Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 4, 2020

MASS TIMES
(Please check bulletin for changes)
Tuesday – Friday 8AM (Chapel)
Saturday – 4PM
Sunday- 8:30AM and 10:30AM
Holydays – Please check bulletin
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
(Please check Bulletin)
Saturdays 3:15-3:45PM or call the rectory
to schedule an appointment.
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Prospective parents are expected to attend
an instruction session. Please call the
parish office to make arrangements and
schedule an appointment.
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
Arrangements should be made one year in
advance to schedule and plan your
wedding.

Parish Registration
Parish registration is recommended for all individual persons and families who
worship regularly and who intend to participate actively in the life of our
parish by sharing their time, talents and treasure. Registration is necessary for
celebrating Marriage and Baptism, as well as for the issuing of Sponsor
Certificates.
Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator
Mrs. Wendy S. Krisak, MA, MCC, LPC, Direct: 1-800-791-9209
Secretary for Youth Protection    Pamela Russo, MSW, MS
1-610-871-5200 - Ext 2204 prusso@allentowndiocese.org
Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service If you have an allegation of abuse
against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service
at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling 800-276-1562.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

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“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all
understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally... whatever is
true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,
whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of
praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received,
and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.”

Consider for a moment your favorite teacher. Why does this person stand out? Was it
knowledge shared and shown, was it the method and technique used, or was it the
example lived by that teacher?

St. Paul, humbly, but clearly, invited others to share in his mission, in imitation of his
lifestyle. Today, the feast of the beloved St. Francis, we find another model for our
Christian living. Paul wrote, preached and visited through the written and spoken
word. Francis, spoke by his example of a simple lifestyle, through ministry to the poor,
and obedience to his loving Lord.

Jesus says to us: ‘Go and do likewise.’
Welcome back to mass

Tuesday, October 6, 2020 St. Bruno
8:00AM Harry B. Lilley

Wednesday, October 7, 2020 Our Lady of the Rosary
8:00AM Eva Stanus

Thursday, October 8, 2020
8:00AM Michael Mihalsky

Friday, October 9, 2020
8:00AM John Rehnert

Saturday, October 10, 2020
**4:00PM Colleen Beaumont (Queen of the Universe Cemetery, Weather Permitting)

Sunday, October 11, 2020
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30AM George Koval
10:30AM Donald & Beatrice Thorn

From the Pastor’s Desk

Today’s readings speak of harvesting grapes in a vineyard. The selections from both the Old Testament Prophet Isaiah and the Gospel Evangelist Matthew feature vineyards in poor shape. In Isaiah’s case, the vineyard is prepared diligently, but ends up being overrun by wild grapes. In Matthew, Jesus tells a parable whose vineyard is commandeered by greedy tenants who abuse and kill the landowner’s representatives. Who then will produce good fruit for the kingdom? St. Paul encourages the Philippians to do so by continuing to do what they have learned from him. Utilizing Sacred Scripture we need to learn as Catholic Christians how to produce good fruit.

In an article last week by the Associated Press -- “For decades, Catholic voters have been a pivotal swing vote in U.S. presidential elections, with a majority backing the winner, whether Republican or Democrat, nearly every time. How they vote in the battleground states this year could well decide the outcome, and the rival campaigns are targeting them with fervent appeals to vote based on their faith.”

In another article by Religious News Service, James E. Trainor III, The head of the Federal Election Commission chastised Catholic bishops during a pair of interviews this week, accusing church hierarchy of “hiding behind” their nonprofit status and declaring that this year’s U.S. election amounts to a “spiritual war” that threatens the country’s “Christian moral principles.” Trainor, a staunch Catholic stated that Catholic voters need to be influenced by the Gospel message of Jesus Christ and the tenets of the Catholic Church.

Lastly in a podcast I listened to by a Fr. James Altman, Fr. Altman claims that our civil unrest, the injustices of our health care system, the disintegration of the middle class, excessive violence in our society, hunger, disease, and poverty, etc. are all reflections that most people, especially Catholics, do not have a personal relationship with God! Following God’s Way is the key to electing the right candidate(s) for office.

