***From Father Jim***

**“First of all, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity. This is good and pleasing to God our Savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.”**

Perhaps there is no clearer summary of what our prayer life should be like, than this directive of Paul to his disciple and companion. We are asked to move from prayer for myself to prayer for others, offering gratitude for His goodness to me and asking blessings for others.

As I respond to the Spirit’s directive in my prayer I include praise, thanksgiving, and gratitude, my needs and the needs of others, seeking and offering forgiveness. There are many models of great and holy people teaching by example their way of prayer. Return to the Lord’s prayer and find all these elements in the words we recite so often, yet sometimes fleetingly. That is why Paul’s reminder today begins with ‘first of all…’

**Our Parish is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of St. Jude Church in 2019!**

**Celebrate and Remember**

As part of our Parish Celebration, we have invited priests who have served our parish to join us during the Anniversary Season. We are happy to announce that Monsignor Dan McGlynn will be celebrating the 9am Mass at St. Jude’s **next Sunday, September 29th!** Msgr. McGlynn was our Associate Pastor from 1988 -1991 and then was named Pastor in 1993. He remained pastor until 2001. He was named Monsignor in 2010. Join us in welcoming Msgr. McGlynn and celebrating this special event as Immaculate Conception and St. Jude’s Community. Thank you, Msgr McGlynn for coming to celebrate with us!

**Share in the spirit collection**

Today’s second collection is taken in support of the diocesan tuition assistance program. Funds raised through this collection coupled with the diocese’s tuition assistance endowment provides financial assistance to hundreds of deserving families who seek a Catholic education for their children but who cannot afford the full cost of tuition. If you are not prepared to contribute today, you may drop your contribution off at the parish office or place it in next week’s collection basket. For further information, visit the diocesan website at [www.cdow.org/sharespirit.html](http://www.cdow.org/sharespirit.html).



**September 23, 2019 Saint Pius of Pietrelcina**

8:30 am Victims of El Paso, TX and Dayton, OH

**September 24, 2019**

8:30 am Maryrose Truman

**September 25, 2019**

8:30 am The deceased members of leisure club

**September 26, 2019 Sts. Cosmas and Damian**

8:30 am Maggie Homan Beckmyer

**September 27, 2019 Saint Vincent de Paul**

8:30 am Maryrose Truman

**September 28, 2019 Saint Wenceslaus**

8:30 am Genevieve Obarski

5:00 pm Ritchie H. Staats Jr.

**September 29, 2019 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 am People of the Parish

8:30 am John and Laura McCarthy

9:00 am SJ Adele Ferrante

10:15 am Doris Wagner

12:00 pm Michael DiMedio

***We extend a warm welcome to our new Parishioners:***

*Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Button and Family*

*Mr. and Mrs. Brent Moore and Family*

**Ministry Day October 5**

On October 5, from 10:00am-12:00pm at Immaculate Conception, we will be holding a ministry day for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Proclaimers, Ushers, and Music Ministers. We will join in Morning Prayer together, hear some reflections about why we participate in ministry and why liturgical ministry is important, and then go through the specifics of each ministry. Refreshments will also be served. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend!

**Holy Hour for Blessed Louis Brisson October 11**

We will have a holy hour on Friday, October 11 from 5:30-6:30pm at Immaculate Conception. This is the vigil of the feast of Blessed Louis Brisson, who founded the Oblates of St Francis de Sales. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar, and we will join in readings, music, and silence, ending with Benediction.

**Readings for next week:**

***TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

**First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7**

Amos denounces the selfish attitude of those who surround themselves with luxuries with no concern for others. He goes on to warn that because these people lacked interest in the state of their society, they would be the first to be exiled.

**Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16**

Paul tells Timothy to seek integrity, faith and love. Paul urges him to attain everlasting life by maintaining strong faith in Jesus and in God until Jesus returns.

**Gospel: Luke 16:19-31**

Jesus tells of a rich man who feasted daily, while a beggar named Lazarus went hungry outside his gates. When both men died, Lazarus was taken to Abraham, but the rich man was in torment. When he begged for mercy, Abraham reminded him that Lazarus had lived in torment, while the rich man lived in selfish luxury. The man then asked if Lazarus could be sent to his brothers to warn them. But Abraham said if they had not heeded Moses or the prophets, they would ignore even the warning of one risen from the dead.

**Daily Readings:**

***Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

**Sunday** ................ Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

**Monday** ................................................... Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18

**Tuesday** ................................ Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday** ................................................. Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday** ...................................................... Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9

**Friday** ....................................................... Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday** .................................. Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45

**Are you unbaptized and have a desire to be baptized? Are you a baptized Christian interested in becoming a Catholic? Are you a baptized Catholic who never received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation? If you answer yes to any of these questions then RCIA is for you!!**

**A new RCIA program has begun**. RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process by which baptized Christians and those who are not baptized become members of the Catholic Church. It is also the process by which baptized Catholics receive the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. If you feel God calling you to have a deeper relationship with Him, please call the Parish Office at 410-398-1100 to register with Pat Kosman. The RCIA process is a wonderful way to have a greater understanding of the Catholic faith and become closer to God in the process.

