

September 8 – Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time



Saturday 8:30 AM (September 7): **First Saturday**
For the repose of Harry Jackson III and for the strength and healing of his fiancé, Jennifer Solly

5:00 PM Rev. Vincent Cronin 25th
Anniversary of his death by family

Sunday 9:30 AM (September 8):
Darryl Moyer by wife Mary Lou

Monday 8:30 AM (September 9)
Anna Nemecek by James and Barbara Nemecek

Wednesday 8:30 AM (September 11):
Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Thursday 8:30 AM (September 12):
George and Jean Halmi by a friend

Friday 8:30 AM (September 13):
Jose and Rosaria Rodrigues by granddaughter

Saturday 5:00 PM (September 14):
Amorim family by son Joseph and family

Sunday 9:30 AM (September 15):
Casemiro Fernandes by Candido Dias and family

Sacrament of Penance Schedule

Saturday: 4:00-4:45 PM
Before weekday Mass: 7:00-8:00 AM
First Friday of the Month: 6:00-7:00 PM
Confessions also by appointment, please call the Rectory Office.

Please extend a warm welcome to *Father Maco* who will celebrant our 5:00 PM Saturday Mass this weekend.



Let us continue to remember and pray for all our deceased relatives, friends, benefactors, and parishioners, those serving in the military, those struggling with addictions, the homebound and those who are sick and have asked for our prayers, especially *Joe Koma*. Individual names will be added to the list of Prayers for the Sick upon request from the individual or from the sick person's Power of Attorney.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Reading I: Isaiah 35: 4-7a

The new age is on the way. Physical afflictions like deafness will end. The desert will be watered and cool.

Reading II: James 2: 1-5

There are to be no distinctions among people based on their wealth or poverty. Everyone is invited to the Lord's feast.

The Gospel: Mark 7: 31-37

The fact that Jesus was moved to compassion by the deaf man and healed him contributed to the popular belief that Jesus is mainly a healer. He had to teach the crowd that He was much more than they knew.



Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8 Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31 Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13 Ps 139:1B-3, 13-14AB, 23-24 Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27 Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12 Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1BC-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17
Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 Jas 2:14-18 Mk 8:27-35

Marian Altar:

Andrew and Irene Homyak by Mary Ellen and Alice.

St. Joseph Altar (2):

Health of Terry O'Neil by wife Debbie.



Bible Study Group will meet Wednesday, September 11 at 10:00 AM in the Parish Center. All are invited! Call Peg Duell at: 610-826-8009 for details.



First Friday of the month

4:00-7:00 PM

Confession: 6:00-7:00 PM.

9/14-9/15	Lector	EM	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	J. Kralik	Fr. Mullins/S. Berger	M/N Cuyler
9:30 AM	A. Goodbred	Fr. Mullins/C. Papay/S. Miller (choir)	S/B Goodbred



Being unable to communicate clearly with others often prevents one from entering into true relationship with others. The use of hearing aids, sign language and cell phone technology can help bridge the gap in communication for those who are deaf or mute. In the Gospel today, Jesus heard the plea of the neighbors, and opened the ears and tongue of the man, restoring his speech and hearing. Afterwards, the neighbors and the healed man together lifted up their voices in songs of praise.

We desire to do something similar with our church pipe organ. Our current Wicks pipe organ has numerous functional issues with many notes that make no sound, preventing us from raising up songs of praise. The organ has old cotton wiring which is no longer compliant with the National Electric Code and due to some structural/water damage issues of the organ chamber in May 2023, it requires extensive repair. We received two quotes to repair the current organ: Emery Brothers and Patrick J. Murphy & Associates would charge us approximately \$40,000. In addition, the pipe organ requires on-going maintenance/tuning twice per year which was costing on average of \$640 per visit.

As another option, Joann Kercsmar and Steve Uhnak, two of our organists visited Allen Organs in Macungie this past week to check out their new digital organs. Digital organs do not require ongoing maintenance/tuning each year and the sound is just as good as a pipe organ. Digital organs also have a recording option such that if there is a week we don't have an organist, we can play back the hymns that someone pre-recorded at an earlier date.

Even though it was not planned in our budget, our parish will be able to pull from our investments, so there is no need for a capital campaign. Thus, we hope that the sounds will be opened up again and we will soon be able to lift up all voices in songs of praise to God.

