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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Vol. 30 No. 41 OCTOBER 8, 2017

*Matthew 21:33-43 God works with broken sticks, reclaims our wasted days.
(There must be other ways, you scream.) There are.
But if you fail the first time, you can still make the team.*

Question of the Week

The question of the week invites the parish community to share faith by reflecting on and discussing Sunday's Gospel throughout the week.

Adult How have you used your talents and abilities well for the Reign of God?

Child What can you do in your week to help the love of God grow in the world?

Masses for the Week

(Unless otherwise noted, weekday Masses are held in the Word of God Chapel)

Monday----- No Mass
Tuesday----- No Mass
Wednesday-----7:00 p.m. – Ralph Laughlin
Thursday-----7:00 p.m. – For the Parish Family
Friday----- 12:00 p.m. – Ann Serbin
Saturday----- 5:30 p.m. – Charlie Scheidell
Sunday----- 9:00 a.m. – For the Parish Family
Sunday----- 11:00 a.m. – Lori Serbin

Liturgical Ministers for Next Week

Eucharistic Ministers

		<u>Cup Ministers</u>	<u>Bread Ministers</u>
Saturday	5:30 p.m.	T. Kamanayire – K. Karchner – L. Keller – T. Scheidell – L. Szklinski – R. Zbiek	* L. Bennett ** NEED 1
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	T. Embser – F. Ezeakacha – P. Gatto – K. Hair – G. Moorman – S. Roy	* Deacon ** J. Pringle
	11:00 a.m.	V. Bojan – M. Bojan – M. Laplante – D. Laplante – K. Lesch – T. Michel (*does pouring/**gets ciborium)	*Deacon ** M. Dirsmith

Readers

Saturday	5:30 p.m.	R. Shoemaker
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	J. Nolan
	11:00 a.m.	J. Babinski

Servers

E. Ikwut-Ukwa – **NEED 1**
M. Costello – M. Switalski
M. Czajkowski – G. Czajkowski

Ministers of Hospitality

Saturday	5:30 p.m.	K. Siggins
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Zlupko Family
	11:00 a.m.	Bojan Family – Allgeier Family

Cross Bearers

M. Davis
NEED 1
R. Tillotson

Children's Liturgy

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Jill Putnam - Leader Jaimie Wright - Assistant
	11:00 a.m.	Paige Fuller - Leader Danielle Trego - Assistant

Schedule of Events for this Week

Sun.	Oct	8	Elementary Faith Formation - 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. RCIA Class 10:30 a.m. – Great Spirit Conference Room Marriage Convalidation – 11:00 Mass 6 th -8 th Gr. Faith Formation - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. First Reconciliation/First Communion Parent Mtg. – 6:30 – 8:00 – Agape Hall
Mon.	Oct	9	OFFICE CLOSED – Columbus Day Holiday Elementary Faith Formation - 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. – Classrooms Centering Prayer – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Tues.	Oct	10	Prayer Shawl – 10:00 a.m. – Noon – Marge Bennett's home Centering Prayer – 12:00 Noon – Marge Bennett's home
Weds.	Oct	11	JustFaith Discussion Group – 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. – Redeeming Love Conf. Rm. Daily Mass – 7:00 p.m. – Chapel Pastoral Council – 7:30 p.m. – Christ the Servant Conference Room Baptism Preparation Class – 7:30 p.m. – Great Spirit Conference Room
Thurs.	Oct	12	Scripture Study Group – 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. – Great Spirit Conference Room Daily Mass – 7:00 p.m. – Chapel Reader Training – 7:30 p.m. Jamaica Committee Meeting – 7:30 p.m. – Great Spirit Conference Room
Fri.	Oct	13	Planning Ministry – 10:00 a.m. – Noon - Warehouse Daily Mass - 12:00 Noon – Chapel / “Lunch with the Lord” – after Mass
Sat.	Oct	14	Social Justice Committee Meeting – 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. – Great Spirit Conf. Room 5:30 Music Ministry Rehearsal – 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. – Church RCIA Class – 6:45 p.m. – Great Spirit Conference Room

