**THIS WEEK’S MASS INTENTIONS**

**Vigil Mass for the Diocesan Patronal Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church**

SATURDAY, 7 October - Our Lady of the Rosary
4:00 PM ~ LT. JACK MORAN (2nd Anniv.)

Wife Gloria and Family

Mass for the Diocesan Patronal Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church

SUNDAY, 8 October -
8:00 AM ~ PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
10:00 AM ~ ROBERT S. HOSSLER

Jeremy, Brenda, Gehrig and Shea

Monday, 9 October - St. John Bernard, Bishop & Companions, Martyrs
& St. John Leonard, Priest

**NO MASS / OFFICE CLOSED**

Tuesday, 10 October -
6:00 PM ~ THE CASEY AND PURCELL FAMILIES

Maria Casey

Wednesday, 11 October - St. John XXIII, Pope
8:00 AM ~ Mr. & Mrs. ROBERT BURKE, MR. & MRS. MARTIN BURKE & MICHAEL NEVADA

Ellen Nevada

Thursday, 12 October -
8:00 AM ~ SR. ANDREA VERSAVAGE, M.S.C.
AND THE BRADLEY & VERSAVAGE FAMILY

Margaret M. Holohan

Friday, 13 October - Our Lady of Fatima
8:00 AM ~ JOSEPH KOPERNA

Dr. and Mrs. A.E. Moffit

Vigil Mass for the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, 14 October - St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr: BVM
4:00 PM ~ DANIEL COOK

Daddy, Mommy, Alyssa, Anna and Alaina

Mass for the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, 15 October -
8:00 AM ~ PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
10:00 AM ~ EDWARD GOODMAN (B’DAY)

Wife, Mary and Son, Ed Jr.

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**DEVOTIONAL LAMP INTENTIONS**

† Sanctuary

In Loving Memory of Lt. Jack Moran
Wife, Gloria and Family

† Thursday Adoration Candles

Special Intention

† Blessed Virgin Mary

In Loving Memory of Elizabeth Antonelli
Rita and Robert J. Kirwan

In Loving Memory of Sr. Mary Ann Heffron
Dottie

† The Holy Family

In Loving Memory of James and Elizabeth Brown and Daughter, Rosemary Imschweiler
Daughter and Sister Rita and Family

~ Altar Flowers~

In Loving Memory of Joseph R. Drasdis (50th Anniv-10/8)
Wife Marie and children Annette, Joe, Ed and JD

**PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS**

In your charity, please pray for the priests of our diocese, and in particular during this week remember:

Oct. 7: Rev. Ronald Minner
8: Rev. Stanley Moczydlowski
9: Rev. Anthony Mongiello
10: Rev. Msgr. David Morrison
11: Rev. Joseph Muller, M.S.C.
12: Rev. Michael Mullins
13: Rev. Msgr. Anthony Muntone

**IN MEMORIAM**

Please remember these clerics of the Diocese of Allentown in your prayers.

Oct. 7: Rev. Anthony Ricapito
8: Rev. Msgr. Joseph Karalius
9: Rev. James Murphy, O.S.F.S.
10: Rev. Msgr. Stanislaus Gorak
10: Rev. Michael Mullins
13: Rev. Msgr. Anthony Muntone

**THE 2018 BOOK FOR ALTAR FLOWERS, CANDLES AND Masses opens the weekend of October 14/15 until October 31, 2017. There will be pink forms in the vestibule the weekend of October 14/15. These forms are to be used for requests. Thank you**

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**TO INSPIRE.. TO INFORM.. TO ENTERTAIN**

“On Halloween, the parents sent their kids out looking like me.” (Rodney Dangerfield)
~ THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ~

CHURCH AND PARISH POLICIES

Many common Church and parish policies are listed in the bulletin. If you have any questions please give us a call; our parish staff is here to help you.

