

FROM THE PASTOR

RESPECT LIFE - Today Catholics are celebrating **Respect Life Sunday**, the start of **Respect Life Month**. This annual celebration is a way that our Tradition turns our attention to Jesus' call to include everyone and to exclude no one from the circle of human dignity, concern, and justice. This first Sunday of Respect Life Month we will begin at the beginning: children in the womb. In subsequent Sundays this month we will focus on: Migrants & Refugees (Oct. 8); Universal Health Care (Oct.15); End of Life Issues (Oct. 22); and Nonviolence (Oct. 29).

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Please spend some time with these passages from Pope Francis' encyclical *The Joy of the Gospel*:

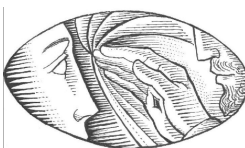
213. **Among the vulnerable** for whom the Church wishes to care with **particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenceless and innocent among us.** Nowadays efforts are made to deny them their human dignity and to do with them whatever one pleases, taking their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in the way of this. Frequently, as a way of ridiculing the Church's effort to defend their lives, attempts are made to present her position as ideological, obscurantist and conservative. Yet this defence of unborn life is closely linked to the defence of each and every other human right. It involves the conviction that a human being is always sacred and inviolable, in any situation and at every stage of development. **Human beings are ends in themselves and never a means of resolving other problems.** Once this conviction disappears, so do solid and lasting foundations for the defence of human rights, which would always be subject to the passing whims of the powers that be. Reason alone is sufficient to recognize the inviolable value of each single human life, but if we also look at the issue from the standpoint of faith, "every violation of the personal dignity of the human being cries out in vengeance to God and is an offence against the creator of the individual." [176]

214. Precisely because this involves the internal consistency of our message about the value of the human person, the Church cannot be expected to change her position on this question. I want to be completely honest in this regard. This is not something subject to alleged reforms or "modernizations." It is not "progressive" to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life. On the other hand, it is **also true that we have done**

little to adequately accompany women in very difficult situations, where abortion appears as a quick solution to their profound anguish, especially when the life developing within them is the result of rape or a situation of extreme poverty. Who can remain unmoved before such painful situations?

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE – Our parish will hold a bilingual **Remembrance Service for Pregnancy and Infant Death Awareness** on Sunday October 15 in Sacred Heart Church at 1:00 PM. 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. 

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – In order to resume our **Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration** Ministry, we need to have at least two adults committed to each of the half-hour scheduled adoration periods from 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM. 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?" Well, the idea is to have enough people signed up for this ministry so that in such a case you could fairly easily switch with someone and/or obtain a substitute. For more information contact the Parish Office at 610-933-3732 or stannphx@comcast.net. 

PARISH MISSION - Mark your calendars! Our community is having a Parish Mission starting Sunday evening, **November 12** and ending Wednesday evening **November 15**. Catholic Lay Evangelist, Bill Wegner, of Good News International is conducting the mission. The theme is **A New Beginning in Christ's Love**. This will be a great time to be encouraged in our faith. Plan to be there... and bring a friend! 

EMERGENCY RELIEF – We invite you to take home a pink **"Emergency Relief" envelope** after Mass and return it in the collection next weekend. All donations will be sent to Catholic Charities USA for relief of our brothers and sisters in the Caribbean who have been so horribly afflicted by the recent storms.

THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 1, 2017
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME/RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

SUNDAY

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

A Baby's Breath - This weekend a representative from A Baby's Breath (ABB) will speak after Communion at each Mass to share the work of this pro-life ministry. As we leave Mass, ABB representatives will be accepting donations to help with their efforts to help pregnant women choose life and to support couples in need. **Also, all funds received in our parish Poor Boxes during October will be given to ABB to help with their Pro-Life ministry.**



9:30 AM - Children's Liturgy (602)
 10:35 AM - PREP K-6 (School)
 12:00 PM - Vietnamese Mass (Church) and Social (Church Hall)



2:30 - 3:30 PM - Prayerful Witness
 Our parishioners are invited to unite with others this Sunday afternoon in a prayerful witness along Nutt Road in front of Phoenixville Hospital. We will pray that children in the womb might be fully protected by law, that their parents will receive the support they need to choose life, and that this wound in our nation might be healed.