Our Founding Fathers diligently formed our great nation to be “one Nation under God.” Today many believe God, Faith, and religion are obstructions to our freedom. The Voice of the People has been commandeered by greed and partisanship. Our living out our Catholic Faith based upon a personal relationship with God should not be viewed as a threat to our democracy but a foundation stone to live and be respected as the great Nation we are.

Second Collections

This week will be for Heat & Energy. Next week will be for the Building Fund. October 18 is Mission Sunday.

October 4

This Sunday is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Monday, October 5 from 6-7PM the Blessed Sacrament will be present on the altar for private prayer and conclude with simple reposition. Recitation of the Joyful Mysteries will also be prayed at this time.

APPLE DUMPLING FEST NOVEMBER 14-15

We need your help and cooperation to make this fund raiser a success for our parish. We are in need of individuals, families, or a group of friends, or organizations to donate big prizes of $200 or better. Through the kindness of some parishioners we already have donated: a battery operated lawn mower, an electric pressure washer, an Apple watch, a Shark vacuum cleaner, and a Kitchen Aid mixer.

For those who cannot afford to purchase a $200 prize, we are in need of monetary donations to purchase lottery tickets, gifts cards for gas, Giant, Boyer’s, Weis, Lowe’s, Home Depot, Boscov’s, etc. We would also appreciate monetary donations to purchase beef roasts for Hot Roast Beef sandwiches, etc. Please contact the rectory for more information.

THANK YOU’S
Floral Department – our thanks to Kim Kuperavage, proprietor of The Front Door Flower Shoppe for changing the pew divider tooling to Autumn flowers. (Kudos to Lisa Kaledas, Barb Garrity, and Emily Pun for the tooling left behind from Emily’s wedding).
We also wish to thank the anonymous donor for the monthly flowers in front of our Mary statue.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER HELP
The following ministers volunteered to assist with the Distribution of Holy communion during this period of Covid-19. We discourage anyone who might have a pre-existing condition or runs the risk of exposure from volunteering at this time.
4PM Diane Melincavage
8:30AM Anne Bridget McCormick
10:30AM Cathy Farone (October) Lisa Gasper (November) Emily Pun (December)

PREP (PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM) NEWS
On-line classes for grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 have begun and all appears to be running smoothly. If anyone is experiencing difficulties, please contact your child’s catechist or Dottie Frie. Please note that the catechists are monitoring your child’s progress to achieve the benchmarks required for successful class work.

Because Grades 2 and 8 are Sacramental preparation years, they are meeting in-person from 6-7:30PM in the Church.

Kindergarten will meet in-person the first Monday of the month beginning October 5 from 6-7PM. Please contact the rectory for further information and/or clarification.

PARISH WORK PARTY
Help is needed on the following Saturdays to complete projects around the church. Work parties begin at 8:30AM and end at 12 noon. Many hands make light work.
October 24 to prepare rectory, church, and grounds for winter
December 12 Outside Christmas Decorations & Rectory
December 19 Put up in church new Christmas trees
December 20 (Sunday) following 10:30AM Mass Christmas Manger & Flowers
CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
The need to socially distance from others (especially in closed spaces) makes it difficult for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance. However, please know Fr. Bill avails himself for parishioners to celebrate this sacrament of God’s mercy and forgiveness. Confession may be scheduled by calling the rectory. Please leave your name, phone number, and your desire for confession. Father Bill will call you back to make an appointment to meet in a safe environment.

Another option is before attending the 8:30 or 10:30AM Sunday Masses. Fr. Bill tries to be in church 30 minutes before each Mass. He will be sitting up in front of the Blessed Mother statue.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF OUR LADY OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY
“Mindful that in moments of great trial, pastors and people have ever had recourse with entire confidence to the august Mother of God, in whose hands are all graces, certain too, that devotion to Our Lady of the Rosary is most opportune for the needs of these times, we have desired to revive everywhere this devotion, and to spread it far and wide among the faithful of the world.”

