



"Whoever is not against us is for us."

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

~ September 26, 2021 ~

God's Mercy... All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Sunday (26)

- 8:00 AM *Adolpho Negrete* by The Fitzpatrick Family
- 10:00 AM *John Paul Salvatore* by Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus

Monday (27)

- 7:30 AM *Shirley Richards* by Joann Turocy

Tuesday (28)

- 7:30 AM *Michael Rotunno, Jr.* by Family

Wednesday (29)

- 7:30 AM *In Loving Memory of my Husband Neal Lamana on our 60th Anniversary*
- I Love you, Elaine

Thursday (30)

- 7:30 AM *Suzanne Harold* by husband Richard and Family

Friday (1)

- 7:30 AM *Chester and Eva George*

Saturday (2)

- 8:00 AM *Special Intention* by Brian and Maria O'Donnell

- 5:00 PM *Theresa A. Thoder* by The Witcoskie Family

Sunday (3)


- 8:00 AM *Pete Sherman* by wife Liz and Family
- 10:00 AM *Janet DiBisceglie* by Charlotte and George Gazzana

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Sunday, September 26, Readings:

- **First Reading:** Nm 11:25-29... (Prophets Chosen by God)
The Lord empowered seventy elders with the gift of prophecy. Eldad and Medad were absent but they also received the gift. Some elders complained but Moses replied that it would be even more wonderful if all the people were prophets.
- **Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 19... (God's Law)
"The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart."
- **Second Reading:** Jas 5:1-6 ... (Injustice of the Rich)
James deplores the injustice committed by the rich. He speaks of their pending miseries, their wanton luxury, wages withheld from workers. All these will stand as witness for greed.
- **Gospel:** Mk 9:38-43, 45 47-48... (Everyone can proclaim Christ)
Jesus reminds his followers that nothing done in his name will go unrewarded. But anyone who deceives a simple believer will be severely punished.

- ▶ (27) **Monday:** St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
 - Zec 8: 1-8...
 - Ps 102: 2, 16-23...
 - Lk 9: 46-50...
- ▶ (28) **Tuesday:** Weekday; Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
 - Zec 8: 20-23...
 - Ps 87: 1-7 ...
 - Lk 9: 51-56...
- ▶ (29) **Wednesday:** Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
 - Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14 or Rv: 12: 7-12a...
 - Ps 138: 1-5...
 - Jn 1: 47-51...
- ▶ (30) **Thursday:** St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church
 - Neh 8: 1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 ...
 - Ps 19: 8-11...
 - Lk 10: 1-12...
- ▶ (1) **Friday:** St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church
 - Bar 1: 15-22...
 - Ps 79: 1b-5, 8-9...
 - Lk 10: 13-16...
- ▶ (2) **Saturday:** The Holy Guardians
 - Bar 4: 5-12, 10...
 - Ps 69: 33-37...
 - Mt 18: 1-5, 10...



"For where there are two or three gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them." Mt 18: 20

Our prayers are strongest when we say them together!

~ Every Tuesday ~

Holy Hour... 6:00-7:00 PM

Rosary
Praying the Angelus

6:15-6:45 PM... Confessions

Benediction



Saturday, October 2nd, we will host a "Retreat and In-Service Meeting" for our Ushers, Lectors and Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. We will start with Holy Mass at 8:00 AM. After Mass we will have an In-Service Meeting to update our contact information, schedules and procedures. We should be finished by 10:00 AM



Prayer Requests

Please pray for our sick, for all those homebound, in the hospital or nursing homes and especially those who care for them. We also ask prayers for those not listed and those we are not aware of that are ill.

