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September 30, 2018

Twenty-Sixth 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

4th Sunday of the month, Parish Center Chapel

Mass Interpreted in ASL

1st, 2nd & 3rd 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 9pm

Friday: 9am to 6pm

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.*

Dear friends / Estimados amigos,

The Gospel this weekend follows directly upon the one that we heard last Sunday. As you may recall, in response to the disciples' inflated sense of self-importance, Jesus stood a child in their midst and explained that true greatness comes from service. Yet the disciples still don't "get it." John brings up a situation where others were able to drive out demons, but they (the apostles) could not, and they were powerless to stop the practice. Sounds like the disciples had become so caught up in a status game that they had made discipleship an exclusive club in which only the bona fide members had the right to promote the Kingdom. They wanted to guard their privilege. Jesus again returns to the theme of littleness: "Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward."

Once there was a poor farmer who was a heavy drinker. When he over-drunk, he would become abusive, forcing his family to escape into their cornfield to hide, with him frequently shooting after them with a .22 rifle. One day an elderly Amish neighbor came to the farm. He explained that rodents had been in his corncrib and asked the farmer if he knew anyone who would sell him a .22. A bargain was quickly struck and the old farmer took the rifle and ammunition and started home. One of the poor farmer's children followed him. From a distance he watched him cross the river's bridge, stop midstream, and drop the rifle and ammunition in the swift water. Then he continued home.

The generosity of heart and humility of spirit to buy and then destroy the rifle is the Amish farmer's "cup of water" that Jesus speaks about today. Christ asks all of us to be His followers and be compassionate . . . not feel sorry for someone and stop there, but truly walk with (suffer with) the person who is the object of our concern. Our Lord promises us that even the **simplest act of love and kindness** will be honored by God. Perhaps not now, but we meet Christ in judgment in our life to come. *Anyone* in need or in trouble has a claim on our compassion and charity because they belong to Christ. Let us not hesitate to act in the name of Jesus when the opportunity arises, and whoever crosses our path in life. With God, even a little goes a long way.

HAVE A GOOD WEEK EVERYONE!



### It's RCIA time again at St. Stanislaus! A PROCESS, not a Program!

*RCIA meets every Wednesday at 7 pm in the Parish Center Meeting Room. Everyone is welcome to join in this supportive, safe, confidential, and inquisitive process that is RCIA.* For more information, please visit our webpage at [www.ststanislaus.com](http://www.ststanislaus.com). Information is on our homepage and under the "Become a Catholic" link under the *sacraments* tab. RCIA meets every Wednesday at 7pm. Still have questions? Speak to Msgr, Fr. Charles or Deacon Tony after Mass!

### *A Message from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia:*

On September 21, Archbishop Chaput joined all of the Catholic bishops of Pennsylvania in issuing a joint statement pledging their support for an independent sex abuse survivors' compensation program. In solidarity, they envision a program that is administered by experts who will operate independently from the Church. It will seek to provide financial assistance for survivors regardless of when they suffered abuse.

This statement of support follows deep reflection by the bishops on the ugly record of clergy sexual abuse in our Commonwealth, and on the times when Church leadership failed to protect our people over a period of decades. They deeply regret the suffering of survivors and any decisions that failed to protect them. The bishops are resolved to make things right. Their full statement can be viewed on-line at <http://archphila.org/pennsylvanias-bishops-we-pledge-our-support-for-independent-sex-abuse-survivors-compensation-program/> (also accessible from the website below under the "Newsroom" tab).

As you know, our Archdiocese has worked vigorously for over 15 years to provide safe environments for children and young people and to provide assistance for survivors and their families who suffered abuse. Today's announcement builds further upon those efforts.

You can learn more about our ongoing response to the societal scourge of sexual abuse by visiting [www.AOPPledgetoProtect.com](http://www.AOPPledgetoProtect.com).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Today: Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45-48  
 Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Lk 9:46-50  
 Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Mt 18:1-5 10  
 Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62  
 Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12  
 Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16  
 Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24  
 Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16

**Special Collection for Hurricane Victims:** Please consider giving generously to a **Parish-sponsored second collection on October 7** for the victims of Hurricane Florence. Please include your donation in a separate envelope labeled *Hurricane Florence Relief*. Thank you for your anticipated support!

