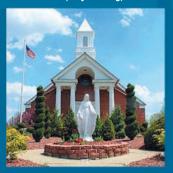
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September 9, 2018



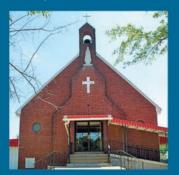
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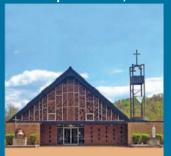
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St. Thomas (Clarksville)



St. Marcellus (Jefferson)

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TWENTY-THIRD So SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "*Ephphatha*!" — that is, "Be opened!" And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. - Mk 7:34-35

Sunday, September 9, 2018

PARISH DIRECTORIES

TEAM MINISTRY

Rev. John Bauer: 724-966-7270 Rev. Francis Frazer - Moderator: 724-627-7568 Deacon Administrator: Tom Raymond : 724-785-8001 Deacon James M. Sheil: 724-998-1105 Deacon Bert Kuhns: 412-691-0890

ST. ANN PARISH

232 E. High Street, Waynesburg, PA 15370 Phone: 724-627-7568 ~ Fax: 724-627-3735 Office Hours: **M-F 8:30 am to 4:00 pm** Email: saintannchurch@comcast.net Religious Education: Melissa Kirsch Office Manager: Marci Snee All County Website: www.theccofgc.com

ST. HUGH/OUR LADY PARISHES

408 Route 88, Carmichaels, PA 15320-1134 Office: 724-966-7270 ~ Fax: 724-966-9118 Rectory: 724-966-7909 Email: sthugholcpc@windstream.net **Office Hours: M-W-TH 9:00 am to 3:00 pm** Business Manager: Don Weinschenker Office Managers: Denise Voithofer Christine Zabrosky Religious Education: Linette Kerr All County Website: www.theccofgc.com

ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

P.O. Box 63, Bobtown, PA 15315 Rectory: 724-839-7122 ~ Fax: 724-839-7315 Hall: 724-839-7145 Email: stignatius@windstream.net Office Manager: Sherri Walick

ST. THOMAS PARISH

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Mission Statement

The Catholic Community of Greene County consists of five parishes that exist to advance the ministry of Christ in this portion of Southwest Pennsylvania. We do this through word, sacrament and outreach to the community in order to advance the culture of life based on Gospel values.

Your Stewardship September 2, 2018

ST. ANN OFFERTORY COLLECTION

St. Ann Offertory......\$ 2,212.00 2018 Parish Share\$ 1,897.00

(Mission Co-op \$1,341) (Total: \$47,066.00)

ST. HUGH AND OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION

St. Hugh Offertory \$ 2018 Parish Share \$ CCD \$	2,137.00	
2018 Parish Share\$	125.00	(Total: \$8,319.00)
CCD\$	57.00	
OLC Offertory\$	Unavailable	

2018 Parish Share\$ Unavailable (Total: \$4,493.00)

ST. IGNATIUS OFFERTORY COLLECTION

St. Ignatius Offertory...... \$ Unavailable

ST. THOMAS OFFERTORY COLLECTION

St. Thomas Offertory..... \$ 1,763.00

Diocesan Victim Hotline: 1-888-808-1235 ChildLine: 1-800-932-0313

Sacraments of Divine Life

Parish Membership: An active, participating member is one who regularly participates in the liturgical life of the parish; who is committed to Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure, and who lives up to his/her commitment. If you wish to join the parish, or you are a current member and have a change of address, email, or phone number, contact you home Parish Office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

- St. Ann: Saturday after Mass and by appointment.
- **St. Hugh**: Saturday, 11:00 to 11:30 am
- Our Lady of Consolation: Saturday one half hour before 4:45 Mass
- St. Ignatius: Weekdays before Mass. Weekends/Holy Days after Mass
- St. Thomas/Marcellus: Each Saturday 3:30 pm St. Thomas; First Saturday of each month 12:00 (Noon) at St. Thomas

<u>Sacrament of Baptism</u>: By appointment. Prior to your baby's Baptism, you must be a practicing Catholic and attend a pre-baptism class. A Godparent must be a fully initiated, practicing Catholic, age 16 or older.

<u>Sacrament of Marriage</u>: Requires membership in this parish community by at least one of the parties for six months prior to making arrangements for marriage. Weddings should be scheduled one year in advance.

Participation in marriage program is required.