Donna Miller, Joan Szemenyei, Joseph Ludrof, Susan G. Tinschmidt, David Cap, Lisa Dreher, A.J. Shuck, M. and D. Shuck, J.A. Rutkowski, Anthony Viera, Bev Russell, Hank Straub, Albina DaSilva, Andrew Filbert, Christopher Brennan, Selena Chaikowsky, Bill White, Jessica Hewitt, Joan Raymond, John and Charlotte Rzepiela, Lori Watts, Jacob Jarvis, James and Janet DeVaney, Beth Coleman, Mary Saraceno-Wright, Dorothea Saraceno-Atherholt, Mary Lou Schuler, Joe Field, Louis A. Gray, Gail Schneider, Molly Weidemoyer, James Lankford, Karen Hegedus, Patrick McBride, Jane Schreiber, Ron Rutkowski, Jamie Heston, Terry Macripo, Patrice Schwartzman, Leona Oberholtzer, Colleen Pinzon, Sanford Kravett, Jack Herczeg, Grandson, Sheri Radzelovage, Janet Zambo, Theresa Mitchell, Emerson Davenport, Gina Teel, Nonna Frances, Charlotte Gazzana, Russell Gazzana, Rebecca Wasniewski, Larry Muzyka, Teresa Yatko, Pat Warminsky, Carmela Azzolina, JoAnn Connors, Frank Donchez, Manny Martinez, Ann Lester, Dorothy Fekula, Irene Nagy, Jackie Swartley, Bobby Ricks, George Treisner, Paul Micci, Janice Mitchell, John Witmer, Neal McNulty, Marion Gombocz, William Balliet, Lorraine Parton, Michael Stern, III, Eileen J. Kokosky, T. & E. Moskella, Kevin Jung, Al Nuckols, Gloria Negrete, Anna Mae Stern, Josephine Snow, Tom Gazzana, Marilyn Lavelle Hayes

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► On Tuesday, October 5th, we will host an "Evening of Reflection and In-Service" for Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils. We will begin at 6:00 PM with the Holy Hour and then at 7:00 PM Mr. John Majewski, Diocesan Director of Pastoral will be with us.

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► The Pope Wants to Hear from Catholics Around the World, and the Listening Process is About to Begin...

Pope Francis has called on each Bishop in every country to listen to members of their flock and get feedback on issues important to the Catholic Church today. In the Diocese of Allentown, the process will begin with an opening Mass at 2:00 PM on Sunday, October 17, at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena in Allentown.

The local listening process, which is still being designed, will last for about six months. Feedback from the people of the Diocese of Allentown will then be sent to Rome for use in later phases of the Synod, which will culminate with a meeting of Bishops at the Vatican in October 2023.

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*The law of the Lord is perfect,
refreshing the soul;
The decree of the Lord is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple.
The fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true,
all of them just.*



"A time of war, and a time of peace": We pray for those that serve in our military: Michael O'Donnell; Jarrett Buchanan; Blair Holva; Nick Massari; John Flannigan; Joe Owens; Rob McGuire; Joseph Salmento; David Principato; David Colarusso, Jr.; Paul K. Browne, II; Anthony T. Browne; LCpl

Timothy F. Cassidy; Mark McNulty, Jr.; Josh Brueningsen; Sgt. Jared Steirer; Senior Chief Ian Hudak

We come to you with thankful hearts for all the blessings you have given our country. Our hearts are also filled with thankfulness to those who serve our country in the armed forces. Their love for our country and for our people is inspiring.

Father, we are reminded that our soldiers fight many personal battles, and we ask that today you would intervene in their lives and help each one individually. Amen.

Home of the Free because of the Brave... Thank you!!

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► PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY, October 16, 2021, sponsored by America Needs Fatima. Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. Please join us in praying for our nation at 12:00 Noon outside of Abundant Graces, 3348 Easton Avenue, Bethlehem. Wear a mask. We will observe social distancing. Please contact Carol Lipsky at 610-868-2464 for more information.

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COMMISSION FOR MEN
DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN

in the battle against the evil.

We live in a time of turmoil. In our nation and our world, evil seems to be pressing in on us and our families from all sides. It is during these times that the Lord calls us ever more clearly to Himself in prayer. Amidst the chaos and division, hope and peace can only be found through prayer. The rosary is our most powerful weapon

The Commission for Men will be hosting a monthly rosary for men and their families every 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 PM. Join us to pray for peace in our nation and in our world, for an end to the coronavirus pandemic, and for an increase in vocations to religious life and priesthood – in our Diocese and throughout the Church. The rosaries will be held on the following dates:

Wednesday 10/20; Wednesday 11/17; and Wednesday 12/15.

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Prayer to St. Joseph for Year of St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust;

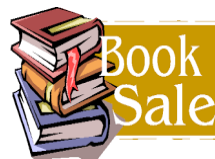
with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too,

show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,

and defend us from every evil. Amen.

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Knights of Columbus Gently Used/New Book Sale will be held on Sunday, October 3rd, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, in the Father Gilly Hall (in the Church lower parking lot). Your donations help to support local charities!



The Miller-Keystone Blood Center is in much need of Blood Donors. Please help support the *Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus Blood Drive* on Saturday, October 9 at 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the church parking lot. This is a good way our parish community can help save lives.

You may register after all Masses this weekend, September 25 and 26 in the

church vestibule. For more information you can contact Bernie Mikulski at 610-61-6054.

