

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JULY 2, 2017

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, July 3

Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29

7:00 a.m. Christine Waschitsch

8:45 a.m. Bud Landis

TUESDAY, July 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY

Gn 19:15-22/Mt 8:23-27

9:00 a.m. Christine Waschitsch

WEDNESDAY, July 5

Gn 21:5, 8:20a; Mt 8:28-34

7:00 a.m. Lenora Augustus

8:45 a.m. Pasquale Guaglione

5:30 p.m. Josephine and Michael Terzien

THURSDAY, July 6

Gn 22:1b-19; Mt 9:1-8

7:00 a.m. Dr. Francis Salerno

8:45 a.m. Linda Pastor

5:30 p.m. Kenneth Snerr

FRIDAY, July 7

Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Mt 9:9-13

7:00 a.m. Rudolph Gestl

8:45 a.m. Bud Landis

SATURDAY, July 8

Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt 9:14-17

8:00 a.m. Carmello C. Ruiz

5:30 p.m. Robert Barnikel

7:30 p.m. Elena D. Kachurak

SUNDAY, July 9

Zec 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

7:30 a.m. Mary J. Horn

9:00 a.m. Vince Vanston

10:30 a.m. Lisa Tercha

12:15 p.m. Ronald Salvatore

PLEASE NOTE!

St. Thomas More Parish will be collecting new and used backpacks for the **Piarist Fathers** to distribute to children in the **Appalachian Mountains**. A collection container will be inside the School's main entrance the next couple of weeks as well as in the Family Center for Vacation Bible School July 10-14. Thank you for your support.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Eucharistic Ministers are needed to distribute Communion to the Catholic residents in the area nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Please contact Sr. Cynthia at the convent 610-437-9520

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

JULY 8-9

5:30 p.m. Ryan Brobst, Cassandra Lee, •
Hyunwoo Kim, Aidan Friel

7:30 p.m. Fyodor D'Souza, AJ Lamack,
Cooper Mello, Carolina Sanchez

7:30 a.m. Sophia Steckel, Katie Hines,
Paul and George Spann

9:00 a.m. Johanna Lettera, Jack Niggel,
Samantha and Julia Roth

10:30 a.m. Abby Lienhard, Giulia Lo Piccolo,
Ryan Peiffer, Sam Stringer

12:15 p.m. Morgan Townley, Abigail Zellner,
Cole Croslis, Ashlyn Mugavero

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

JULY 8-9

5:30 p.m. Jim Goodreau, Randy Kreider,
Elaine Whalen

7:30 p.m. Joe Lamack

7:30 a.m. Kelly Waters

9:00 a.m. Sue Lettera, Mike Spirk, Alan Johnson,
Diane Snyder

10:30 a.m. Jane DeMelfy, Todd Johnson, Mark Roth,
Ann Hackl

12:15 p.m. Michael Fink, Greg Ehlacher,
Jane Mogliski

LECTOR SCHEDULE

JULY 8-9

5:30 p.m. Jerry Palguta, Chris Miller

7:30 p.m. Velika and Veronica D'Souza

7:30 a.m. Tom Koch, Roseanne Pastir

9:00 a.m. Jack Michaelis, John Ingram

10:30 a.m. Lisa Lo Piccolo, Midge Barilla

12:15 p.m. Karina Mihura, Lance Ek

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Please welcome into our Parish Community, **Grace Bailey Karoly and Claire Elizabeth Sadowski**. We congratulate their parents.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II - Rosemary Yardley and Joseph Funk

I - Tracy Fazio and David Rugari

SEWING COMMITTEE NEEDED

A Sewing Committee is greatly needed for the church to continue our practice of presenting a handmade bib to our newly baptized babies. If you have simple sewing or embroidery (hand or machine) skills to help stitch the bibs or can cut a simple pattern, please contact Sr. Cynthia at scsk15@ptd.net for more information. Anyone having white cloth to donate or is interested in purchasing fabric for the bibs may also contact Sr. Cynthia.