Word of the Week: **Avarice** - An excessive or insatiable desire for money or material things. In its strict sense, avarice is the inordinate holding on to possessions or riches instead of using these material things for some worthwhile purpose. Reluctance to let go of what a person owns is also avarice. (i.e., Matthew 19:21-22).

Learn and Live the Faith (Compendium of CCC) #389 "What are the gifts of the Holy Spirit?"

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are permanent dispositions which make us docile in following divine inspirations. The seven gifts are: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord."

#390 "What are the fruits of the Holy Spirit?"

The *fruits* of the Holy Spirit are perfections formed in us as the first fruits of eternal glory. The tradition of the Church lists twelve of them: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control and chastity (*Galatians 5:22-23, Vulgate*)."



Saint of the Week: Blessed Frederic Ozanam (1813 - 1853)

was the fifth of 14 children, one of only three to reach adulthood. In his teens he began to have doubts about his religion. Reading and prayer did not seem to help, but talking to a priest at the university clarified things greatly. Frederick followed his father's wish and studied law at the university. When some professors mocked Catholic teachings in their lectures, Frederick defended the Church. Frederick formed a discussion club where Catholics, atheists and agnostics debated the issues of the day. Once, after talking about his faith, someone challenged Frederick: "What do you do besides talk to prove the faith that claims to be in you?" Frederic was stung by the question and soon decided that his words needed a basis in action. He began helping the poor and establishing a St. Vincent de Paul group to help people in need. He taught law and literature at a university and worked to bring out the best in each student. He married Amelie Soulacroix and together they had a daughter, Marie. Recognizing his charitable works, the French government in 1848 asked Frederic and his co-workers at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to oversee government aid to the poor. They cared for the 275,000 unemployed and ministered to their needs. Frederic died of illness in 1853. At Frederic's beatification in 1997 in Paris, Pope John Paul II called him a model for lay Catholics. Feast day: 8 September.

Saint Quote of the Week: *"Let us learn, first of all, to defend our belief without hating our adversaries, to appreciate those who do not think as we do, to recognize that there are Christians in every camp, and that God can be served now as always! Let us complain less of our times and more of ourselves. Let us not be discouraged, let us be better."* - Blessed Frederick Ozanam.

"Charity is the Samaritan who pours oil on the wounds of the traveler who has been attacked. But it is justice's role to prevent the attacks." - Blessed Frederick Ozanam.

"Our main purpose is not merely to help the poor – this is but a means to an end. Our true aim is to preserve in ourselves the Catholic Faith in all its purity and to communicate it to others through the channels of charity. Charity teaches us that when we visit the poor we gain much more than they do." - Blessed Frederick Ozanam.



Festival Weekend

Thanks to all who have helped with

preparations and all who are helping in the kitchen and stand this weekend. We cannot do this without your help! We are so blessed to have people willing to share their time and talent.

We encourage you to invite your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to come visit. Come enjoy the wonderful food and support us! We will be accepting cash and all major credit cards including Apple Pay at our Stand. We will be selling Halushki, Hamburger BBQ, drinks and Scoopendorf's ice cream parfaits. Our school will also have a food stand and will be selling kabobs in a bowl with rice: Hawaiian pork, Teriyaki beef, Italian chicken, and Vegetarian.

Don't forget extra hands are needed on Monday, September 9 to take down the Festival Stand and return it to the garage, weather permitting. Meet in the Park at 6:00 PM.

Questions contact: Veronica Scarpati at: 610-349-3691 or Dana Massey at: 484-725-8378.



All students in high school (grades 9 through 12) are invited to join us Wednesday, September 18, at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center, as we gather to kick-off the 2024-2025 Program. Contact Tricia Matsko with questions at: tricia@rohrmedia.com.



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Catechesis for Adults will meet Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center starting September 3. Anyone who wants to learn more about our faith or desiring to grow deeper in our faith are welcome.



Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) for children in 1st to 8th grade begins this Sunday, September 8th. All children are to meet in the Church after 9:30 AM Mass today. Any questions concerning the 2024-2025 PREP Program, please contact Father Mullins or Steve Uhnak at: 610-826-2335 or email your questions to: shccre@ptd.net.



