

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 15, 2017

LIVING GOD'S WORD

Over the past few weeks the scriptures have provided us with a feast of images of God's abundant mercy. Today's image of the heavenly banquet both completes the picture of God's generosity and shifts our attention to our response to God's generous invitation.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OCTOBER 16, 2017

Monday, October 16, St. Hedwig
8:15AM Intention of Catholic Extension Donor
Tuesday, October 17, St. Ignatius of Antioch
8:15AM Mary Ellen Atchison by Connie Holzum
Wednesday, October 18, St. Luke the Evangelist
10:30AM James Prost by Friends
Thursday, October 19, Sts. John De Brebeuf and
Isaac Jogues and Companions
NO MASS
Friday, October 20, St. Paul of the Cross
8:15AM Bob & Mary Friess by John
Saturday, October 21
5PM For the Parish
Sunday, October 22
9AM Mark Jungewaelter & Bobby Kolb

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OCT. 15 THRU OCT. 22

Sunday	9AM Mass PSR Class after 9AM Mass till 11:15AM
Monday	8:15AM Mass 11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon Stuffed Peppers/Fried Chicken
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass (Grades 5-8)
Wednesday	10:30AM Mass at Three Springs
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off
Friday	8:15AM Mass (Grades 7 & 8 Liturgy) FALL PICTURE DAY-Free Jeans Day 2:50PM Dismissal-NO BUS
Saturday	10AM-NOON City Halloween Party in St. Mary's Gym 5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: As Catholics we are invited to "come to the feast" at significant moments in our lives. Baptisms, First Communions, marriages, ordinations, and funeral rites are all commonly celebrated within the feast of the Eucharist. The clothes we wear-from the baptismal garment to the funeral pall, from fancy wedding garb to simple white albs-reflect our baptismal commitment to be faithful to Christ until we come to the eternal heavenly feast that our Eucharistic celebrations anticipate. All are invited to come to the feast. All are invited to dress in the garment of Christ. Not all respond to the invitation. It has often been asked what would happen if, come Sunday morning, praying as we always do for Christ to come again, Christ actually did return. Would we come to his feast? Would we prefer our small private gathering to the huge mass of people we don't really want to know? Would we be found wearing the garment of faithfulness we were given in baptism? Where would we be "on that day"?

TITHE WEEK OF OCTOBER 8, 2017

Mary Help of Christians: \$5,186.50
\$662.00 Improvement Fund; \$40.00 Hurricane Relief;
\$1.00 Child Env.; \$12.00 Votives; \$20.00 Donation
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00
YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,351.84
Fiscal Year Week: 15
YTD Actual Giving: \$95,277.50
YTD Budget Need: \$105,000.00
YTD Budget Difference: (\$9,722.50)
YTD Weekly: (\$648.17)

SERVERS SCHEDULE for Oct. 21 & 22: 5PM, Carson Dunn, Koltan Jany; 9AM, Maison Shemonic, Reed Welborn, Paige Vasquez

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: People often think they have "earned" what they have. All gifts come through God's generosity. We can only say "thank you".

THANK YOU to the generous anonymous donor for the \$10,000.00 memorial in honor of Ron Pechacek. It has helped to pay bills that have accumulated due to the \$9,722.50 deficit in our weekly collection.

CHESTER AREA CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY is in need of canned meat, canned fruit and soup. Extra produce from your garden would be appreciated.

RANDOLPH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT will hold their Flu Clinic at Ellis Grove Village Hall, 101 N. Main Street, on Wednesday, Oct. 18, from 10-11AM.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be held at the American Legion, 500 E. Opdyke, on Wednesday, Oct. 18, from 12:45-5:45PM.

CHOIR PRACTICE for the Ecumenical Prayer Service will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 7:15PM at Mary Help of Christians, Chester.

CHICKEN DINNER, Friday, Oct. 20, from 4:30-7PM at the K of C Hall. Buffet Style-All You Can Eat. Adults-\$10. Children under 10-\$5. Carry Outs available. Proceeds to benefit the Chamber of Commerce Annual Scholarship.

EMERALD CITY OKTOBERFEST AUCTION will be held at Gibault on Saturday, Oct. 21. Cost is \$50. Mass is at 4:15PM. Hors d' oeuvres and Dinner at 6PM. Visit www.Gibault.gesture.com to see auction items. Contact Andrea at abiske@gibaulthawks.com for more info.

SUNDAY, Oct. 22, St. Patrick, Tipton, Wurstmarkt and Meat Shoot, 10AM Mass, 11AM-4PM Family Style Dinner

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY will be celebrated on Sunday, Oct. 22. Each year, the entire Church is invited to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the poorest of the poor. This year, we are invited to "Chat With The Pope". Visit ChatWithThePope.org to learn more about his missions.

JOIN US on Saturday, Nov. 11, for St. Mary's School Annual Family Fun Night. This year in addition to the food stand, games and silent auction, there will be two new family friendly activities. A 1 mile Fun Run will be held at the Cohen Field at 4PM. Registration forms are available in the back of church and in the school office. Think you have the best chili around? The second new activity will be a chili cook-off in the school library. To register to participate in the cook-off please contact the school office. The rules & guidelines flyer can be found in the back of church. The food stand in the cafeteria will have chili & hot dogs available for purchase. Come support the school and enjoy a fun family evening!

PARTY GUESTS: Prophet Isaiah paints a picture of a grand party on God's mountain. It is a feast with rich food and choice wines. It is a splendid wedding feast with invited guests who rudely decline and refuse to come. They are replaced with everyone off the street-good and bad alike. But first, each must wear the wedding garment, that is, put on the baptismal garment who is Christ. Who will I not ignore today? How can I not let my important business get in the way of attending to God's business? I will "live in Christ" today by _____.