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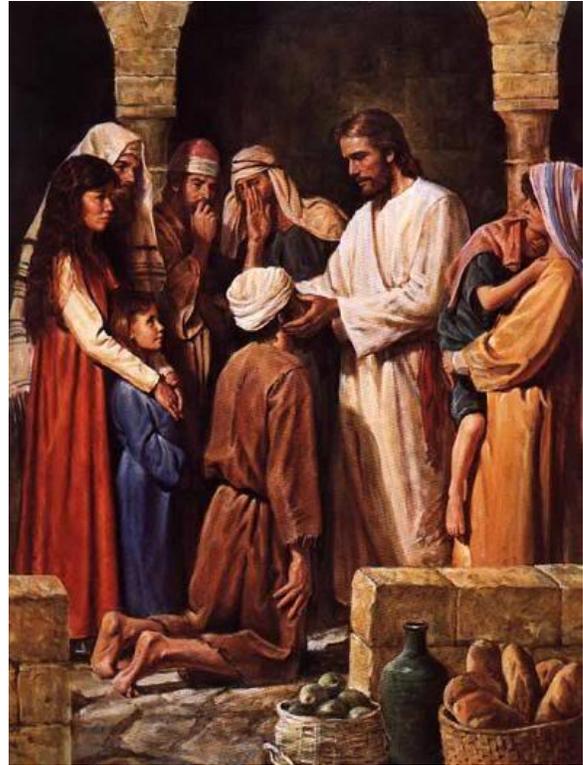
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September 9, 2018

Twenty-Third 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.

Dear friends / Estimados amigos,

Many of us know friends or family members who seem to *live* on Facebook or some other social media site. Not this guy, I am happy to say. While it seems to be a great way to get a “pulse” on a cultural phenomenon or movement, I rarely read any of my FB posts. That changed last week for me, though, since I was on vacation and anxious to hear about the ways that the sexual abuse crisis was affecting regular people who frequent social media. Believe me, it is not easy to miss!

I suppose that sites like Instagram, Twitter, Linked-In, Google Plus, You Tube, and Facebook (the giant of them all) provide a forum for people to vent, to opine, and to suggest ideas about various topics from the mundane to the sublime. So last week, I decided to spend some time on my FB account and do some reading. What I saw confirmed what I suspected – that this is a huge crisis that we are currently living through for our Church and its leaders. Coupled with the appearance two weeks ago of so-called “Christian” demonstrators from another Church at St. Stanislaus shouting insults and condemnations on bullhorns from across the street on Highland Road, my reading underscored with bold strokes the seriousness of the situation our Church is in. I have lived in ten different places over 26 years of ordained ministry and have *never* encountered the vileness of protestors of any sort at any of the places. As was mentioned in last week’s pastor column, I apologize to those who had to endure this spectacle of insult and arrogance by a group of alleged Christian church-goers who were not from this neighborhood.

One of the more uplifting posts that I came across was a piece prepared by a contributor to *Psychology Today* entitled *Separating Facts About Clergy Abuse from Fiction* which posted on August 23, 2018. The issue of child sexual abuse by clergy is loaded with passion and emotion, and rightly so. It is a heinous act against another human person when a priest abuses a minor. The author of the PT piece, Thomas G. Plante, PhD, ABPP, has been conducting research in the area of clergy sexual abuse for over 30+ years. His goal in writing the story was to take emotion out of his analysis as best he could, and separate fact from fiction concerning this highly emotional topic. Interestingly he found four important facts to keep in mind:

Fact #1: There is no empirical data that affirms that priests sexually abuse minors at higher levels than non-Catholic clerics from other religious traditions or from those men who have responsibility for children (like school-teachers, coaches, Scout leaders, etc.). In other words, all priests are not creeps. About 4% of Catholic clergy shamefully violated a child sexually since 1950, with the peak being in the 1970s and dropping off dramatically by the early 1980s. Only two cases in the PA Grand Jury Report were reported from the past dozen years, both of which had already been reported to police authorities where they occurred. Putting Catholic clergy into context, research from the US Department of Education estimated about 5-7% of public school teachers engaged in similar abusive behaviors during the same time frame. Anglican priests had a 4% abuse history in a Western Canadian study of clerical violations of minors.

