

Sept. 10th – Sept 23rd 2018

M: St Mary • J: St Joseph • Rc: rectory chapel

Our bulletin covers several weeks!

Sept 11 6pm • M Special Intention
Sept 12 9am • J † Robert M. Wolk r/o Nan & Pop Watahovich
Sept 13 9am • J Rc † People of the Parish
Sept 14 9am • J Rc † Mary Johnson

Sept. 15th/16th • 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time •

3:30pm • J † Dec'd of the Koscuk & Matenkoski Families
r/o Koscuk Family
5:15pm • M † Marie Houser & Son, Billy Jo r/o Family
8:15am • J † John V. Michalik r/o Al, Joanne & Family
10:15am • M † Thomas Angelotti r/o Family

Sept 18 6pm • M † Special Intention
Sept 19 9am • J Rc People of the Parish
Sept 20 9am • J Rc † Frances Letine
Sept 21 9am • J Rc † Byrd Stoult

Sept. 22nd/23rd • 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time •

3:30pm • J † Denise Martin r/o Michael & Mary Andrisono
5:15pm • M † Dorothy Yanuskiewicz r/o Victor & Michael
8:15am • J † Michael Funange r/o Wife, Cecilia
10:15am • M † Irene Cicioni r/o Dot Anstock

❖ **STEWARDSHIP: M:** 8/19:S:736; 8/26:S:861; 9/2:S:1093;
Dues:495; Assumption:258; BF:238; Cemetery:10; Redners:61;
•J:8/19:S:2115; 8/26:S:1266; 9/2:S:1836; Dues:420;
Assumption:383; BF:1765; Cemetery:70; Energy:10

❖ **Stewardship:** *No one can do everything but everyone can do something!*

MAILING ADDRESS:

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Office hours: **Mon - Thurs: 10:00am – 1:00pm.**

❖ **Prayer List Permission Form:** Names are placed on the prayer list, unless otherwise notified, for 60 days. After that time, a permission form must be re-submitted.

❖ **Pray for:** Fill out the forms, even if you're healthy & would like to be prayed for in times of need! •Victor Yanuskiewicz •Ed McNamee •Fr. Jim Torpey •Fr. Richard Schware

❖ **Birthday Blessings:** Jessica Gulash: 9/10;
Jacki Keeney: 9/12; Joe Tomtishen, Bill &
Aaron Whitecavage, Diane Sartori: 9/14;
Dorothy Anstock: 9/16; David Shadler, Shirley
King: 9/17; Sally McNamee, Stacey Sartori: 9/18; John Kanute,
Makenna Piaskowski: 9/19; Judy Dziak, Lori Horvath: 9/20;
Nicole Zubowicz: 9/22; Gary Coghill, Kyle Mummey: 9/23



❖ **Culture of Encounter: Family Holy Hours:**
October 13, 5:30 pm

Immaculate Conception
180 W. Broadway, Jim Thorpe

‡ Spiritual Corner

APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN TODAY'S WORLD

Rejoice and Exhault

1. "REJOICE AND BE GLAD" (Mt 5:12), Jesus tells those persecuted or humiliated for his sake. The Lord asks everything of us, and in return he offers us true life, the happiness for which we were created. He wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence. The call to holiness is present in various ways from the very first pages of the Bible. We see it expressed in the Lord's words to Abraham: "Walk before me, and be blameless" (Gen 17:1).
2. What follows is not meant to be a treatise on holiness, containing definitions and distinctions helpful for understanding this important subject, or a discussion of the various means of sanctification. My modest goal is to repropose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time, with all its risks, challenges and opportunities. For the Lord has chosen each one of us "to be holy and blameless before him in love" (Eph 1:4).

CHAPTER ONE: THE CALL TO HOLINESS

THE SAINTS WHO ENCOURAGE AND ACCOMPANY US

3. The Letter to the Hebrews presents a number of testimonies that encourage us to "run with perseverance the race that is set before us" (12:1). It speaks of Abraham, Sarah, Moses, Gideon and others (cf. 11:1-12:3). Above all, it invites us to realize that "a great cloud of witnesses" (12:1) impels us to advance constantly towards the goal. These witnesses may include our own mothers, grandmothers or other loved ones (cf. 2 Tim 1:5). Their lives may not always have been perfect, yet even amid their faults and failings they kept moving forward and proved pleasing to the Lord.