**Sponsors are needed to walk with those** who are going through the RCIA process. If you love your Catholic faith and want to share it with others, consider being a sponsor! It requires a small amount of effort, yet yields large rewards.

**Adoration for Vocations**

On the 1st Sunday of the month, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament occurs from 1pm-3pm in IC Chapel. Join us to pray for vocations. The next opportunity is **October 6th.** Contact Dermott Mullan at 410-398-3368.

**Liturgical Ministers Next Week: *September 28th & 29th***

***5:00 pm*** Grace B, Donovan O •**EM’s:** Julie M, Carol K • **Lector:** Tina B • **Ushers:** Bob E, Pat C, Eileen P

***7:00 am***

•**Altar Servers**: **\*UNFILLED\*** • **EM’s:** Frank S, Alan S • **Lector:** Edward R • **Ushers:** Charles M

***8:30 am***

**Altar Servers:** Elizabeth R, Alex L • **EMs:** Cecilia G, Peter G• **Lector:** Mary Ann E •**Ushers:** Anthony D, Anthony M, Steve C

***9:00 am (SJ)***

**Altar Servers:** Adam M, David M • **EM’s:** Dorothy D, Carol V Mary Anne S, Tom V, Diane C • **Lector:** Michele C • **Ushers:** Kevin O, Jule V, Bill D

***10:15 am***

**Altar Servers:** Ariane S, Aila S • **EM’s:** Helen B, Gwen D, Barbara R•**Lector:** Nora W•**Ushers:** Bob W, James D, Steve A

**12:00 *noon***

**Altar Servers:** Henry W, Damian W •**EMs:** Mary C, Mary L, Grace B • **Lector:** Brigid W • **Ushers:** Teresa G, Charles C

**St. Jude’s Memories: Crop Walk**

**By: Cheryl Nickle**

For three years we have used St. Jude’s for “whole group gatherings” for Confirmation. One gathering is “Prayer and the Saints”. In the Saints segment candidates go to stations set up in the church. Each visit focuses on the lives of saints, what they are patrons of, or the study of art work: the statues of St. Jude, St. Joseph, Blessed Mother, and drawings, paintings, icons, prints brought in for the event. Two drawings we use are framed sketches of St. Pope John XXIII and St. Leonie Aviat by parishioner Mark Hendron. They were gifted to John Nickle by Mark’s father-in-law, Ed Fischer several years ago. Till the end of October they will be on display in the St. Jude’s prayer alcove opposite the confessional. Spend a moment in prayer before these two images of God’s saints. We will continue this practice of highlighting parishioners’ and contemporary artists’ renderings of the saints, life of Jesus, Biblical, and inspirational works. Call the Rel. Ed. Office to suggest or offer works of art for the future.

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word**

CLW is for children 5-8 years old. Children under 5 are welcome if they are accompanied by a parent (not a sibling!)

Also, CLW is in desperate need of adult help for. If interested, please contact Gwen Davis at 410-392-8078

**The Catechist for next Sunday, September 29th is:**

**Francis Capparuccini**.

**Immaculate Conception**

**School News**

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**Please keep our students and staff in your prayers** that they have incredible and exciting year!

**COMING UP...**

**Girls in STEM will be held Sat Sep 28th, 8:30am** at Cecil College in North East, MD! Girls in STEM is designed to inspire, educate, and attract girls to pursue Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) careers. This day will provide opportunities for participation in hands-on STEM activities from a diverse spectrum of STEM organizations for girls in **grades 6-8.** STEM professionals from businesses and organizations throughout Cecil County will present interactive and informative activities that bring excitement and relevance to their occupations. All sessions will be presented in a fun and interactive way that will spark interest among the girls in pursuing a career in the sciences.

**Story time continues at ICS!**

Bring your little ones, ages 2-5 to ICS this fall! Gwen Davis will read classic children’s stories and provide themed activities, music, crafts, and snacks! **Story time is FREE!!** Your children will love it! Story time will resume **Wednesday, October 16th at 10:00am.** Call 410-398-2636 to register.

**High school placement test prep:**

Saint Mark’s High School and Padua Academy are pleased to offer High School Placement Test Prep Courses for current 8th-grade students! This is a unique opportunity which allows students to work with their faculty and examine the format of the exam and the types of questions they will encounter on the day of the test, as well as learn and practice test-taking skills and strategies. The HSPT Prep Courses are **Saturday, October 5th at 9:00am**.

