My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Sunday, August 14, ~ The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 / Hebrews 12:1-4 / Luke 12:49-53
8.00 am: Marie Werner (Husband, Jim)
11.00 am: Dr. John A. Leppert (Diane Leppert)
5.00 pm: For the Intentions of the People of the Parish

Monday, August 15, ~ The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7.00 am: Robert Crookston, Birthday Remembrance (Family)
12.05 pm: Leo Millard, For Health (Family, Lori, Linc, & Barb)

Tuesday, August 16, ~ Weekday, Saint Stephen of Hungary
7.00 am: Robert Crookston, Birthday Remembrance (Family)
12.05 pm: Robert Don Klug (Vic Heptner)

Wednesday, August 17, ~ Weekday
Readings: Ezekiel 34:1-11 / Matthew 20:1-16
7.00 am: Saint Anne Society
12.05 pm: Joseph & Ronnie Kmetz (Kay Kmetz)

Thursday, August 18, ~ Weekday
7.00 am: Corinna Huffman (Husband, Charles & Family)
12.05 pm: Nicholas Trio (Chris & Lydie Pleskovic)

Friday, August 19, ~ Weekday, Saint John Eudes, Priest
Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14 / Matthew 22:34-40
7.00 am: Anne Eicher (Deacon John & Rose Concannon)
12.05 pm: Louis J. McCawley (Sister Honora)

Saturday, August 20, ~ Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
8.00 am: Herb Delawder, Birthday Remembrance (Wife, Cathy)
5.00 pm: Frances Hasenstab, Anniversary (Daughter, Dorothy)

Sunday, August 21, ~ The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.00 am: Helen Freiwald (Andy & Mary Helen Percinsky)
11.00 am: Ancient Order of Hibernians
5.00 pm: For the Intentions of the People of the Parish
From Father Crookston...

The Annual Catholic Appeal - We are within three hundred dollars of meeting our parish’s share of the Annual Catholic Appeal. Now is the opportunity for the gathering of your gifts to complete successfully our efforts in support of the annual appeal. All gifts over the goal remain at our Cathedral.

What would be an appropriate gift to complete the appeal for this year? That is between you and God, the provider of all that we have. For those looking for a gift amount, prayerfully consider either of these suggestions: 1) double your usual monthly support of our Cathedral parish and give that amount as your special gift to the appeal or 2) matching your past most generous gift to annual appeal. Our parish family will be most grateful for your generous commitment. We most assuredly welcome first time donors to the annual appeal.

Please consider a gift that reflects your gratitude for the many blessings that God has entrusted to you. Thank you.

Parish Picnic: Come One Come All! Mark your calendars. Our annual parish family picnic takes place Sunday, August 21 at Windber Recreation Park (Dancehall Pavilion). We will begin our festivities with 1:00 P.M. lunch at the park. The menu includes hamburgers, hotdogs, all the fixings, potato salad, baked beans, corn on the cob, cake. You may bring a dessert to share. We do a second meal at 4:30 P.M. with the same delicious menu. Between we will play winner take all” bingo (2:00 - 3:00 P.M.), have children’s activities, listen to and dance with - if you like - DJ music. All free!!! For a modest fee swimming is available at the Park Pool. If you need transportation, call the rectory.

Interested in Becoming Catholic? Late August marks the first part of process of becoming Catholic. A first meeting will occur Sunday, August 28 at 9:30 AM in the St John Activity Center located at the corner of Railroad and Adams Streets.

We will begin the period known as Inquiry. This beginning period of the Christian Initiation process helps people feel at ease with the Holy Spirit’s attracting them to our faith community. During this time of searching into God’s prompting, asking questions, and the inquirers touching the inner movement of faith, seekers hear and reflect upon the stories of our Catholic community. The inquiry team members also share the faith they have found in Christ, the scriptures, Catholic belief, parish ministry and their life experiences. We welcome interested, ‘looking-into-becoming-Catholic’ adults, youth and children to these sessions. We will have a separate group for adults and a separate group for children and youth. Participants in the younger group are children within families considering becoming Catholic, and baptized Catholic children who are past second grade and have yet to celebrate First Penance and First Communion.

Those wanting to hear more about Catholicism and those wanting to help welcome them – persons interested in being members of the Christian Initiation Team – may talk to Father Jim or the Christian Initiation team members: Sister Honora, Rose Eckenrod, Lonnie Rietscha, Valerie Wilson, Dave Wilson, Christine Brothers, Elizabeth Gramlich, or Patricia Loughlin.

Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy - Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 55, and 60+W edding Anniversary in 2016 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, Sept. 11 in ALTOONA at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, Sept. 18 in JOHNSTOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 p.m. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Punch and cookies will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Tuesday Aug. 23.

August 15th is The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - “Blessed is the fruit of your womb” can be said of all mothers, because every child is “blessed” and a child of God upon whom God “looks with favor.” This is our deepest identity and destiny. We do not earn this blessing. God’s love is a free gift to each of us.

Liturgical Reflection... Jesus says that he came to set the earth on fire and establish division. Not for the sake of division, but to bring about the peace that comes only by living the way of God. Baptism has introduced us to this life described by the Lord. The Gospel is a challenge to walk where Christ walked. He was met with criticism, slander, and disdain. And he would not back down. He came to announce the kingdom of God. This powerhouse of love and mercy will find his body nailed to the cross. The crucifixion is the ultimate act of mercy. May Christ give us the strength and grace to follow and be ready to pay the price for such great mercy.
FROM OUR PARISH

The Pulitzer Prize winning novel, All the Light We Cannot See, written by Anthony Doerr is an ambitious novel about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II. The St. John Gualbert Book Club will be discussing this book on Monday, September 19, 2016 in the Activity Center at 6:00 pm. Don’t be intimidated that this is yet another World War II novel—this is a testament offering powerful examples of the way average people in trying times must decide daily between morality and survival. This book is at our library in CD and book form. Everyone is welcome to join our group and participate in the discussion of our book choice. We hope to see you there!

Students from Bishop McCort will be at all Masses on August 20 and 21 to sell raffle tickets as part of the Annual McCort Auction event. Proceeds from the auction benefit all student activities, fine arts organizations, and athletics. The cost of each raffle ticket is $10. The raffle winner need not be present at the auction on October 15 to win the prize. If you would like more information about the Annual McCort Auction or more raffle tickets, please call the Bishop McCort Development Office at 536-8991.

FROM OTHER PARISHES & COMMUNITY

Year of Mercy Summer Road Trips! What better way to spend the summer afternoon as a "pilgrim" visiting three churches celebrating their 200th Anniversary founded by our own saint-in-progress, Servant of God, Reverend Demetrius Gallitzin. Plan to take a Sunday drive to Holy Name, Ebensburg, St. Patrick, Newry, and St. Thomas the Apostle, Bedford, the designated sites for the Holy Doors of the Jubilee of Mercy.

Prayer times have been scheduled at all three churches on August 14 and August 28. Prayers will be led in half hour intervals from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, beginning at 1:30 pm. You may want to include a visit to St. Michael of the Archangel Basilica, Loretto the site of the tomb of Father Gallitzin to top off your day! An added bonus is an opportunity to grow spiritually and gain a Plenary Indulgence of the Church.

The Church of the Transfiguration is sponsoring a bus trip to the Rivers Casino on Wednesday, September 7, 2016. The bus will depart from the Transfiguration Church parking lot at 8:30am. The bus will leave the Rivers at 6pm for the return home. Cost is $30 and includes $20 free play. For reservations please call Sharon at 536-1732 or Andy at 322-3287. Reservations and Payment due by Wednesday, August 24, 2016.

St. John the Baptist Annual Parish Festival, Sunday, August 28th at New Germany Grove. Chicken and Ham Dinner with Homemade Noodle Soup (served buffet style.) 11:30 am - 3:30 pm, Adults $10, Children 12 & Under $5. Entertainment: Johnstown Button Box 12pm -3pm, LeDance Acadamie 3pm-4pm, Cruzin (50's & 60's Music) 4pm - 7pm, Games for Young and Old. Dancing, Bingo, Food, Music, Theme Baskets, and more. Come Join the fun and Bring a Friend.

The Church of the Transfiguration, 201 3rd Street, Conemaugh, Spaghetti Drive By, Sunday, August 28, 2016, 11:00 am - 1:30 pm. Cost: $7.00/Dinner

Benefit -Oldies Dance & Spaghetti Dinner for Ronald McDonald House - Saturday, September 10, 2016 at the New Germany Grove - doors open at 5:30 pm. This benefit is being held by the family of Alexis Knobloch, who at 18 days old had open-heart surgery at Children’s Hospital. With God’s Mercy and many, many prayers, she is now a healthy one-year old, for which we are eternally grateful. Dance DJ’d by: “Smokey Joe” & DJ Mark from Timemachine. For tickets & info., please contact Dave or Edie Knobloch at 814-536-7138.