❖ Ember Days

Days of Fasting after the Triumph of the Cross: 9/19, 21, 22

Fr. Tolentino suggest encouraging the faithful of our parishes to offer fasting on the traditional Ember Days that following the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross. These can be days of partial abstinence from meat (only at the principal meal) and fasting (one principal meal and two smaller meals).

Prayer to St. Michael: Will be said at the dismissal of all Sunday Masses before the Hymn of the Recessional)

Prayer cards are on the table at the entrance to church.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel:

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

❖ Day of Prayer and Reparation: Our Lady of Sorrows will be held Saturday, Sept 15th at St. Mary's & St. Joseph's Parishes.

Families are encouraged to make quiet visits to pray for the victims and survivors of sexual abuse and their families. The Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from morning to evening. **Please sign up for an adoration time.** Sign-up sheets are at the entrance to church.

❖ Taste of Italy: Save the Date: St. Joseph annual "Taste of Italy" dinner, *Sunday, October 21*. More information will be in our next bulletin.

❖ Statues: @ (J) If you are interested in memorializing one, St. Therese & the Blessed Mother (rectory) are still available. We thank everyone for their continued contributions to the building (renovation) fund.

❖ Wedding Blessings: Gene & Sherry Rejent: 40th Congrats!

❖ **K of C Happenings:** meet 9/16 @ St Mary's.

Following the 10:15am Mass.

❖ **HOPE Ministry:** If you or someone you know could use some temporary help with meals, errands, rides to church or appointments, please contact the parish office at **570-889-3850**

❖ **St. Joseph's 50/50:** Winner: Joe Schneider: \$86.50. Congrats!! September tickets are available for pickup on the table by the confessional. Extras are available for friends & visitors.

❖ **Flowers: @ (J)** IMO: Marie Salvaterra by Judy Dziak
(M) Our Lady of Sorrows by Kathy Milefsky

❖ **Religious Ed: ► Important Information:**
concerning Confirmation 2018:

*Confirmation students: if you haven't already done so, please return your Signed Sponsor form and copy of Baptismal certificate, if it is not already on file with the Parish office. Also submit your height & weight to Mike Kosciuk or Lynn K., in order that Confirmation robes can be ordered. \$11.50 will be required to cover the cost of the rental gown for each Confirmation student.

***Sunday, 9/23/18:** Mandatory meeting for Confirmation students at St Mary's Church, Ringtown, 11:30am-12:30 pm

***Sunday, 9/30/18:** Mandatory practice for Confirmation students AND their SPONSORS at Divine Mercy Church, Shenandoah, tentative time is 6 pm.

***Tuesday, 10/2/18:** Confirmation at Divine Mercy Church, Shenandoah, 4:30 pm. Arrival time will be announced at a later time.

► **A Mandatory Retreat/Holy Hour** for the Confirmation students is scheduled on Sunday September 23, 2018 from 11:30 am-12:30pm at St Mary's Parish Ringtown with Father Tolentino. Parents of Confirmation students please watch for additional information/forms to arrive by mail.

*Anyone that would like to donate cakes for the social gathering after the Confirmation, can drop them off at Trinity Academy, Shenandoah before 2:30 pm on 10/2/18.

❖ **Sacrament of Baptism:**

► Parents of the child should be registered in the parish before the baptism. If not, a letter of permission must be procured from the Pastor of their previous parish. Sponsors/Godparents must follow the same guidelines.

Call the parish office to make an appointment to meet with the priest and to set a date.

❖ **Certificate of Eligibility:** for sponsors of the sacraments, certificates will be issued only to active members who are practicing Catholics, i.e. one who attends mass regularly and receives the Sacraments regularly, who are registered for at least 2 months, and give of their time, talent and treasure.

Call the parish office to make an appointment to meet with Fr. to receive the certificate.