<u>Sick Calls</u>: Please notify your home parish for visits of Communion to the sick, shut-ins, and those confined to the hospital.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

ST. ANN

SAT., Sept. 8 - Vigil: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Thomas Wang by Elizabeth Wang & Francis Li 6:00 pm SUNDAY, Sept. 9 - Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Tony, Mary & Peter Mowad by Bob & Lynn Hoover 8:00 am 11:15 am For the Students of Waynesburg University MONDAY, September 10 - Weekday in Ordinary Time NO MASS TUESDAY, September 11 - Weekday in Ordinary Time Waynesburg Healthcare & Rehabilitation 10:30 am Mary Brunner by Jim & Judy Milinovich Waynesburg University, Roberts Chapel Tonya Cesa & Deceased Members of the Cesa & 6:00 pm Reichenbach Families by Ed & June Cesa WEDNESDAY, September 12 - The Most Holy Name of Mary Off-Site Mass at the home of Frank & Deborah Metheny Tonya Cesa by Jim & Lynne Goroncy 6:30 pm THURSDAY, September 13 - St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church NO MASS FRIDAY. September 14 - Exaltation of the Holv Cross Ed Bogucki 12:15 pm **NEW MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS** SAT., Sept. 15 - Vigil: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time MaryAnn Shalamon by Bob & Joe Shalamon 4:00 pm

4:00 pmMaryAnn Shalamon by Bob & Joe ShalamonSUNDAY, Sept. 16 - Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time8:30 amTonya Cesa by Jackie & Rudy Marisa11:15 amBrian Rohanna by Kathi & Larry Gaso

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays at 5:30 pm - St. Ann 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Roberts Chapel, WU

ST. IGNATIUS

SUNDAY, Sept. 9 - Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 pm Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

MONDAY, September 10 - Weekday in Ordinary Time NO MASS

TUESDAY, September 11 - Weekday in Ordinary Time8:00 amAndrew Wanto (Anniversary) by RalphelineWEDNESDAY, September 12 - The Most Holy Name of Mary8:00 amNO MASSTHURSDAY, September 13 - St. John Chrysostom, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church

8:00 am Andrew and Darlene Marensky by Patty Jordan FRIDAY, September 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross NO MASS

NEW MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS

SUNDAY, Sept. 16 - Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 pm Mike Tencer, Jr. (Birthday) by Andrew and Kathleen

ST. HUGH AND OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION

SAT., Sept. 8 - Vigil: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time4:45 pm-RLMarie Hatalla - Eugene & Betty Skoenord6:00 pm-CARHedy Voithofer - Son, Matt & Karen VoithoferSUNDAY, Sept. 9 - Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time9:30 am-CARAdeline Clarchick (Anniv.) - Terry and Andria
Semenoff

MONDAY, September 10 - Weekday in Ordinary Time NO MASS TUESDAY September 11 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

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FRIDAY, September 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross 9:00 am-CAR Mass of Thanksgiving for Answered Prayers

NEW MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS

SAT., Sept. 15 - Vigil: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time5:00 pm-CARPatty Yoders - Joyce McCombs & Rose WhipkeySUNDAY, Sept.16 - Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time9:30 am-CARBaby Jason - Parents, Crystal & Jason Matyus11:15 am-RLBlessings on Bonnie and Barry Mylan (Wedding
Anniversary) - Aunt Anita

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday, September 14, at St. Hugh following 9:30 am Mass until 10:30

ST. THOMAS

SAT., Sept. 8 - Vigil: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 pm - St. Thomas Dorothy Sadlek by Mary Swaney SUNDAY, Sept. 9 - Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time 11:00 am - St. Marcellus Elizabeth & Joseph Yukish by M/M Bill Phillips

MONDAY, September 10 - Weekday in Ordinary Time 9:00 am - St. Thomas Joseph Domon by Louise Domon TUESDAY, September 11 - Weekday in Ordinary Time NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, September 12 - The Most Holy Name of Mary 9:00 am - St. Thomas Communion Service THURSDAY, September 13 - St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church NO MASS FRIDAY, September 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross NO MASS

NEW MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS

SUNDAY, Sept. 16 - Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:30 am - St. Marcellus Liam Basilone by Ladies Guild

PARISH & DIOCESAN LIFE



Last Friday was one of the worst days in my priesthood as I was informed of the accusation against Father John Bauer and his removal from ministry until this issue is resolved. Please pray for him, his accuser and all who have been abused by clergy in our diocese over the last 70 years or so. I am confident our Lord and **WOTES** His Blessed Mother will guide and protect the Church through this time of great trial.