A filled Basket Party will be held on Sunday, September 11th from 1 - 4 pm at St. Anne Church Hall in Davidsville. Tickets to win Baskets can be purchased at the door for a $5 donation, which includes 25 chances on the baskets, door prizes and refreshments. Everyone is welcome. Sponsored by the St. Anne’s Ladies Guild.

St. Vincent de Paul for Families Duck Race and Chicken BBQ will be held Sunday September 11 at their Johnstown Thrift Store, 301 Central Ave. BBQ begins at 11:00am and duck race at 2:00pm. BBQ Dinner is $10 and Ducks are $5 or 5 for $20. Cash prizes awarded. For more information or to purchase tickets call Greg at 539-7811.

The Church of the Transfiguration, 201 3rd Street, Conemaugh, Basket Party, Sunday, September 18, 2016. Doors open at 1:00 pm, Drawing at 2:00 pm. Cost: $5/ 25 chances and luncheon.

A Day Well Spent - If we sit down at set of sun and count the things that we have done, and counting find one self denying act, one word that eased the heart of one who heard; one glance most kind that fell like sunshine where it went—Then we may count the day well spent.

A Prayer for Victory in Sports

As we watch the Summer Olympics and approach the start of Fall sports programs may we be compelled to pray to our Heavenly Father:

Guide us to victory, O Lord, in competition and life. May our opponents be worthy and compete with skill. May we meet that skill with our own and prepare each other for the challenges that awaits us in the world.

Guide us to safe competition without injury to either side. But may any physical pains we endure strengthen us to do Your will against all odds. Guide us to grow in wisdom, so we discover our strengths and weaknesses, hone our skills and gain the ability to adapt to the changing circumstances of life.

Guide us to grow in mercy, so we encourage our teammates, treat our opponents fairly, respect coaches and officials, and maintain an even disposition in victory and defeat, knowing that true victory is in playing the game with effort and class, so that we might glorify You in all things. Amen.

Christopher News Notes
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Luke 12:49-53 - The words of Jesus today, “son against father, daughter against her mother,” sounds like normal family fare. Conflict is the price of intimacy. However, how we handle conflict determines if we live in “peace” or “division.”

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RECEIVED EDUCATION CLASSES - Religious Education Classes for students attending Public School will begin on Sunday, September 18th. Classes are held in the St. Clare of Assisi school building, 110 Maple Ave., from 9:45 to 10:45am on Sunday mornings. We offer classes for Preschool (ages 4 & 5), Kindergarten, and Grades 1 through 11. New students may register by calling Joan Cammarata at 288-5807 or by completing this form and dropping it in the collection basket or mailing to: Joan Cammarata at 1600 Franklin St., Johnstown, Pa 15905.

Student Name: ___________________________________________ Grade: ______
Phone Number: ____________________________ Address: _____________________

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, CCA Gift Cards and Audio Operators August 20-21

Saturday, August 20, 5:00 PM
Reader: Rose Batzel, Sue Babalonis
Eucharistic Minister: Christine Russell, Elizabeth Granlich, Terry Rhoades,
Betty King, Elizabeth Rhoades
Server: Randy Russell, Riley Hearn
Audio Operator: Kevin Sloanka

Sunday, August 21, 8:00 AM
Reader: Fred Oliveros, Carrie Weaver
Eucharistic Minister: Debbie Leventry, Sam Grasso, Carmen Grasso,
Rose Ann Schelhammer, Pam Sabol
Server: Rachel Hall, Ihesa Favor
CCA Gift Card: Neil Leckey, Lisa Leckey
Audio Operator: Brigid Starchok

Sunday, August 21, 11:00 AM
Reader: Dave Hartes, Christine Brothers
Eucharistic Minister: Maryann Yanko, David Wilson, Esperanza Bair,
James Hollis, Gene Podrasky, Lonnie Rietscha
Server: Addison King, Tyler King
CCA Gift Card: Nichol Popovich, Brian King
Audio Operator: Brian Vuletich

Sunday, August 21, 5:00 PM
Reader: Dixie Lochrie, Michael Stuck
Eucharistic Minister: James Sandoval, Vi Najjar, Pat Roth,
Louise Aust, Justin Zierer,
Server: Levi Griffin, Marcus Zierer
CCA Gift Card: Nikkita Babyak, need one volunteer
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