5:00 - 5:45 PM - Confirmandi Confessions (Chapel)
 7:00 PM - New Altar Server Practice (Chapel)
 7:15 PM - Jr. & Sr. Youth Groups (Church Hall)

MONDAY

The Holy Guardian Angels

8:00 AM Mass in Chapel

7:00 PM - Women at the Well (Parish Office)
 7:30 PM - Legion of Mary (Church Hall)

TUESDAY

8:00 AM Mass in Chapel

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

WEDNESDAY

St. Francis of Assisi

8:00 AM Mass in Chapel

7:00 PM - Charismatic Group (Church Hall)
 7:00 - 9:00 PM - Catholic Young Adults—Holy Hour at St. Joseph Church, 460 Manor Ave. Downingtown.
 7:30 PM - ESL Classes (Church Hall)

THURSDAY

8:00 AM Mass in Chapel

5:45 PM - Youth Choir (Chapel)
 6:30 PM - Healing Hearts Ministry (Church Hall)
 7:00 PM - ESL Classes (Church Hall)
 7:00 PM - Adult Choir (Chapel)
 7:00 PM - Scripture Study (Parish Office)

Mazel Tov – to our Jewish friends as they begin the eight day Feast of **Sukkot** ("tents" or "huts") at sundown this Thursday (October 5).



FRIDAY

St. Bruno/Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher

9:00 AM - Rosary Makers Guild (Church Hall)
 6:30 PM - St. Mary's Shelter's Gala at Rivercrest Golf Club

SATURDAY

Our Lady of the Rosary

7:00 AM - Men's Bible Study (Church Hall)
 9:00 AM - Confirmation Rehearsal (Chapel, Church Hall)

10:00 AM - Blessing of Pets on the parish lawn (next to the parish office)



3:45 PM - Confessions (Sacred Heart Church)

Vigil of Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Mass in Sacred Heart Church

6:30 PM - Cana Date Night All married couples are invited to join us in Church Hall for a date night out with your spouse. We will have a professional painter coming to teach us how to paint a canvas. **Cost will be \$50 per couple.** There will be a potluck dinner and drinks. For more information or to RSVP, please contact: Joanna & Ryan Matty at joanna.angeloni@yahoo.com or Monica & David Ryan at monica.paddock@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

Sun: Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11/Mt 21:28-32
Mon: Zec 8:1-8/Mt 18:1-5
Tues: Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56
Wed: Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62
Thu: Neh 8:1-4a/Lk 10:1-12
Fri: Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16
Sat: Bar 4:5-12,27-29/Lk 10:17-24
Next
Sun: Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43



Table Fellowship for the WEEK OF OCTOBER 1
St. Peter's Church,
121 Church St.

Lunch - Monday - Friday
 Noon to 1:00 PM

Saturday (October 7)
 Breakfast 8:45 - 10:30 AM
 Pantry 9:00 - 11:00 AM

UPCOMING EVENTS



ST. ANN CEMETERY
As of October 1 the Cemetery
hours are 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

HOAGIE SALE – Our parish Latino Community will be selling hoagies after Masses, Sat. Oct 7 and Sun. Oct 8 to help raise funds for this year's parish celebration of the Feast of **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, the Patron Saint of All Americans in December.



CONFIRMATION 2017 - On Saturday, October 14, Bishop Deliman will come to our parish to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our 2017 Confirmandi within a 9:00 AM and a 12:00 PM Mass.



CHURCH "RE-OPENING" - Effective next Sunday (October 8) we will return to St. Ann Memorial Church for Sunday 9:30 AM Spanish Mass, and starting Monday (October 9) we will resume our normal weekly schedule of Masses and devotions in the church. The full use of the Church Hall will resume in a few weeks. Thank you for your cooperation during construction.

