

# SAINT STANISLAUS

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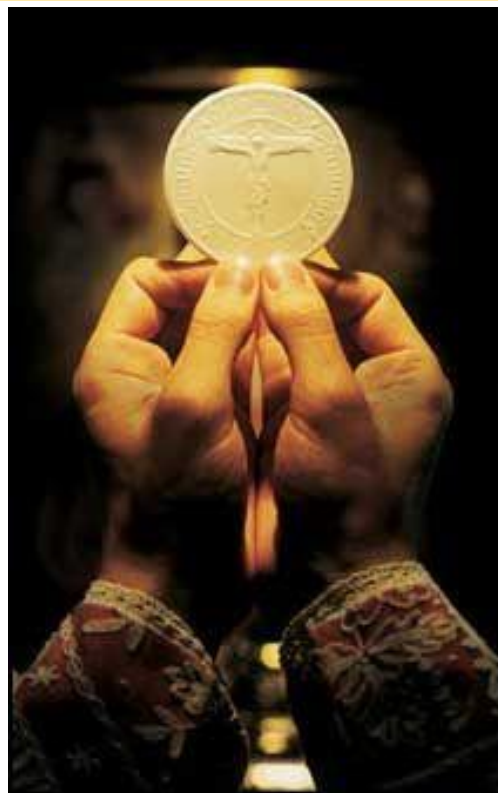
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**August 19, 2018**

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekend

Saturday Vigil 5:15pm

Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish

### Daily

Monday through Friday 6:30am & 8am

Saturday 8am,

*followed by Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers*

### Holy Days

Vigil: 7pm

Holy Day: 6:30am, 9am, 12:05pm, 7pm (Spanish)

### Catholic Mass in Sign Language

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, Parish Center Chapel

### Mass Interpreted in ASL

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, 9am Mass in the Church

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

During 11am Mass, September through June

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8:30am to 9am; 4pm to 4:45pm

### PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Katharine Drexel Chapel

*We welcome all to join us for worship and invite you to become a part of our parish family. New members are asked to call the Parish Center to schedule an appointment for registration. Registration is required for admission to our programs of Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation for Baptism, First Eucharist, Reconciliation, Confirmation and Marriage. Eligibility certificates for Sponsorship for Baptism and Confirmation are issued to registered parishioners who are practicing Catholics. Couples planning to be married, or those desiring to schedule a Baptism are asked to call the Parish Center to schedule an appointment.*

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*¡BIENVENIDOS! Ayúdenos a conocerlos y servirles mejor.*

*Comuníquese con uno de los sacerdotes de la parroquia.*

*Hágase miembro de las Parroquia de San Estanislao.*

*Inscríbase en el centro parroquial.*

## PARISH CENTER HOURS

Monday through Thursday: 9am to 8pm

Friday: 9am to 5pm

Saturday: 8:30am to Noon

Sunday: 8:30am to 1pm

*Priests are available after office hours  
for the pastoral care of the dying by calling  
215.368.0220.*

## THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends / Estimados amigos,

Books about food and cooking are everywhere these days. There are three full aisles of cookbooks in the Barnes and Noble in Montgomeryville, and even our own Festival Garage Sale had a large section full of the same. Indeed, a trip to any local bookseller will reveal cookbooks representing ethnic cuisines and specialties to would-be gourmets. They are even more segregated by cooking style: healthy heart, diabetic, paleo, or low-gluten. Along with the books detailing the preparation of food, there are tons of books from nutritionists, TV-star celebrity chefs, exercise aficionados and one food guru after another offering a healthier alternative to fad diets, and he quantities and daily calorie maximums which will constitute our well-being.

While we are rightly concerned about our physical condition, the Scriptures for this weekend invite us to be similarly – if not more greatly – concerned about our spiritual health and well-being. They remind us of two types of food that are necessary for maintaining the life of faith and service to which we are to be as Jesus' disciples.

The Old Testament reading from the Book of Proverbs describes the spiritual food of wisdom, those teachings that inform our relationship with God and our attempts to live in accord with the responsibilities of being in a relationship with God. In terms that describe a kind of sumptuous buffet, with Wisdom personified as a fine maître de, she describes her table offerings. But the things she describes as “foods” are given to promote understanding and life. Her fare is rich and nourishing for mind, body, and will. Wisdom's food feeds the spirit. The psalmist urges us to “taste and see the goodness of the Lord.” Taste as in to seek out the teachings of God which mold and shape and nourish mind and will.

Jesus invites those whom He fed with the loaves and fishes to feed also upon His teachings, which are sort of instructional food. Many accepted Jesus' invitation and made His teaching the nourishing bread by which they lived, following Jesus in mind and will. Today in unabashedly direct terms (John 6: 55 – 56), Jesus calls His flesh “real food” and His blood “real drink.” He invites His listeners to feed on His flesh and drink His blood. The food which Jesus offers is to be chewed and ingested and assimilated as food for the body. This is none other than the sacramental bread and wine, the gift of Jesus' flesh and blood as food for the life of the world.

Jesus is the food that puts us in touch with our God and with Him. He is also the food that challenges us daily to become more and more like Him who abides with and in us. God does not merely give food; in Jesus He IS food, the type of which we all need: food for the body and food for the spirit. Let us eat up and follow His Gospel directions for the menu of life.