Fact #2: Celibacy does not cause pedophilia. People who want consensual sexual relations normally chose another consenting adult, not a child. Studies show that the overwhelming majority of sex offenders are “regular” men: married, partnered, often related to the victim in an older-brother/younger brother or sister or step-father/son or daughter relationship. Consider as well, the aforementioned estimate of public school teachers who I am certain are not celibates. *Continued on page 9...*

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: *Starting Soon!*

What is R.C.I.A.? *More than you thought!*

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, in what we believe and teach? Perhaps you, or someone you know, has been seeking answers to the restlessness in their heart, grappling with important questions like, “why am I here?” and “what is the purpose of my life?” Are you a non-Catholic spouse, or friend of a Catholic and have ever considered becoming Catholic? Were you Baptized and received First Holy Communion but never Confirmed?



R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) addresses the fundamental questions that arise from the human experience while providing an introduction to the Catholic faith for persons inquiring about or desiring to become Catholic. R.C.I.A. may also serve as instruction and formation in the faith for adults Catholics who lack any of the sacraments. The course is less about doctrine or catechism and more about learning to grow in relationship with Christ through Sacred Scripture, participation in the Mass, and a shared journey within the community of the Church.

Sessions take place on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm beginning on September 5. Questions and inquiries may be directed to any of the priests or deacons, or by calling the Parish Center at 215.855.3133.

Interested in participating as a “Team Member”? Please contact one of the priests or deacons. Team members help to serve as witnesses and “teach” through sharing their stories of faith. It often provides an opportunity to be renewed and encounter Christ in a way that we have not done so before.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Today: Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37
 Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26
 Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38
 Friday: Nm 21:4b-9 Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
 Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Jn 19:25-27
 Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 9
 10:00am Dough-notes Choir Event @ Lot
 12:00pm Secular Franciscan @ Lobby Rm
Monday, September 10
 5:00pm Welcome Committee @ Shade Rm
 7:30pm Altar and Rosary @ Cahill Rm
Tuesday, September 11
 1:00pm Seniors Group @ Lobby Rm
 7:00pm Hispanic Prayer Group @ Chapel
Wednesday, September 12
No community events scheduled in the Parish Center
Thursday, September 13
 1:30pm Legion of Mary @ Cahill Rm
 6:30pm BINGO @ Gym
 7:00pm Bereavement @ Shade Rm
Friday, September 14
No community scheduled in the Parish Center
Saturday, September 15
 8:30am Confessions @ Church
 4:00pm Confessions @ Church

A Musical Note: Dough-notes Choir Sign-up September 9!

If you have a love of music, enjoy singing or play a musical instrument, please stop by and visit with our Music Ministry members after the 9am or 11am Mass **THIS WEEKEND** on the Highland Avenue side of the Church (rain location, Parish Center). **Doughnuts will be served! Hope to see you!** If you can't make it, contact Mary Gaus, the Director of Music Ministry, for more information at 215.813.7448 or email tgm8@yahoo.com.



Children's Choir: The children's choir will be starting up on Thursday, September 27 from 6:15-7:15pm in 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 7:30-9:00 in the choir loft.

"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!



Archdiocesan Prayer Vigil of Reparation and Petition, September 14:

All Catholics of the greater Philadelphia area are invited to an evening of prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to ask for His mercy upon His Church in this moment of profound crisis. Friday, September 14, 5pm to Midnight, at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia. The doors of the Cathedral will be open to all who wish to come and pray during this vigil. More information: archphila.org/vigil.



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.*

Saint Stanislaus Play Group is Back: 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!



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 9, 2018

7:00am Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tomczak, Sr.
Requested by Donna and ReBecca Brandolph

9:00am Sylvia Sisko Mayers
Requested by Anna Menta and Family

11:00am Mary and Joe Nicoloso (*wed. anniv. rem.*)
Requested by their family

Monday

6:30am 2017 Father's Day Offering

8:00am Deceased Members of the Szrat Family
(bequest)

Tuesday

6:30am Blanche Mazack
Requested by her Daughter and Sons.