PARISH REGISTRATION

All are most welcome here at St. Michael the Archangel Parish. If you are living within our boundaries, please register as soon as possible. If you are leaving the parish or just changing your address, please notify the parish office. If you are moving out of the area, please register in a parish where you live as soon as possible; this is especially important for young adults who have finished college and now live in another area. If you need help finding a parish in your new locale, we will gladly assist you.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms usually take place on the first Sunday of each month during the 10:00 AM Mass, unless the liturgical calendar dictates another Sunday. Baptismal Classes are held at convenience of priest and family. Parents must be registered parishioners. Contact the parish office to make arrangements for the Baptism. Please pay close attention to the requirements for Godparents (see below). If there is any doubt or you need a further explanation please contact us.

TO BE A SPONSOR FOR BAPTISM OR CONFIRMATION

- Be an active, registered member of the parish
- Be at least 16 years of age, baptized and confirmed
- Receive Holy Eucharist and Penance on a regular basis
- If married, be married under the auspices of the Catholic Church
- Strive to live, publicly and privately, the Lord’s Commandments
- Request sponsorship certificate no less than three weeks before the conferral of the sacrament.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples contemplating marriage should contact Father Zelonis at least one year in advance of the date of the intended marriage to begin sacramental preparations. Church date and arrangements MUST precede all other wedding plans.

VISITATION OF THE SICK

Please notify the parish office if someone in your family is in the hospital, as Fr. Zelonis visits every other week and by request. Also, Father and Sr. Catherine take Holy Communion monthly to those who are housebound and cannot attend Church.

HANDING ON OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Because parents have given life to their children, they have the gravisest obligation of educating them in our Catholic faith. For those children who go to public schools, our CCD Program is the means to help parents meet this responsibility. You may enroll your child for CCD at any time but we prefer you register for the following year each May. Special prep for all youth preparing for First Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation is offered and required.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

We are happy to welcome young adults “back home” for special occasions such as weddings and baptisms; however, non-parishioners who desire to celebrate a baptism or wedding here will need the permission of their pastor.

DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN - CATHOLIC CHARITIES

A multi-purpose social service agency providing assistance to families, children and adults. Pottsville Office ~ 570-628-0466
CRISIS PREGNANCY HELP LINE 1-888-467-8466
PROJECT RACHEL Post Abortion Healing  1-866-372-2435

Dear Family,

“The Spirituality of Recovery as the Recovery of Spirituality” considers the universal relevance of the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous to human and Christian development. Any personally destructive agent (e.g. gambling, lust, overeating, unbridled emotions) can replace “alcohol.” This is no definitive presentation on recovery programs; it is best to seek their story for yourself.

11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us, and the power to carry that out.

The self-examination of Steps Four and Ten is at best incomplete and at worst fatal if we neglect ongoing, definite refer-ences to a Power greater than ourselves Who, when sought, would restore us to right thought and action.

This spiritual/physical activity involves several truths: God exists; He created us for good purposes; He is intimately interested in us; He wants us to allow Him to guide our decisions and thoughts. Other-wise our communication becomes one-sided. Eventually we become jaded and stop praying altogether. By praying and meditating, we are not meant to pelt God with our will, so much as cultivate our readiness to receive what God wills for us.

We know well, however, that not everything that happens to us in life is, or appears, good. In such circumstances we understandably may not easily accept certain outcomes to be “God’s will.” We may be scandalized at what God permits people to do and suffer—especially what “they” do to “us”! God thereby becomes the first and easiest target for denunciation, a fate He certainly foresaw in creating the world and its free and rational inhabitants. In our more honest moments of prayer we recognize our part (or, more broadly, “the human part”) in matters, and we commend that human part to Divine Mercy and Providence.

We human beings crave a structure to refashion us and invest our lives with meaning and direction. Praying at some times helps us to pray at all times, as St. Paul directed (1 Thess 5:17). There are countless “pre-fab” formal prayers composed by praying persons throughout the centuries, for general purposes or particular situations. Reciting them seems to me a good start, but only a start. God wants to impress Him like a loving Dad or Mom who knows our words are misspelled and mispronounced but is still touched by our gesture; with time it is hoped we try less, since He’s always known our innermost selves.