**Urgent Need for Substitute Adorers:** The Saint Katharine Drexel Adoration Chapel started over 13 years ago at St Stanislaus Parish and has been a source of great blessings and gifts for many people. We have a very strong need for adorers to replace those who leave due to age, health, and moving. Please sign up to be a substitute or consider committing to an hour of Adoration — also a significant need! See page 7 for more details.

**“10-Minute Catechism” Program** The next session will be held **THIS Sunday, September 30** after the 9am Mass. We will begin right after Mass is over, and the session will be completed in only 10 minutes. Drop in and learn something new about our faith!



**Weddings:** We extend our best wishes and promise of prayers to St. Stanislaus parishioners as they prepare for marriage, especially: **Elizabeth Ann Gaus and Noah Rosenblum**

## Parish Social Ministry Food Cupboard

Our October Collection will be on the weekend of October 6 and 7. Current pantry needs are: **sugar, flour, healthy snack bars**. Non-food needs are: **shaving razors, shaving cream, facial tissue, toilet tissue, dishwashing liquid, and shampoo**.

Please check dates on food donations, as we cannot distribute outdated food items. Thank you for your faithful generosity to those in need in our Lansdale area. May God bless you and your families, now and always.

With gratitude,  
Sister Barbara



## SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

### The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 30

*No community events in the Parish Center*

### Monday, October 1

*No community events in the Parish Center*

### Tuesday, October 2

9:45am Playgroup @ Lobby Room  
 7:00pm Hispanic Prayer Group @ Chapel  
 8:00pm Respect Life Committee

### Wednesday, October 3

7:00pm RCIA @ Lobby Room

### Thursday, October 4

1:30pm Legion of Mary @ Cahill Rm  
 6:30pm BINGO @ Gym

### Friday, October 5

*No community events scheduled in the Parish Center*

### Saturday, October 6

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.*

**Saint Stanislaus Play Group is Back!** The group meets most Tuesdays from 9:45 to 11:30am in the Parish Center — all are welcome to bring their little ones and meet other St. Stanislaus parents during this fun, free, playdate! For more information please contact the Parish Center at 215.885.3133 and Linda Augustine will be in touch!





# **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

## **Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 30, 2018**

7:00am The Intentions of Joseph Best  
*Requested by John and Sharon Best*

9:00am Joe Nicoloso (birthday remembrance)  
*Requested by his Family*

11:00am Gerry Mabilangan  
*Requested by Dolly Alzona*

## **Monday** *St. Terese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

6:30am Deceased members of the Miller Family  
*Requested by Viviane Miller*

8:00am Elleen Grady  
*Requested by John and Helen McCullagh*

## **Tuesday** *The Holy Guardian Angels*

6:30am Clare Woekenberg  
*Requested by Angela Dattomo*

8:00am Anthony Iacono (birthday remembrance)  
*Requested by his sister, Ann Malickson*

## **Wednesday**

6:30am Margaret and Francis Norrett, Sr.  
*Requested by Kathryn and Francis Norrett*

8:00am All Franciscans Living and Deceased  
*Requested by Secular Franciscans Fraternity*

## **Thursday** *St. Francis of Assisi*

6:30am Miriam C. Burns  
*(bequest)*

8:00am Deceased members of the Witt Family  
*Requested by Bob and Carol Witt*

## **Friday** *Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest*

6:30am Maria Rosa Limardo  
*Requested by her daughter, Anna Rocco, and Family*

8:00am William H. Kling  
*Requested by Jack Kling*

## **Saturday** *St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin; BVM*

8:00am Amelia Vare  
*Requested by Carmen Vare*

## **The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Oct. 7**

7:00am Memorial Fund Mass

9:00am Manuel Migliaccio  
*Requested by his wife, Dottie, and Family*

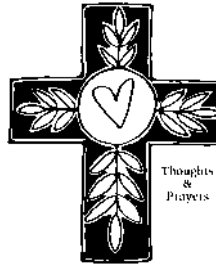
11:00am Clifford A. Hendricks, Jr.  
*Requested by the Hendricks Family*



The Sanctuary Candle in the Church burns this week in memory of **Kaitlin Brice** at the request of **Immaculate Roan**.

