

DAILY MASS

Saturday, September 29
5:00pm (Church) MARY MELNICK by The Brennecke Family

Sunday, September 30
9:00am (Church) FOR THE PEOPLE

11:00am (Chapel) CLYDE & MICHELE VIGIL by Tom & Linda Gibbs

Monday, October 1
NO MASS

Tuesday, October 2
8:30 am (Church) FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING

Wednesday, October 3
8:30am(Chapel) FOR WORLD PEACE

Thursday, October 4
8:30am(Church) FOR ALL MILITARY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Friday, October 5
8:30am (Church) INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS

Next Weekend's Masses

Saturday, October 6
5:00pm (Church) BUCK BRUMBAUGH by Dolores O'Dea

Sunday, October 7
9:00am (Church) CATHERINE EASLY by Jane & Tom Sullivan

11:00am (Chapel) FOR THE PEOPLE

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Week of September 23

Adult Envelopes	\$2085.25
Student Envelopes	\$5.88
Loose Contributions	\$115.00
Priests Medical/Retirement	\$50.00

Quote of the Week

“Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, pray for us”



STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

ALTAR SERVERS

Sept. 29:	5:00pm	
Sept. 30:	9:00am	Adam Mikesic
Oct. 6:	5:00pm	
Oct. 7:	9:00am	Caroline Eckenrode
Oct. 13:	5:00pm	
Oct. 14:	9:00am	Aidan Steele
Oct. 20:	5:00pm	
Oct. 21:	9:00am	Kade Rhule

CHURCH LECTOR

Sept. 29:	5:00pm	Cindy Wicker
Sept. 30:	9:00am	Terri Potchak
Oct. 6:	5:00pm	Mary Lou Brennecke
Oct. 7:	9:00am	Jim Trombetto
Oct. 13:	5:00pm	Dale Claar
Oct. 14:	9:00am	Bill Kirsch
Oct. 20:	5:00pm	Phil Claar
Oct. 21:	9:00am	Terri Potchak

CHURCH EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sept. 29:	5:00pm	Joe & Laura Tremblay
Sept. 30:	9:00am	Deanie Cafferty-Dick Biemiller
Oct. 6:	5:00pm	Bob & Laraine Gregory
Oct. 7:	9:00am	Jerome Conlon-A. Trombetto
Oct. 13:	5:00pm	Jane Barlick-Betsie Claar
Oct. 14:	9:00am	Matt Steele-Judy Noland
Oct. 20:	5:00pm	Joe & Laura Tremblay
Oct. 21:	9:00am	Deanie Cafferty-Dick Biemiller

CROP WALK: The Claysburg/East Freedom Ministerium is hosting the annual CROP Walk for World Hunger on **Sunday, October 14, 2018**. A canister will be placed at the rear of the Church if you would like to donate to this very worthy cause. The CROP Walk is sponsored by the Claysburg Church of the Brethren. If you would like to participate or would like more info, please call Barb Leslie at 239-2020.

Baby Bottle Fundraiser: Precious Life, Inc. would like to thank our parish for their participation in the Annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser. Our parish raised **\$853.88**. To date, over 100 churches and organizations have raised over \$83, 500.00. Thank you very much for your donations!

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Open-Minded Respect and Love for All. It seems to be an inborn instinct to mistreat and disqualify people who are different from us. Let a bearded and long-haired youngster or a lady whose dress code is not ours appear and immediately eyebrows are raised! The more isolated life is, be it geographically in rural areas or socially by self-imposed isolation (the railroad dividing black and white sections of little towns in the South or the inner city versus the suburbs of the North), the more narrow-minded and biased people are, even to the extent of expelling the “outside agitator” and violently ostracizing him socially. This very thing happened to our Lord, who came to his own “but his own people did not accept him” (Jn 1:11). He was *different*. In his hometown of Nazareth the people even became hostile. “They took offense at him” (Mk 6:3). Being a Jew, our Lord would be refused membership today in many a country club! Over the centuries, Christian denominations have isolated themselves socially. Small wonder then that they mistrust one another. An imprudent proselytism may have contributed to religious bias as it still exists in our country, though the ecumenical movement has done much good by trying to eliminate a “ghetto mentality” that has been with the Churches for a long time. Today’s Bible readings deal with this topic. Since bias (whether social, racial, or religious) is so subtle, we should check ourselves honestly and pray: “Cleanse me from my unknown faults! (Responsorial Psalm).



“Why I Remain Catholic”

A presentation with the above topic will be held on **Tuesday, October 2, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church 309 Lotz Ave., Lakemont at 7:00pm.** This timely topic will focus on the clergy sexual abuse crisis. All are welcome.

Missionary Appeal: The Missionary Appeal offering may be made over the next several weekends.

ALIVE TOGETHER IN CHRIST: It is not too late to sign up for the faith based diocesan program, Alive Together in Christ.

