

MASSES / SERVICES

MONDAY	JULY 11
9:00 AM	Helen Ernst
TUESDAY	JULY 12
9:00 AM	Eugene Stefko
WEDNESDAY	JULY 13
9:00 AM	Rita Daugherty
THURSDAY	JULY 14
7:00 PM	Felix R. Raymond
FRIDAY	JULY 15
9:00 AM	Jan Smiertelny
SATURDAY	JULY 16
4:30 PM	William Billowitch
SUNDAY	JULY 17
8:00 AM	Marta & Piotr Smiertelny <i>25th Wedding Anniversary</i> People of the Parish
10:00 AM	Rev. John V. Egan

ADORATION is in the Chapel one hour before daily Mass.

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

Amelia Buchman	Theresa DeNoia
Frank Crampsie	Amelia Marie Fisher
Joanne Yankow	Rose Tauber
Casey Ann Perry	Christopher Hood
Carlos DosSantos	Jordan Kish
Dorothy Folajtar	Laurie Bus
Melissa Kropf	Rita Kline
Phyllis Laky	Kirsten Bickert
Maryann Kulhamer	Victoria Gaffney

*NOTE: Please let church know if you are admitted to the hospital. Names will be **removed after three months** and may be resubmitted at that time.

TO THOSE WITH HEALTH CONCERNS



We welcome you to Mass each weekend. If you wish to receive Holy Communion and find it difficult to join the Communion line, please let the ushers know and an Extraordinary Minister will bring communion to you. Low gluten hosts are available; prior to Mass go to the sacristy so the celebrant will know to prepare the host. A priority seating chart is available; please ask an usher for seating options. Call our parish office at 610-266-0695. Emergency and need a priest? After hours use ext. 399 for the emergency mailbox.

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READINGS FOR 15TH SUNDAY OT

First Reading:	Deuteronomy 30: 10 – 14
Responsorial Psalm:	69
Second Reading:	Colossians 1: 15 – 20
Gospel:	Luke 10: 25 – 37

Parish Regular Events (call for updates)

Adult Choir – Wed (Sept to May) times as scheduled
Baptism Class – 3rd Sunday morning by appointment
Bible Study – Wednesday (Sept to May) 10 am in LMR*
Friendly Visitors – 3rd Thurs (Sept to May) 2 pm LMR*
Parish Breakfast – 2nd Sun (Nov to Apr) 8:30 – 11:30 am Hall
Prayer Shawl – 2nd Wednesday Quarterly 2 pm LMR* call
PREP – Mondays (Sept to April) 6 pm School
RCIA – Tuesdays (Sept to April) 7 pm LMR*
 *LMR = Parish office large meeting room 2nd floor.

INTENTIONS



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for
Deceased Members of the Kaufmann Family requested by
JoAnn Kaufmann.

The Bells will ring this week for the
Garcia Family requested by
their Grandchildren.



OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

During the summer the parish office will be open from 9 am to 3 pm Monday through Thursday. We will be closed Friday.

The school office will be open this summer from 9 am to 12 noon Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday or by appointment. Mrs. Kocher can be reached any time at principal@sercc.org

COME TO MASS and....



PASTOR'S CORNER

Jesus asks this question regarding the law in response to the scholar's question about eternal life: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" So, Jesus asks in response, "What is the law?" Simple. One need not be a legal scholar to answer. After all, there in Deuteronomy 6: 4 - 5 ("Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with your whole heart, and your whole being, and with your whole strength."), after the law is given, the people of Israel are instructed to teach it to their children, write it on doorposts and gates, recite it in the home and outside the home, at bedtime and when waking - in short, they are to use any mnemonic device imaginable to remember this one thing.

And yet, the legal scholar wants to make it more difficult. Surely, it's not that easy to inherit eternal life. There must be some other, more abstract facet of theology or metaphysics that is required. The scholar then recognizes that there is one element that requires further definition: the neighbor. Who is the neighbor? What constitutes neighborliness? Now here is an issue that will require serious academic consideration.

But no. This is where the parable of the Good Samaritan comes in. We don't need to rehearse that parable. The point is simple - anyone to whom the scholar should encounter, Friend or foe, stranger or kin, everyone is to be loved and treated with mercy. We can try to make the truth more difficult, more abstract, but we do so at our peril. Love the Lord. Love your neighbor. There it is. You have heard the command; now as Moses proclaims, 'you only have to carry it out'.

God bless you, Fr. Stan

THINGS TO PONDER

How hard it is to consistently and conspicuously live our faith! We are all fallen and limited, and we must understand and accept that we have a great need for God's mercy and grace. We rejoice in that we have been saved and redeemed by Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection. Often, we are judgmental of others, failing to take into account our own vulnerabilities. We look to sports figures, entertainers and politicians who profess to be catholic who don't appear to be living lives of conspicuous holiness. Can we pass such scrutiny?

Often as a baseball player comes to bat, he may make a sign of the cross. Are his actions off the field consistent with his faith as this conspicuous display of devotion? Is our faith consistent as to conspicuously make a sign of the cross as we are served our Uncle Herschel's special at Cracker Barrel? Are we grateful for another's example of kneeling to pray at the conclusion of a high school football game?