If prayer provides the structure of such a life, meditation provides the infrastructure, setting the stage for us to participate fully in the divine-human drama. The methods are many: they seem to focus on quieting the mind and relaxing the body to become more attentive to God’s Interested and Interesting Presence. Some people use a revered word or phrase to facilitate calm; others use music or art (e.g. an icon or statue). As distracting thoughts surface during meditation, we take note of them and allow them to drift away; firing discouragement and disgust at them only makes them worse.

Yours,

Fr. Christopher M. Zelonis
DIOCESAN HAPPENINGS:

Diocesan Warehouse Stained Glass Sale
Stained Glass Blowout Sale Saturday, October 14, 2017
St. Elizabeth of Hungary School Auditorium located at
435 Pershing Blvd., Whitehall, PA
Sale hours will be 9:00 AM-11:00 AM.
Over 200 ready-to-hang pieces of various sizes from 15
churches of the Diocese of Allentown.
Prices starting at $25.00.
No limit on purchases. First come, first served.

The Family Fully Alive: 100 Years of Fatima:
Calling all families! Join us for The Family Fully Alive:
100 Years of Fatima on Sunday, October 22, 2017.
The Office of Youth, Young Adult and Family Ministry of the
Diocese of Allentown invites you to come together as a
family to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of Our
Lady’s appearance at Fatima and learn about what Our
Lady told the world at that time! Events will include a
family holy hour, Fatima related crafts and activities, and
a family meal (pasta, salad, rolls). The celebration will
be held at St. Patrick Parish (319 Mahantongo St.,
Pottsville). The registration cost of $10 / family includes
dinner and activities for the entire family, and we
encourage families with children of all ages to attend!
For questions, contact Alexa Doncsecz at
adoncsecz@allentowndiocese.org.
The evening will conclude with Benediction at 8:30 PM

Healing Mass: On Monday, October 23rd at 6:30 PM
there will be a Mass of Healing for those individuals who
have experienced trauma. All are invited to join in prayer
at this Mass with The Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert
as Celebrant and Msgr. Walter Scheaffer as homilist at
Sacred Heart Parish, 117 Washington Street,
Bath. Following Mass there will be a Holy Hour of prayer
before the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity for
confession. The evening will conclude with Benediction
at 8:30 PM.

Institute for Catechesis (ICF) courses offered:
1) ICF 104 -The Sacraments ~ $30.00
2) Encountering Love Seminar #1 - Theology of the
   Body (TOB) ~ $20.00
3) A Call Within A Call: Finding God’s Will in the
   Mundane ~ Free
4) ICF 106 –The Church ~ $30.00
For more information and questions contact the Office
of Adult Formation at 610-289-8900, Ext. 2021 or
email adultformation@allentowndiocese.org

YOUR FALL TREAT IS HERE!
Our Apple Dumplings will be delivered to the Parish
Center Cafeteria this Wednesday, October 11th.
You may pick up your order from 12:00 Noon till 4:00
PM. Please enter the Parish Center by way of the
back door on Lewis Street.
Thank you for supporting St. Michael’s Society of St.
Vincent De Paul in our efforts to help the needy of the
area. May God reward your generosity abundantly.
Sister Catherine Therese & the Society Members

WEEKDAY ALTAR SERVER
Tuesday, October 10 and Thursday, October 12,
6:00 PM
Dawson Seiders

WEEKEND ALTAR SERVERS
Sat., Oct. 14 - 4:00 PM - Dawson Seiders, Ella Frantz
and Ava Frantz
Sun., Oct. 15 - 8:00 AM - Sara Motley, Nikki Conville
and Michael Bilansky
Sun., Oct. 15 - 10:00 AM – Matthew Dube, Keegan
Dube and James Dube

