

FROM THE PASTOR



RESPECT LIFE - Each October we celebrate Respect Life Month as a way to turn our attention to Jesus' call to include everyone

and to exclude no one from the circle of human dignity, concern, and justice. This weekend we direct our attention to **Universal Health Care**. On our next two Sundays of this month we will focus on: End of Life Issues (October 22); and Nonviolence (October 29).

SCRIPTURE – As we turn our attention this week to respecting life through the lens of **health care availability**, what comes to my mind first is Jesus' parable of the beggar **Lazarus** sitting with his open and untended wounds just outside the home of a rich man.

TRADITION – “Concern for the health of its citizens requires that society help in the attainment of living conditions that allow them to grow and reach maturity: food and clothing, housing, **health care**, basic education, employment, and social assistance.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 2288)

OUR GLOBAL BISHOP - Pope Francis said that health “is not a consumer good, but rather a universal right, and therefore access to healthcare services cannot be a privilege.”

OUR NATION'S BISHOPS - For decades the Catholic bishops of our nation (USCCB) have been committed to pursuing life-affirming health care for all, especially the poor and most vulnerable. The USCCB has established four criteria for fair and just health care reform:

- a truly universal health policy with respect for human life and dignity;
- access for all with a special concern for poor and inclusion of legal immigrants;

- pursuing the common good and preserving pluralism including freedom of conscience and variety of options;
- restraining costs and applying them equitably across the spectrum of payers.



PARISH MISSION - Stop the presses!! Set aside Sunday evening **November 12** through Wednesday night, **November 15**

for a mission being held here in our parish. Catholic Lay Missionary and Evangelist, Bill Wegner, from Good News International will be leading this year's mission. It will be a special time of renewal for our entire community. Plan to be there...**and bring a friend!**

“GIVING HOPE TO ALL” – is the theme of the **2017 Catholic Charities Appeal**. This annual appeal is our main corporate effort as the Body of Christ in the five counties of the Archdiocese to serve hundreds of thousands of our neighbors in need of material and social assistance. For more visit <http://www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org>.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – In order to resume our **Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration** Ministry, we need **five more adults** to fill the remaining half-hour spaces. If you can commit to at least one of these 30 minute periods, please sign up before leaving Mass today. An obstacle to making such a commitment might be “What do I do if something comes up or if I am away?” The idea is to have enough people signed up for this ministry so that in such a case you could easily switch with someone and/or obtain a substitute. For more information contact the Parish Office at 610-933-3732 or stannphx@comcast.net.

**THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 15, 2017
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

SUNDAY

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 AM Mass in Chapel
- 9:30 AM Mass in Chapel
- 9:30 AM Spanish Mass in Church
- 11:30 AM Mass in Chapel
- 6:00 PM Mass in Chapel

Rose for Life – Today the Phoenixville **Knights of Columbus** will be outside of our worship sites after Masses requesting contributions for a **Rose for Life** emblem, the symbol of the Pro-Life movement. You will not be "buying a rose" but offering support to several pro-life pregnancy centers such as **Birthright** in Pottstown, **A Baby's Breath** in the Collegeville-Norristown-Phoenixville area, and other pro-life activities.



- 9:30 AM - Children's Liturgy (602)
- 9:30 AM - Sunday School (HFS Pre-School Room in Griffin Hall)
- 10:35 AM - PREP K-6 (School)

Archdiocesan Celebrations - Within the 11:00 AM Mass at the Cathedral-Basilica today the Archdiocese will: 1) be **consecrated to Our Lady of Fatima**; and 2) celebrate the **50th anniversary of the restoration of the Permanent Diaconate** following the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council.

Baptism - Within the 11:30 AM Mass, we will welcome Brody Michael Davis into the Church and parish community through the sacrament of Baptism.

- 12:30 PM - Parish Registration (Parish Office)

1:00 PM - Remembrance Service Our parish will hold a bilingual Remembrance Service for **Pregnancy and Infant Death Awareness in Sacred Heart Church**. If you or someone you know is mourning the loss of a baby this day is for you. You can bring baby photos if you wish and you can take a rose home after the Service. For more information contact Rosa at 484-302-6056.