RCIA: Inquiry sessions regarding the Catholic faith are being planned. Deadline to register for these sessions is **September 30**. Please see Father Leo if you are interested in becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

Dial Down the Anxiety
Parenthood can be fraught with crises and potential tragedy. But while a reasonable amount of worry is inevitable, high levels of anxiety can cause us to miss out on joyful moments in the present as we fret about the future. The Arch diocese of Baltimore’s online site, the *Catholic Review*, has a good suggestion: “A technique to deal with anxiety is to ask a question: ‘Am I focusing on God, or am I focusing on the problem?’ Focusing on the problem expands the problem and the anxiety.” Giving the problem to God in prayer can bring peace even if the answer remains uncertain. Those who feel less anxious are able to keep their eyes on the big picture. Their faith allows them to understand that from the current cycle of suffering will come resurrection and new life – maybe not immediately, but in God’s time.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What is St. Vincent DePaul remembered for?

Answer: St. Vincent DePaul is most remembered for his great works of charity. He organized groups to collect funds for missionary projects, found hospitals and gather relief funds for the victims of war, and to ransom 1200 galley slaves from North Africa. He was also a pioneer in clerical training and was instrumental in establishing seminaries.

New Question: Who do we honor during the month of October?



SCHOOL NURSE PROGRAM

Central High School is requesting help with the following hygiene supplies. They need:

TISSUES

Thank you for your generosity towards our students in need!



FAMILY RITUAL:

As the children get settled into a new school year, pause for a moment to pray for their success, academically, athletically, and socially.

Lord, draw all children close to you, for you are the source of all knowledge and talent. Surround them with a spirit of learning. Help them explore all that is available in this vast world that God has created for all of us to learn from. Bless their teachers with patience, tenderness and inspiration.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER....

Please pray for the following persons as they struggle with their individual issues:

<i>Colleen Ercole</i>	<i>Natalia Torres</i>
<i>Shirley Neely</i>	<i>Fr. James Coveny</i>
<i>Ted DeLozier</i>	<i>Patricia Swartz</i>
<i>Suzanne Bowser</i>	<i>Carrie</i>
<i>Charlotte Malloy</i>	<i>Jeanne DeLozier</i>
<i>Gloria Minori & Family</i>	<i>Kubat Family</i>
<i>Ed Weyandt</i>	<i>Fr. Ray Crosser</i>
<i>Fr. Bernard White</i>	<i>Melanie Cartwright</i>
<i>Kathleen Musselman</i>	<i>Mary Grace Imgrund</i>
<i>Audrey Nale</i>	<i>Janet Mauk</i>
<i>Donald Smith</i>	<i>Joe Resig</i>
<i>Kim Smith</i>	<i>Jill Glunt</i>
<i>Steve</i>	<i>Fr. Phil Johnson</i>
<i>Tom Gibbs</i>	<i>Richard Fagan</i>

May our Lord hear our prayers and bless those in need of his healing love.

Families and the Gospel...

September 30 **Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48**

The words in today's gospel, "Whoever gives a cup of water in the name of Christ will not lose their reward" hits us at home. As parents we gain our "reward" when we bring water to a frightened child in the middle of the night, or Kool Aid to parched 5-year olds, or hold ice chips to the fevered lips of a spouse. It is that simple and that sacred. In our homes we give until it hurts "in the name of Christ."



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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 30, 2018

Mass Schedule:

Saturday: Church: 5:00 pm
Sunday: Church: 9:00 am
Chapel: 11:00 am
Daily: Bulletin
Holy Days: Church 6:30 pm Vigil
Chapel 6:30 pm

Office Hours:

Wednesday 9:00am – 3:00pm
Bulletin Deadline: 9:00 am Wednesday

Prayer Chain: dostmpray4@gmail.com

or call Dolores O'Dea 793-4902

Facebook Page: St. Thomas More Catholic Church
Roaring Spring PA

Registration: Call the rectory or after Mass

Rectory: 825 Williams Street
Roaring Spring, PA 16673

Church: 619 East Main Street
Roaring Spring, PA 16673

Chapel: 352 Bedford Street
Claysburg, PA 16625

D.R.E.: Reva Smith – 242-3388

Secretary: Connie Tomlinson - 937-8009

Confirmation Coor.: Laurie Staub - 239-8290

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

(RCIA): RCIA is the process where people from other faith traditions enter into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church. See Father Leo for information.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Arrange with Fr. Lynch in advance. Parents required to take Baptismal Preparation Class.

First Holy Communion: Celebrated during the Easter season by Grade 2 Religious Ed students.

Confirmation: Celebrated during the Easter season by Grade 11 Rel. Ed students. Prep begins in Grade 9

Sacrament of Marriage:

Arrange with Father Leo. All couples are expected to participate in the pre-marriage preparation program.

Anointing of the Sick: Celebrated communally in the Fall & Spring; available anytime on request.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):

Celebrated 20 minutes before weekend Masses and 7:00pm on /Fridays during Lent; available anytime on request.

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a community of believers, in the Roman Catholic tradition, responding to the Risen Lord's invitation to preach the Good News, and, if necessary, to use words.

We are called to form and nurture our faith community through the celebration of the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, and to minister to each other's needs out of charity for all. Education from cradle to grave enhances our growth and extends the Lord's kingdom.

We share what we have and who we are because our loving Father has revealed to us that faith is a verb, not a noun. We pray that what our Father has given us by way of time, talent and treasure can be transformed into expressions of love for Him and each other.