Schedule of Coming Events

Sun.	Oct	15	Pancake Breakfast – 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Agape Hall Elementary Faith Formation - 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. 6 th -8 th Gr. Faith Formation - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Mon.	Oct	16	Elementary Faith Formation - 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. – Classrooms Centering Prayer – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Tues.	Oct	17	Prayer Shawl – 10:00 a.m. – Noon – Marge Bennett's home Centering Prayer – 12:00 Noon – Marge Bennett's home Prayers & Squares – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. – Classroom #6
Weds.	Oct	18	JustFaith Discussion Group – 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. – Redeeming Love Conf. Rm. Daily Mass – CANCELED
Thurs.	Oct	19	Scripture Study Group – 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. – Great Spirit Conference Room Daily Mass – 7:00 p.m. – Chapel
Fri.	Oct	20	Planning Ministry – 10:00 a.m. – Noon - Warehouse Daily Mass - 12:00 Noon – Chapel / “Lunch with the Lord” – after Mass
Sat.	Oct	21	Social Justice Committee Meeting – 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. – Great Spirit Conf. Room 5:30 Music Ministry Rehearsal – 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. – Church

FAMILY CORNER

Our congratulations to the following couples celebrating their wedding anniversary this coming week:

Gerald & Norma Ross	Oct 8	Joseph & Anna Doncsecz	Oct 11
Carl & Lana Raup	Oct 8	Michael & Linda Halter	Oct 11
Thomas & Barbara Collins	Oct 9	Frank & Ana Peters	Oct 12
Michael Wolff & Ann Marie Oldani- Wolff	Oct 9	Gian & Lori Rocco	Oct 12
Gary & Mary Petersen	Oct 10	Kenneth & Sheila Moscone	Oct 13
Raymond & JoAnn Vautour	Oct 10	Richard & Anne Cropp	Oct 13
Eric & Julie Tegethoff	Oct 11	Richard & Theresa Brezina	Oct 14
		Ted & Theresa Kieffer	Oct 14

From the Pastor's Desk

"I can do all things in Him who strengthens me."

THREE TO GET READY FOR NEXT SUNDAY: The following questions are based on the Scripture Readings for next weekend's Liturgy. I encourage you, as you prepare to celebrate Mass with us, to make the time to read these passages, and to reflect on the questions. *1. (Isaiah 25: 6-10a) What is the veil or web that prevents you from enjoying the richness of God's banquet and praising God for saving you*

2. (Philippians 4:12-14; 19-20) Take a few moments to reflect on Paul's words: "I can do all things in him who strengthens me." What current situation in your life begs to hear this message? (Matthew (21: 33-43) In the parable-allegory of the wedding feast, what do you think the wedding robe represents?

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE: Our parish celebration of the Feast of Saint Francis was a beautiful and fitting transition into our life after observing the Season of Creation. I am grateful to all who came and made it a beautiful celebration. Our thanks to Lisa Wulderk, for the beautiful flower arrangements. Thanks also to the Music Ministry who led us so powerfully in sung prayer. A special thanks to Mary Ann Cabot, Donna Poorman and Karen Rogers who provided the delightful refreshments after Mass.

I enjoyed sharing our community with my friend, Father Kevin. I continue to ponder his quote from G.K. Chesterton in which Chesterton exulted that St. Francis extols us to *see everything in creation as if it were brand new*. Let us pray for new vision that moves us to greater care for all of creation. Thank you, thank you!

HERE IN THE LORD'S VINEYARD: *Whoever rights wrongs, feeds the hungry, cares for the dispossessed not merely with enthusiasm, but with dogged determination, whoever is meek and poor of heart; whoever is sensitive towards the numerous little heartaches people suffer is knowingly or un-knowingly-an envoy of Christ. And whoever shares in Christ's mission, shares in the fire of the Spirit. (Peter de Rosa)*

Parish Events

CRAFT ITEMS NEEDED

Are you a crafty person? On November 4th, 2017 Good Shepherd is holding a **Fall Festival**. We are asking parishioners who make things to donate craft items to sell at the Good Shepherd table. Any type of crafting is fine: knit or crochet, painting, ornaments, decorations, etc. We don't need dozens of an item, just dozens of people to donate one or more things. Please consider this easy way to help with the Fall Festival fund-raiser. Items are needed no later than Sunday, October 28th. Please contact Ginny Woodring swood91819@comcast.net or Lynne De Luca LMDEL112@gmail.com to donate or for more information

BAKED GOODS FOR FALL FESTIVAL

We will have a baked goods table at our Fall Festival on November 4th. Bakers are needed! If you are able to contribute something, we would greatly appreciate it. Please email sraiglcsw@gmail.com indicating what you may bring. Items may be dropped off the morning of the event after 8:30 a.m. Many thanks in advance for your time and talent!

