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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 28 July 2024

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Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Friday from-----9:00 am to 12:00 pm
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Saturday Vigil-----4:00 pm
Sunday----- 7:45 & 10:00 am
Daily Mass - M/T/Th/F ----- 8:00 am
Holy Days----- As announced
Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday ----- Noon to 9:00 pm
First Friday-----6:00 - 9:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Thursday: 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm
30 minutes before Friday, Saturday and Sunday Masses.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: First Sunday of the month during the 10:00 am Mass. Call the rectory for registration and necessary preparations.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Call the rectory at least six months in advance of proposed wedding date for registration and any necessary preparations.

WILLS: Please consider designating SS. Peter & Paul Parish in your last will and testament so the blessings the Lord has given you can continue to build His Kingdom.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: Will be issued to parishioners who are active & registered.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

SSPP Parish Religious Ed. Program
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Holy Mass + Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 27 – *Weekday/BVM*

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Nicholas Perbetsky** (Family)

Sunday, July 28

7:45 AM **Chris Ciavaglia** (Dad)

10:00 AM *pro populo*

Monday, July 29 – Ss. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus (OblMem)

8:00 AM **Leo Pudvah** (Wife Marian)

Tuesday, July 30 – *St. Peter Chrysologus, Bp/Dr (OptMem)*

8:00 AM **Marie D. Mriss** (M/M Paul Mriss & Family)

Wednesday, July 31 – St. Ignatius of Loyola, Pr (OblMem)

Nursing Home **Maureen Shattuck** (M/M Joseph Curnew)

Thursday, August 1 – St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bp/Dr (OblMem)

8:00 AM **Sam Scanlon** (McCormick Family)

Friday, August 2 – *St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bp/St. Peter Julian Eymard, Pr (OblMems)*

8:00 AM **Memorial & Renovation Fund Roll**

Saturday, August 3 – *BVM*

8:00 AM **Vocations to Ordained & Consecrated Life**

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Damian C. Mele** (Family)

Sunday, August 4

7:45 AM **Leo Pudvah** (Daughters)

10:00 AM *pro populo*

CHURCH OPEN FOR PERSONAL PRAYER Mon/Thu/Fri 8:30AM--4:00PM
Need adorers for Thurs Eucharistic Adoration from 6-8PM.

SAVE THE DATES!

+**MOVIE MATINEE** maybe very soon!

+**CLOTHING DRIVE**: August 1-26

+**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**:

Cool Kingdom Party! (Aug 12-14)

+**ELVIS RETURNS** Sat, 9/7 dinner & show after 4PM Mass. Tickets \$30, available after Mass or at Rectory.

+**"FULFILLED" SCRIPTURE STUDY**: Mondays, Sept 9 through Oct 21. \$20 for materials, etc.

+**THANKSGIVING BINGO**: 11/24, 1PM; \$25. Prizes include Cash, Turkeys, Gift Cards, & Pumpkin Pies.

HYMNS

	4PM	7:45AM	10AM
Ent	545	665	312
Off	375	200	432
Com	339	342	339
Rec	209	692	430

+Welcome/welcome back to SSPP. Together we seek a personal and communal relationship with the Triune God through prayer, liturgical celebration, learning, and living mercifully.

+Visitors: We're glad you're here! Please greet Father or Deacon after Mass.

+We welcome little children and their families. Noise is a sign of hope and a motive for gratitude!

+Please silence all noise-making devices out of respect for the Eucharist. Use your phone for religious apps and emergency communication.

+Low-Gluten Hosts are available upon request; inform Father, Deacon, or an usher before Mass.

+Restrooms: leave church by the side exit and enter the parish hall by the door closest to the school parking lot. Changing tables available in both restrooms.

+Please take a Treasury of Prayer booklet from the pew. Donations welcomed toward future printings.

+Call or email the Rectory promptly with any information worth sharing. We'll do our best.

+ParishSoft Giving (PSG) facilitates one-time and recurring donations thru checking acct, CC, PayPal Wallet, and Google Pay: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/ssppleighton>. Thanks also for assisting with the transaction fees.