**We’re enrolling!**

**If you are interested in learning more about ICS or would like to enroll your child,** please contact our Advancement Director, Emily Murphy at emurphy@icschoolweb.org. Now is the time to consider the benefits of the strong, faith-based, challenging academic program that ICS provides.

**Faith Formation**

**Religious Education & Sacraments**

**Religion Classes:** Religion Classes have started! If you have not signed up and wish to do so, please call the office to receive a registration. We will only accept transfers after September 30th!

**Home School Meeting**: Thursday, October 3rd at 6:00 pm in the parish center.

**Outreach:** for September is Peanut Butter and Jelly. Thank you for any donations

**Celebration for Sr. Grace** – Please save the date Sunday, November 3rd. More information to follow.

**Youth Ministry & Confirmation**

**CONFIRMATION**

Rite of Beginning – All Masses **Saturday, September 28th and Sunday, September 29th.** Please honor the commitment to mass you have signed up for. Report to the Sacristy to sign in and pick up your card.

**YOUTH GROUP – Grades 9 thru 12**

**Meetings are 6 – 8 pm in the parish center**

Meeting - tonight September 22nd. Bring a friend!

Save the date October 27th bonfire night.

**YOUTH MINISTRY WISH LIST:** Youth group is looking for a donation of a replacement refrigerator. We also are asking for sodas (cans please!)

**JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP – Grades 6 thru 8**

Announcing Junior Youth Group!! Join us to grow in faith thru fun and fellowship!

Begins TONIGHT at 4:00 pm in the parish center.

Expect games, music, and movies. We ask that if possible you bring a jar peanut butter or jelly for outreach.

**ADULT EDUCATION**

**Interested in a study group?** Many opportunities are available. Call the Religion Office at 410-392-3551.

**Adult Education classes** –

Catholicism Class, Mon, Sept. 23rd at 6:30pm and repeats on Thurs, Sept. 26th at 9:15am in the parish center.

**Book Study**

Class begins on Tuesday, Sept. 17th at 9:00 am in the parish center.

**SOCIAL CONCERNS**

**Outreach**

**Please consider donating** to the Outreach! We are currently in **DESPERATE** need of food! Thank you so much to all of the silent angels who have donated!! Thank you for your help, generosity, prayers, & donations to this essential ministry!!

**Food items:** Jelly, canned vegetables, hamburger helper, pasta, and spaghetti sauce, and chef Boyardee

**Non-Food items:** Personal hygiene products, shampoo toothbrushes, toothpaste

**No clothing please!** As much as we appreciate the gesture, we do not have the space to store them. Thank you!

**PARISH EVENTS/INFORMATION**

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**Weekly Church Collections: Week of Sept 15th**

 ICC $8,791

 St. Jude $1,786

Online $2,891

 Total Offertory $13,469

**Keep up with regular offerings by giving electronically!!**

Just as you rely upon receiving income on a regular basis, we rely on your regular contributions. We greatly appreciate the efforts of our parishioners to make consistent donations throughout the year! To assist you, the church provides a convenient electronic giving option for setting up regular contributions! Simply visit our website and click the Online Giving Button!

**How does Online giving benefit you?**

1. It’s easy, convenient, and safe
2. Allows you to give any amount, any time.
3. Allows you to track your giving

**How does Online giving benefit the parish?**

1. Creates consistency of giving
2. Increases efficiency of processing giving

**How to sign up?**

1. Visit www.iccparish.org
2. Click “Go to Online Giving”
3. Sign up! It’s that easy!

**PARISH & FAMILY LIFE**

**Parish Coffee**

Please join us at St. Jude’s for Parish Coffee **Oct 5th** following the 9:00 Mass.

**Join us** for Parish Coffee, **October 13th** after 8:30am and 10:15am Masses at ICC!

**PARISH EVENTS/INFORMATION**

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**Music Ministry needs volunteers!**

Do you play an instrument? Love to sing? If you can carry a tune in a bucket, please consider joining one of our choirs or cantoring! Now is a great time to start, and we are in serious need of volunteers! Contact Dana Brehany at icsjmusic@gmail.com or 410-398-1100.

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**The Knights of Columbus “Annual Chicken BBQ”**

Make sure to join us on October 6th after the 10:15 and 12 noon Masses for the Knights of Columbus “Annual Chicken BBQ” The take-home meal will include Cole Slaw, Corn on the Cob and Sweet Roll to be sold outside the Church for $10.00. All funds raise will be used in support of our Parish and Community.

