***From Father Jim***

**“Who can know God’s counsel, or who can conceive what the Lord intends? For the deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans….Or who can ever know your counsel, except you have given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high. And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight.”**

The book of wisdom asks vital questions, which we often overlook or avoid. These few lines lead us to a most valuable consideration – discernment. The God who reveals Himself to us in the scriptures, the Jesus who revealed Himself by His becoming one with us, the church which reflects the compassionate heart of Jesus, wishes that we be firm in our faith and assured of God’s never ending unconditional love.

Reflection concerning who God is for us, thinking about my relationship with the Lord, allows me to approach that loving God with great confidence and gratitude. As I wrestle with these thoughts I am not unsure and my path is straight.

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**National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children**

Our annual commemoration of 34 unborn children from an abortion clinic in Elkton will be held on **September 14th at 10:00am** at their burial site at Immaculate Conception Cemetery. Please join us in remembering these children and all others who have suffered abortion.



**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 15th is:**

**Kimberly Burnham**



**St. Jude’s 50th Anniversary**

**Photos of past St. Jude’s celebrations** will be posted throughout the church. Please contribute more of these by placing photos in the baskets marked for photos or turn them into the box in the Parish Center. We need photos of special occasions or group photos and give us a copy!



**September 9, 2019 St. Peter Claver, Priest**

9:00 am Mary Gosciniak

**September 10, 2019**

8:30 am Father Anthony Larry, OSFS

10:00 am ICS Mass

**September 11, 2019**

8:30 am Marcos Gonzales

**September 12, 2019 The Most Holy Name of Mary**

8:30 am Chrisanta C. Rado

**September 13, 2019 St. John Chrysostom**

8:30 am Jacob Coiner (Living Intention)

**September 14, 2019 The Exaltation of the Cross**

8:30 am Mrs. Brown

5:00 pm Daniel & Eleanor McMenamin

**September 15, 2019 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 am Priscilla Schmitt

8:30 am Edward and Patricia McCarthy

9:00 am SJ Carol Moehringer

10:15 am People of the Parish

12:00 pm Lydia Mae Brown

***Congratulations to those who were recently baptized:***

*Jeffrey Alan Adkins III*

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

*Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Cugin*

*Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fowler*

*Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Webb*

**Choir season is starting this week!**

If you like to sing or play an instrument, now is a great time to join music ministry! Rehearsals for Contemporary Ensemble are Tuesdays at 7:30pm at Immaculate Conception, and rehearsals for Parish Choir are Thursdays at 7:00pm at Immaculate Conception. Please contact Dana Brehany at [icsjmusic@gmail.com](mailto:icsjmusic@gmail.com) for more information.

**Children's Choir**

Our Parish Children's Choir is having an open rehearsal on **Wednesday, September 11**, from 4:00-5:00pm on the second floor of the parish center. The Children's Choir is open to all parishioners in grades 3-8. All are invited to attend this first rehearsal and see what Children's Choir is all about! Contact Dana Brehany at [icsjmusic@gmail.com](mailto:icsjmusic@gmail.com) for more information.

**Readings for next week:**

***TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

**First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14**

God became angry with the Israelites for worshiping a molten calf and making sacrifices to it. The people had so quickly violated his commandments that he planned to destroy them. But Moses pleaded for mercy, and God relented.

**Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

Paul considered himself a blasphemer and persecutor, and expressed his gratitude for the mercy Jesus showed him. Paul felt that he was a perfect example of Jesus' patience toward sinners and his desire to reconcile them with God.

**Gospel: Luke 15:1-32**

The Pharisees grew angry because of the Jesus' compassion toward sinners. In response, Jesus tells of a son who squandered his inheritance, then returned to his father and asked to be treated as a hired hand. The father rejoiced, angering his older, more obedient son. The father explained that everything he owned belonged to his older son; but he had to rejoice for the son who was lost and had been found.

**Daily Readings:**

***Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time***

**Sunday** .............. Wis 9:13-18b; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

**Monday** ................................................ Col 1:24-2:3; Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday** ................................................. Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19

**Wednesday** ........................................... Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday** ............................................. Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38

**Friday** ........................................ 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42

**Saturday** .......................... Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

**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 will be starting September 19th**. RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process by which baptized Christians and those who are unbaptized 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. Do you love your Catholic faith? Do you want to share it with others? Consider being a sponsor for RCIA! Call the Parish Office at 410-398-1100 to sign up. 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 TODAY, **October 6th.** Contact Dermott Mullan at 410-398-3368.