+Be alert to the possibility of monetary donations either by the traditional basket collection or in the box in our vestibule.

+At the end of Mass, we pray **three (3) Hail Marys** and the Prayer to St. Michael, for peace & justice in the world & the Church.

+FreeWill is a free estate planning service: <https://bit.ly/45vxydX>. Remember our Diocese, parish, and schools.

+Deposit your used printer ink cartridge\$ in the designated box in the vestibule or bring them to the rectory during the week.

+Families from the parish get together to pray the Rosary every third Friday of the month at 6:30 PM. Everyone welcome!

+Hospitalized or homebound persons in need of pastoral care (Eucharist, Confession, Anointing), notify the rectory ASAP.

+If you are making any changes in residence or parish affiliation, please contact the rectory with the relevant information.

+House blessings gladly conducted by appointment.

+VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR + DIRECT #: (800) 791-9209 + www.allentowndiocese.org/youth-protection

The Diocese of Allentown extends the fullness of compassion to anyone who was sexually abused by a diocesan priest, deacon, or employee. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse: please contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information.

+Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service: To report that a bishop has abused: www.ReportBishopAbuse.org / 800-276-1562.

+Pastoral care & retreats for anyone who has experienced **abortion & its effects.** www.hopeafterabortion.com / 610-435-1541x373.

+Integrityrestored.com provides resources and support for those addicted to pornography and their families, leading to hope and healing.

+Natural Family Planning information can be found at <https://www.nfpoutreach.org/3>.

+Retrouvaille helps heal troubled marriages: www.HelpOurMarriage.org / 800-470-2230.

+realtrue.org: The Catechism of the Catholic Church and other morsels of the Faith, presented for moderns.

+www.CatholicCharitiesAD.org assists the needy throughout our diocese, including in our Convent Mon/Wed/Thurs from 9AM - 2:30PM.

+Knights of Columbus Damien Council #598 & Msgr. Angelini 4th Degree Assembly #971 meet in our hall on **first Tuesdays at 7 PM.**

+Seven Sisters Apostolate offers 1 hr of prayer each wk for a particular priest. **Fasting Brothers** fast 1 day a wk alongside a Sisters Holy Hour.

Your Generosity from 7/20-21: **\$5,017.25**, including \$981.25 through PSG. Consider most of all the countless hours that parishioners devote to prayer and service, even if it doesn't happen on our sacred campus. It is all important and appreciated!

Sanctuary Candle in memory of Jan Nieradka, r/b Marta & Children. *Weekday Masses not available until September (limited in Aug); weekend Masses all booked until the 2025 book comes out in the fall. But the Sanctuary Candle is usually open (standard donation is \$10, as for Masses, but we refuse no request on inability to pay).* Call the Rectory to reserve a week or use PSG.

Upcoming Church Cleaners: Kathy/Zoe/Peggy. *To volunteer for this most important service, call the rectory or Raegan Smyth at 484-464-7131.* Teams can serve with some flexibility of time, so long as it's completed by Saturday noon.

+ The "Order of Christian Initiation of Adults" (OCIA) is the new name for the process that prepares people to receive any or all "Sacraments of Initiation" (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist). Following are some points from an article in the *Detroit Catholic*:

+ Rites are still part of the Order, but the new structure is meant to invite candidates and catechumens into a continuous process of spiritual formation as opposed to fixed checkpoints on the path to [the Sacraments of Initiation]."

+ The rituals, whenever undergone, are just one part of the ongoing, lifelong journey of discipleship.

+ "While most converts enter the Church at the Easter Vigil, this new structure acknowledges that converts could be baptized or welcomed into the Church at any point in the year, even taking multiple years of prayerful discernment before making the final decision."

+ Call the Rectory or talk to Father Zelonis or Deacon Joe to seek information or express interest.

Watch for emails from ssppleightonpa@gmail.com and/or the [parish Google Group](#). NB: sspp@ptd.net remains the main parish contact email. The new email and Google Group are currently for one-sided information sharing and not for system-wide dialogue.

Upon review of the "Disciple-Maker Index" results, the "core team" will present a summary to our Parish Pastoral Council and start identifying some specific growth areas.