The Sanctuary Candle in the Parish Center Chapel burns this week in memory of **Anna Bitonti** 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.*



Please pray for the sick who carry the cross of illness especially: **James De Paul, Bobby DiNenna, Bernadette Kubej, Conrad Kuhn, Greg Lipschultz, Anne Loeffler, Pat Lynch, Helen & John McCullegh, Sheryl McGillicuddy, Meghan Melcher, Stella Molettiere, Kristin**

**O'Connor Zeigler, Donald Raymond, Lydia Rey, Antonio Romano, Donald J. Romano, Lawrence A. Romano, Lucille C. Romano, Mary Ann Rota Lewis, John R. Sciallo, Barbara Smiley, Joyce Thomas, Marilyn Wagner.** 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.



## **We Remember our Deceased:**

Our parish family expresses prayerful condolences to the loved ones of: **Stella Doherty, Joseph Lepico and Vittoria Calafati Mason**

**Sanctuary Candle Reservations 2019:** Reservation forms for 2019 will be available on **October 9**. please come to the Parish Center during operating hours to make arrangements. An offering of \$10 is requested. The **We Remember Mass** will be held on November 2 in remembrance of parishioners who have died between October 1, 2017 and September 30, 2018.

## **Treasure Information: September 16 and 23**

*Contributed by 389 envelopes and 7 loose checks (non parishioner) and 420 envelopes and 4 loose checks, respectively.*

## **Weekly Parish Collections:**

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sept. 16, 2018: \$12,829 | Sept. 17, 2017: \$15,884 |
| Sept. 23, 2018: \$12,017 | Sept. 24, 2017: \$13,936 |

## **Electronic and Other Contributions:**

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sept. 16, 2018: \$4,861 | Sept. 17, 2017: \$4,660 |
| Sept. 23, 2018: \$1,490 | Sept. 24, 2017: \$2,584 |

## **Parish Building Improvements:**

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sept. 16, 2018: \$1,587 | Sept. 17, 2017: \$1,588 |
| Sept. 23, 2018: \$1,587 | Sept. 24, 2017: \$1,588 |

## **Major Bills Paid Since September 9, 2018:**

Priest health, auto, pension, general insurance, disability and assessment: \$21,339

Payroll and related: \$22,347

Envelopes and printing: \$1,351

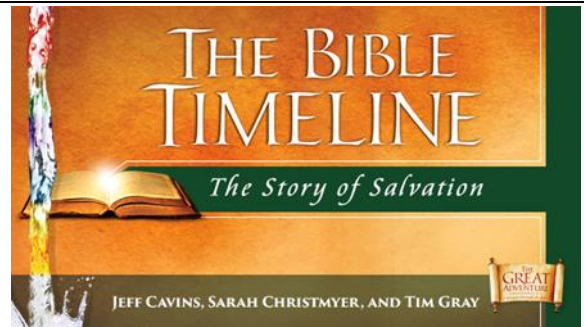
Landscaping and lawn: \$1,695

Utilities: \$6,699

**Financial Commitment to Mater Dei Catholic School**

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

***The BIBLE TIMELINE Returns to St. Stanislaus!*** Approximately five years ago, a group of about 45 St. Stanislaus parishioners undertook the acclaimed Ascension Press study entitled *The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation*. Participants were so delighted by their learning, that they asked for more studies like it...and our parish's Bible Study program began! **This fall, we will be offering *The Bible Timeline* again, starting on Tuesday, October 16 at 7pm in the Parish Center. Subsequent sessions will be held on Thursdays starting on October 25 at 7pm.**



