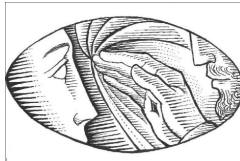


FROM THE PASTOR



A SPECIAL SABBATH – For our Jewish neighbors yesterday was the Shabbat Shuvah (The Sabbath of Repentance) or the Shabbat Shabbaton (Sabbath of Sabbaths). It was the Sabbath that falls within the ten **Days of Awe** from Rosh Hashanah (Sept. 21) and **Yom Kippur** (Sept. 30). While it is a grace to be capable of awe at anything, it is an even greater grace to be capable of religious awe. In many synagogues (including B'nai Jacob here in Phoenixville), near the ark in which the Torah scrolls are reserved, one can read the words: “Know before whom you stand.” Though not a direct biblical citation, the words come from Moses’ experience before the burning bush (Exodus 3:5) and remind congregants to have a reverent and focused attitude while attending services. Blessings to our Jewish neighbors during their religious high Holydays, their Days of Awe that will climax this Saturday with the celebration of the Day of Atonement: Yom Kippur.

AT-ONE-MENT & AWE
“Beatific Vision” is a phrase we Catholics use to bring to light an aspect of the mystery of complete and unimpeded union



with God we call Heaven. The capacity for awe in God’s Presence is an essential part of the experience of At-One-Ment. We teach that grace is not only amazing and not only saving, but even more so **sanctifying**. This means that here on earth we can begin to enjoy a **share in God’s Life**. Here in time we can begin to become like the Eternal One in whose image we have been created. My mother used to say, **“it takes one to know one,”** and I say, **“who we are is what we see.”** In the Funeral Mass we pray: “...for **seeing** you, our God, as you are we shall **become like you** for all the ages...”



AT-ONE-MENT AND REFORMATION – This October, Christians will mark the 500th anniversary of a major event in Church history when on October 31, 1517 the Augustinian monk Martin Luther nailed a document titled “Disputation

on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences” to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. Stay tuned for several local events throughout October that will be celebrating the start of the Reformation.



ECCLESIA SEMPER REFORMANDI “The Church is always reforming:” or more exactly the Church is always in need of reform by the Holy Spirit. May our celebration of

the 500th anniversary of the start of the Reformation be an occasion for us to examine ourselves in the light of the Gospel and to ask the Lord to bless us with the grace of continuing conversion. “Do not conform yourself to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect” (Romans 12:2).

PICNIC – I want to thank all those who were part of last Sunday’s Parish Picnic. What a great turnout and what a great spirit of cooperation and of joy. Visit our parish Facebook site for some picnic images.



“IN ORDER TO FORM A MORE PERFECT UNION...” This year’s Block Collection mailing includes a **Parish Database Improvement Request**. Would you please complete and return this form to us so we can improve the accuracy of our basic parish information? You can also download the form from our parish website, www.churchofsaintann.org. Thanks!

“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>.



**THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2017
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

SUNDAY

Twenty-Fifth 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



Lottery Tickets - The Knights of Columbus will be selling lottery tickets for the benefit of Holy Family School to support Catholic Education. The tickets will be sold after all Masses this weekend. For a \$5.00 donation you can obtain a ticket that will be good for lottery drawings the entire month of October. For more information contact Mike Paster at 610-933-6126.

- 9:30 AM - Children's Liturgy (602)
- 10:35 AM - PREP K-6 (School)

Baptisms - Within the 9:30 AM Mass today we will welcome Desmond Jeffrey Isenberg and within the 1:00 PM Group Baptism Malina Jean Dungee, Hank Aaron Jannetta, Maeve Elizabeth Jannetta, Isabella Lee McKernan, Derek Joseph Napoli and Charlotte Diane Orme into the Church and our parish community through the sacrament of Baptism.

7:00 PM - 12 Step Addictions Spirituality Group (Parish Office) Anyone involved with addiction recovery or affected by substance abuse is welcome to attend. Questions, contact Dcn. Giblin at 610-952-3765 or deacongiblin@gmail.com.