Fiscal Fancies: For the hall, drop ceiling with LED light fixtures. For the church: A quiet HVAC. For the parish hall: Updates to the bathrooms. **For the Rectory: HVAC for basement meeting room.** In general: Security cameras; replacement of sidewalk on Coal St. side (**bids in process**). For the cemetery: resurfacing of asphalt roads. *Know anyone who'd want to bid on any of the above? Mention it to Father Zelonis, Deacon Joe, or Carl Marzen.* You can help through our periodic fundraising events, with

donations, and by remembering the parish and/or the Diocese in your will, investments, etc.

Coming soon, by necessity: A new storage shed to replace the current one, visibly venerable in years, behind the convent and modular. A larger shed will fit parishioner Daniel Wagner's kind donation of a new-to-us tractor-with-snowplow attachment. This latter item potentially will save the parish some money, and we are grateful!

The annual Clothing Drive will take place during the month of August until 8/26. The new drop-off location is the classroom next to the boys' bathroom in the school hall. M-F 8AM to 6 PM, Sat NOON-5:30PM, & Sun 9 AM-5 PM. WHAT TO DONATE:



Usable men's, ladies' and children's wear, pairs of shoes (bagged separately), bags, hats, scarves, towels, blankets, bedsheets, pillows, quilts, comforters, curtains, small toys <2', stuffed animals, bikes & scooters, strollers – but no car seats.

SVDP NEWS ->



The Society continues to appreciate and share non-perishable food donations dropped off in the vestibule or at the Rectory during office hours.

Vincent's Closet makes available (only by appointment) the following donations we request from you: Socks, toilet paper, feminine products, deodorant, shaving cream, shampoo/conditioner, bug spray, laundry detergent, & dish soap. These can all go in the bin in the vestibule. Additional items now include backpacks, dishes, glasses, pots and pans, cooking utensils, toys, small appliances, etc. To donate such items, please call Esther in advance (570-657-6738); please do not place those items in the vestibule clothing bin. We welcome cash & gift cards so designated in the collection or office.

+SVDP Conferences exercise evangelical poverty in solidarity with those they serve, relying on the Providence of God through His people who are generous with what He gave them. Conferences tend to keep a "low balance," not hoarding money but sending donations as they arrive.

+To bolster their low funds, the Society is planning a Bake Sale after Masses NEXT WEEKEND, Aug 3/4. Please donate baked goods, which you may drop off in the hall on Saturday afternoon (8/3). They are also selling September Lottery Calendars after Masses. See any member for one.



YOUTH AND FAMILY NEWS->

Several of our young parishioners attend our local Catholic schools (mariancatholicchs.org, sjrschool.com, and sjnrschool.org). Those students and their families are the best “evangelizers” for the academic, artistic, and athletic excellence in their schools, all of which is steeped in Catholic faith and mutual charity. Scholarship funds are available, and you may be surprised at who qualifies. Consider donating such funds for a tax break (call FMI).



+XC Signups (Boys & Girls, K-8: contact Moderator Bill Keer (484-560-4338), Phil Liszka (610-217-4768), or Ed Rodenbach. *We welcome suggestions of activities, places, volunteers, etc., for CYO and all youth ministries!*

COOL KINGDOM PARTY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Monday, August 12 through Wednesday, August 14 from 6 to 8 PM on our parish grounds (mostly the hall). For info or to register, contact Deanna (570-578-2471 / dea249@gmail.com). Music, activities, and snacks. See how Mary leads us closer to Jesus!

☺ FREE HEISLERS TICKETS FOR ALL PARISH CHILDREN ☺ GOLF & ICE CREAM ☺ COURTESY OF C.Y.O. PROGRAM! ☺ CALL PHIL 610-217-4768 OR E-MAIL: PHILL@PTD.NET. **More have been ordered!**

DIOCESAN NEWS ->

www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org AS OF 06/23/24

	SSPP	Diocese
Goal	\$10,856	\$3,600,000
\$ Committed	\$7,440 (68.5%)	\$2,881,129.97 (80.0%)
\$ Collected	\$6,555 (60.4%)	\$2,530,086.78 (70.3%)
#Donors/Regis.	37/415(8.9%)	8,008/82,318(9.7%)
Average Gift	\$201.08 decr.	\$343.56 (incr.)