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The start of RCIA, the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**, is almost here. With Fr. Forlano's assignment to another parish, we have to make some changes (we'll call them improvements) to the RCIA program here at St. Stanislaus for the upcoming session. Deacon Tony Bellitto and I will be the “point persons” for the overall structure and advancement of the RCIA. We start this and every year with an INVITATION to anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic, needs to finish up their initiation sacraments (i.e., those who have not been confirmed or received the Eucharist but were baptized Catholic-Christian), anyone who wants to “go deeper” in their knowledge of the faith, or accompany someone who wants to do any of the above. RCIA is the place where new adult Catholics are formed. This does not require making any type of commitment at this time. It is merely an opportunity to “come and see” what God might be calling you to! This is always an exciting, but tenuous journey of self-discovery and faith discovery, but one worth taking. We begin RCIA in September, so think and pray about your personal participation in RCIA this year. See page 6 for additional details. HAVE A GOOD WEEK EVERYONE!

*Therese Joseph Tracy*

### Divine Mercy “Minute” — Diary 1581

O my Jesus, my Master, I unite my desires to the desires that You had on the cross: I desire to fulfil Your holy will; I desire the conversion of souls; I desire that Your mercy be adored; I desire that the triumph of the Church be hastened; I desire sanctity for priests. — Words of St. Faustina



## THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Today: Prv 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58  
Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22  
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30  
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16  
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14  
Friday: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51  
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab; Mt 23:1-12  
Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18B; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69

There is still time to complete clearances before the Academic Year begins! If you are interested in volunteering with CYO, St. Stanislaus Parish, or with Mater Dei Catholic School, take advantage of the 2 remaining opportunities available at our own St. Stanislaus to take the mandatory Protecting God's Children class: **Wednesday, August 22 at 7pm, or Sunday, September 23 at 7pm.** All sessions take place in the Parish Center. Register today at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org)



**Ushers Needed!** If you have ever wondered what it would be like to take up the collections or distribute the Bulletins after Mass, now is your time! We are seeking friendly faces to serve as ushers for all Masses — the duties are light, and the payoff great! Ushers play an important role in the preparation of Mass and ensure functions beyond the altar run smoothly. Please consider and call the Parish Center at 215.855.3133 today!



### Pilgrimage to The National Shrine of The Divine Mercy: Deadline Extended!

Join the Divine Mercy Cenacle at the National Shrine in Stockbridge MA on Wednesday, September 19. Our journey begins at 6am in the Church parking lot and we will arrive home at 10pm. Cost of the trip is \$55, which includes transportation, shrine reservation and driver tip. Lunch and dinner are not included. Shrine activities include Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, Confession, The Chaplet, Rosary for Life and shopping in the Gift Shop. There are also Stations of the Cross on the beautiful grounds of the Shrine. For more information please contact Eileen McKeron at 215.527.0269 or [emckeron@gmail.com](mailto:emckeron@gmail.com).

**New deadline: August 20th!!**



### SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

#### The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 19

8:30am Summer Choir @ Church

#### Monday, August 20

*No community scheduled in the Parish Center*

#### Tuesday, August 21

7:00pm Hispanic Prayer Group @ Chapel

#### Wednesday, August 22:

6:00pm Protecting God's Children @ Lobby Rm

#### Thursday, August 23

1:30pm Legion of Mary @ Cahill Rm

6:30pm BINGO @ Gym

#### Friday, August 24

*No community scheduled in the Parish Center*

#### Saturday, August 25

8:30am Confessions @ Church

4:00pm Confessions @ Church

### SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated Sundays after the 11am Mass. To ensure that parents and godparents understand the meaning of the sacrament of Baptism, what to expect on the day of Baptism and to reflect on the responsibilities that accompany their roles, we require that all new parents and godparents attend a Baptism preparation session known as Pre-Jordan. For information about this program and more, please contact the Parish Office or visit our website, [www.ststanislaus.com](http://www.ststanislaus.com).



SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Couples planning to be married should contact the Church at least 6 months in advance of the planned wedding date. No other arrangements should be made until the couple meets with a parish priest and the date and time are reserved. Attendance at a Marriage Preparation program is required in accord with Archdiocesan policy. Further information will be provided at the time of the meeting with a priest.

Annulments: *Contact the Parish Center to speak to a priest for more information on the annulment process. Directives of Pope Francis have eased the process of obtaining annulments.*

### MD BINGO is back August 23rd!

Following a successful Festival, we welcome back Mater Dei Bingo! Gym doors open at 5pm; games begin at 6:45pm every Thursday. Enjoy dinner from our cafeteria, mingle with other players, and have a chance to win in one of 25 games of Bingo throughout the night! Admission prices start at \$8 and all proceeds support Mater Dei Catholic School.