8:00am Dominic Hoi Tran
Requested by Cuc Tran
The Most Holy Name of Mary

Wednesday

6:30am James V. O'Brien
Requested by his Family

8:00am Miriam C. Burns (*bequest*)

Thursday

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:30am Mothers' Intentions

8:00am Edward Hirata
Requested by Bill Fischer

Friday

6:30am Chester Checowicz
Requested by his Son and Family

8:00am Florence Migliaccio
Requested by Neil and Family

Saturday

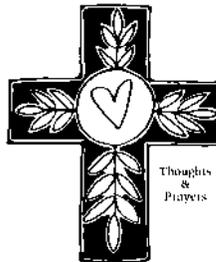
8:00am Charlotte Rose Mattingly
Requested by Kimberly Deo

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

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 rem*)
Requested by Penny Mitchell



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, 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 **David Smith** at the request of **B.J. Reilly**.

The Sanctuary Candle in the Parish Center Chapel burns this week in memory of **Ruth Mease** at the request of **the Mease Family**.

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.

We Remember our Deceased:
Our parish family expresses prayerful condolences to the loved ones of: **Elizabeth Conville-DeMarco, Connie Stern, and Ryan Watts**

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 Book 2019: If you are seeking Announced Mass Intentions for 2019, the Mass Book will be opened on September 24. The Lobby Meeting Room in the Parish Center will be open for this purpose from 9am until 3pm. More information on the specifics of the process is forthcoming.

Never forget an envelope again! Parish Giving **Parish Giving**
simple. secure. convenient.

Online: Sign up online to electronically submit parish donations! Go to our webpage, www.ststanislaus.com, and scroll to the bottom of the homepage and click on "Parish Giving."

Altar and Rosary Society - Join Us for the First Meeting of the Season! Monday, September 10 at 7:30pm in the Parish Center Lobby Meeting Room. We generally meet on the second Monday of each month. We seek to foster devotion to the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary and provide care and upkeep of the Church altars and sanctuary. We maintain the holy water fonts in Church to insure they are cleaned and fresh holy water is supplied weekly. In addition to praying the rosary at our meetings, we discuss events for the upcoming year. Plans currently include a guest speaker for the October meeting and a Christmas dinner at a local restaurant. We are always looking for new members to join us and help complete our group!



The next prayer service is:

Monday, September 10 at Elm Terrace at 2pm

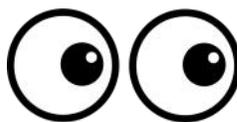
Marriage Retreat at the Beach: September 28-30!

Come celebrate your marriage at a special retreat just a few blocks from the beach in Cape May Point, NJ. This weekend at the Marianist Family Retreat Center is intended for couples married at least 10 years. The retreat includes Mass, prayer, small group discussions, reflection, relaxation, socializing, fun, and plenty of couple time. Cost: \$270 per couple (includes accommodations and all meals). Please call 609.884.3829 for further information or email: afucci@capemaymarianists.org or visit the retreat house website at www.capemaymarianists.org. **You can also call the local area coordinating couple, Deacon Tony and Sharon Bellitto at 610.222.4548.**



Charismatic Prayer Meetings Resume!

We shall go **through** the valley of weeping, says Psalm 84, and go from **strength to strength**. Prayer is a sure way to maintain that strength. Charismatic Prayer Meetings will resume in October. More information to come! Praise, music, Scripture and sharing will round our 1.5-2 hours. Bring a friend. Contact Dianne Spotts with questions: dianspot@gmail.com.



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!

Seniors are Back! The first Senior Group meeting of the fall will take place on September 11 at 1pm in the Parish Center Lobby Room. Refreshments will be served — bring something to share! Please note that there is still space for our Myrtle Beach trip in November (details below). Hope to see you on September 11!



Updates to Senior Club Events: Seats are still available for the **Myrtle Beach, SC, Christmas Show Trip** from Nov 5 to Nov 9. Trip includes transportation, 4 nights at the Long Bay Resort. Wait-list only: **Mt. Airy Resort Casino, Mt. Pocono to see "The Shirelles"** — Thursday, Sept. 13th, bus departs at 10am. **Doolans, Tribute to Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons**, Spring Lake, NJ — Wednesday, Oct. 24th, 9:15am departure. **Sight & Sound, production of Jesus & lunch at Fulton's Inn**, Lancaster — Wednesday, November 28th, 8:45am departure. Questions about trips? Contact Rosemary Pickersgill at 215.380.5382.