STM TRIPS

Thurs., July 6 - Pirates at the Phillies, plus fireworks. \$58, section 418. Bus leaves 3:30 p.m. back parking lot. Game at 6:00 p.m.

Wed., July 19 - 3 seats still available for Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. \$122 each. Hello, Dolly!, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, and Evan Hansen - Bus leaves 8:00 a.m. back parking lot.

Sun., August 13 - Red Sox at the Yankees, Section 212, \$107. Bus leaves 5100 Tilghman St. at 9:00, Game at 1:00 p.m.

For all trips above, contact Lori at 484-951-0440, or email her at johara2179@aol.com, Checks should be made out to St. Thomas More Church and mailed to Lori O'Hara, 323 Tamarack Dr., Allentown, PA 18104.

Pilgrimage: Our Lady's Blue Army Shrine of Fatima, Washington, NJ., Wed., September 13 - \$30. Includes Mass, confessions, rosary procession, gift shop and more! Opportunity for Plenary Indulgence. Bring a lunch. Bus leaves Trident at 8:15 a.m., arrives Allentown at 5 p.m. Contact Jane DeMelfy at demelfy@ptd.net or 484-707-7531. Your check is your reservation. Make checks to STM Women's Guild and mail to: Jane DeMelfy, 3305 The Strand, Allentown, PA 18103.

ONLINE REGISTRATION ...

For **CYO FALL Sports is now open!** Please visit the STM School Website to register - www.stmschoolpa.com The form can be found under quick links. Registration is now open for **Girls Volleyball** Grades 5-8 and **Cross Country** for boys and girls in Grades K-8. The **STM Sports Committee** is in need of coaches for both programs. If you would like to volunteer to coach, or have any questions on any of the programs, please contact Ann Vaughan, vaughan.ann.cyo@gmail.com. Safe Environment clearances are required for all volunteers.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be here soon! We will offer **Maker Fun Factory: Created by God - Built for a Purpose** July 10-14 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon each day. Children entering Kindergarten through 6th Grade in September can participate. Register here: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/stm/> or by visiting the parish website Volunteers (entering Grade 7 and older) can help decorate, assist at our ice cream social, and clean up. Use the same link to register. All Crew Leader positions are full. To be placed on the waiting list, please contact Mr. Damitz at 610-437-3491.

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Corporate Events

FOR INFO CALL

Gwyn Baker 610-217-0840

or email www.stmweddings.com

PLEASE NOTE!

REGARDING HOSPITAL ADMISSION

If you or a loved one would be admitted to any of the local hospitals, please tell them at the time of admission that you are Catholic and a member of St. Thomas More Parish. To be certain that we are aware of your hospital stay, you or a family member are also encouraged to notify us directly at the time of your admission, at the Parish Center number, 610-433-7413.

STM YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Open to all teens of the parish, grades 8-12. If you have any questions please contact Jon Peace, 433-7413x28 or jon@smchurchallentown.org.

Join us this year on "The Search!" We'll search for meaning in our lives, for faith, and for a better understanding of God's plan for each of us!

PARENTS OF GRADUATED H.S. SENIORS!

The **College Connection Program** (by way of a letter from Msgr. Murphy) links each college-bound high school graduate to the "Catholic presence" at his/her college. Their connection to others with Catholic values on campus greatly impacts their continued practice of the Faith. **Contact Kevin Damitz (610-437-3491 or kevin@stmchurchallentown.org) with your student's college name, campus city, e-mail address and cell phone number.** This info will be forwarded to the College Chaplain or nearest parish to ensure a personal welcome for your student. If we don't hear from you, a representative of the parish Vocations Committee will call you requesting the info. We hope and pray that this program will make your student's college experience one of growth both academically and spiritually.

CELEBRATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF FATIMA



Join the Rosary Prayer Chain: **May 13-October 13.** To join the Rosary Prayer Chain or for more information on upcoming events, contact Jared Rabold at the Parish Center.