# **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

## **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 19, 2018**

|                                                            |                                                                                                                        |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 7:00am                                                     | Elizabeth T. Roos<br><i>Requested by the Roos and Reilly Families</i>                                                  |
| 9:00am                                                     | Antonio and Anna Bitonti<br><i>Requested Irene and Steve Dobronski</i>                                                 |
| 11:00am                                                    | Virginia Boren<br><i>Requested by her Family</i>                                                                       |
| <b>Monday</b>                                              | <i>St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church</i>                                                                     |
| 6:30am                                                     | Annette Krimm<br><i>Requested by Francis Krimm</i>                                                                     |
| 8:00am                                                     | Frank Menta ( <i>birthday remembrance</i> )<br><i>Requested by Ann Menta and Family</i>                                |
| <b>Tuesday</b>                                             | <i>St. Pius X, Pope</i>                                                                                                |
| 6:30am                                                     | Miriam C. Burns ( <i>bequest</i> )                                                                                     |
| 8:00am                                                     | James V. O'Brien<br><i>Requested by his Family</i>                                                                     |
| <b>Wednesday</b>                                           | <i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>                                                                        |
| 6:30am                                                     | Deceased members of the Vierin Family<br><i>Requested by the Miller Family</i>                                         |
| 8:00am                                                     | Miriam C. Burns ( <i>bequest</i> )                                                                                     |
| <b>Thursday</b>                                            | <i>St. Rose of Lima, Virgin</i>                                                                                        |
| 6:30am                                                     | Repose of the souls of all deceased                                                                                    |
| 8:00am                                                     | Deceased members of the Szrat Family<br>( <i>bequest</i> )                                                             |
| <b>Friday</b>                                              | <i>St. Bartholomew, Apostle</i>                                                                                        |
| 6:30am                                                     | Sally Hendricks<br><i>Requested by Amy Baniewicz</i>                                                                   |
| 8:00am                                                     | Florence Migliaccio ( <i>6th anniv. rem.</i> )<br><i>Requested by Neil and Family</i>                                  |
| <b>Saturday</b>                                            | <i>St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest; BVM</i>                                                                     |
| 8:00am                                                     | Robert Niznik<br><i>Requested by the Family</i>                                                                        |
| <b>The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 26</b> |                                                                                                                        |
| 7:00am                                                     | Concetta Chilberti and Vincent Chilberti<br><i>Requested by their daughter and sister, respectfully, Betty Gilbert</i> |
| 9:00am                                                     | Louis Wyszinski<br><i>Requested Bernie and Marlene Narolewski</i>                                                      |
| 11:00am                                                    | George Martin<br><i>Requested by his Family</i>                                                                        |

## **Treasure Information: August 12, 2018**

*Contributed by 416 envelopes and 6 loose checks (non parish-ioner)*

### **Weekly Parish Collections:**

August 12, 2018: \$12,911      August 13, 2017: \$15,067

### **Electronic and Other Contributions:**

August 12, 2018: \$7,742      August 13, 2017: \$2,174

### **Parish Building Improvements:**

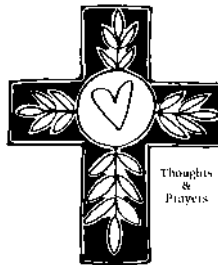
August 12, 2018: \$1,488      August 13, 2017: \$2,174

### **Major Bills Paid Since August 12, 2018:**

Maintenance: \$5,894

### **Financial Commitment to Mater Dei Catholic School**

School-Year-to-date payments: \$231,320



Please pray for the sick who carry the cross of illness especially: Amanda DiCandilo Albright, Dwayne Baker, John Baur, Jr., John Baur, Sr., James De Paul, Bobby DiNenna, John Earley, Terri Gurecki, Baby Tyler Griffin, Conrad Kuhn, Linda Kaars, Greg Lipschultz, Anne Loeffler, Baby Elizabeth Lockhoff, Helen & John McCulleggh, Sheryl McGillicuddy, Tricia and Chuck Miller, Stella Molettiere, George Murphy, Kristin O'Connor Zeigler, Jillian Preet, Donald Raymond, Lydia Rey, Antonio Romano, Donald J. Romano, Lawrence A. Romano, Lucille C. Romano, Mary Ann Rota Lewis, Barbara Smiley, Kim Smith, Bonnie Stern, Catherine Storti, Mae Veneziale, Marilyn Wagner, Stephen Yourl. If you wish to place a family member or friend on the Bulletin list for three weeks, or to continue a name on the list, please call the Parish Center, ext. 107, the Communication Coordinator. If you wish to place a name on our Prayer Line, call the Parish Center or email your request to: [ssthoughtsandprayerline@gmail.com](mailto:ssthoughtsandprayerline@gmail.com).



The Sanctuary Candle in the Church burns this week in memory of **Ed Keller at the request of Bobbie Keller and Family.**

The Sanctuary Candle in the Chapel burns this week in memory of **Vittoria Viola at the request of her Family.**

*If you wish to have the Sanctuary Candle burn in the Church or Chapel in 2018 in memory of a loved one or for a special intention, please come to the Parish Center during operating hours to make arrangements. An offering of \$10 is requested.*



## **Weddings**

We extend our best wishes and promise of prayers to St. Stanislaus parishioners who are preparing for marriage, especially:

**Elena Sicila and Benjamin Lauer**



## **We Remember our Deceased:**

Our parish family expresses prayerful condolences to the loved ones of:

**Joan Keyser and Jane Angelo**

**Vacationing this Summer?** If you are traveling, don't forget to use [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) to locate Mass near you! (even when overseas!)

