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## Baptism

By Appointment. Contact the Rectory.

## Marriages

Contact the rectory at least one year in advance. Please consult the Pastor prior to setting the date.

## Ministry to the Sick & Shut-ins

Please contact the rectory if you become unable to attend Mass and wish to receive the Eucharist.

## Prayer Line

Please call the rectory at 527-9778. Prayer Intentions are prayed for 2 months. Please call to reinstate if necessary.

## Lord's Day Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday 7:15am 8:30am 11:00am 12:30pm  
(Mass in Polish is last Sunday of the month at 8:30am)

## Daily Mass Schedule

Mon./Tues./Thurs./Fri. - 8am Wed. - 6pm and Sat.-  
9am

Eucharist Adoration after the Friday 8:00am Mass

### **Live Stream on You Tube:**

Daily Mass, Saturday 4pm, Sunday 8:30am

### **OLV Masses are televised on Channel 191**

Thursday & Friday at 3pm  
Saturday & Sunday at 2pm.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 -3:45pm

Before each daily 8am Mass

After the 6pm Mass on Wednesdays

## Catholic School Tuition Assistance

Catholic School families wishing parish sponsorship and/or tuition assistance in any Parochial School must be registered, practicing, and supporting members who volunteer at some level. Call the rectory for a copy of our policy.

## LITURGICAL ROLES

Sep 25- Sep 26	Lector	EMHC
4:00pm	T. Kowalski	N. Lattinville
7:15am	M. Lecko	
8:30am (Polish)	A. Dabek	C. Growhoski
11:00am	A.M Picard	

Oct 2- Oct 3	Lector	EMHC
4:00pm	P. Wallace	J. Marek
7:15am	E. Bernier-Feeley	
8:30am	M. Stochel	B. Campbell
11:00am	S. Glatki	

Receiving Communion at Mass  
for parishioners with mobility issues

For all parishioners with mobility issues  
there will now be reserved seating at the very back pew  
against the wall and also behind the gift table both left  
and right. Communion will be brought to you at these  
locations. Please call the office at 527-9778 should you  
have any questions or concerns.  
Thank you.

## PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle.  
Be our defense against the wickedness  
and snares of the Devil.  
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,  
and do thou,  
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,  
by the power of God,  
thrust into hell Satan,  
and all the evil spirits,  
who prowl about the world  
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



Heart of Jesus, Tabernacle of the Most High,  
Have Mercy on Us!

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, September 25

9:00AM Krzysztof & Bozena Dabek's 23rd Wedding  
Anniversary

4:00PM †Suzanne Plourd – Mom & Dad

### Sunday, September 26

7:15AM †Christina Fila – Sophie Bak

8:30AM †Irena, †Jozef & †Wieslaw Kulig – Family

11:00AM †Irena, †Jozef & †Wieslaw Kulig – Strycharz  
Family

12:30PM †John Woodman – Daughter Jeanne

### Monday, September 27

8:00AM *Missa Pro Populo*

### Tuesday, September 28

8:00AM †Joan Mullaney – Ralph & Nancy Strycharz

### Wednesday, September 29

6:00PM †Joan Lamoureux (7th Anniv.) – Her Club  
Sisters

### Thursday, September 30

8:00AM †Ernest T. Page, Jr. (43rd Anniv.) – Loving Family

### Friday, October 1

8:00AM †Genevieve Crlenjak (2nd Anniv.) – Family

12:00PM †Lucille Pellerin

### Saturday, October 2

9:00AM †Colin James Cavanaugh – His Family

4:00PM †Prentice & Marian Wheeler – Loving Children

### Sunday, October 3

7:15AM †Kazimierz Czelný – Sophie Bak

8:30AM †Franciszek & Rozalia Strycharz – Strycharz  
Family

11:00AM Living & Deceased Members of Holy Rosary  
Sodality

12:30PM †Rita & †Ed Morrissey; †William & †Mary Halford  
– Family

## CANDLE INTENTIONS

### Seven-Day Sanctuary Candle

Sep 27- Oct 3: Hildi Bowen

### Seven-Day Candle at the Statue of Mary

Sep 27- Oct 3: Colin James Cavanaugh – Loving Family

Sep 27- Oct 3: Mike McManus

Sep 27- Oct 3: Jen McManus

Sep 27- Oct 3: Liam McManus

### Seven-Day Candle at the Black Madonna

Sep 27- Oct 3: Kiernan McManus

Sep 27- Oct 3: Adria McManus

Sep 27- Oct 3: Brigid McManus

Sep 27- Oct 3: Margaret McManus

Vocations

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 26, 2021

'Would that all the Lord's people were prophets ...' All Catholics share the prophetic ministry of the Lord through baptism. Is He calling you to bear witness to Him in the consecrated life?

Contact Fr. Jon Reardon @ 413-248-7034 /  
vocations@diospringfield.org

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sun: Numbers 11:25-29 | James 5:1-6 | *from* Mark 9

Mon: Zechariah 8:1-8 | Luke 9:46-50

Tue: Zechariah 8:20-23 | Luke 9:51-56

Wed: *from* Daniel 7 | Revelation 12:7-12

Thu: *from* Nehemiah 8 | Luke 10:1-12

Fri: Baruch 1:15-22 | Luke 10:13-16

Sat: *from* Baruch 4 | *from* Matthew 10

Sun(10/3): Genesis 2:18-24 | Hebrews 2:9-11 |  
Mark 10:2-16

## NOTE BENE!

We are sorry to announce that the Holiday Craft Fair has been cancelled. Crafters who have already paid a booth will be receiving refunds, due to Covid concerns by vendors.