Because of the current situation, there needs to be changes in our Mass Schedule - both for the weekend and for daily Masses. For daily Masses until October 15th, we will have Mass at 9:00 am Monday at St. Thomas; Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00 am at St. Ignatius; Wednesday and Friday at 9:00 am at St. Hugh; and Wednesday at 6:30 pm and Friday at 12:15 pm at St. Ann. Communion services will be held at St. Thomas on Wednesdays at 9:00 am and Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 am at St. Hugh. The weekend Mass schedule will be the new interim Mass Schedule as it appears below. This schedule has been advanced to take effect next weekend (Sept. 15/16). We are working hard to get coverage to accommodate the new schedule. The interim confession and daily Mass schedule listed below will not take effect until October 15th, as originally scheduled.

In the meantime, Confessions will be following the 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm Masses on Saturday evening at St. Ann and St. Hugh. Baptisms, funerals and sick calls should be arranged by calling Fr. Francis at either St. Ann or St. Thomas Parishes. If I am not present, leave a message and I will get back to you ASAP. Thank you for your patience during this time of transition and know I will do all I can to meet your needs. Please pray for the welfare of our parishes, confident that as our loving Lord is in charge, He will take care of us.

Finally, a reminder of the criteria for this interim Mass Schedule. There is to be at least one Mass for the weekend scheduled at each parish (not each church building) and no more than 3 per priest. We were able to get a special exemption here in Greene County to meet the needs of the people as our county is so spread out. This schedule anticipates 2 priests assigned to the county grouping. Please pray that adjustments can be made to clergy assignments in the diocese to realize 2 priests once again in our grouping.

Interim Mass Schedule beginning Sept. 15 & 16

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY ~ Vigil Mass

- St. Ann, Waynesburg 4:00 pm
- 5:00 pm St. Hugh, Carmichaels

SUNDAY

- St. Ann, Waynesburg 8:30 am
- 9:30 am St. Hugh, Carmichaels
- St. Marcellus, Jefferson 10:30 am
- 11:15 am Sacred Heart, **Rices Landing**
- 4:00 pm St. Ignatius, Bobtown

CONFESSION SCHEDULE will NOT take effect until October 15th

Saturday:

- 11:00 11:30 am: St. Hugh, Carmichaels
- After 4:00 pm Mass: St. Ann, Waynesburg Sunday
- After 4:00 pm Mass: St. Ignatius, **Bobtown**

Tuesday

After 9:00 am Mass: St. Thomas, Clarksville

TENTATIVE WEEK DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday: • 9:00 am St. Thomas, Clarksville **Tuesday:** • 8:00 am St. Ignatius, Bobtown Wednesday: • 9:00 am St. Hugh, Carmichaels • 6:30 pm St. Ann, Waynesburg Thursday: • 8:00 am St. Ignatius, Bobtown Friday: St. Hugh, Carmichaels 9:00 am •

St. Ann, Waynesburg 12:15 pm

Weekday Mass & Confession schedule will be adjusted when new assignments take place.



PARISH & DIOCESAN LIFE

County Wide Parish Mission

DO YOU Believe in **MIRACLES**?

Seeing is Believing

OCTOBER 2 & 3, 2018 | 6:30 PM St. Hugh Church, 408 Rt. 88, Carmichaels, PA 15320 724-966-7270

> This is a live presentation hosted by **TIM FRANCIS**

RCIA BEGINS

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the basic instruction in the Catholic faith by which one becomes a member of the Catholic Church. Classes begin at St. Hugh / OLC September 11th at 6:00 pm, CCD Annex; at St. Ann / St. Thomas Parishes

September 16th at 7:00 pm, St. Ann Bell Room

To indicate your interest please call the parish office at 724-966-7270 for St. Hugh / OLC and 724-627-7568 for St. Ann & St. Thomas Parishes.

32nd Annual Luncheon for the Benefit of the SEMINARIANS of the PITTSBURGH DIOCESE

Saturday, September 22, 2018 St. Paul Seminary - O'Connor Hall 2900 Noblestown Road, Pittsburgh PA 15205

10:00 am - Early Bird Players - Card and Board Games 12:00 Noon - Luncheon

Also, Chinese Auction, Door Prizes, Raffles and Bake Sale Choice of Entree: Chicken Romano - Crab Cakes - Veggie Lasagna.