## Festival 2018: Thank You!

Our Summer Festival is successful due to the interest and participation of our parish family. We extend many, many thanks to the parishioners of Saint Stanislaus, and to the following for their giving spirit and generous sponsorships:

**Platinum Level ~ \$250 donation:**

Joe Mattero, Inc. Recycling, the Niece Family, in loving memory of Chester A. Niece.

**Gold Level ~ \$100 donation:**

Mary Beth Butler, The Bossert Family, Robert J. Boyle, Toots & Polly DeLuna,  
Lynne and Mike Smith, Marie Wilson

**Food Booth and Prize Patrol Sponsors ~ \$25 donation:**

Deacon Tony and Sharon Bellitto, Mary Ann Major,  
The Niece Family, in loving memory of Chester A. Niece, Patricia Skibbs, Richard & Elizabeth Szucs

**We also acknowledge our 2018 Business Booth Sponsors:**

|                     |                 |                                   |                                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| American Star Diner | EMS Dispatch    | Hanna Eadeh Flooring              | Jems, Jewels & Gold             |
| Kelly Motorcars     | The Main Freeze | Simcox-McIlvaine<br>Funeral Homes | Underwriting Management Experts |

The Parishioners of St. Stanislaus Parish extend our deepest thanks to those businesses who, through their donations of goods and services, contributed greatly to the success of the festival:

|                             |                                  |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Clemens Food Group          | Cool Dog Gear                    |
| D.E. Walker & Sons          | Franconi's Pizzeria & Ristorante |
| Geppert Brothers, Inc.      | Giant Stores                     |
| La Mirage Salon, Ltd.       | Lansdale Meats & Deli            |
| Mailcrafters                | Origlio Beverages                |
| Philly Soft Pretzel Factory | Redner's                         |
| Starbucks                   | Stove & Tap                      |



Special thanks to all of the volunteers that contributed their time, energy, and talent to making this year's Festival a success!

**A Musical Note:** The Music Ministry at St. Stanislaus will be starting up its 2018-2019 season in early September. If you have a love of music, enjoy singing or play a musical instrument, please stop by and visit with our music ministry members after the 9am or 11am Mass on **Sunday, September 9**, on the Highland Avenue side of the Church (rain location, Parish Center).



*"The power of sacred music increases the honor given to God by the church in union with Christ, its Head. Sacred music likewise helps to increase the fruits which the faithful, moved by the sacred harmonies, derive from the holy liturgy."*

- Taken from Encyclical of Pope Pius XII on Sacred Music 12/25/55

**Mark your Calendars:**

**Clothing Drive!** St. Stanislaus Parish will be hosting a clothing drive to benefit The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, **Saturday, August 25 from 9am to 1pm in the Church lot.** The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be using the services of GreenDrop to support their clothing drive. Look for the GreenDrop truck in the parish parking lot where an attendant will be available to assist you with your donations. Useable men's, women's and children's clothing in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as: kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CDs & videos are also accepted. For a full list of acceptable items visit [www.gogreendrop.com](http://www.gogreendrop.com).



## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults : Coming in September!

### What is R.C.I.A.? *More than you thought!*

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, in what we believe and teach? Perhaps you, or someone you know, has been seeking answers to the restlessness in their heart, grappling with important questions like, “why am I here?” and “what is the purpose of my life?” Are you a non-Catholic spouse, or friend of a Catholic and have ever considered becoming Catholic? Were you Baptized and received First Holy Communion but never Confirmed?

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) addresses the fundamental questions that arise from the human experience while providing an introduction to the Catholic faith for persons inquiring about or desiring to become Catholic. R.C.I.A. may also serve as instruction and formation in the faith for adults Catholics who lack any of the sacraments. The course is less about doctrine or catechism and more about learning to grow in relationship with Christ through Sacred Scripture, participation in the Mass, and a shared journey within the community of the Church.

Sessions take place on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm beginning on September 5. Questions and inquiries may be directed to any of the priests or deacons, or by calling the Parish Center at 215.855.3133.

*Interested in participating as a “Team Member”?* Please contact one of the priests or deacons. Team members help to serve as witnesses and “teach” through sharing their stories of faith. It often provides an opportunity to be renewed and encounter Christ in a way that we have not done so before.

**Updates to Senior Club Events:** Seats are still available for the **Myrtle Beach, SC, Christmas Show Trip** from Monday, November 5 to Friday, November 9, 2018. Trip includes transportation, 4 nights at the Long Bay Resort in one bedroom oceanfront suites, 8 meals, 3 Christmas shows, all taxes and gratuities. Double occupancy @ \$699 a person. Call for a brochure. Wait-list only: **Mt. Airy Resort Casino, Mt. Pocono to see “The Shirelles”** — Thursday, September 13th Bus departs at 10 am. \$56 a person. For “bonus,” photo ID required at the casino. **Doolans, Tribute to Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons**, Spring Lake, NJ — Wednesday, October 24th, 9:15am departure. **Sight & Sound, production of Jesus & lunch at Fulton’s Inn**, Lancaster — Wednesday, November 28th, 8:45am departure. Questions about trips? Contact Rosemary Pickersgill at 215.380.5382.