The Bereavement Ministry of St. Stanislaus and Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parishes

Faithful friends are a sturdy shelter; whoever finds one finds a treasure. Faithful friends are beyond price, no amount can balance their worth. Faithful friends are life-saving medicine; those who fear God will find them. —SIRACH 6:14-16



The death of a close friend can be as traumatic as the death of a family member. Most often, friends do not have the same opportunity to mourn their loss or obtain closure as a family member would — they are not part of funeral planning; they don't have an opportunity to claim mementos or personal effects of the deceased; they do not receive the same benefits for bereavement leave; and they do not receive the same type of empathy or support as family members.

Join us on **Thursday, September 13, 2018** to discuss your experience dealing with the loss of a friend. A morning session will be held at Mary Mother of the Redeemer from 10:00am – 11:30am in the Parish Center; an evening session will be held at St. Stanislaus from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. No registration is necessary, just come if you can.

Our next two meetings are:

October 11, 2018: Crazy is Normal

November 8, 2018: Understanding the Process of Grief



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

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!

Space in Mater Dei's 3rd Kindergarten class are still available. Half and full day offered. Call MDCS to reserve a possible spot today!

Register Now! Space is still available for infants to 36-month year old children: 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. To accommodate the working parent, Mater Dei Child Care Center is open Monday through Friday from 6:30am to 6:00 pm. For information or to schedule a visit, please contact the Center Director! Space is limited for the fall.

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.

We Are Hiring! Our brand new Mater Dei Childcare Center is growing and so, additions to our staff are needed. Currently, **we are searching for a loving full-time teacher for older toddlers to join our team.** Our teachers will need to provide and maintain a positive and appropriate Catholic educational program that meets the social, emotional, and physical needs of the children within their care. Candidates should have an education degree and experience in the field, be energetic, patient, friendly, nurturing and enjoy working with young children and their families. We're looking for the best of the best for our childcare program. If that's you, please send your resume for immediate consideration to Katherine Stansbury, Center Director. (*Equal opportunity Employer*)

Parish Religious Education Program

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

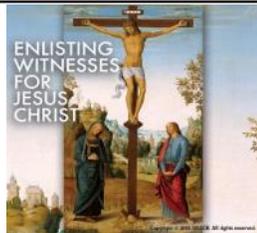
Do you have a child or children of age (K thru 8) to enter our Parish Religious Education Program but forgot to register them? It's not too late!! Please call the PREP office TODAY! Classes begin on September 12 (Wed) and September 16 (Sun).



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

September 16! There will be a special blessing of all catechists at all of the Masses next weekend, **September 15 and 16**. *All are welcome!*



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!***

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



Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration
St. Katharine Drexel Adoration Chapel

"Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes. With my lips I recite all the judgments you have spoken. I find joy in the way of your testimonies more than in all riches."
-Psalm 119: 12-14

Urgent hours of need:
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

Do You Pray Like a Catholic? Are you interested in deepening your connection with God in prayer? Is your prayer time plagued by distractions and dryness? How do we discern God's voice in prayer? If you're asking yourself these questions, you may be interested in a 5-week course "Pray Like a Catholic," based on the four stages of prayer as taught by St. Teresa of Avila. This series, held at St. Agnes Church in Sellersville, PA and taught by Susan Brinkmann, OCDS, will include instruction (and practice) in mental prayer, meditation, contemplation, as well as tips on discerning God's voice, handling distractions and dryness, and recognizing signs of advancing prayer. The cost is \$35 per person, payable on the first night. Call Susan at 215.983.9701 to register. The dates of the course are September 19, 26 & October 3, 10, 17, from 7-9pm.

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

The Blue Mass: September 30 at 11:00am, Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia. All are invited to the Blue Mass to pray for local law enforcement officials, firefighters and first responders. We are grateful for their unwavering commitment and selfless dedication to the common good.

Sidewalk Sale to benefit A Baby's Breath in Jeffersonville:

Saturday, September 15 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 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. For more information about A Baby's Breath, go to <http://www.ababysbreath.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).*



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>.

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

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

The program begins at 9am and ends after the 4pm Mass. It includes lunch, snacks and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This one-day program meets all the requirements of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. A certificate is provided upon completion. Call the Parish Office for an application: 610.933.2526 or visit our website www.stmaryassumption.org.



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

Treasure Information:

Treasure information was not available at the time of publication. Information for September 2 and 9 will be included in the September 16 Bulletin.