MONDAY

St. Hedwig/St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

- 8:00 AM Mass in Church
- 12:00 PM - Prayer Shawl Group (Church Hall)
- 7:30 PM - Legion of Mary (Church Hall)

Give 20% - **This Monday** if you hand your waitperson a special coupon (lunch; dinner; whenever) at our local Iron Hill Brewery, the restaurant will donate **20% of all food purchases** (not beverages) to support the Phoenixville **Code Blue Shelter**. Code Blue Shelter coupons are available in our worship sites, in our parish office, or may be downloaded at: https://www.ironhillbrewery.com/give20/pdfs/10-11-17-GIVE20_PHX_CODE_BLUE.pdf.

TUESDAY

St. Ignatius of Antioch

- 8:00 AM Mass in Church
- 8:30 AM - Confessions (Church)
- 6:20 PM - PREP K-6 (Church, School)
- 7:00 PM - Bible Study (Church Hall)
- 7:00 PM - RCIA (Parish Office 2)
- 7:00 PM - Finance Council (Parish Office)

WEDNESDAY

St. Luke

- 8:00 AM Mass in Church
- 7:00 PM - Charismatic Group (Church Hall)
- 7:30 PM - ESL Classes (Church Hall)

THURSDAY

St. Isace Jogues/St. John Brebeuf & Companions

- 8:00 AM Mass in Church
- 5:45 PM - Youth Choir (Chapel)
- 7:00 PM - ESL Classes (Church Hall)
- 7:00 PM - Adult Choir (Chapel)
- 7:00 PM - Scripture Study (Parish Office)

FRIDAY

St. Paul of the Cross

SATURDAY

St. Callistus I

- 7:00 AM - Men's Bible Study (Church Hall)
- 9:00 AM - Book Club (Church Hall)
- 3:45 PM - Confessions (Sacred Heart Church)

Vigil of Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 5:00 PM Mass in Sacred Heart Church

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

Sun: Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14,19-20/Mt 22:1-14
Mon: Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32
Tues: Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41
Wed: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9
Thu: Rom 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54
Fri: Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7
Sat: Rom 4:13,16-18/Lk 12:8-12
Next
Sun: Is 45:1,4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21



**Table Fellowship for the
WEEK OF OCTOBER 15**
St. Peter's Church,
121 Church St.

Lunch - Monday - Friday
Noon to 1:00 PM

Saturday (October 21)
Breakfast 8:45 - 10:30 AM
Pantry 9:00 - 11:00 AM

UPCOMING EVENTS



SPECIAL COLLECTION

World Mission Sunday,

our annual worldwide Eucharistic celebration for the Missions and missionaries of the world, will be next Sunday **October 22**. This collection is a unique, global effort for the entire Church to provide for the building up of over one thousand local churches in Asia and Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy, His hope and peace. This year, we are reminded by our chief missionary, Pope Francis, that **Mission is at the Heart of Christian Faith**.



12 STEP - ADDICTIONS SPIRITUALITY GROUP

The discussion meeting for anyone involved or interested in Spirituality as practiced in the 12 Steps used by addiction recovery groups, will meet on Sunday, October 22 in the Parish Office Dining Room. Anyone involved with addiction recovery or affected by substance abuse, is welcome to attend. For questions please contact Deacon Giblin at 610-952-3765, or deacongiblin@gmail.com.

St. Ann will host a **PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN** class for new adult volunteers and employees on Monday, October 23 at 6:00 PM in St. Ann Chapel. Pennsylvania law and archdiocesan policy require any adult volunteers (CYO, Youth Group, PREP, Sunday School, etc.) who may have any possible contact with children to complete background checks and clearances before they begin volunteering. You may also be required to complete training. You can find detailed information about the Archdiocese's policy to protect children and guidelines for obtaining the necessary background clearances and training on OCYP's website at www.childyouthprotection.org under "Staff and Volunteers," or contact your parish's safe environment coordinator. To register, please go to www.virtus.org.



REFORMATION

On October 31, 1517 the Catholic monk Martin Luther nailed a document titled "Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of **Indulgences**" to the door of the Castle church in Wittenberg, Germany. Here are some local events celebrating the 500th Anniversary of this major tipping point in Church history.