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

MONDAY

- 8:00 AM Mass in Chapel
- 7:30 PM - Legion of Mary (Church Hall)

TUESDAY

Ss. Cosmas and Damian
8:00 AM Mass in Chapel

- 8:30 AM - Confessions (Chapel)
- 2:15 PM - HFS Prayer Service (Chapel)
- 2:30 PM - Mass at Nursing Home
- 6:20 PM - PREP K-6 (Church, School)
- 6:30 PM - HFS Hosting High School Night (Griffin Hall)
- 7:00 PM - Bible Study (Parish Office)
- 7:00 PM - RCIA (Parish Office 2)

WEDNESDAY

St. Vincent de Paul

- 8:00 AM Mass in Chapel

7:30 PM - ESL Classes (Church Hall)
7:30 PM - Charismatic Group (Church Hall)
7:30 - 9:00 PM - Catholic Young Adults—**Apologetics Part 1 at Ss Peter and Paul, West Chester** How do you respond to issues of contemporary culture? Issues concerning sexual morality or sexual identity? We welcome Bill Donaghy of the Theology of the Body Institute, to provide guidance on how to handle these important issues with gentleness and reverence. "...Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence..." 1 Peter 3:15-16

THURSDAY

St. Wenceslaus/St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

- 8:00 AM Mass in Chapel

- 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

Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

SATURDAY

St. Jerome

- 7:00 AM - Men's Bible Study (Church Hall)
- 9:00 AM - First Penance Parent Meeting (Church) for parents whose children will be making their First Penance during Advent.



Everyone is invited to this Saturday's "Better Together Block Party" on Church Street (between Jackson and Dean Streets) from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Join friends and neighbors celebrating more than 25 non-profits. Enjoy great food, music and activities for the whole family.

For more details see the posters in our vestibules and/or visit our Facebook page.

- 3:45 PM - Confessions (Sacred Heart Church)

Vigil of Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 5:00 PM Mass in Sacred Heart Church

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

Sun: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24,27a/Mt 20:1-16a
Mon: Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18
Tues: Ezr 6:7-8,12b,14-20/Lk 8:19-21
Wed: Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6
Thu: Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9
Fri: Dn 7:9-10,13-14/Jn 1:47-51
Sat: Zec 2:5-9,14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45
Next
Sun: Ez 18:25-2/Phil 2:1-11/Mt 21:28-32



**Table Fellowship for the
 WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24
 St. Peter's Church, 121 Church St.**

**Lunch - Monday - Friday
 Noon to 1:00 PM**

Monday (September 25)
 Dinner 5:00 - 6:00 PM Pantry 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Saturday (September 30)
 Dinner at 5:00 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Respect
 Life
 Sunday**



RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY - Next Sunday Catholics in the USA will celebrate Respect Life Sunday, the start of Respect Life Month. Our Tradition clearly teaches that all life is to be respected from conception to natural death, and during Respect Life Month we are called to take a fresh look the spectrum of life issues and see if there is something more we can do to help our brothers and sisters. In our parish this October, from the wide range of concerns, we will focus on: October 1 – The Unborn; October 8 - Migrants & Refugees; October 15 - Universal Health Care; October 22 – End of Life issues; and October 29 – Nonviolence.

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



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

THE HOLY ROSARY

October

Traditionally October is celebrated as the Month of the Holy Rosary. The practice of praying the rosary is a “boots on the ground” antidote to our “been there, done that” rush through life. In attending to the basic mysteries of our faith again and again, we allow these saving truths to sink into our souls, become more and more a part of us, and flow out more freely in our words and actions. The rosary is like Jesus—very human.

Month of the Holy Rosary



A BABY'S BREATH - Next 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 ministry.