TIME FOR ANOTHER TRIP TO THE ISLANDS!

Please join the crew doing a fall clean-up of the plantings on the parking lot islands at Good Shepherd Church. We will also be planting bulbs. Meet at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 21st (rain date October 28th). Bring gloves, clippers, trowels, barrels for clippings, etc. Any amount of time you can lend a hand is appreciated.

PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact the following parishioners with any prayer intentions:

Ellen Jankowski – 814-231-0213; Mary Petersen – 814-238-2209; Marge Carline – 814-238-3119

ENVIRONMENTAL FILM SHOWING

Everyone is invited to join the Social Justice Committee for a viewing of the film "*From the Ashes*" on Saturday, October 14th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Great Spirit Conference Room. This National Geographic documentary examines the decline of the coal industry and its impact on local communities. If this showing does not fit your schedule, the film is also being shown in an environmental film festival series at Foxdale Village at 7:00 p.m. on November 8th in their auditorium.

EMERGENCY COVERAGE DURING CLERGY CONFERENCE

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, October 16th – 18th, 2017 the priests and deacons of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese will gather with Bishop Mark Barchak, J.C.D., for their Fall Clergy Gathering at Seven Springs in Champion, Pennsylvania. In order to make it possible for all active priests and deacons to attend this important meeting, following is the contact information of clergy available to provide emergency coverage:

Rev. Matthew Laffey, O.S.B.

Rev. David Griffin, O.S.B.

(814) 865-4281 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

After 4:30 p.m.

(814) 863-5599 or (814) 865-4282

OUT OF THE COLD CENTRE COUNTY

OOTC3 is off to a strong start for the 7th season in Centre County. This will be Good Shepherd's 4th season hosting Out of the Cold guests on January 15th-28th, 2018. To prepare for this we will offer 5 informational meetings for those who would like to learn more about how Out of the Cold works at our parish. The informational meeting dates are:

Saturday, **Nov. 11th**, after 5:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, **Nov. 19th**, after 9 & 11 a.m. Masses

Saturday, **Dec. 2nd**, after 5:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, **Dec. 3rd**, after 9 & 11 a.m. Masses

Sunday, **Dec. 17th**, after 9 & 11 a.m. Masses

(New volunteers choose one.)

* You only need to attend an informational meeting to learn about the program. If you have participated in the past, you do not need to attend an informational meeting.

We will offer 2 training dates (choose one):

Sunday, **Dec. 17th**, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, **January 2nd**, 7:15-8:45 p.m.

*** All volunteers who will have direct contact with guests must participate in a 2017-18 training session to be eligible serve.**

Please check out these dates and plan to attend to discuss the program and our plan to host homeless guests from January 15th-28th, 2018. We will discuss volunteer opportunities to assist with meals, welcome/check-in, registration, overnight responsibilities and prayer. We need approximately 75 volunteers to host this very important ministry. Check out the video monitor and poster for meeting room info.

OOTC3 provides supplemental shelter to the homeless in our community, offering warm, safe overnight accommodations and nourishment within a welcoming atmosphere. OOTC3 was formed in 2011 when a group of local churches joined together after a homeless man died from exposure in State College. The program has grown to 14 participating churches and over 700 trained volunteers.

PRAYERS & SQUARES QUILT MINISTRY

Our quilts are appropriate for anyone experiencing physical, emotional, spiritual, or any other life crisis. To learn more or to request a quilt, please contact Sandy Confer at 814-883-8280 or by e-mail at sandy.confer@gmail.com.

PRAYER SHAWLS

To request a Prayer Shawl or for more information, please contact Marge Bennett at 814-234-7284 or Lynne DeLuca at 814-234-4654. Anyone is welcome to stop by during our meetings to find out more about us. We meet at Marge Bennett's home on **Tuesdays** from 10:00 a.m. – noon and the **third Saturday** of each month from 10:00 a.m. – noon

SINCERE THANKS

Financial Stewardship for the week ending October 1st, 2017. Thank you for your generosity.

<u>Number of Envelopes</u>	118		
Sunday Offerings & Holidays	\$ 8,419	Lottery Tickets	\$ 520
Building Fund Donations	\$ 5,050	Pancake Breakfast	\$ 795
Autodraft Donations	\$ 9,853	Faith Formation Registration	\$ 3,694
Donuts	\$ 170	Stipends/Perquisites	\$ 10
Gift Card Sales	\$ 575	T-Shirt Sales	\$ 45
Diocesan Collections	\$ 1,010	Miscellaneous	\$ 340
Facility Use/Rent	\$ 60	Total Collections	\$ 30,541

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Have consumerism and materialism stolen your claim to the vineyard that is the Kingdom of God here on earth? Jesus calls each of us to share fruit, our God-given talents, with others.