Often legislative sessions begin with an invocation. Wouldn't it be amazing if devout catholic politicians made a sign of the cross when they rose to vote on a bill, or signed a bill into law? It would not impose an establishment of religion but would express the free exercise thereof.

In the meantime, may I consistently, conspicuously, and conscientiously make the sign of the cross at the Golden Corral across the thruway now as well as in the Golden Corral in the sky.

FESTIVAL UPDATE

Due to our many, many dedicated volunteers our parish festival was a resounding success!!

Fr. Stan was impressed by the efficiency and organization of our festival committee and stand captains. "Everyone was organized, knew what to do and worked together with joy!"

Our volunteer parishioners brought their skills and everyone had a wonderful time. And God provided the best weather we could ask for.

So the long awaited results are:

Expenses - \$ 18,345.32

Profit - \$ 27,827.48



Congratulations to the Parish and a THANK YOU to all those who made this year's festival possible.

Love the LORD
your God
 with all your
heart and with
 all your **soul**
 and with all
 your **strength.**

Deuteronomy 6:5 (NIV)



RCIA CLASS



Have you or someone you know ever considered the Catholic Church as a means of continuing your journey of faith? Did you know that four out of five individuals who investigate the Catholic community do so because friends, relatives, or neighbors extended a personal invitation?

We challenge you to ask just one person you know and see what happens!

There are quite a few great folks who attend weekly Mass with their families or friends but are not participating fully in the beautiful sacramental tradition of our faith. Many such people already share Baptism in common with us having received it within another Christian denomination. Some who have never been baptized often ponder the exciting possibility of experiencing the reality and unique ritual of birth in the living waters of life. This September, a new RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) class will be forming. The initial phase requires no commitment and is designed specifically for general information as well as discernment. For information, please call Mary Spieker at the parish office – 610 – 266 – 0695 ext. 208.

SAINT ELIZABETH PREP (CCD)

Registration forms for our **Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)** for children in grades K - 8 have been e-mailed out. **Extra forms can be picked up at the parish office or you can download a form from the parish website under "Church - Parish Life - Religious Education - PREP".** Please return as soon as possible. *If registration forms are returned by August 31 the registration fee is \$80 per child or \$140 per family (two or more children). Registration forms returned after August 31 will be \$90 per child with no family discount.* **Religious Education classes will begin with an opening Mass on Monday, September 12. Students should come to the parish hall by 6:00 PM to meet their teacher and line-up.** We will then go over to church together by class. Parents should go directly to church. **Mass will begin promptly at 6:15 PM. After Mass, all students and parents should report to the parish hall for a short orientation meeting, meet the catechist teachers and receive their Religion book. *You will be given pertinent information including our yearly class schedule that evening. Please make every effort to attend.***



Enjoy the rest of your summer break with good health, happiness and holiness!

OUR BASKET SOCIAL IS ONLY THREE MONTHS AWAY!



It's nearly time to find your favorite basket and begin filling it with your clever theme basket ideas! Mark your calendar for our 13th Annual Basket Social during Columbus Day Weekend, October 7 - 8 - 9! Bargains are EVERYWHERE! Start collecting your items now. Each basket will be worth at least \$35. *(Please note the increase.)* Feel free to drop off any non-perishable items at the parish office for our spectacular committee to make-up a basket for you. Please be sure to have your name on your donations. Thanks for your continuous support!

OUR COMMUNITY



2022 Church Festival

Maronite Catholic Mission will hold a festival at 924 N. Front St., Allentown on July 23rd from 4 pm to midnight & July 24th from noon to midnight. Middle Eastern food & Pastries, 'Saj' flatbread, Music, Dancing, Raffle, Beverages, and



Kid's games.

Allentown Diocese Warehouse Stained Glass Sale



Prices starting at \$45
Over 250 ready-to-hang pieces of various sizes from 14 churches of the Diocese of Allentown.

- St. George - Shenandoah
- St. Stephen - Shenandoah
- St. John Capistrano - Bethlehem
- St. Joseph - Girardville
- Our Lady of Good Counsel - Gordon
- SS. Cyril & Methodius - Coaldale
- St. Joseph - Frackville
- Sacred Heart - Nesquehoning
- St. Mauritius - Ashland
- St. Stanislaus - Shenandoah
- St. Kierans - Heckscherville, PA
- Immaculate Heart of Mary - Middleport
- SS. Peter & Paul - Lehighton
- St. Jane Frances de Chantal - Easton



Saturday July 16, 2022
at: St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church
435 Pershing Blvd. Whitehall, Pa.
Sale hours will be 9AM-11AM.

Questions regarding this sale: Please call the Allentown Diocese Main Office at 610-871-5200.



Another Successful Festival



Our Festival was a huge success, not only because of the amount of people who came out on Friday and Saturday evening, but also because of our generous Sponsors and Festival Friends.

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Thank you to all for your support Father Stan & the Festival Committee!