**This is the foundational study in *The Great Adventure* Bible Study Series that has helped hundreds of thousands of Catholics learn to read the Bible.** *The Bible Timeline* is a fascinating study that takes participants on a journey through the entire Bible. They will go deep into each period of salvation history and discover the amazing story woven throughout all of Scripture. They will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and see how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith. Key people and events that advance the story are highlighted so that the newcomer isn't overwhelmed with too much at once. The study's objectives are:

- Read **14 narrative books** of the Bible and discover the amazing story woven throughout Scripture;
- Learn how the key **people, places, and events** in the Bible fit together to reveal God's plan for humanity;
- Study the Bible from a **Catholic perspective** and see how our faith is rooted in Sacred Scripture;
- See how the events in the Old Testament are **fulfilled in the New Testament** by Christ and the Church;
- Gain a **greater appreciation for the Scripture** readings you hear during Mass;
- See how **God reveals himself** to us through Scripture and learn how **God's Word applies** to your life today; &
- Develop a life-long hunger for knowing God in his word and **lay a strong foundation** for further Bible reading and study.

Further information about the program is available by called the Parish Center and ask for one of the priests, deacons, or Sr. Barbara McGahan. Stop by the front desk of the Parish Center to sign-up for the study today!

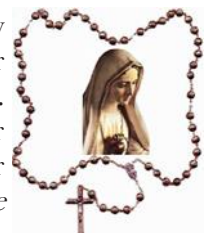
For more spiritual enrichment events and community activities, check out the *Beyond the Parish* page of our website: [www.ststanislaus.com/beyond-the-parish/](http://www.ststanislaus.com/beyond-the-parish/) New posts are added each week. Don't forget to "LIKE" our official St. Stanislaus Lansdale Facebook page as well. Look for the St. Stan icon.

### 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)

### ***Living Rosary*** – Wednesday, October 3 @ 7pm in the Church

The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7. In 1883, Pope Leo XIII officially dedicated the month of October to the Holy Rosary. Our sacramental PREP students and other groups in the parish will help us to *form a "Living Rosary"* at a special prayer service on October 3. It would be great to *fill the church*, as we pray to our Blessed Mother for peace and hope for our troubled world. Anyone interested in participating by praying a bead aloud, or who is looking for more information, is invited to call Leona Russell in the PREP office at 215.855.9893. *ALL are welcome!*



### ***Mark your calendar...***

***First Reconciliation Parent Reflection Evening*** – Wednesday, October 17 @ 6:55pm (in the school gym). This meeting is for parents of students who will be preparing to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this year. (This includes parents of the children who attend Mater Dei and who are parishioners at St. Stanislaus, as well as the parents of our PREP children who are preparing for this sacrament.) Fr. Charles Ravert will be our guest speaker. Sacrament preparation packets will be distributed at the meeting.



MDCS: 215.368.0995  
 Email [info@materdeicatholic.com](mailto:info@materdeicatholic.com)  
 Website: [www.materdeicatholic.com](http://www.materdeicatholic.com)  
 Child Care Center: 215.799.2211  
 Email [info: childcare@materdeicatholic.com](mailto:childcare@materdeicatholic.com)

*Thank you for helping us to spread the word about your parish's Catholic school! Please continue to share with your fellow parishioners, family, friends, and neighbors!*



**Calling all Alum of St. Maria Goretti, St. Rose, and St. Stans: Save the Date for your ALUM BREAKFAST!** Join us for Break-

fast on Saturday, November 10, 2018 at 9:30 AM in the Mater Dei Catholic School Gym. Reconnect with classmates and catch up with each other! All are welcome! More details to follow about reservations for the breakfast. Table reservations by graduating year will also be accepted. Any questions, please contact Grace Samanns at [gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com](mailto:gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com)

### Mater Dei BINGO:

Need a few hours to unwind and socialize with adults?