**Archdiocese Facebook Live Event!** All are invited to tune into the Second Annual *State of Vocations Address* on **Thursday, August 23 at 7:00pm**. This event will be broadcast on the Facebook Page for the Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood ([www.facebook.com/phillypriest](http://www.facebook.com/phillypriest)). View this event to see how you and your parish, school, family, and community can help create a culture of vocations in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia! **HEED YOUR CALL!** Questions? Contact Sue Matour at 610.667.5778 or [smatour@archphila.org](mailto:smatour@archphila.org).

**Calling all Gardening Angels!** With all of the rain, weeds abound! We are STILL in need of gardeners to assist in keeping the Church grounds welcoming and attractive. Please join us on this Wednesday morning following the 8am Mass. For more information please call the Parish Center at 215.885.3133.

**Intellectual Disabilities and Autism Help-Line:** Do you need help accessing services and supports for someone with an intellectual disability or Autism? A collaboration of Catholic Social Services-Developmental Programs, The Office for Persons with Disabilities and the Schools of Special Education of the Archdiocese is offering this convenient help-line to assist families connect to disabilities services provided by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. **To reach the Help-Line call:** 484-472-5041 or email: [IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org](mailto:IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org).

**Learn to Play Ice Hockey:** The Lansdale Catholic Ice Hockey Club is forming teams for boys, girls and middle school students. All skill levels (including beginners) accepted from grades 4 through 12. For more info, send an email to: [lcicehockeyclub@gmail.com](mailto:lcicehockeyclub@gmail.com)



**Perpetual Eucharistic  
Adoration  
St. Katharine Drexel  
Adoration Chapel**

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day.  
-John 6:54

**Urgent hours of need: Saturday 3am,  
Saturday 10pm, Sunday 4am**

Hours of need: (Adorers in need of prayer partners)

**Wednesday:** 12am, 1am, 2am, 3am, 4am, 5am,  
11am, 2pm, 5pm

**Thursday:** 12am, 1am, 2am, 3am, 6am, 9am,  
12pm, 1pm, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm

All hours of need are available at  
[www.ststanislaus.com](http://www.ststanislaus.com) under the  
*Perpetual Adoration* tab. Sign up today!

We are always in need of committed adorers and  
substitutes. For more information contact Sue Gillen:  
**215.362.8643** or [scgwindows@gmail.com](mailto:scgwindows@gmail.com)

**The Bereavement Ministry of St. Stanislaus and  
Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parishes**

*Faithful friends are a sturdy shelter; whoever finds one finds a  
treasure. Faithful friends are beyond price, no amount can bal-  
ance their worth. Faithful friends are life-saving medicine; those  
who fear God will find them. —SIRACH 6:14-16*

The death of a close friend can be as traumatic as the  
death of a family member. Most often, friends do not  
have the same opportunity to mourn their loss or ob-  
tain closure as a family member would – they are not  
part of funeral planning; they don't have an opportuni-  
ty to claim mementos or personal effects of the de-  
ceased; they do not receive the same benefits for be-  
reavement leave; and they do not receive the same type  
of empathy or support as family members.

Join us on **Thursday, September 13, 2018** to discuss  
your experience dealing with the loss of a friend. A  
morning session will be held at Mary Mother of the  
Redeemer from 10:00am – 11:30am in the Parish Cen-  
ter; an evening session will be held at St. Stanislaus  
from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. No registration is necessary,  
just come if you can.

Our next two meetings are:

**October 11, 2018:** Crazy is Normal

**November 8, 2018:** Understanding the Process of Grief



**Two Opportunities for Pre-Cana Prep:**

**St. Jude in Chalfont: October 27th:** St. Jude Parish  
offers a fun, engaging and instructional one day Pre-  
Cana marriage preparation day for engaged cou-  
ples. The sessions are held at St. Jude School located at  
323 West Butler Avenue, Chalfont, PA 18914. **Our  
next session is scheduled for Saturday, October  
27.** Please contact St. Jude Rectory at 215.822.0179 or  
email [office@stjudechalfont.org](mailto:office@stjudechalfont.org)

**St. Mary of the Assumption in Phoenixville: Saturday,  
September 29.** The program begins at 9am and ends  
after the 4pm Mass. It includes lunch, snacks and an  
opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This  
one-day Program meets all the requirements of the  
Archdiocese of Philadelphia. A certificate is provided  
upon completion. Call the Parish Office for an applica-  
tion: 610.933.2526 or visit our website  
[www.stmaryassumption.org](http://www.stmaryassumption.org).

**Marriage Retreat at the Beach: September 28-  
30!**

Come celebrate your marriage at a special retreat  
just a few blocks from the beach in Cape May Point,  
NJ. This weekend at the Marianist Family Retreat  
Center is intended for couples married at least 10  
years. The retreat includes Mass, prayer, small group  
discussions, reflection, relaxation, socializing, fun, and  
plenty of couple time. Cost: \$270 per couple (includes  
accommodations and all meals). Please call  
609.884.3829 for further information or email:  
[afucci@capemaymarianists.org](mailto:afucci@capemaymarianists.org) or visit the retreat  
house website at [www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org). **You can  
also call the local area coordinating couple, Deacon  
Tony and Sharon Bellitto at 610.222.4548.**

**Parish Giving Online:** Sign up online to electronically  
submit parish donations! Go to our webpage,  
[www.ststanislaus.com](http://www.ststanislaus.com), and scroll to the bottom of the  
homepage and click on "Parish Giving."