***All meals will also include a raffle ticket for a brand new Ford Mustang!!!***

**Christmas Bazaar Planning:** Planning for the annual Christmas Bazaar is in full swing! Mark your calendars for the bazaar to be held on **November 9th & 10th.** The Committee invites you to help in the following ways: We are soliciting donations from individuals, groups, and businesses for our theme basket raffle. If you would like to donate a theme basket or items for a theme basket (including gift cards), please contact us! Anyone interested in vendor space at the bazaar can contact iccchristmasbazaar@gmail.com. The Book Nook will be collecting used books starting in September. Additional information about when and where to drop off donations will be in the bulletin starting in September. **Anyone interested in joining the Christmas Bazaar planning committee** is warmly invited to join us at our next meeting. For upcoming meeting dates, please contact one of the following: Lisa Kaminski, 410-392-9558, kaminski-uch@comcast.net; Jackie Gedz, 410-392-0396, Jackie.gedz@Verizon.net; or Terry Gustafson, 443-553-2324, teresa.gustafson@verizon.net



**Sunday, September 22**

8:20 AM - Confessions - SJ

1:30 PM - Baptisms - IC

6:00 PM - HS Gathering - PC

Monday, September 23

9:30 AM - Novena - CH

5:30 PM - Volleyball - gym

6:30 PM - 1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting - IC

6:30 PM - CYO Soccer

6:30 PM - Catholicism

8:00 PM - AA Mtg -caf

Tuesday, September 24

9:00 AM - Holy Hour - CH

9:00 AM - Adult Ed Book Study - PC

6:30 PM - Knights of Columbus mtg - PC

7:30 PM - Contemporary Rehearsal - IC

Wednesday, September 25

9:00 AM - Rosary Crusade / Novena-CH

1:00 PM - Leisure Club - PC

6:15 PM - Religious Ed - ICS

6:30 PM - CYO Soccer - grounds

Thursday, September 26

9:00 AM - Rosary Crusade - CH

9:15 AM - Catholicism - PC

6:30 PM - Boy Scout Mtg - PC

6:30 PM - cub scout mtg - caf

6:30 PM - Cantor Rehearsal - IC

7:00 PM - Parish Choir Rehearsal - IC

7:00 PM - Boy Scout mtg - gym

Friday, September 27

9:00 AM - Rosary Crusade - CH

6:30 PM - CYO soccer - grounds

7:00 PM - NA Mtg - Caf

**Saturday, September 28**

9:00 AM - Rosary Crusade - CH

4:15 PM - Confessions - IC

7:00 PM - NA Mtg - Caf

**community EVENTS/INFORMATION**

**Knights of Columbus**

***Bishop Becker Council 2427***

**Meetings:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 pm at the Parish Center

**LAOH (The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians)**

**Help the LAOH feed the hungry!**

The Cecil County Division 1, Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians would like to thank this parish for helping us during our annual participation in Boscov’s “Friends Helping Friends” campaign! The funds are used to assist the Immaculate Conception/St. Jude Outreach Program. **The LAOH is assisting local charities** by collecting your $5 donation at Boscov’s in Christiana on October 16 from 9am-6pm. Passes are also available in the Parish Office.

In return, you will receive a Boscov’s 25% discount shopping pass to be used on **October 16th** for “Friends Helping Friends” Day shopping pass at all Boscov locations. In addition, you are eligible to register to win fabulous prizes, including shopping sprees and more! Thank you in advance for helping us help others.

***REFUGEES REIMAGINED***

**As part of “Peace Week Delaware,”** Westminster Presbyterian Church invites you to Refugees Reimagined. **UNRWA USA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency)** is sponsoring a group of runners and refugees from Palestine to relay down the East Coast to deliver messages of hope. They are holding an evening of personal stories and community conversations at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, DE on Monday, **September 23rd**. The relay began on Friday in New York at the UN General Assembly, and the runners will make stops along the East Coast to share their messages and gain support for UNRWA’s humanitarian programs and services for Palestinian refugees in the Middle East. Wilmington is lucky to be one of the stops on the way! For more information, contact Camilla Jones at camillajones22@gmail.com.

**Cecil Cares Neighborhood Clean up!**

**Join us on October 5th** from 9am - 12pm at the Family Education Center on 200 Road B Hollingsworth Manor in Elkton as we join the Paris Foundation and the Hollingsworth Landing Association on the countywide day of service by participating in a neighborhood clean-up! For more information or to register, contact Sheilagh Weinert at sheilaghweinert@yahoo.com Let's make Cecil County beautiful!

**Annulment information night:** Father Mark Mealely, O.S.F.S.,Judicial Vicar, will offer an annulment information night on Wednesday, **September 25**, Good Shepherd Church in Perryville, MD at 6:45pm. Among the issues discussed will be the new norms on the marriage nullity process by Pope Francis and the implementation of those norms in our Tribunal. The annulment process and the various canonical grounds for marriage will be presented. If interested, please call the Tribunal Office, 302-573-3107, and just leave a voicemail with your name and the number of people attending the presentation.