Come play Mater Dei Bingo! Gym doors open at 5pm; games begin at 6:45pm every Thursday. 25 games of Bingo plus specials are offered all night! Admission prices start at \$8 and all proceeds support Mater Dei Catholic School.



**The Mater Dei Childcare Center,** located at St. Maria Goretti Parish in Hatfield, has immediate part time openings for infants and full time openings for children ranging in age from 1 to 2 years

old. Your child is welcome to participate in an amazing program where he or she will learn and develop socially, emotionally, academically, and spiritually in a nurturing environment. Mater Dei Child Care Center is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM to accommodate the working parent. If you would like information or would like to schedule a visit, please contact us at [childcare@materdeicatholic.com](mailto:childcare@materdeicatholic.com) or 215.799.2211. Space is limited for Fall!

### Mark Your Calendars for the CYO Car Wash!

Let the CYO coaches and players scrub the summer sludge from your vehicles on **October 6, 10am to 2pm at St. Stans Church.** The car wash is **FREE, but donations are accepted.**

All donations support the CYO program! See you there!



### Save the Date: MDCS Info Session &

**Registration:** Please join us for the 2019-20

Info Session on **Tuesday, October 16, from 6**

**to 7:30pm.** The general info session will begin promptly at 6:10pm followed by mini-classes for the preschool and kindergarten children and tours for others. 2019-20 registrations in certain grade levels can be accepted this evening. For more information or to RSVP, contact us at 215.368.9787!



**Please Join Us ... All Legacy (St. Maria Goretti, St. Rose, and St. Stanislaus) and Mater Dei Alumni Meeting: October 4, 2018, at 7:00 PM**

If you are an alum from any of our legacy schools or Mater Dei, please contact Grace Samanns in Advancement to be part of a great opportunity! A Legacy School/Mater Dei Alumni Committee is being formed and your help is needed with social media, planning events, graphic design, etc. If you are only able to work remotely, we can work that out. Friends are welcome so ask one to join with you! **The meeting will take place on Thursday, October 4 at 7:00 PM in the Faculty Room at Mater Dei.** Call or email Grace Samanns for more information or to sign up! 267-218-3496 or [gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com](mailto:gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com).

**Imagination Playhouse:** Our newest program, Imagination Playhouse, will be offered at our Lansdale campus, where imaginative play and multi-sensory learning will be emphasized. Your child must be 2 1/2 to start this two day a week program (the program will accept 2 1/2 and 3-year-old children and your child does not have to be potty trained to begin). Space is still available for 2018-19. Contact Grace today!

**Have you begun the search for a private high school?** We regularly post scholarship, open house, and exam information on our "Beyond the Parish" section of the St. Stanislaus website. Go to [www.ststanislaus.com](http://www.ststanislaus.com) and click on the *Get Involved* tab, then click on the "Beyond the Parish" link. Most recent information is posted at the top and is highlighted. Then events are posted in chronological order. Visit the site today!





St. Stanislaus Parish "GIFT" Program  
Growing In Faith Together

Tuesday, Oct. 9  
7:00pm in the Parish Center  
Lobby Meeting Room

"Live Today Well" – St. Francis de Sales's  
Simple Approach to Holiness  
Speaker – Fr. Thomas F. Dailey

Living the Christian life requires a strategy. Most of us won't get to Heaven through heroic feats of sanctity, but by learning to live the devout life through our everyday activities. That's why St. Francis de Sales developed a spiritual plan of action to help us acquire holiness in the midst of our many other responsibilities. Fr. Dailey's book "Live Today Well" describes this plan, showing how you can balance time devoted to God with the time needed to complete your many other tasks.

**The Next Senior Group Meeting is October 11th at 1pm:** We will be celebrating "Octoberfest." Please bring something ethnic to share — no iced tea, please! Questions? Contact Eileen at 215.237.6819.



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

"Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord."  
—James 5:10

Spend time in the Adoration Chapel and  
listen to Jesus speak to your heart.