(Pope Leo XIII aka “the rosary Pope”)

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
PRAY FOR US

During the month of October, we invite all our parishioners and friends to pray the rosary in the Grotto
October 3: The Mysteries of the Rosary thru St. Francis & St. Clare of Assisi 8:30AM following First Saturday Mass
October 7 (Wednesday 6:30PM): Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary we will pray the Joyful Mysteries in Grotto weather permitting.
October 10 (Saturday 12 noon): The Sorrowful Mysteries: Grotto weather permitting
October 17 (Saturday 12 noon): The Chaplet of the Sorrowful Mother, Grotto weather permitting
October 24 (Saturday 12 noon): The Luminous Mysteries Grotto weather permitting
October 31 (Saturday 12 noon): The Glorious Mysteries Grotto weather permitting

SATURDAY EVENING 4PM VIGIL MASS
Many people are quite happy with Mass in the Queen of the Universe Cemetery during these times of Covid-19. We hope to be able to continue the Masses there through October, weather-permitting.
When rain is threatening, please consult our parish Facebook page and let your friends and neighbors know if Mass is cancelled.

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE
October 4: 8:30AM Mass….................................97
October 4: 10:30AM Mass...............................85

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

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Mass Attendance for September 26-27
4PM at Queen of the Universe Cemetery.......Rain
8:30AM Mass........................................97
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PRAYER AGAINST CORONAVIRUS

Lord Jesus Christ, our Divine Physician, we ask you to guard and protect us from Coronavirus COVID-19 and all serious illness. For all that have died from it, have mercy; for those that are ill now, bring healing. For those searching for a remedy, enlighten them; for medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and shield them. For those working to contain the spread, grant them success; for those afraid, grant peace. May your precious blood be our defense and salvation. By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease into memories of consolation and hope. May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness. We abandon ourselves to your infinite mercy. Amen.

- Pedro de la Cruz
www.CatholicPrayerCards.org

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS
Saturday, October 24 to prepare rectory, church, and grounds for winter
Sunday, November 1 Eastern Standard Time Begins. Fall back one hour with your clock.
Sunday November 1, Confirmation Retreat beginning with Mass at 10:30. Lunch will follow Mass for the Confirmandi.
Monday, November 2 Potato peeling for Christmas pierogy
Wednesday, November 4 making of pierogy for Christmas Sale
Monday, November 9 Potato peeling for Christmas pierogy
Wednesday, November 11 making of pierogy for Christmas Sale
Saturday & Sunday, November 14 & 15 Apple Dumpling Fest
Saturday, December 5 Ethnic Dinner
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BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL
As of August 20, 15.17% of our parish families have joined the 2020 BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL. In other words, 122 parishioners have contributed or pledged $28,176.00 to support food programs, senior services, community outreach, Catholic schools, and more. Every dollar helps those in need. Imagine what we can do if 100% of our parish participates! Remember, every gift counts, no gift is too small. If you have any questions or would like to make a gift, please call the parish office or visit the Appeal website at www.BecauseWeareCatholic.org.
FYI: If you drop your envelope in the basket, it is mailed right to the diocese. We do not track or post these donations.

FATHER CISZEK DAY 2020 WILL BE VIRTUAL
In the best interest of everyone’s safety, the Father Walter Ciszek Prayer League has decided to cancel this year’s annual in-person Father Ciszek Day celebration. While we are still as dedicated as ever to promoting the Cause of Father Ciszek’s Canonization, the health of our people had to come first.
A Mass will still be celebrated on Sunday, October 18th at 2:00 PM and livestreamed on our Facebook Page and website (www.ciszek.org) so that everyone can unite in prayer from the comfort of their own home. The co-postulator, Rev. Eugene Ritz, will celebrate the Mass and Rev. David Kozak of the Diocese of Allentown will be the homilist. Concelebrants of the Mass will include Rev. Msgr. Ronald C. Bocian and Rev. Jeffrey Walsh. Prior to the Mass, a virtual tour of the “Father Ciszek Center” will be presented beginning at 1:30 PM.
We appreciate your understanding during these difficult times. Be assured of the Prayer League’s prayers for the safety and well-being of you and your families and for an end to this global pandemic.