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF
HOLY COMMUNION AND LECTORS
Sat., Oct. 14 - 4:00 PM - Sr. Catherine, Jerry Doyle  and
Charles Reber, Sr.  Lector: Joan Versavage
Sun., Oct. 15- 8:00 AM- Sr. Catherine, Norm Brown and
Nannette Bentz  Lector: Joseph Kohutka
Sun., Oct. 15 - 10:00 AM - Deb Walters, Jane Yourey
and Patrick Moran  Lector: Jennifer Yourey

THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS AND
“LOVING MEMORY CANDLES”
It is a holy tradition to pray in a special way during the month of
November for the souls of our beloved deceased and for all the
souls in purgatory. In addition to the All Souls envelopes which
will be placed on the altar for the entire month of November
and those intentions prayed for at each Mass, we will once
again be offering beautiful “Loving Memory Candles” for All
Souls Day - Nov. 2. These personalized candles will be lit for
the Feast of All Souls and will remain lit for 5 days. You may
then have the candle/s to keep. An offering of $10.00 per
candle is asked. Deadline for requests is October 16, 2017.
Complete the form below and return in the collection basket or
drop off at the Parish Office as soon as possible.
Please print clearly:

In Memory of: __________________________________
Contact person: ________________________________
Telephone Number: _____________________________
Amount Enclosed: $ ______________
Cash:  _______________  Check #: ________________
# ________________ - For office use

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
MORGAN & HALCOVAGE INSURANCE AGENCY
Thank you for sponsoring an ad, making our bulletin possible.
**COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF**
October 1, 2017
Total Envelopes: 520  
Envelopes Used: 326  
Total Collected: $5684.00

This weekend the second collection is for Energy. Next week the Second Collection is for School.

Hurricane Irma collection = $1071.00

The weekend of October 28 & 29, 2017 there will be a special collection for the victims of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico.

**BOB MULHALL MEMORIAL LOTTERY CALENDARS**  
NOW ON SALE!

Donation: $10.00  
Bigger prizes!

Check out the table in the vestibule before and after weekend Masses for your Lucky Lottery Calendars. Calendars are also available weekdays in the Parish Office between the hours of 9:00 AM and 2:30 PM. You may also call Bill or Jean at 570-544-3609 for more information or to obtain calendars at other times.

A winner everyday if all the calendars are sold!  
Daily prizes of $100.00 plus Veterans Day - $200.00 and Thanksgiving - $1000.00  
Winners are determined by the 7:00 PM “Pick 3” Straight.

All calendars are sold in sealed envelopes. Unsold calendars must be returned unopened. Benefits St. Michael the Archangel Church.

**Election Day Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner**  
Tues., November 7, 2017  
Noon to 6:00 PM

Adult ~ $9.00  
Child (under 10 yrs.) ~ $4.00

Eat-in or take-out  
Tickets will be on sale in the vestibule beginning October 14/15, 2017 or call Jean at 50-544-6853 to reserve your dinners.

Menu: roast pork, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, beverage and dessert.  
We need the help of our parish bakers once again!  
Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule.  
Thanking you in advance.

**PARISH EVENT CALENDAR**

Oct. 9: Office Closed  
Oct. 11: Delivery of Apple Dumplings  
Oct. 18: Society of SVDP ~ Food Pantry ~ 10:00 AM

Oct. 18: Society of SVDP meeting ~ 7:00 PM  
Oct. 26: Guild Meeting ~ 7:00 PM

Oct. 29: Baptismal Sunday ~ 10:00 AM  
Nov. 7: Pork Dinner ~ see bulletin  
Nov. 12: Bible Study ~ following 10:00 Mass  
Nov. 15: Society of SVDP ~ Food Pantry ~ 10:00 AM  
Nov. 15: Society of SVDP meeting ~ 7:00 PM

Nov. 16: Guild Meeting ~ 7:00 PM  
Nov. 26: Wrapping Toys ~ more info later

Nov. 26 -28: Forty Hours