Parish Photo Directory: Sign-up today for October 3, 4 or 5 for your photo session in the Parish Center! Reservations are required. Register online at: www.UCDIR.com; Click on the reddish tab "Photography Session Sign-up," Enter Church Code: **pa1089** and Password: **photos**. Receive a free photo and a free parish photo directory. Call the Rectory Office if you need help in scheduling your time.



9/7-8 and 9/14-15:
In Support of the Parish



Sacred Heart provides **Online Giving through software called myEoffering.**

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Because we are Catholic

As of 8/7/24
Parish Goal: \$22,195.75
Received: \$21,775.00
of Donors: 96

Almost there . . . \$420.75 needed to reach our goal! If you have not pledged your support, please do so this week. We can make an impact on the lives of our friends, family and neighbors in need. You may return your pledge form to the parish office, drop in the collection basket or make your gift online at: BecauseWeAreCatholic.org. Every gift counts!

All are invited to Because We Are Catholic Daily Masses celebrated by The Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert D.D. *Followed by light refreshments in the Parish Center.*

Monday, September 9: 8:00 AM
Our Lady of Mercy, 132 S. Fifth Street, Easton
Thursday, September 12: 8:00 AM
Holy Guardian Angels, 3121 Kutztown Rd, Reading
Monday, October 28: 6:00 PM at St. Teresa of Calcutta, 600 W. Mahanoy Avenue, Mahanoy City

SJNRS: Consider a few of the benefits in providing your child (children) the gift of a Catholic School education: Safe caring environment that offers excellent faith based education, financial aid, small class and individual attention. For details, please call Dr. Chris Heery, Principal at: 610-826-2354.
Scholarships are available. Enroll today for:

PreK: Children 3-4 years of age on or before September 1, 2024.
Kindergarten: Children age 5 by October 15, 2024.
New Students: Grades 1 through 8.

CYO sign-ups for Cross Country and Fall girls volleyball. *Volleyball* Girls: Grades 4 to 8. *Cross-Country* Boys/Girls: grades K-8 Open to all Sacred Heart Parish and St. John Neumann School students. Contact Carolyn Gowin at: 610-751-3744. Also, interested in coaching please contact Carolyn.



Blessed with 90 years or more we offer our prayers and best wishes to **Jeanne Stemler and Mary Cyr.** May God be your guiding light and the angels from heaven above shower endless joy on you.

Immaculate Conception Parish, Jim Thorpe "Bereavement Support Group" register by September 15, begins Monday, September 30 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Call **570-325-2791.** Trained Ministers available. Registration required! Space is limited--there is No charge.

Pennsylvania March for Life: Assemble on the steps of our state capitol in Harrisburg on **Monday, September 23** for the 2024 PA March for Life. For additional information and to register visit the website at: <https://marchforlife.org/pennsylvania/>.

Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass: Sunday, September 22, 2024, doors open 2:00 PM. Celebrant Bishop Alfred Schlert at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena. Married couples are invited to renew their vows and thank God for the gift of the Sacrament of Marriage. Couples celebrating 1-5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50-plus years of marriage will receive special recognition. Contact Rhady Tulloch, Director of Marriage and Family Life, with questions at: rtulloch@allentowndiocese.org or register online at: www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass.

Malvern Retreat House invites all women to experience a period of refreshment, support, reassurance, learning, and concentration on the gift of their lives next weekend, September 13, 14 and 15. Register at: OLPH.ascarselletti@gmail.com or contact Anthony Scarselletti at: 610-393-4671.

September 20, 2024: "My Heart--A Pilgrimage to the Heart of Jesus." The Diocesan Pilgrimage Committee invites all to the first local pilgrimage to The National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, Berks County, Pennsylvania. 8:15-9:00 AM – Arrival & Welcome; Pilgrimage events: 9:00 AM-2:00 PM; Free Time: 2:00-4:00 PM. To learn more visit: www.padrepio.org.

September 14 National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children Memorial Service at 1:00 PM in St. Jerome New Cemetery, 501 Jerome Street in Tamaqua. Contact Cheryl Keifer for additional info at: 484-866-3835 or sj23cherishlife@gmail.com.



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