All meals include: Salad, Starch & Vegetables, Rolls & Butter, Beverage & Dessert

\$25.00 Donation

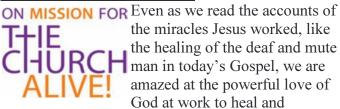
Reservation deadline - September 13, 2018 For reservations or more information please contact: Laraine McGinnis at 724-263-2161 or lam1719@verizon.net, or Rosemary Biskup at 724-592-6977

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Ephphatha! Be Opened!



the miracles Jesus worked, like the healing of the deaf and mute **HURCH** man in today's Gospel, we are amazed at the powerful love of God at work to heal and

strengthen us. In particular, Jesus' cry of Ephphatha! (be opened!), is not simply so that the deaf man's ears would be open and that his tongue would be freed. It is also a call for his heart to be opened in faith and trust in God. The Lord cries out Ephphatha! for us, too, that we might be opened to his powerful love at work for and in and through us. This is not only for our benefit, but for the benefit of our parishes, our communities, the Church and the world. As we prepare for the implementation of the On Mission for The Church Alive! initiative, the Lord invites us to be opened to the work of the Spirit so that we can be strengthened for the work of building the Church. If we can be amazed by what God works for those in the Scriptures, we can certainly be amazed by what God can work through us. Visit onmissionchurchalive.org to learn more and to stay informed.

ST. ANN PARISH

"Through prayer and the re-awakening of the living Gospel in ourselves and others, St. Ann Parish celebrates the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist to become a Church Alive. Our rural parish includes a university, prisons, a hospital and long term care facilities. Through our call to active service ministries in the local community and a mission in Guatemala, we manifest our faith.'

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD INFORMATION

Please see page 9 of the bulletin for all information, announcements and articles regarding CCD. We still need a 6th grade teacher.

OFF SITE MASS SUMMER SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Sept. 12th—Hosts Frank & Deborah Metheny 1682 Jollytown Road, New Freeport, PA 15352 724-451-8527

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED FOR PRE-SCHOOL

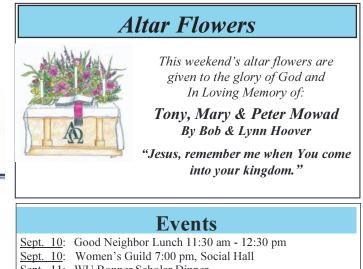
St. Ann Preschool is in need of part-time substitute teachers starting this fall school year. Substitutes must have all their clearances prior to school starting. Prior child care experience preferred.



Heavenly Father, Creator of All, You have created the human person as good. You have placed us in the world as one human family, as sisters and brothers. We pray today for all victims of violence across the world, for the healing of their mind and body, for their mourning family members, for the repose of their souls. Jesus, You have told us to love our enemies, and to pray for those who persecute us. Give us the strength and courage to forgive. Remove all lingering desire for revenge. Holy Spirit, reveal to us the mercy of God. Give us the gift of Your peace that surpasses all understanding. Amen.

IMMEDIATE HELP

The Home Delivered Meals (Meals on Wheels) ministry from St. Ann Church is looking for volunteers, men or women to deliver Meals starting Friday Sept 28. One of our faithful longtime volunteers is relocating and needs replaced!! We really need your help to have this special ministry continue. Please call Judy Milinovich at 724-627 -3357 or Marci at the parish office.



Sept. 11: WU Bonner Scholar Dinner

Sept. 12: Off-Site Mass at the Metheny Home, 6:30 pm

- Sept. 13: Good Neighbor Lunch 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
- Knights of Columbus 7:00 pm, Social Hall Sept. 13:
- AA Meeting 7:00 pm, Social Hall Sept. 15:
- Sept. 16: Knights of Columbus 1st Degree, 6:00 pm, Bell Room

St. Ann Altar Servers for September 8/9

6:00 pm: B. Lang (Adult Server); M. Sielski, A. Shumaker, E. Wang (Eucharistic Ministers); B. Nalitz, P. Sielski (Lectors); K. Bogucki (Cantor); A. Sielski, D. Taylor (Youth Servers).

8:30 am: J. Guess (Adult Server); R. Phillips, M. Rohanna, J. Trader (Eucharistic Ministers); J. Goroncy, J. Milinovich (Lectors); K. Cardella (Cantor); A. Fitch, N. Guess (Youth Servers).

