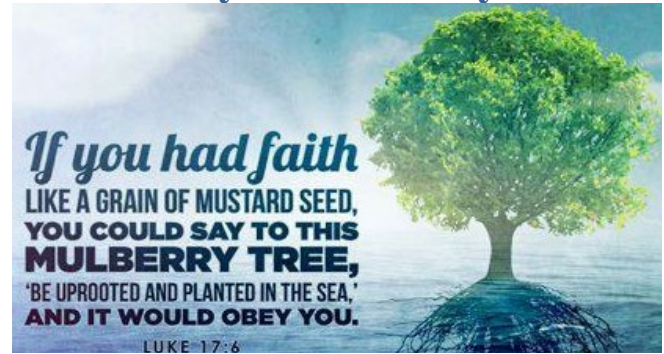


27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



October 5, 2025

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY [04]
4:00pm +Erelene McQuay by Tom & Michele Knapik
SUNDAY [05]
8:30am +Lisa Marie Hoppe by Family
10:30am +Harry & Angeline Cali by Joseph H. Cali
MONDAY [06]
8:00am +Catherine Krautkremer by Krautkremer Family
TUESDAY [07]
8:00am for living and deceased members of the parish
WEDNESDAY [08]
8:00am +Matthew & Mary Nemchick by Mark Nemchick
THURSDAY [09]
8:00am +Teresa Dragosits by Joseph Lathrop
FRIDAY [10]
9:15am +Rev. Wacław Polowczyk by Barbara Okula
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SATURDAY [11]
4:00pm +Tom Zeiner by Briedy & Denny Fehr
SUNDAY [12]
8:30am +David Buskirk by Ginny
10:30am for those enrolled in Memorial Society
("+" before name indicates person deceased)

Ministers of the Altar – October 11/12

Altar Servers
4:00pm Riley Kocher
8:30am Landyn Meyers
10:30am Frankie Rowley
Eucharistic Ministers
4:00pm Mary Ceraul, Philomena Reduzzi
8:30am Audrey DeCesare
10:30am Kathy Scott, Jeanne Smith
Lectors
4:00pm Domenic Scarlese
8:30am Joseph DeFrank
10:30am Robert Pecca

CONFESSION TIMES Saturday 2:45pm – 3:30pm. Confessions are available after the Saturday Vigil Mass upon request, or any time by appointment.

Victim Assistance - Office of Safe Environment
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\$\$\$ FUND RAISING \$\$\$

Please consider purchasing Weis cards. You do not lose a penny of purchasing power and the church receives 5% profit.

Weis Cards are available by calling the Parish Office M-F from 10 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.
Congratulations to **Beverly Roberts** and **Michele Knapik**, the winners of the **200 Club** Sept 21 and Sept 28 respectively.

Play-the-Month winners:
Sept 29 #997 Brenda Olivetti
Sept 30 #001 Kathryn O’Malley

If you wish to have any events published in our bulletin, the information is due by Wednesday at 12 p.m. Please include the word “bulletin” in the ‘Subject’ line. Each event should have a title, date, time, location, group name, and all other information pertaining to the event.

Don’t forget to save your Weis shopping receipts and drop them in the “Weis Receipts” basket located in the Gathering Space. Thank you!

We will have **Blessing of Animals** TODAY **Sunday, October 5th at 12:00 noon**. in front of the church on Please make sure that animals are leashed or caged for their safety.

Join Us for Bible Study with Monsignor Koons: “The Advent of the Messiah”

The coming of God's Son to earth is an event of such immensity that God willed to prepare for it over the centuries. He makes everything converge on Christ: all the rituals and sacrifices, figures and symbols of the "First Covenant." He announces him through the mouths of the prophets who succeeded one another in Israel. Moreover, he awakens in the hearts of the pagans a dim expectation of this coming. The word "advent" comes from the Latin “adventus”, meaning "an arrival." For centuries, the children of Israel faithfully awaited the advent of the promised Redeemer-Messiah. God first promised a future Redeemer after humanity's fall in Eden, cursing the serpent and assuring that Satan's power would one day end. Centuries later, the prophet Isaiah foretold that a virgin from the House of David would bear the Davidic Messiah. In the winter of 3/2 BC, the time arrived for the Redeemer-Messiah—promised since Adam and Eve's fall—to undo Satan's work and redeem humanity. Prepare for Advent (Sunday, November 30) and Christmas this year with a Bible Study of “The Advent of the Messiah” and help to deepen your understanding of this beautiful mystery with Monsignor Koons. All are welcome! Begins Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 7pm in the Church Social Hall. Meetings each Tuesday: October 28, November 4, 11, 18, and December 2, 9, 16. Please call the Parish Office to register. No charge!

