany, Assisi, and Orvieto before arriving in the Eternal City of Rome. Find out more about this amazing pilgrimage at a **Wine and Cheese Information Night and Social on Monday, October 29, 2018 at 7pm at Saint Mary Center Community Room**. For information about the itinerary, pricing, and registration visit: www.selectinternationaltours.com

Sidewalk Sale to benefit A Baby's Breath in Jeffersonville: Saturday, September 15th from 7am-12pm.

100% of the proceeds from the sale of household items, baby clothing and gear, books, baked goods, and more will go directly to meeting the needs of the families in our community who rely on A Baby's Breath for support. The sale will be located in the parking lot of the center - 2062 W. Main St. Eagleville, PA. This event will be held rain or shine; we hope to see you there! We are also accepting donations for the sale. If you have any items to donate, please contact us at 610.630.9630.



Estimados amigos,

Amo a mi Iglesia Aunque no siempre lo aprecié en mis años más jóvenes, he llegado a una gran afición y admiración por sus liturgias, sus bien pensadas enseñanzas, sus tradiciones, sus magníficos lugares de culto, sus ideas intelectuales y sus asombrosos santos, y la gente común. Mi Iglesia dio forma a lo que soy. Cuando era joven, vivía en una especie de "gueto católico", con solo dos casas en mi cuadra que no eran católicas; ellos fueron los únicos que no asistieron a mi Iglesia. Los niños compartimos una experiencia común en la escuela, y recibimos una educación sólida de religiosas que no nos torturaron (una percepción errónea común, pero inexacta), pero que estaban ardiendo por aprender y por Cristo. Cinco de mis ocho maestros en la escuela primaria eran hermanas y fomentaron mi amor por ser católico.

Las experiencias de mi Iglesia fueron un factor importante en una decisión que tomé en 1986 para pasar mi vida de tiempo completo como sacerdote de Jesucristo. Fue entonces cuando presenté mi solicitud en el Seminario sin que nadie lo supiera sino yo. Había muchas otras alternativas, pero el camino más claro hacia la felicidad que podía ver era usar mis dones para el beneficio de otros en mi Iglesia. Quería que los niños y los adultos conocieran las alegrías que hacía cuando crecía: sentados en una iglesia oscura "en la planta baja" la víspera de Navidad, esperando que se abriera la Misa de "desbordamiento" más rápido cuando la iglesia de arriba estaba llena; de experimentar el apoyo de una comunidad cuando mis padres murieron; de tener muchos momentos mágicos de "ah-ha" cuando realmente entendiste algo que tenía sentido en una variedad de disciplinas; de emocionarnos cuando se acercaba el día más grande del 2 ° grado, el día en que todos celebramos las Primeras Comuniones. Es curioso cómo las cosas más pequeñas pueden causar las mayores impresiones.

Esta última semana ha desafiado algunas de mis percepciones de la Iglesia que conozco. Muchos otros han sentido lo mismo. Incluso algunos de nuestros feligreses me han expresado sus graves preocupaciones, incluso su sufrimiento, por las consecuencias del escándalo de abuso sexual. Para citar a un famoso Yogi Berra-ismo: es como déjate ir una vez más. De hecho, "¡aquí vamos de nuevo!", Fue lo primero que pensé cuando el Informe del Gran Jurado de la AP cubrió tres cuartas partes de las diócesis en el estado. Pero no fue solo la noticia de las acusaciones de más de mil casos de abuso juvenil lo que me disgustó, fueron los informes adicionales de las acusaciones creíbles dirigidas contra un Príncipe de la Iglesia, las acusaciones de interacción inapropiada entre los seminaristas en nuestro propio San Carlos Borromeo, noticias de casos de abuso en Chile y Argentina. Esto se ha vuelto global y debe detenerse.