FOR THE FULTON COUNTY MISSION

Hand & Bath Soaps

Shampoos

Deodorants

Shower Gels

Toothbrushes

Toothpaste

The Christian Service Committee will be coordinating the collection of the above listed personal hygiene items for those people served by the Catholic Mission in McConnellsburg, PA. All packaging must be unopened or sealed or it cannot be distributed. Bring your donated items with you to church and place them in the basket provided in the Gathering Place the fourth Sunday of each month. Your generosity will be rewarded with appreciation, thanks, and prayers.

Faith Formation News

Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion

is beginning for all 2nd graders (and up) with Parent Meetings, scheduled Sunday, October 8 at 6:30 p.m. Parents who have attended a meeting in the last 5 years do not need to attend again but must arrange to pick up the home materials. Parents who have a child in Catholic School still work with the parish for Sacramental Preparation and are involved in the home program and retreats. Please join us at an upcoming parent meeting. Other dates to note:



- **First Reconciliation Retreat will be November 18 from 9 a.m. until Noon**
- **Celebration of First Reconciliation will be Friday, Dec. 1, at 7:00 p.m.**
- **First Eucharist Parent meetings: Jan 29 at 6 p.m. or Jan. 30 at 7 p.m.**



HOME BASED FAITH FORMATION: Parent Meeting was held this past week. If you missed picking up family materials, please contact the Director of Faith Formation to arrange a meeting/pick up time, **soon**. At this year's home based parent training we discussed some new elementary resources, and the curriculum for Middle and Senior High grade levels. We briefly covered faith development of children and teens and how development effects how our children learn about the faith and our Catholic Tradition. We also suggested implementing some new or

strengthened habits of mindful, quiet prayer and meditation techniques suitable for children, youth and parents. We also distributed appropriate age-level resources and catechist aides. It is our hope that these meetings assist parents in creating a positive faith building environment in the home that encourage a life-long practice of Catholic discipleship.

Confirmation Retreats: Important information for both the 10th and 11th grade retreats was mailed home in hard copy. Please return all important forms and paperwork on time. Contact Karen Noel immediately if you did not receive your information and forms.

10th Grade Retreat – November 3-4 – bus boards at 4:45 p.m. Friday evening

11th Grade Retreat – November 4-5 – bus boards at 11:44 a.m. on Saturday morning.

The Native American Drumming Retreat will be a very creative way to add some needed spark to your prayer life. Consider signing up to try something new! Invite a friend. Everyone is welcome. Saturday, October 28, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Contact Cella Fickes for more details or to register: mafstruct@gmail.com.

Help Needed for Faith Formation Middle School: One adult to serve as Office Aide for Middle school sessions (approximately) 2 Sunday evenings per month. The Office Aide would become familiar with equipment and supplies and oversee attendance records for grades 6-8. Should be able to arrive 30 minutes before session and stay until 8:15 p.m. to help close down, turn out lights and return materials and supplies to proper locations. Office Aides are volunteers, but each will receive a complete waiver of all fees for the year of Faith Formation. If you are interested in this position, please contact Margie Meyers, the Director of Faith Formation, 238-2110 or email: mmeyers@dioceseaj.org.

Youth Ministry in the Warehouse

It's been a sad week... heck, it's been a sad few months, perhaps a few years. Bad things happen to good people. Bad things happen. We are left so often dealing through our own questions while simultaneously answering them for our kids. What Do We Say?

Answers

The "Why" questions come fast and furious. It is important to let students wrestle through the "tough stuff." Let them know you struggle to understand as well. However, we live in a world with sin and evil. There is a true adversary "seeking who he can devour." This isn't "God's fault." In the end we will never fully understand how this war for our souls works. It is important that students understand this isn't a grand punishment. There are times when all we can do is listen to the hurt. We must allow them to grieve and express their anger. It isn't helpful to tell them "not to feel something." What is vital is we don't allow them to stay in this place.

2. There Is Still Hope

In the midst of all of the recent tragedy... "God is still good, it is circumstances that are bad." It is hard to imagine that God would "allow" tragedy to happen. Our focus needs to be on the truth that *He still loves us. He is fighting for us.* It is a reminder that this broken world is not our "true home."