**Immediate Urgent Needs:**  
Sunday 4am, Friday 2am, Friday 10pm, Saturday  
3am, Saturday 2pm

Also, we have the need to replace a permanent  
substitute for 3 months. This need is:  
**Monday 11 pm**

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)

**Get Involved: The Bereavement  
Ministry of St. Stans and Mary, Mother  
of the Redeemer Parishes**



The Bereavement Ministry offers ways that you can deepen your relationship with Christ through serving others. A peer-to-peer ministry, we provide compassionate and caring companionship on the journey of grief. In addition to offering a monthly grief support group, we seek individuals: to pray for the dead and their loved ones as they walk their grief journey; to assist with Masses of Remembrance (greeting attendees, handing out programs); to lend a compassionate ear to the bereaved (via telephone or in-person); or assist with other special events. If you would like to learn more about these opportunities, or if you are seeking grief support, please contact Jennifer Breen at 215.896.2720.

Come join us to talk about your experience at the MMR/St. Stan's Bereavement Support Group on **Thursday, October 11**. The topic, *Crazy is Normal*. There will be a morning group at MMR from 10-11:30am in the Parish Conference room. There will be an evening group at St. Stanislaus from 7-8:30pm in the Parish center. No registration is necessary, just come if you can.

*Crazy Is Normal:* During the period of intense grief, people often worry that they are going crazy. Some people hear voices or see visions; others find themselves unable to concentrate or forgetting things. Upcoming sessions include — **November 8:** Understanding the Process of Grief and **December 13:** Coping with the Holidays when You Are Grieving

**Respect Life Sunday:**

Respect Life Sunday will be observed on October 7. The Respect Life Committee will hold a bake sale that day to raise funds for the March for Life in Washington D.C. **Baked goods are needed.** Please drop off any do-



Praying  
for children  
who are  
hidden from  
sight,  
but not  
hidden  
from God...  
Praying for  
the protection  
of unborn people...

nation to the Parish Center Saturday morning 8:30 to noon or before the Mass you attend that weekend. Baby bottles will also be distributed to parishioners to collect their loose change during the month of October. We ask that you return your bottle to the Parish Center by October 28. The money raised will benefit the life saving work of the Legacy of Life Foundation. **Respect Life Group meets the first Tuesday of the month from 8 to 9pm!**

## Spiritual Enrichment Opportunity!

**Lumen Gentium Part I: Mystery & Communion.** This DVD class, led by Fr. Joseph Shenosky and facilitated by St. Stans' Director of Religious Education, Leona Russell, begins with a review of the changes brought about by Vatican II. The topic for Session I is "Foundations of the Church". Session II's topic is "The Theology of the Church and Vatican II" and we close with Session III focusing on "The Church and Ecumenism".

Classes will be held on October 23, 30 & November 6 from 4pm to 6:30pm or 6:40pm to 9:10 pm in the Parish Center. The cost is \$25. Registrations to be sent directly to the Archdiocese, and *Catholic school teachers and catechists may use this course for a CORE credit or elective credit toward Catechetical Certification.* To register, go to: <http://phillyocf.org/dvd-courses/> and download the registration form for this class. **All are welcome!** Any questions may be directed to Leona Russell in the PREP office. Any questions may be directed to Leona Russell in the PREP office.

**Do you like robotics? Do you enjoy trivia? Mark your calendars for October 27th!** Support the Lansdale Catholic Robotics Team and purchase tickets for their annual Trivia Night at St. Rose of Lima. \$20 a person, BYOB — doors open at 6 and the fun begins at 7pm. Trivia, raffles, and a "Black Balloon" 50/50 are the highlights. To order tickets please contact [robotics@lansdalecatholic.com](mailto:robotics@lansdalecatholic.com) Please note that attendees must be 18 year of age or older. We hope to see you there!