**Liturgical Ministers Next Week: *September 14th & 15th***

***5:00 pm***

•**Altar Servers:** David M, Adam M •**EM’s:** Carol K, Mary Anne S • **Lector:**  Paula G • **Ushers:** Bob E, William B, Pat C, Eileen P

***7:00 am***

•**Altar Servers**: **\*UNFILLED\*** • **EM’s:** Alan S, Sandra H, Gerald M • **Lector:** James S • **Ushers:** Charles M

***8:30 am***

**Altar Servers:** Elizabeth R, Alex L • **EMs:** Cecilia G, Peter G, Donald H • **Lector:** John G • **Ushers:** Anthony D, Wendel S, Anthony M, Steve C

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

**Altar Servers:** Robert H, Joseph H • **EM’s:** Chris H, Larry B, Diane C, Tom V, Carol V • **Lector:** Hank C • **Ushers:** Jule V, Bill D, Kevin O, Jake S

***10:15 am***

**Altar Servers:** Hayden S, Hendric S • **EM’s:** Grace B, Elizabeth B, Richard B •**Lector:** Fancis C • **Ushers:** Bob W, Steve A

**12:00 *noon***

**Altar Servers:** Carolena G, Cecilia G •**EMs:** Corazon S, Kathy C, Mary L • **Lector:** Patricia K • **Ushers:** Teresa G, Charles C

**Memories By: Msgr. Joseph F. Rebman, V.G.**

**“Untold Tales of the Firehouse Mission Church”**

Congratulations to the parishioners of IC/SJ Parish as they celebrate the 50th anniversary of the St. Jude’s Mission Church. I am Msgr. Joseph F. Rebman, now pastor of St. Joseph on the Brandywine, Greenville, DE. In 1961 I was a new priest beginning a first assignment at Elkton, which included at the time, the North East Maryland Mission in the North East Firehouse hall, when Masses were celebrated weekly on Sunday at 9:00 am with an extra Mass at 10 during the summer.

The Firehouse was not air conditioned. Big fans were used during Masses. A dedicated group of volunteers would set up the hall. A wooden altar was rolled in, and chairs were set up. The homilies had to be short or not at all because of the heat and noise from the fans. Between Masses, I would go to the LaMonica’s house to shower and change.

One of my three summers of assignments, we had run out of altar wine. A volunteer set off to Elkton for wine, and asked if I could give a longer sermon. They knew I was never lost for words. They made sure we never ran out of wine again.

During the winter, Boy Scouts from Camp Rodney who were camping out over the weekend came to Mass. The boys would be sleepy, disheveled, and sometimes misbehaved. Some people said they did not have the “odor of sanctity.” To solve complaints, we had the boys sit in the front of the church on each side of the altar like monks in the choir or honored guests.

I also went to North East on weeknights to teach high school catechism. Classes were held at the Wood Egg farm. Their son, Peter, opened Woody’s seafood in North East later in life!

The parishioners persevered through the inconvenience of the Firehouse. Thanks to their sacrifice and the gift of land from Alice McDaniel, this church has become a reality. I was present at the dedication on October 26, 1969 and am happy to be with you during this year of celebration of 2019.

**Immaculate Conception**

**School News**

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Our school is now bustling with excitement as the students returned back last week. Everyone had a wonderful first day of school **Please keep our students and staff in your prayers** that they have incredible and exciting year!

**COMING UP...**

**Parent Back to school night!**

Come by the school and chat with your child’s teachers to make sure everyone is prepared as we dive into another wonderful school year! Back to school night is Tuesday, September 10th from 6:00-8:00pm. Hope to see you there!

**Our First PSO Meeting!**

The ICS PSO Meeting will be following Back to School Night on **Tuesday, September 10th at 6:45pm** in the school gym. Stop by to learn more about events taking place in the school, important school news, and how you can be involved! Hope to see you there!

**Special Person’s lunch:** The 8th grade Special Person’s lunch is **September 19th at 11:00am** in the cafeteria!

**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 reserve your spot!

**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](mailto: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:** Classes are filling up quickly, register ASAP!