PRIME TIME NEWS

We invite anyone over the age of 55 to join Prime Time. We meet the second Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the Family Center. Dues are \$5 per year. There is NO meeting in July.

Hollywood Casino - Wed., September 20. Cost \$22. \$30 slot play and \$5 food. Departs STM at 10:00 a.m.

Mohegan Sun - Wed., September 20. Cost \$22. Comps TBA.

Mohegan Sun Wed., October 11. Cost \$22. Comps TBA.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FIRST GRADE STUDENTS IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Religious Education classes are required for first and second graders in order to receive ***First Reconciliation*** and ***First Holy Communion*** in second grade. Please visit www.stmchurchallentown.org and click on the Religious Education tab to register. The first class is September 10.

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

We invite boys and girls of the parish entering Grades 5,6,7,8 to learn how to serve at God's holy altar. We will meet in church three consecutive days. You can choose either July 18, 19 and 20 (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) from 6:00-7:30 p.m. or July 25, 26 and 27 (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) from 10-11:30 a.m. To register, please visit the parish website at stmchurchallentown.org and click on the link to "Register Online" no later than Friday, July 14.

HIGH SCHOOL ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Any boy or girl entering Grades 9,10,11,12 in September who was not previously a grade school altar server but would like to serve during high school, please call Mrs. Pionegro at the Parish Center 610-433-7413.

MERCY SCHOOL FOR SPECIAL LEARNING

Is currently accepting enrollment for our integrated pre-school program (ages 3-5) for the 2017-18 school year. Mercy offers both full time (8:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m.) and part-time (8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.) options in our pre-school. Our comprehensive program develops skills of readiness in early academics (ABCs and 123s,) self-help and social interaction. All classroom activities are geared to your child's developmental standpoint. The children thrive in our nurturing environment while learning healthy attitudes of acceptance and developing friendships. Visit our website at www.mercyschool.org, email school@mercyspeciallearning.org, or call 610-797-8242 for more info or to schedule an appointment.



PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR STM PARISHIONERS AND FAMILY MEMBERS CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES
"We live in the land of the free because of the brave."

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

For more info about all of the exciting events and services of the Women's Guild, please check the weekly church bulletin and STM website. Also, don't forget to join the STM Women's Guild group on Facebook for up-to-date info about events.

Event Chairs - The STM Women's Guild is currently seeking Event Chairs to handle the planning and execution of Women's Guild Events such as Anniversary Mass Brunch, Mother/Daughter Brunch, 8th Grade Class Night and Graduation and well as Kindergarten Celebration. If you would like more information or would be interested in chairing an event, please email Cathy Spisszak at cmpalermo@hotmail.com.

QUO VADIS AND FIAT DAYS

The Diocese of Allentown Seminarians and Sisters from various women's religious communities invite you to join them at the 2017 Quo Vadis and Fiat Days at DeSales University from Sunday, July 16 to Thursday, July 20. Quo Vadis and Fiat Days are open to young men and women from ages 14-18 (including the newly graduated). This five-day event will include time for personal and group prayer, Mass and other Catholic devotions, talks by priests and religious sisters, and sports and other activities. Visit www.allentowndiocese.org for registration information. Click on the link for "Vocations Information." Space is limited.

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

Bless married couples with the gift of faith. May they hunger to teach their children by word and example about the mysteries of the Catholic Church. May they also receive the grace to encourage their children to serve Christ in their lives. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ACCHS YOUTH CHEERLEADING CLINIC

Allentown Central Catholic High School is offering a Youth Cheerleading Clinic for girls and boys in Grades 2-8, at St. Joseph the Worker on July 11-13, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The cost is \$75 for three days or \$25 per day which includes t-shirt, snack, and the opportunity to cheer one quarter at an ACCHS varsity football game. Participants will learn cheers, chants, motions, jumps, and band dance from the ACCHS cheerleading squad. Additional information is available by emailing cheerleading@acchs.info.