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► **WOMEN IN THE BIBLE... Part 1: Matriarchs of the Family**

- St. Francis Retreat House
- 7:00 PM Thursdays
- September 30, October 7, 14, 21

— COVID VACCINATION REQUIRED —

This fall, Brother Loren will offer a look at all the women of Genesis 12-50. The course is open to men and women who want to deepen their appreciation of the role of woman in the story of salvation.

Participants will need a Bible and should be prepared to reflect on relevant passages ahead of time. The class will meet once a week for five 90-minute sessions. There is no fee. Free will offerings are accepted.

"Wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her." Mark 14:9

Loren Connell, OFM, is a Franciscan friar and Catholic priest who has ministered in schools, hospitals, and parishes in Indiana, Louisiana, Ohio, and Michigan. Loren has a passion for sharing his love for Scripture with others. He lives and ministers in retirement at St. Francis Retreat House.

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Kolbe Academy will be hosting the 2nd Annual "Steps for Recovery" Virtual Walk/Run the week of October 23-30, 2021. The week will conclude with a live "Finish Line" Festival Oct. 30th from 12-4 PM on the Kolbe Academy Campus. Log onto

www.runsignup.com/KolbeSteps to register. Register online as an individual or with a team (\$25 registration or \$10 for ages 18 and under). Walk and/or run the distance you choose, at any pace in any place. Then submit your results (distance, time, and photo) online for a chance to earn rewards, AND/OR join us in-person for fellowship, food, fun, activities and a walk/run around the beautiful Kolbe campus.

Kolbe Academy is the first faith-based recovery high school in the nation, a non-profit to serve students in recovery from drug and alcohol addictions, and to spread awareness and understanding of substance use disorder and recovery.

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►►► *Our Parish Picnic has been re-scheduled until the SPRING 2022. If you want your reservation refund, or choose to use your reservation for Spring 2022, please call 610-865-5042 ext. 2.*



The Floral Bouquet on the Altar of Our Blessed Mother are In Honor of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus. From Albina DaSilva.

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Upcoming Events...

- **Friday, October 1:** K of C Pot Pie Order Pick-up: 3:00-6:30 PM – Fr. King Memorial Hall
- **Saturday, October 2:** Retreat and In-Service Meeting for Ushers, Lectors, and Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Holy Mass 8:00 AM, Meeting to follow
- **Sunday, October 3:** K of C Gently Used/New Book Sale: 8:00 AM – 12 Noon; Fr. Gilly Hall
- **Tuesday, October 5:** "Evening of Reflection and In-Service" for Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils. Begin at 6:00 PM with Holy Hour, then at 7:00 PM with Mr. John Majewski, Diocesan Director of Pastoral Planning
- **Saturday, October 9:** K of C Blood Drive
- **Wednesday, October 13:** Prime Time Club Meeting 1:00 PM – Fr. King Memorial Hall
- **Friday, October 15:** Collection of jewelry begins for Jewelry Fundraiser II
- **Sunday, October 17:** Holy Name Society Breakfast: After Mass-Father King Memorial Hall

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Holy Hour for Vocations... Beginning

October 1st and every first Friday through May 2022, there will be a Holy Hour for Vocations from 7:00 PM-8:00 PM at Holy Ghost

Church at 417 Carlton Avenue, Bethlehem. Silence, scripture, meditations, and hymns will be part of the hour. In addition, all will pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus asking God to grow humble and holy Vocations in our Diocese of Allentown. All are welcome to join us in prayer!

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► The Father Walter Cizek Prayer League cordially invites everyone to "**Father Walter Cizek Day**" on Sunday, October 17. It is a day to celebrate Father Cizek's extraordinary faith in God and commitment to his priestly vows and vocation. The Father Walter Cizek Prayer League Center, 218 West Cherry St, Shenandoah, PA, will receive visitors on October 17 from 10:30 AM until 1:00 PM. A video entitled, "**Father Walter Cizek**" will be shown. Mass will be celebrated at 2:00 PM at St. Casimir Church, 229 North Jardin St., Shenandoah PA. Reverend Thomas D. Stegman, SJ, the Dean of the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, will be homilist. Immediately following the Mass, refreshments will be served in St. Casimir Church Hall. Father Cizek's books, brochures, prayer cards, and other items will be available for purchase.

Please join us for the celebration of "**Father Cizek Day 2021**".

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► **Special Collection for Impact of Hurricane Ida.** Bishop Schlert has authorized a special collection this weekend of September 25-26, 2021.