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## GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Many thanks to **Raymond Robar** for a donation made to the **Beautification Fund**.

### Angel's Attic Hours:

Thursdays 4pm - 7pm

Saturdays 9am - 1pm



**Please be aware that the following safety protocol will be in place;**

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### Parish Support

**Thank you for your generosity**

**Sep 18 & 19: \$8,241.00**

(includes electronic offertory)

**Fuel & Energy: \$1,431.00**

**Total: \$9,672.00**

## FROM BETHLEHEM HOUSE

Bethlehem House, our partner crisis pregnancy center, is in need of a car in order to better serve its clients. If you have a car that you can donate to aid this cause, contact director Pam Hibbert at (413) 527-2861.

Also, please consider signing up for an hour of prayer outside Planned Parenthood at 3550 Main St. Springfield on Tuesday, September 28. Sign up sheets are in the back of the church.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK: ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX



Generations of Catholics have admired this young saint, called her the "Little Flower", and found in her short life more inspiration for their own lives than in volumes by theologians.

Yet Therese died when she was 24, after having lived as cloistered Carmelite for less than ten years. She never went on

missions, never founded a religious order, never performed great works. The only book of hers, published after her death, was a brief edited version of her journal called Story of a Soul.

Therese became known as the Little Flower but she had a will of steel. When the superior of the Carmelite convent refused to take Therese because she was so young, the formerly shy little girl went to the bishop. When the bishop also said no, she decided to go over his head as well and appealed to the Pope and was eventually admitted to the Carmel of Lisieux.

She knew as a Carmelite nun she would never be able to perform great deeds. " Love proves itself by deeds, so how am I to show my love? Great deeds are forbidden me. The only way I can prove my love is by scattering flowers and these flowers are every little sacrifice, every glance and word, and the doing of the least actions for love." She took every chance to sacrifice, no matter how small it would seem. She smiled at the sisters she didn't like. She ate everything she was given without complaining -- so that she was often given the worst leftovers. No one told her how wonderful she was for these little secret humiliations and good deeds.

In 1896, she began to cough up blood. She kept working without telling anyone until she became so sick a year later everyone knew it. She died the next year at the age of 24. Her feast day is October 4.

-Excerpted from Catholic Online



## DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

Our Divine Mercy Prayer Group will meet at 6:30pm on Wednesday, September 29th. The service includes recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, confession, & Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

## REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of  
**Diane Moriarty & Helen Ramsey**  
who died last week.



## COFFEE SHOP IS BACK!!!

Stop by the coffee shop after the 7:15 and 8:30 AM Masses and get to know your fellow parishioners! We hope to remain open through May of 2022. All are welcome to enjoy donuts, coffee, tea or juice for just \$1 each. Since the church hall is very big, safe distancing can be practiced.



### Workers Schedule:

Sep 26 Women's Club

Oct 3 Ralph & Nancy Strycharz

Oct 10 Knights of Columbus

## **NEW Zoom STUDY!**

### **Consoling the Heart of Jesus: A small group retreat**

**Sept 9- Nov 11**

Join us as Fr. Michael Gaitley, from the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, presents **Consoling the Heart of Jesus** on DVD. We will learn about God's infinite mercy and how we can give him joy and console his heart, by accepting his love and trusting in him completely. We'll discover how suffering can help us grow spiritually closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

We will meet for 10 nights in this series on Thursdays from 6:30 pm -8:00 pm over Zoom. To register contact Karen at 413-218-3436 or kadroy@gmail.com.



## FROM FR. RYAN

### ON VACCINES & LIBERTY OF CONSCIENCE

In a letter of last week, Bishop Byrne responded to some concerns about Covid vaccination and freedom of conscience. I'd like to echo his teaching here, as well as provide some context.

Our bishop correctly taught that there are legitimate reasons for choosing not to be vaccinated. Furthermore, he remarked that it is indeed appropriate for priests to help the faithful seek out religious exemptions from vaccination, should they make the request. We are grateful to Bishop Byrne for addressing the matter publicly.

No man, woman, or child can be coerced into doing what he or she believes to be wrong. In a word, this is what we mean by liberty of conscience. But there is an important condition attached: namely, that our consciences must be well-formed, according to right reason and the teachings of the Faith. Freedom of conscience does not simply mean doing whatever one pleases. No, indeed. Instead, a free conscience is one that examines all evidence, and allows itself to be influenced by grace. We ought to take courage: one of the activities of God the Holy Spirit is to give light and clarity to our moral judgements about right and wrong.

To repeat, for our consciences to be truly free, we must do all within our power to gain concrete knowledge of situations, in order to make wise judgements; and then to submit these judgements to the influence of Christ in us. As the book of Proverbs has it, 'he that is wise hearkeneth unto counsels' (12, 15).

Obviously I could never fully address the matter in a short bulletin column. However, if you should have any questions about the morality of vaccination, about religious exemptions, or anything else, please never hesitate to contact me. I am always available and happy to talk things over. Thank you as always, and God love you!

*FR Ryan*



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