**The 'One Thing' is Three** by Fr. Michael Gaitley  
MIC -- Are you looking for a kind of crash course in  
Catholic theology written for busy people and in a way  
that is simple and easy to understand? Join us for a  
group study that delves into the Most Holy Trinity as  
the key to bringing the faith from our heads to our  
hearts and out into our lives. There are 10 sessions,  
beginning on Monday, September 10 and ending on  
Monday, November 19 (no meeting on Nov 12). We  
will meet at the Parish Center from 7-8:30pm. **Regis-  
tration is required.** Contact Eileen McKeron  
(215.527.0269/[emckeron@gmail.com](mailto:emckeron@gmail.com)) for more infor-  
mation and to register. **Deadline for registration is  
August 27.**





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For information or questions about Mater Dei Catholic School or its affiliated programs, contact Grace Samanns, Director of Advancement, at 267.218.3496 or via email at [gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com](mailto:gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com).

For information or questions about Mater Dei Childcare Center, located at St. Maria Goretti Parish in Hatfield, contact the Center Director, Katherine Stansbury, at 215.799.2211 or via email at [kstansbury@materdeicatholic.com](mailto:kstansbury@materdeicatholic.com).

### Lunch Bunch is Back by Popular Demand!

On Wednesdays, we are inviting students in our half day Three and Four-Year-Old and Kindergarten Programs to participate in our new Lunch Bunch program! Class size will be limited so please contact Grace Samanns with your questions or to sign up!

**North Wales Library Partnership!** Mater Dei will be visiting the North Wales Library this summer with crafts and STREAM activities for preschoolers. **FINAL DATE: Tuesday, August 28 at 10am!**

### Open House at Mater Dei Childcare Center:

The Mater Dei Childcare Center will be holding two open houses in August. The center will be open on **August 28 from 6pm-7:30pm**. Come see how our new center helps each child develop socially, emotionally, academically, and spiritually in a nurturing environment. We hope to see you there!

**Kindergarten Spots Still Available! Call Grace today to arrange a tour at Mater Dei!**

**We Are Hiring!** Our brand new Mater Dei Childcare Center is growing and so, additions to our staff are needed. Currently, we are searching for a loving full-time teacher older toddler to join our team. Our teachers will need to provide and maintain a positive and appropriate Catholic educational program that meets the social, emotional, and physical needs of the children within their care. Candidates should have an education degree and experience in the field, be energetic, patient, friendly, nurturing and enjoy working with young children and their families. We're looking for the best of the best for our childcare program. If that's you, please send your resume for immediate consideration to Katherine Stansbury, Center Director.

### Parish Religious Education Program

*Coordinator of Religious Education (PREP): Mrs. Leona Russell*  
*Office Phone Number: 215.855.9893; Email: [ststansprep@yahoo.com](mailto:ststansprep@yahoo.com)*



The 2018-2019 PREP Calendars have been emailed to the PREP families, including some preliminary information for the first day of class. The calendars are also available on the Parish website. Welcome letters to the children from the catechists for all registered PREP and SSLP families will be sent via email by Labor Day (or via US Mail for families without email). ***Have you changed your email? Please call or email us with the updated information so that you do not miss this important email. Thank you!***

Only ~3 weeks before classes begin! *If you haven't yet registered your child, please do so today!* Forms are available in the Parish Center and the Religious Education Office, and on the Parish website. PREP is open to children starting in Kindergarten. SSLP on Sunday also includes the Pre-K children. *Please return your completed form in person or via postal mail. We welcome your call or visit if you have questions or need to discuss any special circumstances.* Sessions are available on Wednesday evenings and on Sunday mornings. The Sunday session includes both an in class and a home school component. *Do you home school your children for their regular school work? Please contact us to discuss Religious Education options for them.*



***In order to prepare to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, the children must complete Level 1 prior to entering Level 2.***

***If your child was not enrolled beginning with Level 1, it is never too late to get started.***  
***Please call us to discuss the options available!***

***No registrations will be taken at the PREP sessions on the first day.*** To ensure that your child is assigned to a classroom and has a book for the first day, please complete your family's registration ***ASAP!*** Classes begin ***September 12*** (Wednesday PREP) and ***September 16*** (Sunday PREP/SSLP). ***SEE YOU SOON!!***



MINISTERIO HISPANO

Vigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario: 19 de agosto de 2018

Intención de la misa: Almas en Purgatorio

Cuando era niño, mi madre me llevaba a la misa de la parroquia a las 11:00 en punto los domingos. A veces, si tenía que trabajar, iría a otra Misa pero tenía un amigo o un miembro de la familia que me llevaba a la Misa de las 11:00 en punto.