TIP A FEW – The Phoenixville Area Clergy Association invites you to "tip a few" at the Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant during October in a friendly "competition" between two specially prepared beers: "**Katie Luther's Brew**" and "**Heavenly Indulgence**".

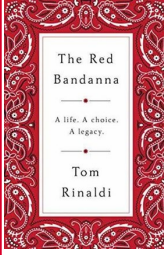
NEW MOVIE – On Sunday October 22 at 3:30 PM there will be an exclusive showing at the Colonial Theater of the new film, "**Martin Luther: The Idea That Changed the World.**" After the film there will be opportunity for discussion. For tickets contact our parish office at 610-393-3732 or stannphx@comcast.net. Adults \$10.00; Students & Seniors \$8.00; Children under 12, \$6.00.)



Music is in the air at **Holy Family School**. This year's instrumental music program has begun! In addition to weekly classroom instruction, our students have the opportunity to make music in a group setting with an instrument of their choosing. We are proud of our strong spiritual and academic program, and we are pleased to provide additional opportunities for enrichment. For more information on this or any other of our extracurricular activities, please call or office at 610-933-7562 or email us at office@myholyschool.org.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PHOENIXVILLE COUNCIL WILL BE HOSTING AN AUTHENTIC POLISH DINNER on November 11 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at St. Mary's Parish Center, 221 Dayton Street, Phoenixville. Adult Platter/ \$12.00; Children 5-12/\$6.00; under 5 eat free. VFW and American Legion members eat free! Pre-order tickets at kofc1374info@gmail.com. Seating is limited!





BOOK CLUB – NOVEMBER SELECTION - *The Red Bandanna: A Life, A Choice, A Legacy* by Tom Rinaldi

What would you do in the last hour of your life? Tom Rinaldi's *The Red Bandanna* is about a fearless choice, about a crucible of terror and the indomitable spirit to answer it. Examining one decision in the gravest situation, it celebrates the difference one life can make: the story of Welles Crowther, whose actions on 9/11 offer a lasting lesson on character, calling and courage. Book Club will meet Thursday, November 16 from 10:00 - 11:30 AM in the Church Hall. Please contact Madelyn O'Hara at 610-639-0923 or stannadulter@gmail.com to register.

TOGETHER AS ONE: THEOLOGY OF THE BODY & MARRIED LIFE on November 17-19 at St. Mary of Providence Retreat Center, Elverson. Participants of this 3-day seminar retreat will immerse their marriage in the riches of St. John Paul II's vision of marital love. Couples will gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Matrimony and be provided direct applications of the teaching to the lived experience of modern family life. Join other married and engaged couples for a unique time of discussion, prayer, group reflection, and daily celebration of the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confession. Presenters: Dr. Gregory Bottaro, PsyD and Dr. Mario Sacasa, PhD, LMFT. For more information go to <http://tobinstitute.org/marriage-retreat> or call 215-302-8200 ext. 104.



Couples and single individuals are invited to join our team of **Wedding Greeters** to provide assistance to families of brides and grooms with the rehearsal and wedding. Among the duties of this happy ministry: we open the church on the wedding day, set up for either the Mass or Service, greet the guests and secure the church when the wedding has concluded. If interested in serving or for further information, please contact Madelyn O'Hara at 610-639-0923



AID FOR FRIENDS
FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you can assist by creating single-serving meals with leftovers for the homebound in our community, you can **pick up empty trays and supplies and meals can be dropped off at 602 S. Main St.**


Sunday 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM and 5:30 - 7:00 PM

For more information call Kate at 610-933-3814 or katecommiskey@msn.com.

NEED A RIDE - HOPE volunteers drive people in need to appointments or on essential errands, Monday - Friday, 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Schedule a ride 4 days in advance. If you call on a Friday the ride will not be scheduled until Tues. or Wed.

October 1 - 15: Howard Gordon at 215-316-1982
October 16 - 31: Ted Galeone at 610-935-9294

Necesita un "RIDE" - Nuestro Ministerio HOPE tiene voluntaries disponibles para llevarlo a citas esenciales de lunes a liernes, de 7 AM a 4 PM. Para coordinar esta actividad por favor llame a Rosa Padilla al 484-302-6056 con 4 días de anticipación. Si llama un viernes el viaje no será programado hasta el martes o miércoles.



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