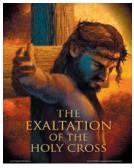
St. Ann Altar Servers for September 15/16

6:00 pm: P. Fitch (Adult Server); R. Janco, J. Martinez, E. Schifko (Eucharistic Ministers); M. Kirsch, John Kirsch (Lectors); S. Karg (Cantor); CR Haught, J. Kirsch (Youth Servers).

8:30 am: L. Pettit (Adult Server); S. Corad, R. Davin, K. Davin, J. Guess (Eucharistic Ministers); J. Marisa, B. Mooney (Lectors); D. Waligora (Cantor); D. Huffman, E. Huffman (Youth Servers).

ST. HUGH & OUR LADY PARISHES

EXALTATION OF THE CROSS Mass at 9:00 am ~ Friday, September 14^{th~}



In this month of September when we celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross we are reminded of the great debt that was paid for us by the saving Passion and Death of our Lord, Jesus Christ. There is not more merciful act imaginable. And in truth, his mercy takes care of our sufferings. It does not remove suffering from our life, but Jesus cares for us in a particular way through our sufferings.

The corporal work of mercy which extends this mercy beyond ourselves is that of visiting the sick. Our visit will most likely not take away their sufferings, but just our being there does care for the one who is suffering. Saint Teresa of Calcutta, writes in one of her meditations: "Suffering is a sign that we have come so close to Jesus on the cross, that he can kiss us, show that he is in love with us, by giving us an opportunity to share in his Passion." And that is precisely how Jesus best cares for us and for all those who still suffer in this world.

"Christ humbles himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. (Phil 2:8)

PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS



Heavenly Father, may saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of your Son, Jesus, be an everlasting model for grandparents. Your Wisdom and Word are eternal, meant for all generations. Help grandparents, we pray, as they pass on the rich traditions of the faith to their beloved family members, especially

their grandchildren. We are all your children. Help us to know you better each day, ultimately leading us, with our family members, into eternal life with you. AMEN.

GRANDPARENTS are like the wisdom of the family... — Pope Francis

FALL BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

Tuesday, September 11th

AM Session 2 - Following the 9:00 am Mass, St. Hugh Social Hall. Capernaum: Village of Coming Consolation

GALATIANS: Set Free to Live

PM Session 2 -- 6:00 pm - in the Fr. Stack Annex. Galations 1 - An Urgent Appeal

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR ON MISSION IN EVERY PARISH

Bishop Zubik is asking every parish in the Diocese of Pittsburgh to hold a period of Eucharistic Adoration to pray for our parishes, parish groupings, clergy teams and the faithful during the transition period of *On Mission*! Listed below is the final place & date for the Greene County Parishes:



OLC Parish to be held at

Sacred Heart Worship Site, Rices Landing, Tuesday. September 18th, from 11:00 am to 12:00 Noon.

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

The Carmichaels Walk to End Alzheimer's will be held on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at Wana B Park, Carmichaels, PA

Registration begins at 9:00 am; Ceremony at 9:45 am. Walk at 10:15 am. To make a donation, start a team, or any other questions contact Mary at 724-966-7101. All funds raised are used for Alzheimer's care, support and research.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STEAK FRY

Sunday, September 23rd, 2018 ~ 1:00 to 5:00 pm Knights of Columbus Carmichaels Council Home. Come and enjoy a delicious steak on the grill with all the trimmings. All are welcome!

Events

Sept. 9 & 10: CCD classes begins See page 9 of this bulletin

<u>Sept. 11</u>: Bible Study meets - More info on this page Senor Activity Group - 1:00 pm, St. Hugh Social Hall CDA meets - 5:00 pm St. Hugh Social Hall RCIA begins - 6:00 pm, Fr. Stack Annex

Sept. 14: Eucharistic Adoration, following 9:00 am Mass until 10:30: am

<u>Office Hours:</u> Monday, Wednesday & Thursday ~ 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

"We the worshiping community of St. Ignatius of Antioch join together as God's children to praise & worship our Heavenly Father. We pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit to help us love and serve others as Jesus did."