Estaba acostumbrado a ir a la iglesia en ese momento y la mayoría de las veces parecía la misma semana tras semana. Los himnos serían diferentes y un sacerdote diferente venía a celebrar la misa cada fin de semana. Pero muchas cosas eran iguales: mi asiento, la gente a mi alrededor en sus mismos asientos, la iglesia incluso olía igual con el débil enviado de incienso de la Misa anterior.

Después de un tiempo, incluso las lecturas comenzaron a ser casi lo mismo: un milagro, una historia, una parábola, la Crucifixión. Empecé a sentir como si todas las homilias de los diferentes sacerdotes se fundieran en una homilía genérica que no entendía. A medida que mi entorno familiar me parecía cada vez menos familiar, mi mente vagabundeaba.

Entonces, el aburrimiento lo establecería después de cantar "Dios santo, alabamos tu nombre" por milésima vez. Eventualmente, me volví realmente bueno golpeando a mi amigo Sean, que estaba sentado a unos bancos de distancia, con pequeñas bolas de papel que había arrancado de las esquinas de los himnarios.

Me volví tan distraído que al levantarme para dar un paseo rápido al baño y volver era como ir en una gran aventura a un país extranjero. Mi madre, por supuesto, se dio cuenta. No recuerdo exactamente cuántas veces me gritaría después de misa por portarme mal o por ser irreverente. Me gustaba ir a la iglesia y ver a mis amigos y experimentar el entorno familiar. Además, me gustaba salir de la iglesia, volver a ver a mis amigos y asistir a las actividades de la parroquia después de la Misa.

Fue la parte media de estar en la iglesia lo que me pareció aburrido. Entonces, ¿qué cambió? ¿Algo debe haber cambiado desde el momento en que golpeé a Sean directamente en el oído con una bola de papel particularmente devastadora y el día en que fui ordenado sacerdote!

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## ¡Regreso a la Escuela Colección de Útiles Escolares!



Lápices, bolígrafos, cuadernos, carpetas, pegamento, tijeras, loncheras, mochilas y tarjetas de regalo

que se necesitan con **urgencia** para ayudar a los niños necesitados de nuestra comunidad a prepararse para el nuevo año escolar. ¡Por favor, ayúdenos con su generosa donación de útiles escolares nuevos a la misa en español el **2 de septiembre de 2018!** Habrá una caja en el frente de la iglesia para recibir donaciones.

Si necesita ayuda para preparar a su hijo para la escuela, comuníquese con Diacono Juan al 727. 247.7391 o [juan\\_valentin2@aol.com](mailto:juan_valentin2@aol.com). **¡Gracias y que Dios bendiga por su generosidad a esta causa tan importante!**

## St. Stan's PREP ¡Se necesita ayuda!

El Catecismo de los miércoles por la noche necesita voluntarios de la comunidad hispana. Posiciones necesarias:

**Ayudante de oficina:** una persona bilingüe que puede ayudar a las familias hispanas con el papeleo, el registro y las preguntas la mayoría de los miércoles por la noche de 6:30pm a 8pm **Puerta / Pasillo Monitor:** Una persona bilingüe que ayuda a administrar la llegada y el despido de los estudiantes, así como también proporciona seguridad adicional para el bienestar de nuestros niños. La mayoría de los miércoles por la noche de 6:25pm a 8pm.

Si está interesado en un puesto de voluntario o si desea obtener más información, comuníquese con la Sra. Leona Russell: 215.855.9893 ¡Muchas gracias por su consideración!