Sanctuary Lights... Candles can be lit for 7 days (Saturday to Saturday) on the High Altar of the Tabernacle, Blessed Mother Altar, St. Joseph Altar, St. Anthony, St. Jude, and Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Sanctuary Candles can be lit for any intention, death remembrance or anniversary, birthday, wedding

anniversary, thanksgiving for blessings from God, for those who are ill or having surgery, or any special intentions which someone would like special prayers for. To have one of these Sanctuary Lights lit, drop a little note in the collection basket marked "Sanctuary Lights". A donation of \$12.00 is asked. The intention will appear in the bulletin, unless directed not to.

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► **Incarnation of Our Lord Parish, Bethlehem, PA FALL BAZAAR**, Saturday, October 9, 2021; 12pm – 7pm

Tricky Tray
Bake Sale
Fantastic Foods
50/50 Drawing

Information: 610-866-3391

Parking: Laufer Street Lot; Jackson & Buchanan Lot; On-Street

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Holy Name Society Fellowship Breakfast...

Sacred Heart's Holy Name Society (HNS) will be having their Fellowship Breakfast, Sunday, October 17, 2021. The breakfast will start after 8:00 AM Mass and conclude sometime after the 10:00 AM

Mass in the Father King Memorial Hall.

The buffet style servings will include scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, home fries, corned beef hash, rolls and a few other associated goodies as well as coffee, juice and milk.

The cost for this delicious, culinary delight is \$8.00 for ages 12 and over; \$4.00 for ages 4 to 11 years and children under age 4 eat for **FREE**. Take outs will be available.

The HNS staff will all be wearing masks while serving. We request you wear a mask upon entering the basement hall. Once seated at your table feel free to remove your mask.

Come and join us for good food and Parish Fellowship. Save the date!!!

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Baubles, Bangles & Beads! Get ready for **Jewelry Fundraiser II**. Bring the jewelry you no longer wear (and that your kids don't want!) and support Sacred Heart. All items are appreciated – costume, gold, silver, broken, single earrings, watches – everything, even if it doesn't glitter anymore.

A container will be in the vestibule from October 15 to November 30 and flyers will be on the bulletin boards. For more info, call/text Jane Magdasy at 484-903-9698 or email jmagdasy@rcn.com.



Sacred Heart Memorial Society...

Those who are enrolled in the Memorial Society will have their names written in a special book. The Memorial Book will be on display by the St. Joseph Altar. An intention will also be included in the Sunday petitions for those enrolled in the Memorial Society. All donations from the Sacred Heart Memorial Society will be

used for the purchasing of items needed to celebrate the Sacraments. Suggested offering: \$20. A contribution has been made to the Sacred Heart Memorial Society:

Rest in the Lord... Come to me, all you that labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Mt 11: 28

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► **PLEASE BEWARE!!** Text messages are surging again from unscrupulous thieves pretending to be priests from our parishes. They request you purchase gift cards from specific retailers, usually \$300 worth, and have them delivered electronically. Once that's done, a second request is made for \$700 in gift cards. If you ask them to call you directly to confirm it's the priest you think it is, they claim they are in a meeting and tied up, hence the reason they're asking you to get the cards. **NO PARISH PRIEST**, or other diocesan representative, will ask you to purchase cards on their behalf. Please don't respond to the text, just block the number.

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There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens: Ecc 3

"A time to weep, mourn and die":

John Drury
Loretta Dieterich
Mary Rotunno

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord ... And let the perpetual light shine upon them. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

Please pray for all the souls of our faithfully departed who have gone before us to share in the banquet of eternal life.

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► **The 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign** started on Sept. 22 and runs through Oct. 31 at the Allentown Women's Center (AWC Abortion facility) at 31 S. Commerce Way, Bethlehem. Join us, Monday through Saturday, 7am-6pm. ****When prayer volunteers are praying the no show rate for abortions can jump as high as 75%!**** For more information, or to be paired with a prayer partner, call/text Theresa 610-704-6935.

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► **Homeschool Families of the Diocese of Allentown** are invited to a First Friday gathering on Thursday, September 30 at St. John the Baptist Church, 10th and Mahantongo Sts., Pottsville. An informal social beginning at 6:00pm will be followed by Eucharistic Adoration from 7:00-8:00 with the opportunity for Confessions. RSVP Fr. Kevin Bobbin, Chaplain to the Homeschool Community by September 27: kbobbin@allentowndiocese.org