+25% of what we raise over our goal will return to the parish, as well as 100% of gifts from NEW donors. We are members one of another, and this is an important way to show it.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Allentown offers:

- Individual, marriage, and family counseling
- Pregnancy and parenting support (counseling, material assistance such as diapers, wipes, baby items)

- Supportive services (case management, material assistance, emergency rental assistance, referrals) @Saints Peter and Paul Convent, 242 N. 3rd Street in Leighton on Mondays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays, 9:00 AM—2:30 PM (otherwise by appointment). For more info or to make an appt, contact Tom Miller, Community Support Supervisor, at 570-628-0466 or 610-435-1541 or tmiller@allentowndiocese.org **Services do not regard religious affiliation*

Join *Angelorum* as they sing at the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy, in Stockbridge, Mass on Thurs, Aug 15, for the 2 PM Mass on the Feast of the Assumption. Bus leaves 6:30AM from Cathedral of St Catharine of Siena. Lunch available at the Shrine and dinner on the way home (meals your responsibility). Checks (\$65/person) payable to Angelorum, 1825 W Turner Street, Allentown, PA 18104 or Venmo their director Bev (bevmcdevitt1@gmail.com).

Mass for the Memorial of St. Monica will be offered at 6 PM on Tues, Aug 27 at St. Theresa Church in Hellertown. Together with Bishop Schlert, we will intercede for people we know and love who have ceased to practice their Catholic Faith. Tickets are \$7 for a buffet dinner after the Mass. RSVP: stmonicaministry27@gmail.com



Clergy and faithful from our Diocese recently attended the 10th National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, which capped the three-year National Eucharistic Revival. The Congress, the first such since 1941*, featured a huge procession and presenters from around the world. (*The one in Philly in 1976 was international.)

Our diocese gave little airtime to the Revival, in favor of a “Year of Real Presence” independent of and leading up to it. Our YORP had many diocesan and local events aimed to inspire more of the same in the future. Our “Forty Hours Devotion” remains a staple (upcoming one TBA).

I reflect here on a point from the speech by Father Mike Schmitz of the Diocese of Duluth. Some years before, a priest on Twitter, Father Paul Hedman of the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis (@backwardsfeet), said something similar. Here I summarize with commentary.

The “tent revivals” of the “Great Awakening” of the 1730s were evangelical Protestant events, lamentably devoid of Christ’s Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist. However, their focus on the Gospel spurred a surge in repentance, which always follows a duel with God’s two-edged sword.

As the Word of God leads to the Sacrifice of His Flesh and shedding of His Blood in atonement for all sin, there can be no revival without repentance. External repentance and interior conversion prevent liturgical undertakings from becoming dog-and-pony shows that have never impressed God or His prophets. Pull no punches in a repentance revival, why dontcha?

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Gospel Today

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | John 6:1-15

A large crowd of 5,000 followed Jesus and His apostles to the mountainside and all were hungry. Jesus performed a miracle when He multiplied the loaves and fish to feed everyone and still have 12 baskets of leftovers.

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- 1) How many people did Jesus feed with 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish?
 - (a) 50
 - (b) 500
 - (c) 5,000
- 2) This act is called a...
 - (a) parable
 - (b) miracle
 - (c) chronicle
- 3) How much food was leftover?
 - (a) nothing
 - (b) 12 baskets
 - (c) 1 bushel
- 4) This miracle took place...
 - (a) on a mountainside
 - (b) near the shore
 - (c) in the desert
- 5) People witnessing the miracle called Jesus a...
 - (a) king
 - (b) miracle man
 - (c) prophet
- 6) Why were all the people gathered on the mountainside?
 - (a) to have a picnic
 - (b) to hear Jesus preach
 - (c) to witness a miracle
- 7) Where did Jesus go after the miracle?
 - (a) home
 - (b) back in the boat
 - (c) to another mountainside

All answers found in today's reading.



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