**¿Cómo le devolveré al Señor todo el bien que me ha hecho? (Sal. 116:2)**

12 de agosto : \$920.00

*¡Que Dios les bendiga!  
Gracias por su generosidad y oraciones.*

Bueno, la verdad es que pasaron muchas cosas. Me pasaron cosas buenas y también cosas malas. Hice buenas elecciones y algunas elecciones bastante malas. Estaba feliz y estaba triste. En resumen, comencé a crecer como cualquier otra persona. Pero hubo un momento, o tal vez es mejor decirlo, una serie de momentos que comenzaron a hacer que la misa fuera más relevante para mí. Un domingo, después de una hora particularmente brutal y una misa de quince minutos de duración, mi madre me trajo a casa y me sentó en el sofá. Pensé en mi mente: "Aquí viene", porque estaba seguro de que me había visto tirar de la coleta de mi amiga Stephanie en el camino de regreso a mi asiento de la Sagrada Comunión. Dejé escapar un suspiro molesto, que mi madre misericordiosamente ignoró. Luego me miró y dijo algo que nunca soñé que un adulto pudiera decir: "La misa es aburrida a veces, ¿verdad, Charlie?" ¡Sí! Finalmente, alguien lo dijo! La misa fue aburrida. Me sentí vindicado, confiado, como si de repente ya no estuviera solo, ¡mamá me entendía! Recuerdo que le dije: "Es aburrido, no entiendo nada, no entiendo lo que dicen o hacen, ¡es aburrido!". Mamá me sonrió y luego, con toda la fuerza que pudo reunir, giró alrededor de la Biblia familiar de la mesa de café. ¡Esa Biblia era vieja, enorme y pesada! Ella abrió la tapa y pude ver cómo el papel se amarilleó con la edad y dónde se rasgó en algunos lugares. Pasó página por página y luego me miró directamente a los ojos y dijo: "No siempre lo entiendo. No siempre sé lo que significa la Biblia o incluso lo que dice el Padre en su homilía. Pero, yo Te diré lo que sé. Dios es importante y la familia es importante y la iglesia es el lugar donde Dios y la familia se encuentran. La fe nos lleva a través de los tiempos difíciles y la familia está allí para amarte sin importar nada. Ella hojeó la Biblia y me mostró páginas con nombres y fechas sacramentales: fecha de la boda de mis bisabuelos, bautismo de mi abuela, confirmación y primera comunión e incluso la fecha de su boda. Hasta las fechas de mi madre y finalmente ella me mostró mi página. fue escrito, Charles Joseph Ravert, bautizado en la familia de Dios el 9 de agosto de 1987. "Ve", dijo, "eres parte de la familia de Dios y no importa lo que Dios siempre te amará, así también lo hará tu familia". Así que tal vez la Misa se había sentido un poco aburrido para mí, tal vez a veces todavía lo hace. Pero hermanos y hermanas, Les diré una cosa que sé, y espero que comparta esto con sus hijos, Dios es importante y también lo es la familia y la iglesia es el lugar donde Dios y la familia se encuentran. Así que tal vez mi homilía fue aburrida este fin de semana o tal vez nada realmente saltó en ti en las lecturas o tal vez todo lo que pudiste pensar durante la Sagrada Comunión fue lo que vas a hacer esta noche. Esta bien. A veces la misa puede ser un poco aburrida, pero la misa siempre es muy importante. Es donde se encuentran Dios y su familia, ¿qué puede ser realmente más emocionante que eso?

Pax et Bonum + Paz y Todo lo Bueno, Padre Carlos

## LOS SACRAMENTOS

**Bautismos** – Se celebran los bautismos durante la misa del segundo y cuarto Domingo del mes. Clases bautismales serán el primer Domingo de cada mes después de la misa. **La próxima clase bautismal será el 1 de julio después de la misa.** Contactos Diácono Juan, 727.247.7391 o [juan\\_valentin2@aol.com](mailto:juan_valentin2@aol.com).

**El Sacramento de Reconciliación** - se ofrece los sábados a las 8am y 4pm y los domingos, 12:30 - 12:50pm

**El Matrimonio** – Hable con Padre Charles más que 6 meses antes de la fecha anticipada. Un clase de preparación - "Pre-Cana" es un requisito antes de casarse. El Instituto Católico Móvil ofrece el taller "Pre-Cana" 3 veces durante el año en la Parroquia de San Martin de Tours, Roosevelt Blvd. & Cheltenham Ave., Filadelfia. Para inscribirse o informarse 215.667.2820/2824 o [bherrer@archphila.org](mailto:bherrer@archphila.org) o [hispacath@archphila.org](mailto:hispacath@archphila.org).

**Clases en preparación para los sacramentos** – Las personas que necesitan preparación para recibir cualquier sacramento y que tienen dificultad con el idioma inglés, pueden recibir su preparación para los sacramentos en español. Tienen que comunicarse con el Diácono Juan Valentín, para empezar en Septiembre, 2018 (adultos y jóvenes). Solicite su planilla de registro por Diácono Juan, 727. 247.7391 o [juan\\_valentin2@aol.com](mailto:juan_valentin2@aol.com)

**Grupo de Oración** - se reúne todos los martes en la Capilla del Centro Parroquial. Contacto e información: Diácono Juan Valentín, 727. 247.7391.

**Movimiento de Cursillo de Cristiandad** El Cursillo de Cristiandad es un movimiento religioso, para católicos prácticos que quieren crecer en formación religiosa, en vida apostólica, en liderazgo cristiano, en conocimiento y participación de los ministerios de la Iglesia. Si están interesados en más

información o oportunidades de retiros, comuníquese con el Diácono Juan Valentín, 727. 247.7391.

**"La Virgen Peregrina"** Un retablo de la Virgen de Guadalupe está viajando por los hogares de la comunidad. Es una oportunidad maravillosa para acercarnos a ella en familia. Para registrar su familia por una semana, llamar a Nelis Romero, 267. 498.8979.

**Quince Años** - esta bendición al cumplir quince años de una joven da testimonio de su acción de gracias y de compromiso de vivir una vida cristiana. Por eso, la joven ya debe ser confirmada o debe estar inscrita en un programa de educación religiosa en preparación para recibir el sacramento de confirmación el año de su Quinceañera. Una clase de preparación es un requisito antes de la celebración. Hable con Padre Charles con un mínimo de seis meses por anticipado para fijar una fecha. **Favor contactar Olívía Tavera 267.498.8610 o Marta Escobar 215.767.8694**

**Sanación posterior al aborto:** Si usted o alguien que usted conoce está sufriendo después de un aborto, ayuda que no juzga confidencial está disponible: Tema Serie del Proyecto Raquel nacional gratuito artículo: 888.456.HOPE (4673) o visite [HopeAfterAbortion.org](http://HopeAfterAbortion.org). Los hispanohablantes pueden visitar [www.esperanzaposaborto.org](http://www.esperanzaposaborto.org)



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