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Fact #3: Homosexuality is not the cause of pedophilia in the Church. Many of the posts on social media hope that this crisis is caused by homosexual clergy. For some reason, they want a scapegoat. However, studies have shown that homosexuality is not a risk factor for pedophilia. Sexually acting-out clergy may be attracted to other men, but not to children. Those involved in actions labelled credible in regard to child abuse do not consider themselves homosexual in orientation but abused whom-ever they had control over, boys or girls.

Finally, and most hopefully:

Fact #4: The incidence of abusive of minors since 2002 has decreased sharply due to raising consciousness of the need to protect any child sexual abuse, tougher screening of candidates applying for admission to Seminaries, and self-policing within the Catholic Church. While Church reforms still need to be instituted at key levels, the implementation of the *Dallas Charter* has resulted in many policies and procedures to keep children safe. These include things like the VIRTUS safe environment training, lay review boards, zero-tolerance policies for credible allegations, and mandatory reporting of alleged incidents to police for investigation.

IT IS VERY SAD AND PAINFUL THAT THESE MEASURES HAD TO BE ENACTED, BUT HOPEFULLY THEY WILL ENSURE THAT THE MISTAKES OF THE PAST ARE NOT REPEATED ON A NEW GENERATION. Given humanity's sinful inclination, it may not be possible to ensure 100% air-tight procedures that will prevent abuse from taking place and make abusers accountable for their actions. Try hard and pray hard we must, however, as inconvenient or invasive that clearance paper work may be, or that extra rosary or 20 minutes of prayer time to find in your day. In my opinion, they have to be done if we truly want to keep children and families safe from abuse in churches or elsewhere. Know the research data, keep vigilant, ask for God's protection for young people, and do all you can to keep kids safe when entrusting your child to a Church-sponsored program or any other non-religious institution.

HAVE A GOOD WEEK EVERYONE,



MINISTERIO HISPANO

Vigésimo Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario: 9 de septiembre de 2018

Intención de la misa: Almas en Purgatorio

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!

Vigilia arquidiocesana de oración de reparación y petición, 14 de Septiembre: Invitamos a todos los católicos del área de Filadelfia a una noche de oración ante Jesús Sacramentado para implorar que derrame su Misericordia sobre su Iglesia en estos momentos de profunda crisis. Nos unimos para reparar por nuestros pecados y los de nuestros obispos y sacerdotes. Lo hacemos con la segura esperanza de que de la superabundante misericordia de Cristo vendrá la purificación, sanación y restauración de la santidad que tanto anhelamos. Viernes 14 de septiembre, Desde las 5 de la tarde hasta la media noche, Catedral Basílica de San Pedro y San Pablo, Philadelphia. Las puertas de la Catedral estarán abiertas para todas las personas que quieran venir a orar durante este período.

Sanación posterior al aborto: Si usted o alguien que usted conoce está sufriendo después de un aborto, ayuda que no juzga confidencial está disponible: Tema Serie del Proyecto Raquel nacional gratuito artículo: 888.456.HOPE (4673) o visite HopeAfterAbortion.org. Los hispanohablantes pueden visitar www.esperanzaposaborto.org



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.

ACTIVIDADES Y FORMACIÓN EN LA FE

Catecismo para Niños Todos los niños que son estudiantes en la escuela pública y no han recibido el sacramento de Confirmación necesitan registrarse en el programa de educación religiosa para continuar su formación en la fe católica. Cada parroquia ofrece un programa de educación religiosa continua desde el primer nivel hasta el octavo. Cada año, cada estudiante necesita registrarse otra vez para la próxima clase. Para más información o ayuda con el registro, favor contactar a la directora de educación religiosa de San Estanislao, Sra. Leona Russell, a 215.855.9893 o stansprep@yahoo.com. ***Registren ahora para prepararse por las clases que empezarán en Septiembre.***

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Por favor, rueguen por los enfermos. Sra. Botello, Marta Dominguez, Marina Rivera, Vladimir Rodriguez, Filomena Salas, Alfonso Blanco. *Escriba los nombres en la hoja de peticiones antes de la misa, y aquí se incluirán en el boletín la semana que viene. Favor de informar al Padre Charles si se mejoran o fallecen para actualizar esta lista.*



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 hispacath@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 Diácono 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

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