Prohibiciones, castigos y políticas se desarrollaron para sacerdotes y diáconos regulares después de Boston y Filadelfia, pero aparentemente no cubrieron obispos y otros en la parte superior de la jerarquía eclesial. ¿Eran o no cooperadores en el abuso? Ciertamente no en un sentido formal (es decir, con la intención de que ocurra un acto inmoral), pero ¿qué ocurre con la cooperación que es meditada y cercana (es decir, que contribuye a una acción que lleva a la comisión de un acto inmoral)? Me parece que cualquier obispo que conoció a un sacerdote como abusador y lo reasignó a otras parroquias donde siguió abusando tiene una gran responsabilidad por el estado actual de los acusados, sin mencionar las indignidades sufridas por las víctimas. Tristemente, ese tipo de responsabilidad no está cubierto en la Carta revisada para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes de la USCCB. Sin embargo, en el Artículo 5, está claro que se deben imponer (con razón) sanciones a los sacerdotes y diáconos: "... cualquier sacerdote o diácono sujeto a su gobierno {obispo} que haya cometido incluso un acto de abuso sexual de un menor como se describe abajo no continuarán en el ministerio".

Solía molestarme que tuviera que disculparme por lo que había ocurrido. Después de todo, razoné, no fui yo quien lo hizo. . . ¿Por qué debería tomar el brazalete y pedir disculpas? Pero algunos años después de 2002, cuando Boston se rompió y después del primer Gran Jurado de nuestra Arquidiócesis, mi punto de vista cambió. Soy el rostro de la Iglesia para las personas en las bancas, y es mi deber admitir las malas acciones y pedir perdón por las acciones de aquellos que actúan en nombre de la Iglesia. Recuerde, sin embargo, que hay "manzanas buenas" en el barril. Las acciones de unos pocos han empañado la posición de muchos otros hombres buenos. Para mí, una atmósfera de desconfianza y sospecha claramente existe en nuestra sociedad ahora cuando se trata de clero. Algunos dirán que lo merecemos, pero no estoy de acuerdo.

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St. Stan's PREP ¡Se necesita ayuda!

El Catechismo de los miércoles por la noche necesita voluntarios de la comunidad hispana. Posiciones necesarias:

Ayudante de oficina: una persona bilingüe que puede ayudar a las familias hispanas con el papeleo, el registro y las preguntas la mayoría de los miércoles por la noche de 6:30pm a 8pm **Puerta / Pasillo Monitor:** Una persona bilingüe que ayuda a administrar la llegada y el despido de los estudiantes, así como también proporciona seguridad adicional para el bienestar de nuestros niños. La mayoría de los miércoles por la noche de 6:25pm a 8pm.

Si está interesado en un puesto de voluntario o si desea obtener más información, comuníquese con la Sra. Leona Russell: 215.855.9893 ¡Muchas gracias por su consideración!

Entonces, ¿dónde vamos desde aquí? La Carta proporciona una respuesta clara: "Toda la Iglesia, especialmente los laicos, tanto a nivel diocesano como nacional, debe comprometerse a mantener un entorno seguro en la Iglesia para los niños y los jóvenes" (Artículo 10). Afortunadamente, nos hemos movido con prontitud en respuesta a ese mandato: capacitación, verificación de antecedentes, educación de los jóvenes sobre contacto y contacto inapropiado, y establecimiento de protocolos y procedimientos para garantizar que la policía informe de presuntos abusos.

El desafío más difícil será reparar el daño a la credibilidad, la influencia y, lo que es más importante, al Pueblo de Dios de la Iglesia. La acción decisiva en respuesta a pruebas claras de crímenes contra menores o la reasignación de clérigos abusivos juzgados de manera creíble a otros lugares debe fortalecerse y hacerse cumplir. Cualesquiera que sean las acciones que se tomen deben aplicarse a todas las instituciones y grupos sociales que son responsables de los niños, no solo de la Iglesia Católica. Las extensiones no retroactivas del estatuto de limitaciones deben estar en su lugar para todos los encargados del cuidado / educación / supervisión / colocación del joven. Las revisiones de los estatutos de limitaciones deben avanzar, no hacia atrás.