**CYO Basketball registration is now OPEN for all 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade members of Saint Stanislaus Parish.** You may attend and play with your school or travel teams, in addition to the Parish CYO team. The registration fee is \$90. Student (grades 4-8) must be enrolled in Catholic School, Private Catholic School or our Parish PREP program. Player evaluations and practices begin in early November. Early registration is encouraged! Go to [www.WAGDOGS.com](http://www.WAGDOGS.com) to register *Registration closes on October 31, 2018 so register TODAY!* Questions? Email: [ststanscyo@gmail.com](mailto:ststanscyo@gmail.com)

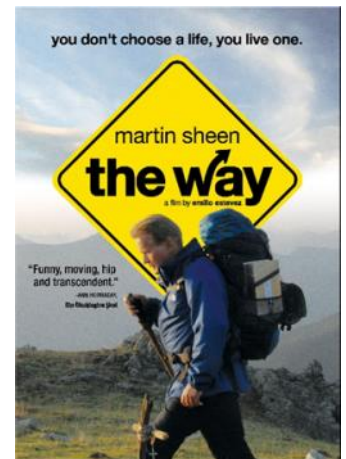
**Thinking about coaching?** An info meeting is scheduled for October 16th @ 6:30pm in the PREP Office. Please RSVP by October 15th!



**St. Anthony's Relics to Visit the Archdiocese of Philadelphia!** Saint Anthony will be visiting parishes in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in the form of two precious and first-class relics from his Basilica in Padua, Italy from October 6 to October 9. The Relics will visit multiple parishes. For more details, visit <https://bit.ly/2KYIrvR> or go to our website for details.

**Introducing the St. Stanislaus Parish Movie Series!** Join us for the first in a series of entertaining movies to be shown throughout the year, sponsored by the Evangelization Committee.

Fri., Oct. 19, at 7pm in the Parish Center. Popcorn, Snacks and Drinks will be provided, and admission is **FREE!** "The Way" is a film starring Martin Sheen, directed and produced by his son Emilio Estevez. It's the story of Dr. Thomas Avery (Martin Sheen) who goes to France following the death of his adult son who was killed in the Pyrenees mountains during a storm while walking the Camino de Santiago (The Way of St. James), a Catholic pilgrimage route to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Spain. Follow Tom on his journey as he walks the ancient spiritual trail where his son died, seeking to discover something deeper about himself. While on the way, Tom meets many interesting people from around the world, all looking for greater meaning in their lives, as they explore the universal themes of loss, community, and faith.



**Stock's Pound Cake Fundraiser: Benefits the Altar and Rosary Society!** Hurry, as St. Stans is limited to 198 cakes! \$15 a cake, and all orders must be submitted by November 15.



Pick-up date is Saturday, December 8 and Sunday, December 9 at the **Parish Center.** No need to travel to Philadelphia to get one of these Pastor recommended cakes. Stock's Pound Cakes are great gifts, and may be frozen to enjoy at a later date. Order forms are available in the Parish Center! Please complete the form and mail it with your check (made payable to St. Stanislaus Altar & Rosary) to the address listed on the form.



MINISTERIO HISPANO

Vigésimo sexton domingo del tiempo ordinario: 30 de septiembre de 2018

Viendo como están las cosas a nuestro alrededor alguno diría que no hay piedras de molino suficientes para tantos "que escandalizan a los pequeños que creen". Es tan grave este pecado que Jesús no teme ser calificado de radical cuando aconseja sacrificar parte del propio cuerpo antes que impedir a los inocentes la entrada en el Reino de los cielos. Al que siga escandalizando "más le valiera no haber nacido", dice el Evangelio de hoy.

La noticia de un crimen de sangre nos horroriza hasta el punto de hacernos sentir en el corazón esa mezcla de dolor, de odio y deseo de venganza. En el Evangelio de hoy Jesús habla del asesinato moral que se comete contra los inocentes y los más débiles a través del escándalo. Esto puede ocurrir en nuestras propias familias o en los ambientes de trabajo o de fe. El escándalo confunde la conciencia, hace renegar de la fe y priva a un alma de su salvación eterna. Los niños son seres particularmente indefensos frente a las seducciones de los mayores.