Christ tells us while we are here there will always be hurt, trials, and sin. **Jesus is the answer** in the midst of all that goes wrong. It doesn't mean we stop grieving. However, we must remember there is still hope even in the worst situations. We must remind students that He never leaves us or abandons us, even in the middle of the "bad."

3. It's Alright To Cry & Ask for Help

Comfort, prayer, and support are great ways to show the love of Christ in terrible situations. When you are stunned in the midst of a tragedy you tend to think you "must be strong," or fall apart completely. Let them talk it out. Let them know strong emotion in the midst of this is normal. Hold them, and show them love.

I am not going to claim to understand tornadoes, hurricanes, bombs and gunmen. All I know is that when we made the choice to disobey the Lord in the garden, innocence was lost. Christ came to redeem our souls, but that doesn't negate all sin in the world. What I do know in the midst of the questions is that **He remains Lord of all whose love is unailing. He is the one we have to look to for hope.** This is who I offer to our kids. Sometimes there are no words at all. That's alright too.

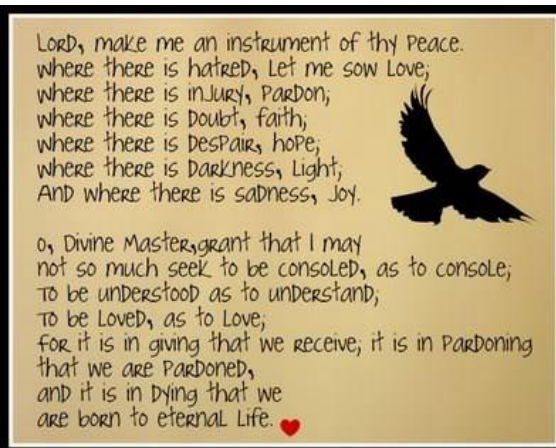
This past week, we celebrated the feast of St. Francis... let's all try to heed his words... and live in peace... it's a start... Blessings, Elaine TJWY

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1. There Are No Easy

The "Why" questions come

Comfort,



Area Events

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EVENTS:

K of C Bingo: Monday, October 9th, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 850 Stratford Drive, in State College. Doors open at 5:30 PM. The Jackpot will be 1,000 in **565** numbers. Magic Numbers is 100. Extreme Bingo 1000. KC Special 100. (Lionel Bassett, 238-7003).

K of C Council Planning Meeting: The Father O'Hanlon Council 4678 Planning Meeting will be at the Knights Hall at 7:30 p.m. on October 11th. All Officers and Chairmen should attend.

Blood Drive: The Knights of Columbus #4678 of State College & American Red Cross are holding a blood drive at 850 Stratford Dr., State College, on Tuesday, October 17th, from 1:00 to 6:30 p.m. You can sign up online at redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Walk-ins are welcome. COME AND GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE. In need of community service time for youth? Contact Mike at 237-9414.

Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program: Again this year the Knights of Columbus will be awarding scholarships to High School Senior children of Knights of Columbus members. The state program awards \$3000 to a winner in the Diocese. Our local council also offers a scholarship to a child or grandchild of a member of the local council. To receive an application, or if you have questions about the scholarship program, please contact Mark Thorwart at 238-0266 (email mthorwart@comcast.net). Forms must be completed and returned to Mark by December 15th 2017.

DONATION BASED LEAF RAKING FOR MISSION MEXICO – 'Mission Mexico' is composed of 22

Penn State students who dedicate their spring break to volunteering at Casa Hogar del Los Niños Orphanage in Tijuana, Mexico. While there, students spend the week living in the orphanage and completing various service projects. To help fundraise for the trip and raise money for the orphanage, 'Mission Mexico' will rake your leaves for any donation! For more information or to set up a date, please contact Kim Sabol at ksabol1996@gmail.com. Thank you! Para Los Niños!

THEOLOGY ON TAP – Please join us on Wednesday, October 18th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at

Letterman's Sports Grill for our next TOT night where our speaker will be **Jennifer Cross**, Owner of Princeton Leadership Services. Jennifer will be presenting on leadership principles learned from the Bible in her talk entitled, "**Jesus: The Original Servant Leader**". All young adults ages 21 to 39-ish are invited and all are welcome to bring friends. For questions, contact Kristine and Mike Creavey at 717-574-7201. Find us on Facebook at "Theology on Tap Centre County". Upcoming Wednesday evening events: 11/15, 12/15, and 1/17/18.