ALL SOULS PICTORIAL REMEMBRANCE

Sunday November 2, 2025 through Sunday November 23, 2025

If you would like your departed loved ones to be prayed for in a special way during the month of November, you are invited to bring in a photograph of them to be displayed in the front of the Church during the month of “ALL SOULS.” **Memorial candles also can be purchased to include up to five names on each candle for \$15.00. Order forms can be found in the vestibule.** There is no charge for having your loved one’s photo displayed. Please place the **FRAMELESS** photo in an appropriate-sized envelope with your loved one’s name, year of birth, year of death, and YOUR NAME ON THE ENVELOPE so that the photos may be properly identified and returned at the end of the month.

All Souls Envelopes, with names inscribed, also will be placed on the Altar during the month of November, as Monsignor Koons will pray for the intention of their eternal rest at every weekday and weekend Mass during the entire month of November.

Praying for the deceased is one of the seven SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY and is a hallmark of Catholic Prayer that finds its biblical roots in:

1. 2 Maccabees 12:46 - Judas Maccabeus offers a prayer and a sacrifice for his soldiers who died with impurities or attachment to sin.
2. 2 Timothy 1:16-18 - Saint Paul offers a prayer for Onesiphorus and his household, asking for mercy on the Day of the Lord.
3. Matthew 12:32 - Jesus states, "whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age *or in the age to come*." This statement reveals that some sins can be forgiven or atoned for after death, providing a doctrinal basis for praying for souls who may need purification before entering heaven.

The Catholic faith has always taught that believers are in spiritual communion with the dead, and that prayers for them are not wasted, even if they are in heaven, as they can be applied to other souls in need.

Christmas Cookie Extravaganza Fundraiser

Third Sunday of Advent
Msgr. Koons is asking for volunteers to form a committee for a “Christmas Cookie” Fundraiser to be held on Sunday, December 14, 2025. The purpose of the committee would be to organize, suggest recipes, discuss ideas, solicit volunteers and bakers; to brainstorm about other Christmas ideas/themes for the same day. Msgr. Koons is providing a visit from “Santa Claus” from 12 noon to 1:30pm on that Sunday. Please consider contributing your time and talents and ideas to plan, organize, and implement this unique fundraiser. Come with your ideas! Open to anyone interested in committing to the success of this fundraiser/social activity of our Parish.
First meeting to be held at 6pm on Wednesday, October 8, 2025 in the Church Social Hall.

Weekly Collection – Msgr Koons

FYI: It has come to my attention that the published amounts of the weekly collections up to today HAVE NOT included monthly online giving OR weekly online giving. I was unaware of this. Therefore, in the interest of transparency, from now on the collection amounts will also include those amounts. But because of the variability of the weekly collections within a month, I will present a running 4-week average of the current and prior three week’s collections, to give a picture of weekly running average verses the budgeted average amount.

Our average weekly collection for 9/28/2025 was \$5933.00 (4-week average) with 188 donations. **Thank you for your support of our Parish!**

We budgeted our weekly collection for this fiscal year (2025-2026) at \$6731 per week. Therefore, last week’s averaged collection represents a shortfall of \$798.00. *If the 188 donations were increased by \$4.25 each, there would be no budgeted shortfall.* Will you please prayerfully consider an increase in your weekly donation? Thank you for your consideration!

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH 2025. Your gift helps support Seminarians, Shelters & Orphanages, Health Centers, Catechists and Religious Sisters. Envelopes available in the vestibule or scan the QR code from the envelope to donate.

Schedule of Masses Available During Priest Convocation October 29 thru October 31. Click here for the 2025 schedule of parishes that will have Masses during the Annual Priest Convocation in Hershey. There are also copies of the schedule in the vestibule.

DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN YOUTH RALLY- GRADE 9TH-12TH
Join us for a day of inspiring presentations, heartfelt prayer, uplifting music and much more! Together with your peers you will celebrate the one true Light—Jesus Christ—and let His love ‘Reignite’ you. Mass at 4pm will be celebrated by bishop Schler. Families are invited to join. **11.22.2025 Christ The King Weekend 10AM - 5PM.** See flyers in vestibule.



The Rosary is prayed publicly before all weekday morning Masses and Thursday’s, at 3 p.m. Do you have a ‘Special Intention’ whom you would like to be prayed for? Fill out a prayer request form located on the side tables in the vestibule, then place it in the basket next to the statue of the Blessed Mother.



Please pray for the sick... Janet Abitabilo, Liza Bonisese, Anna Fiorot, Kathleen Gerenser, Tina Lohman, Millie Popovice, Ryan Savage



“No one has the right to decide who lives and who dies.”
Life is precious. - Rick Santorum

The **St. Elizabeth of Hungary Memorial Society** is an opportunity to have your departed loved ones prayed for once a month in a Mass. The next Mass for members of the Memorial Society will be offered **Sunday October 12, 2025, at 10:30 A.M.** Once enrolled, those in the Memorial Society will be prayed for each month and need not be reenrolled again.