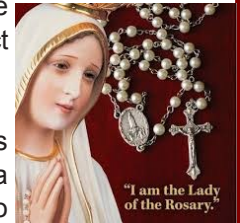
BASKET RAFFLE sponsored by The Women's Group of St. Joseph Church on October 8 at Friendship Hook and Ladder, 269 Green St. Royersford. Doors open at Noon.

CONFESSIONS – Next Sunday from 5:00 to 5:45 PM in Chapel we will offer the Sacrament of Penance for our Confirmandi.

ROSE FOR LIFE – The weekend of October 14/15 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** with offices in the Collegeville-Norristown-Phoenixville area, and other pro-life activities.



OUR LADY OF FATIMA HOLY ROSARY - On Saturday, October 14 at 7:00 PM we will meet in St. Ann Chapel to pray the Holy Rosary in honor of Our Lady of Fatima in different languages. If time allows, we will go in procession to the garden with our Mother singing and asking for intercession for the peace of the world. Please come dressed appropriately to walk in the garden. For more information or if you would like to assist in this event, please contact Graciela Drolet at 610-787-1840.



El sábado 14 de octubre a las 7:00 PM nos reuniremos en la capilla de Santa Ana para rezar el Santo Rosario en honor a Nuestra Señora de Fátima en diferentes lenguajes. Si el tiempo lo permite, saldremos en procesión al jardín con nuestra Madre cantando y pidiéndole intercesión por la paz del mundo. Por favor, vengan vestidos apropiadamente como para caminar en el jardín. Para más información o si desean ayudar en este evento, por favor contactar a Graciela Drolet al 610-787-1840.



SUNDAY SCHOOL is for children ages 3 and 4 and meets during the 9:30 AM Mass in Griffin Hall. Classes will begin October 15 through May 13. The tuition is \$30 and financial assistance is available. Children need to be potty trained before the first class. Spots are limited so please contact Madelyn O'Hara at stannadulter@gmail.com or 610-639-0923 to register.

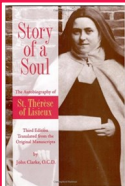
500th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

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. Most people regard this event as marking a significant 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.**"

GIVE 20% - If you hand your waitperson a special coupon on any of the following dates during October, Iron Hill will donate **20% of all food purchases** (not beverages) to our local **Code Blue Shelter**. **The dates are October 11, 16, 23, 25 and 30.**

COUPONS? – 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.



PARISH BOOK CLUB OCTOBER SELECTION

- *Story of a Soul, the Autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux* Third Edition, translated from the original manuscripts by John Clarke, O.C.D. We will discuss *Story of a Soul* on October 21 from 9:00 - 10:30 AM in St. Ann's Church Hall. For those who are interested, we will attend "A Morning with Therese of Lisieux" at the IHM Conference Center in Bryn Mawr on October 25 from 9:30 - 11:30 AM as a follow up. Please contact Madelyn O'Hara at stannadulted@gmail.com or 610-639-0923 to register.

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.



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER 2017

Universal Intention: Workers and the Unemployed. That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

FEEDING TEAM

On October 16, 2013 the St. Ann's "Feeding Team" joined in an effort to provide a noon meal every weekday throughout the year for the less fortunate in our community at St. Peters Episcopal Church.



In order to continue our involvement in this vital program, we really need some additional volunteers to either help in providing the food we serve or in helping to serve the meals on Wednesdays.

Providers are assigned to a team responsible for one of the Wednesdays and work with the Captain for that week to supply the ingredients required to serve a healthy meal for our guests.

Servers are assigned to a team for a specific week and work with the Captains for that week for about 2 ½ hours to help prepare and serve the meals at St. Peters.

If you would like more information about the program or if you would be willing to join our Feeding Team as either a Provider or a Server and commit to help us every month, please call Marie/Denny McKnight at 610-917-1375 or email them at educon1@gmail.com.



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1. Visit our church at: flocknote.com/StAnnPhx
2. Text Stannphx to 84576 from your phone to subscribe to updates.