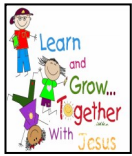
VIETNAMESE MASS & SOCIAL – Fr. Peter Quinn will preside at Mass for the Vietnamese Community next Sunday at noon in St. Ann Church. The Community will have a social in the Church Hall after Mass.

ST. MARY'S FRANCISCAN SHELTER'S GALA AND AUCTION on October 6 at 6:30 PM at Rivercrest Golf Club. For tickets and more information, visit our website at stmarysfs.org or email us at 30gala@stmarysfs.org.

Life Chain **PRAYERFUL WITNESS** – Our parishioners are invited to unite with others next Sunday afternoon from 2:30 to 3:30 PM 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. For more information contact Laura Napieralski at 610-917-3274.

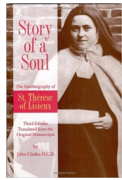
ST ANN'S CANA DATE NIGHT on October 7 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM - St. Ann's Cana Ministry invites all married couples to join us in Church Hall for a date night out with your spouse. We will have a professional painter coming to teach us how to paint a canvas. **Cost will be \$50 per couple.** There will 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.

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.



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. A variety of lessons and activities will be taught by a certified elementary school teacher. The focus of the program will be to teach the Sunday Gospel message. Concepts will be introduced simply and powerfully, Jesus becomes immediate and real, and make-and-do projects will match preschoolers' skills. 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 stannadulterd@gmail.com or 610-639-0923 to register.

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 stannadulterd@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. If you are unsure if you need to take this class, please contact your supervisor. To register, please go to www.virtus.org.



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. Since then, on one of four teams assigned to each Wednesday, over 100 parishioners have provided almost 10,000 meals through this program.

Although we have maintained a strong core of dedicated captains and team members over time, some of those involved initially have been unable to continue. 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.

Thank you for your consideration of this opportunity to help meet the needs of our community.



**We love having you as part of our flock!
Let's keep in touch! Get important updates via email & text**

Over the summer, we have been very busy getting ready for the start of the 2017/2018 parish year. A lot of tremendous things are and will continue to be going on here at St. Ann's. We are feeding, clothing, helping and serving those in need in so many ways right here in our local community. We have so many other ministries and events to help you meet people, share your talents, improve your relationships, answer life's toughest questions, discern the plan and purpose for your life, and to grow closer to God.

We have an awesome community here. We want to make sure it's as easy as possible for everyone to be involved and connected to it all. So, we've adopted a new and improved way of communicating that will make it much simpler for you to get the information you want from us! It's powered by a service called Flocknote—Like sending a "note" to your "flock."

We'll use this tool to send you important updates about special events coming up, inclement weather updates, and interesting faith formation resources.

It even allows you to reply directly back to the messages so we can get feedback and hear from you in an efficient manner. And if you're not interested in receiving our emails, just hit unsubscribe at the bottom of the page.

There are two ways to connect to Flocknote

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.



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 23 & 24

This week we commemorate the feasts of St Padre Pio and Blessed Pope Paul VI. Take time to relax during this busy "summer is over" time and enjoy two great and inspiring movies.



Padre Pio:
Between Heaven & Earth
In WATCH:
Movies/Modern Day Saints

Paul VI
In WATCH: Movies/Popes



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.

September 16 - 30: Caroll Daly at 610-933-5291
October 1 - 15: Howard Gordon at 215-316-1982

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.

	9/17/17 12th Sunday in Fiscal Year	Sunday Donations Fiscal Year to Date 7/1/17 - 9/17/17
Budget:	\$15,900	\$187,200
Offering:		
Envelopes	\$11,421	\$122,633
Loose	1,039	11,154
Online Giving	2,045	21,267
Mail	3,087	18,507
Total	\$17,592	\$173,561
Overage	\$1,692	
Shortage		-\$13,639
Block Collection as of 9/17/17		
Budget	\$38,000	
Offering	21,758	
Shortage	-\$16,242	
Disaster Relief Collection as of 9/17/17		
	\$6,077	
Thank you for your generosity!		