MASS SERVER SCHEDULE

- Sept. 9 EM: Srbinovich & Davis & Terlesky; Lector: Danko; Server: Garnek; Ushers: Garnek & Terlesky
- Sept. 16EM: Kraft & Kraft & Guritza;
Lector: Burich; Server: Branham;
Ushers: Dickerson & Branham
- Sept. 23 EM: Garnek & Muscavitch & Garnek; Lector: Srbinovich; Server: Garnek; Ushers: Garnek & Terlesky
- <u>Sept. 30</u> EM: Terlesky & Williamson & Burich: Lector: Kraft; Server: Branham; Ushers: Ullom & Dickerson

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second

collection today for the Bishop's Education Fund. Please be as generous as possible.

MASSES NEEDED:

We are in need of Mass stipends. What better way to remember a loved one than with a Mass!

FAREWELL/THANK YOU DINNER:

Will be held for Fr. Frazier and Deacon Tom next Sunday following Mass. There is no cost for the dinner, but monetary donations will be accepted to cover the expenses. Volunteers are needed and any help would be greatly appreciated. Please RSVP to Jennifer Dickerson, Laura Kraft, Olivia Burich, or Jessica Garnek by Sept. 9th.

ST. THOMAS PARISH

"Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish is a welcoming Catholic Christian Community called to live in such a way that those who know us but do not know Jesus Christ will come to know Jesus Christ because they know us."

September 9, 2018 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Jesus went by way of Sidon into the district of the Decapolis." For most of Jesus' ministry, he remains in Galilee and areas with a predominantly Jewish population. Today, however, we see Jesus traveling through a heavily pagan area. This makes the utterance of faith in today's Gospel all the more astounding. "He has done all things well."

In this story, a deaf man is brought to Jesus. This man is not without community! Despite communication difficulties due to a speech impediment, his people bring him before Jesus. Jesus lays hands upon the man and commands his broken body to change. "Be opened!' Immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly." The community is stunned. They can't stop telling the story. The more Jesus asks them to settle down, the more they proclaim! The Jewish people expected a Messiah but a Messiah with very particular qualifications. The Greeks and pagans anticipated no such savior. There were no expectations to meet. They had a special capacity to be completely, utterly surprised.

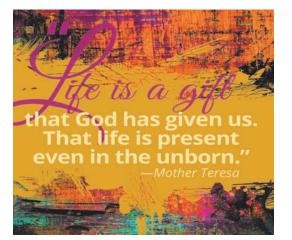
As Catholics, it can be easy to become accustomed to the songs and the prayers, to the routine of religious education drop-offs and Sunday Mass attendance. By now, we may have very particular expectations. When was the last time you allowed yourself to be surprised by God? Sometimes we are all like the deaf man in

EVENTS

- <u>Prayer Group</u> meets on Mondays, 5:00— 6:00 pm at St. Marcellus Church until further notice, due to the bridge repair in Clarksville
- <u>Giant Eagle Cards</u> available at Rectory 724-377-2588

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

September 15/16 10:30 am St Marcellus L. Cirota, W. Jento LECTORS 10:30 am St Marcellus A. DeVito, D. Koller SERVERS 10:30 am St Marcellus N. Efaw, M. Petros



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATES — DISTRICT CONFIRMATION NEWS

District Collaborative Confirmation Events FOR Greene County & Southeastern Washington Students **FOR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS - GRADE 8**

District Confirmation MEET & GREET (Mass & Lunch) Sunday, September 30, 2018, from 12:30 - 3:00 p.m., at Ten Mile Creek Park, 128 Maple Rd., Clarksville, PA, in the Audia Shelter / Pavillion. To RSVP: please visit our website at www.theccofgc - under Sacraments tab, choose Confirmation.

Confirmation Retreat - Saturday, February 23, 2019, at Mount St. Macrina, Uniontown, between 9 am & 5 pm; lunch & transportation provided.

Confirmation Evening of Reflection & Rehearsal - TBA

ST. HUGH/OLC RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

First graders and older students who will be "new" to the parish CCD Program in Fall of 2018 should register now. Or if you have any contact information that needs updated, please fill out a new Registration Form. Registration forms are available at all the St. Hugh and OLC church entrances or download a form from our parishes' website: www.theccofgc.com

You may either mail your completed form to the St. Hugh/OLC parish office or deposit it in the basket provided or drop it in the offertory basket. Please note: If you have any new contact information (address, phone, email, etc.), please fill out a form to update our records.