OLV ANNUAL PARISH BAZAAR – Saturday, November 4th, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the school gym.

We will have ethnic foods, crafts, baked goods, theme baskets, raffle tickets, silent auction, children's games, "tailgate" for the PSU vs. Michigan State game and live entertainment. Please contact Chris Kirkpatrick at chrisk@ourladyofvictory.com or 237-7832, ext. 404 if you can volunteer.

CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS FOR OUR TROOPS – On October 26th, Catholic Daughters will be

stuffing about 100 handmade Christmas stockings to send to our troops via Operation Shoebox. We need white crew socks as well as financial contributions to help with mailing expenses. You may put your financial contributions in the collection basket. Checks can be made to 'OLV' with 'Operation Shoebox' in the memo line. Socks can be put in the military collection box in the church. Thank you in advance for helping to give our troops a bit of Christmas cheer from home!

Diocesan Events

UPCOMING REGIONAL YOUTH EVENTS – Please contact your Parish Office for information on, or to register for, the following events:

FAMILY ROLLER SKATING NIGHT – Saturday, October 14th, from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m., open to the public. This event will be at Our Lady of the Snows Skating Rink at 202 South Fourth Street in Snow Shoe. Admission is \$5 per person and skate rentals are free. Video games and other games will be available for free, and concessions will be sold at a minimal fee.

OVERNIGHT LOCK-IN AT SLINKY ACTION ZONE – In Duncansville, near Altoona, sponsored by Queen of Archangels Parish on Friday, October 20th into Saturday, October 21st. Admission is \$25 per person. Transportation by Fullington School Bus from Wingate Elementary School parking lot, departing 10:00 p.m. and returning approx. 8:30 a.m. Registration due no later than Tuesday, October 17th.

Other upcoming events being scheduled:

- Movie Night at Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy
- Swing Dances in State College
- March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, January 19th, 2018

HEALING MASS – There will be a Healing Mass on Monday, October 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. Bill Kiel, from the Diocese of Greensburg, will be the main celebrant. All are welcome, especially those in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual healing, and those who support and care for them as well. Music for the Mass will be led by the Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group Music Ministry. For more information, please call 814-941-3832.

LITURGICAL REFLECTION – Following the Prayer after Communion, the bride may wish to take a flower before the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a popular local custom in the Diocese. Assisted by her husband, the bride goes before the image of Our Lady and prays for Mary's aid in her new marriage. As Mary was the mother of God and Saint Joseph was the spouse of the Virgin Mary, this new bride prays to be a holy wife and that God bless her marriage with children so she may love them as deeply as Mary loved her family. Following the placement of the flower before the image of God's mother, the bride and groom may give flowers to their mothers.

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General Information

Parish Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday
Office Phone: (814) 238-2110 -- Office of Faith Formation: (814) 238-0649

Visits to the Sick and Homebound:

Please be sure to call the Parish Office when you or someone you love is admitted to the hospital and would like a visit. This may be the only way we get the information. If you have an upcoming scheduled surgery, please consider requesting the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick ahead of time. A perfect time to celebrate the Sacrament is after weekend mass.

Those who are homebound and would like to receive communion at home should also call the parish office. Social visits, either at the hospital or in your home, can also be arranged through our Visitation Committee. Please call Joan Gavin at 814-808-6725.

Baptism:

Parents may prepare for the baptism of their new baby before he or she is born. For more information or to register for this program, please call the parish office. The next Baptism Preparation Class is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11th, at 7:30 p.m.

Deacon Jack is available to bring you Communion and bless you and your baby in the hospital after delivery. He may be contacted at 814-571-2438 or Deacon-Jack@comcast.net.

Reconciliation:

Confessions are scheduled on Saturdays at 4:15 p.m. in the Reconciliation Room in the Chapel or by appointment.

Marriage:

Call the Parish Office at least 9 months in advance of your scheduled wedding date.

Funerals:

The parish is here to support the family in a time of loss. Please call the parish office.

Bulletin:

Bulletin articles are due in the Parish Office by Wednesday at 5:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Articles may run for up to three consecutive weeks. Inserts are limited.

Moving or changing your phone number or e-mail?

Please remember to inform the parish office of the changes to your contact information.

Parish Registration:

We would like to meet you! You may drop by or call the Parish Office to begin the registration process. Even if your stay in State College will be relatively short, you should register as a member of one of the two local parishes or with the Penn State Catholic Center. Parish membership has a special importance for Baptism and Marriage.

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