► **The Annual Diocesan Anniversary Mass Celebration** will be held on Sunday, September 23, 2017, at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, [1875 West Turner St., Allentown, PA 18104](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass) at 3:00 PM. We cordially invite couples celebrating 1-5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 or fifty plus years of marriage to this special event. Please register online at www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass or refer to the A.D. Times for a registration form or request a form by email at MFLF@allentowndiocese.org. The form must be completed and returned to the Office of Marriage & Natural Family Planning, [2121 Madison Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18017](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass). The registration **deadline is September 13, 2018.**

► **An Invitation to Women!**

Are you interested in finding out how to start or enhance a women's faith sharing group? Do you want to enhance your relationship with Jesus Christ and foster relationships with other women on the journey? The Diocese of Allentown Commission for Women invites all women to a "Come & See" event being held at **St. Thomas More Family Center, 1040 Flexer Ave., Allentown, from 9AM until NOON on Saturday, 9/15/2018.** Representatives from *Women of Grace* and *Walking With Purpose* will provide an overview of their program and resource materials. This is a "free" event. For planning purposes, please register at www.allentowndiocese.org/comeandsee. Questions may be directed to 610-289-8900 ext. 2021 or e-mail cfw@allentowndiocese.org. Hope to see you there! Bring a friend!

► **Spirit 2018** – 7th annual Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, November 3rd at DeSales University.

Pope Francis tells us that we do not follow Christ alone, but as a community of missionary disciples. This is why it is so important for Catholic men to come together and answer the Holy Father's Call for a new Evangelization.

► **Healing Mass:** On Monday, September 24 at 6:30 PM there will be a Mass of Healing for those who have experienced trauma. All are invited to join in prayer at this Mass with The Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert as celebrant and homilist at St. Clare of Assisi Parish, [250 E. Hancock Street, St. Clair, PA 17970](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/healingmass). Following Mass there will be a Holy Hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity for confession. The evening will conclude with Benediction at 8:30 PM.

► **TRUTH: What the Catholic Church Really Teaches – Scripture Alone?** Have you ever been asked or wondered...If we have the Bible, do we really need Church teaching? Does the Bible talk about Tradition? Join us as **Kelly Anderson** discusses how to answer these and other common questions about the relationship between Scripture and Tradition! This free event will take place on **Thursday, September 13, 2018**, from 7-9PM at **St. Francis of Assisi Parish (Heritage Room) — 1046 W. Cedar St., Allentown.** There is no charge for attending TRUTH: What the Catholic Church Really Teaches. For questions contact the Office of Adult Formation by email at adultformation@allentowndiocese.org or call 610-289-8900, Ext. 2021

❖ **SCRIP:** We've: \$25 & \$100 Amazon, \$25 Applebee's, \$10 Bath & Body Works, \$25 Bed Bath & Beyond, \$25 Boscov's, \$25 Cabela's, \$25 Cracker Barrel, \$10 Dairy Queen, \$25 Dunham's, \$25 & \$10 Dunkin' Donuts, \$25 Gap/Old Navy, \$25 & \$50 Giant Foods, \$25 Home Depot, \$10 Long John Silvers, \$25 & \$100 Lowes, \$25 Macy's, \$25 Olive Garden, \$10 & \$25 Panera Bread \$25 PetSmart, \$10 Pizza Hut, \$25 Regal Cinema, \$10 Regal Cinema (Admit one), \$25 Sheetz, \$50 Sunoco, \$25 TJ Maxx/Marshall's, \$25 Walmart/Sam's, \$100 Walmart/Sam's, \$25 Weis, \$100 Weis. *We're taking orders/sell @ St Joseph's after mass. Contact the parish office to place an order!*

❖ **Redner's Save-A-Tape:** Save your receipts, put them in Sunday Stewardship. (M) benefit 1%. ***For your receipts to count toward the church you must sign up at Redners service desk!***

❖ **Outside Events:** •Ringtown Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts: Registration 9/17 from 6-7pm @ St. John's Church (Pack #731 and Troop #731). Shower of Roses at The Shrine of St Therese of Lisieux, 15 East Garibaldi Avenue Nesquehoning 10/7 Marian Catholic High School is sponsoring a Paint N Sip on 9/11 from 6-8 p.m. Register online at [mariacatholics.org](http://www.mariacatholics.org). There are three painting options to choose from! Register now to reserve your seat