¿Por qué tanta dureza en estas expresiones de Jesús? Porque los niños son el objeto preferido del amor de Dios; y a los que cometen injusticias contra ellos les están reservados los peores castigos. Los escándalos no sólo se dan en el comportamiento moral de las personas (abusos sexuales, deshonestidad en las palabras, mentira, ofensas) sino también en las relaciones sociales injustas (la explotación del trabajador, la corrupción política, el despilfarro en gastos inútiles, el hambre en el mundo, los abusos de poder). Por eso Santiago es radical al condenar este otro tipo de escándalo.

Detrás de cada enseñanza del Evangelio está la lógica del amor. Es la lógica del servicio fraterno, contrario a la dinámica del escándalo como negación del cristianismo. El escándalo implica un abandono del amor y un desprecio de nuestros hermanos. Por eso el planteamiento de la caridad no es ¿qué debo evitar? Sino ¿qué es lo mejor que puedo hacer por los demás?

Bueno será que, a la luz del Evangelio de hoy acabemos pensando: Si el dinero me hace olvidar a Jesucristo; si mi corazón y mi vida no necesitan de Dios más que para adorno religioso, mejor será quemar ese dinero; dárselo a los pobres. Más vale entrar desnudo en la vida que ser arrojado al abismo, forrado de oro. Querer para los demás aquel bien que yo quisiera para mí mismo, es dinámica que crea vínculos de amor, aunque no lo sepamos.

Debemos comprometernos a combatir el mal con el bien, la mentira con la verdad, el odio con el amor. Y además, que en nuestra presencia nadie pueda atreverse a escandalizar a los inocentes: ni blasfemando contra Dios, ni ensuciando la pureza del alma, ni pecando contra el amor a los hermanos. ¡Recordemos la piedra de molino!

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

**'Why I Love Mary' Essay Contest**

Open to boys and girls age 10-17  
Essay must be at least 200 words and answer the question: 'Why I Love Mary?'

There will be four winners chosen by Monsignor Tracy: 2 boys and 2 girls

**The winners will get to play the Virgin Mary, Juan Diego, the Bishop and the Narrator in the Drama at this year's Guadalupe Celebration.**

*Essays must be submitted to Father Charles by Sunday October 28<sup>th</sup>.*

**Concurso de ensayos 'Por qué amo a María'**

Abierto para niños y niñas de 10 a 17 años  
El ensayo debe tener al menos 200 palabras y responder a la pregunta: '¿Por qué amo a María?'

Habrán cuatro ganadores elegidos por Monseñor Tracy: 2 niños y 2 niñas

**Los ganadores interpretarán a la Virgen María, Juan Diego, el Obispo y el Narrador en el Drama en la Celebración de Guadalupe de este año.**

*Los ensayos deben enviarse al Padre Carlos antes del domingo 28 de octubre.*

**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 Martín 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 Diacono 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 interesado 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 Olivia Tavera 267.498.8610 o Marta Escobar 215.767.8694***

**Celebración anual del patrimonio hispano: 6 de octubre  
en San Pedro Apóstol, 1019 N. 5th Street en Filadelfia.**

El obispo Edward M. Deliman será el principal celebrante y homilista.

La celebración comenzará a las 10:30 a.m. con una procesión seguida de misa a las 11:00 a.m.

Este año, la misa será parte de un día de formación para la comunidad latina. Comenzará a las 8:00 a.m. y finalizará a las 4:00 p.m. Durante la sesión de la mañana, se le ofrecerá una presentación pastoral por parte del padre. Bruce Lewandowski. Por la tarde, se ofrecerá una sesión especial para agentes pastorales y músicos. El tema será el nuevo Misal Romano. Tenga en cuenta que la sesión de la tarde está abierta para todos y no solo para aquellos que son miembros del Ministerio de Música.

¡Espero verte allí!

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

9 de septiembre: \$350.25

*¡Que Dios les bendiga!*

*Gracias por su generosidad y oraciones.*

Contactos Padre Carlos 215.855.3133 ext. 111 al  
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