Cuando amas a alguien, te quedas con ellos y los ayudas a cambiar. Tratas de ser el ejemplo que puede haber faltado previamente. Tú los ayudas a sanar. Cuando amas a una Iglesia, haces lo mismo. Es por eso que me quedaré y seguiré dedicando mis energías al servicio de la Iglesia. Rezaré por aquellos que han sido traumatizados e incluso por aquellos que fueron los traumatizantes. Sí, me disculparé sinceramente porque lo digo en serio. Después de todo, 300 supuestos abusadores en un informe del Gran Jurado del Estado no constituyen la Iglesia que yo conozco, y no les permitiré, ni la manera en que se informa la información, cambiar mi lealtad.

Tienen una gran semana todo el mundo!



LOS SACRAMENTOS

Bautismos – Se celebran los bautismos durante la misa del segundo y cuarto Domingo del mes. Clases bautismales serán el primer Domingo de cada mes después de la misa. **La próxima clase bautismal será el 1 de julio después de la misa.** Contactos Diácono Juan, 727.247.7391 o juan_valentin2@aol.com.

El Sacramento de Reconciliación - se ofrece los sábados a las 8am y 4pm y los domingos, 12:30 - 12:50pm

El Matrimonio – Hable con Padre Charles más que 6 meses antes de la fecha anticipada. Un clase de preparación - "Pre-Cana" es un requisito antes de casarse. El Instituto Católico Móvil ofrece el taller "Pre-Cana" 3 veces durante el año en la Parroquia de San Martin de Tours, Roosevelt Blvd. & Cheltenham Ave., Filadelfia. Para inscribirse o informarse 215. 667.2820/2824 o bherrer@archphila.org o hisp@archphila.org.

Clases en preparación para los sacramentos – Las personas que necesitan preparación para recibir cualquier sacramento y que tienen dificultad con el idioma inglés, pueden recibir su preparación para los sacramentos en español. Tienen que comunicarse con el Diacono Juan Valentín, para empezar en Septiembre, 2018 (adultos y jóvenes). Solicite su planilla de registro por Diácono Juan, 727. 247.7391 o juan_valentin2@aol.com

Grupo de Oración - se reúne todos los martes en la Capilla del Centro Parroquial. Contacto e información: Diácono Juan Valentín, 727. 247.7391.

Movimiento de Cursillo de Cristiandad El Cursillo de Cristiandad es un movimiento religioso, para católicos prácticos que quieren crecer en formación religiosa, en vida apostólica, en liderazgo cristiano, en conocimiento y participación de los ministerios de la Iglesia. Si están interesado en más información o oportunidades de retiros, comuníquese con el Diácono Juan Valentín, 727. 247.7391.

"La Virgen Peregrina" Un retablo de la Virgen de Guadalupe está viajando por los hogares de la comunidad. Es una oportunidad maravillosa para acercarnos a ella en familia. Para registrar su familia por una semana, llamar a Nelis Romero, 267. 498.8979.

Quince Años - esta bendición al cumplir quince años de una joven da testimonio de su acción de gracias y de compromiso de vivir una vida cristiana. Por eso, la joven ya debe ser confirmada o debe estar inscrita en un programa de educación religiosa en preparación para recibir el sacramento de confirmación el año de su Quinceañera. Una clase de preparación es un requisito antes de la celebración. Hable con Padre Charles con un mínimo de seis meses por anticipado para fijar una fecha. ***Favor contactar Olivia Tavera 267.498.8610 o Marta Escobar 215.767.8694***

Contactos Padre Carlos 215.855.3133 ext. 111 al Centro Parroquial de San Estanislao.
Contactos Diácono Juan, 727.247.7391 o juan_valentin2@aol.com.

¿Cómo le devolveré al Señor todo el bien que me ha hecho? (Sal. 116:2)

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¡Que Dios les bendiga!

Gracias por su generosidad y oraciones.