CLASSES BEGIN:

- Elementary CCD (grades 1 thru 5) Classes begin Monday, September 10th, from 4:30 to 5:35 pm at St. Hugh Church. First day of class only - all students will meet in the church and proceed from there with their teachers to their assigned classroom. Following class, parents must sign-out their child in the church.
- Middle School CCD (grades 6, 7 and 8) Classes begin Sunday, September 9th, following 9:30 am Mass (approx. 10:15 am) until 11:20 am in the Fr. Stack Annex at St. Hugh Church.

ST. IGNATIUS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

CCD REGISTRATION

Will be held after Sunday Mass, starting August 12th. Only new students need to register. If there has been any change in contact information for existing students please contact Jennifer Dickerson to update.

CLASSES BEGIN:

Classes begin Sunday, September 16th, at St. Ignatius Hall in Bobtown, every Sunday 9:00 am to 10:00 am unless otherwise noted.

ST. THOMAS EDUCATION NEWS

St. Thomas parish CCD begins September $16^{th} - 9:15$ am to 10:15 am, St. Marcellus Hall. First session for parents and students.

Needed: 2nd grade catechists to team with Becky Kuhns; 7th grade catechists to team with Richard Yeager. Contact Deacon Bert at deaconbert99@atlanticbb.net or 412-691-0899.

ST. ANN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

CCD REGISTRATION FOR 2018-2019

K-8th grade students who will be "new" to the parish CCD Program in the Fall of 2018 should register now, along with all returning students (everyone completes a registration form every year). Forms should be returned to the office as soon as possible to get ready for another wonderful year. Forms are available at all church entrances or download a form from our parishes' website: www.theccofgc.com. You can mail your completed form to the parish office or deposit it in the offertory basket.

CCD NEEDS

The St. Ann CCD program will be starting on Sunday mornings starting September 16th, 2018 at 9:30 am. We are in need of Aides (high school students or adults) and Substitute Teachers for the upcoming year.

2018 Prayer Requests

- All victims of clergy sexual abuse in our diocese.
- All clergy falsely accused.
- All clergy on administrative leave while allegations are being investigated, especially Fr. John Bauer and Father Hugh Lang, who served in our county.
- Those charged with making a determination regarding substantiation of allegations against clergy.

St. Ann

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Marylyn & Tom Moon Spider Moore Becky Nickler Molly Offstein Krystle Pappalardo Mary Pascuzzo Julia Plasko Judy Reckart Mary Shaffer Al Smalara Karen Simkovic Special Intention Chris Stockdale Hank Workman Don Yarish Paul Yuras Irene Ziegler

Roxana Miller

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St. Ignatius

Anna Black Logan Danko Diane Guerriero Nancy Juracko Suzanne Juracko Gertrude Opolinski Cecilia Tarantini

We pray with special love and concern for all those who are ill or infirm, asking the Lord for his consoling grace to heal those in need. We also remember all those in personal care/nursing homes.

The Most Holy Name of Mary Wednesday, September 12th



Our salvation begins when an archangel speaks the name of Mary. To be Christian is to carry on that Annunciation unceasingly. Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort wrote that "the salvation of each individual is bound up with the Hail Mary." This prayer, which names the holy name of the Mother of God, "brought to a dry and barren world the Fruit of Life. It will cause the Word of God to

take root in the soul and bring forth Jesus."

The holy name of Mary bears such power because of the unique bond between Mother and Son." When God sent his Son born of a woman, he instituted a once and for all order of salvation in which the union of Mother and Child stands at the center." (R. Cessario). To accept the divine privilege of speaking the name of Mary is to participate in that saving union. (Magnificat)

Pray for those in the Military



Mychael Barzanti, (US Air Force, Guam); Joshua Boyle, SSGT (US Army, Fort Knox, KY); Master Sergeant Andrew Chmielewski (US Air Force, McGuire AFB) Sam Cuss, (US Navy Basic Training, Florida); Warren Dickerson (US Navy Naples, Italy); Wendy Dickerson (US Navy, Pearl

Harbor, HI); Petty Officer Elizabeth Fedora, (Korea.); Dante Jamison (US Army, So. Afghanistan); Emily Phillips (USMC) and Brandon Phillips (US Army); Stuart Swann, SSGT (US Air Force, Afghanistan) Major Luke Vitolo (Air Force, Rabat, Morocco); Major John Vitolo (Air Force, Dayton, OH); Ryan Woods (Marine Corps Boot Camp, Paris Island, SC).