Text STOP to 84576 to stop text notifications at any time. Text HELP for help. There is no charge for this service, but your carrier message and data rates may apply. View privacy policy & conditions at www.flocknote.com/txt.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL provides many enrichment opportunities for our children. We extend and enrich classroom instruction in a variety of ways. Our students can participate in science, cooking, or sports clubs. We are proud of our strong spiritual and academic program, and we are pleased to provide additional opportunities for student development. For more information or to schedule a visit, call 610-933-7562, or email us at office@myholyschool.org.



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.

FORMED is loaded with religious material for people of all ages. Log onto www.FORMED.org and enter our Parish Code: W2HQ93.

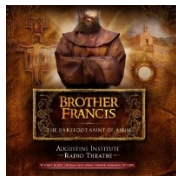
September 30 & October 1

October 4 is the feast day of St Francis of Assisi. Get to really know this amazing saint – perfect for a family movie night or listening on car trips.



Saint Francis
In Watch: Movies/Saints of History

Brother Francis
In Listen: AudioDramas



Welcome To our Church

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 or stannadult@gmail.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 voluntarios disponibles para llevarlo a citas esenciales de lunes a viernes, 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.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Alicia Andrews, Gene Bernat, Chad Berish, Beth Booth, Carolyn Boring, Ashley Rose Bukay, Ed Cain, Eleanor and John Calvecchio, Leroy Campbell, Dave Cocci, Angeline Costello, John Daly, Al DeMola, Michael DiArcangelo, Lida Dickinson, Lucille Dickson, Loan Doan, Tom Fedick, Dan Fennell, Daniel Flores, Sally Freed, Ryan Gerhold, Joe Gibson, Gordon Gladden, Jennifer Pacifico Golaszewski, Christine Greger, Jim Havrilla, Jean Hoffman, Angela Hogan, Ann Hovanec, Michael Hudak, Jeanette Jelus, Ann Johnson, Maren Kaniewski, Irene King, Larry Kirk, Jack Klenk, Patrick Koch, Joan Kough, Irene Layden, Denise Long, Ray Long, Claire Maestrale, Steve & Joanne Mardi, Marie Marosek, Thomas Mastrangelo, Heather McCann, John McKenzie, Michele Mellon, Ron Motzer, Tom Moyer, Karen Nesspor, Jacob Nichols, Georgene O'Donnell, Marcelo Opiela, Steve Pannella, Cindy Patton, Joan Pendergast, Glen Philips, Abigail Pilcicki, Dianne Litishin Ponzio, Ann Racey, Christine Radoiss, Katherine Raggazino, Jerry Ratchford, John Riegel, Kris Roberts, Kathryn Rocky, Pat Scott, Ken Shackleton, Keith Sheridan, Patrick Sheridan, Eustachia Shtohryn, Margaret Sim, James Smith, Renee Smith, Jennifer Spencer, Evelyn Spitz, Christine Kulp Springer, Bob Stancavage, Marc Stevenson, Sherri Stover, Julie Szewczak, Ethel Thomas, Glenn Thomas, Don Troncelliti, Helen Twargoski, Doris Valerio, Jeff Vance, Joe Vargo, Paul G. Weaver, Charles Wertz, Ann Wolff, Talan Wolstenholme, our homebound, parishioners in Nursing Homes, Hospitals & all serving in the Armed Forces.

| | 9/24/17 13th Sunday in Fiscal Year | Sunday Donations Fiscal Year to Date 7/1/17 - 9/24/17 |
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| Budget: | \$15,900 | \$203,100 |
| Offering: | | |
| Envelopes | \$12,003 | \$134,636 |
| Loose | 1,100 | 12,254 |
| Online Giving | 1,964 | 23,231 |
| Mail | 892 | 19,399 |
| Total | \$15,959 | \$189,520 |
| Overage | \$59 | |
| Shortage | | -\$13,580 |
| Block Collection as of 9/24/17 | | |
| Budget | \$38,000 | |
| Offering | 25,843 | |
| Shortage | -\$12,157 | |
| Disaster Relief Collection as of 9/24/17 | | |
| | \$6,357 | |

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