**We need Catechists and Assistants!** Would you like to share your Faith with the children of our parish? If so, the Religion Office needs you! We are in need of Catechists and Assistants for some of our Religious Ed classes. If you are interested in helping, please contact the Religious Ed office!

***We need of Catechists & Assistants in the following Classes:***

***Sunday***

K: Catechist & Assistant Gr 1: - Catechist

Gr 3: - Catechist Gr 4: - Assistant

Gr 7: - Assistant Gr 8: - Catechist

***Wednesday***

Gr 1: - Assistant Gr 5: - Catechist & Assistant

Gr. 7: -Assistant Gr 8: Assistant

**Outreach:** Please remember Outreach over the summer!

**Youth Ministry & Confirmation**

**CONFIRMATION**

The initial meeting for parents and candidates is on Sunday, **September 15th** at 2:00pm at ICC.

**YOUTH GROUP - Summer Calendar**

**Meetings are from 6-8pm in the Parish Center**

**Prayers for our teenage drivers!** Newly licensed drivers stop by the religion office or youth group to pick a key chain blessed by our priests.

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

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:**

If you feel called to this ministry please contact the Religion Office at 410-392-3551 or [youthministry@iccparish.org](mailto:youthministry@iccparish.org).

**ADULT EDUCATION**

**Adult Ed. Class, “Catholicism: Journey Around the World and Deep Into the Faith”**

We are offering a new Adult Ed. series entitled, “Catholicism: Journey Around the World and Deep Into the Faith.” This program is for anyone who would like to learn more about their faith! Following Christ takes more than simply believing in him or doing what he asks of us. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer; he wants you to be his disciple and friend! “Catholicism” is a guide to a personal encounter with Christ! The **“Catholicism”** series will begin Monday, September 16th at 6:30pm and will repeat on Thursday, September 19th at 9:15am in the Parish Center. The cost for this class is $25. For more information call 410-392-3551. Registration forms are online and 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 for your help, generosity, prayers, & donations to this essential ministry!!

**Food items:** Peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, hamburger helper, and spaghetti sauce

**Non-Food items:** All Personal Hygiene products: toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc.

**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 1st**

ICC $8,662

St. Jude $2,265

Online $4,561

Total Offertory $15,488

**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 **Sept. 15th** following the 9:00 Mass.

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

**PARISH EVENTS/INFORMATION**

**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](mailto:icsjmusic@gmail.com) or 410-398-1100.

**ICC CENACLE OF DIVINE MERCY:**

The ICC Cenacle of Divine Mercy meeting will be September 14th. We will meet at the Immaculate Conception Cemetery at 10:00 to participate in the National Day of Remembrance for the Unborn. We will pray a chaplet together following the ceremony. Please bring a rosary with you.

**COME JOIN LEISURE CLUB!**

Come join the Immaculate Conception/St. Jude Leisure Club for an afternoon of games, laughs and good fun! We meet the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month at the Parish Center Library from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. We are listed in the Parish Calendar Section in the Church Bulletin. Several other events are planned throughout the year. For more information contact Kathy Chamberlin at 410-398-7299 or e-mail [kathchamberlin@yahoo.com](mailto:kathchamberlin@yahoo.com). See you soon!

**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](mailto: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](mailto:kaminski-uch@comcast.net); Jackie Gedz, 410-392-0396, [Jackie.gedz@Verizon.net](mailto:Jackie.gedz@Verizon.net); or Terry Gustafson, 443-553-2324, [teresa.gustafson@verizon.net](mailto:teresa.gustafson@verizon.net)



**Sunday, September 8**

8:20 AM - Confessions - SJ

10:00 AM - Coffee - gym

1:30 PM - Baptisms - IC

6:00 PM - HS Gathering - PC

Monday, September 9

9:30 AM - Novena - CH

5:30 PM - Volleyball - gym

6:30 PM - CYO Soccer

8:00 PM - AA Mtg -caf

Tuesday, September 10

9:00 AM - Holy Hour - CH

10:00 AM - ICS Mass - IC

5:00 PM - Back to School night - ICS

6:00 PM - Liturgy Committee - PC

6:30 PM - Knights of Columbus - PC

7:30 PM - Contemporary Rehearsal - IC

Wednesday, September 11

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 12

9:00 AM - Rosary Crusade - CH

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

Friday, September 13

9:00 AM - Rosary Crusade - CH

6:30 PM - CYO soccer - grounds

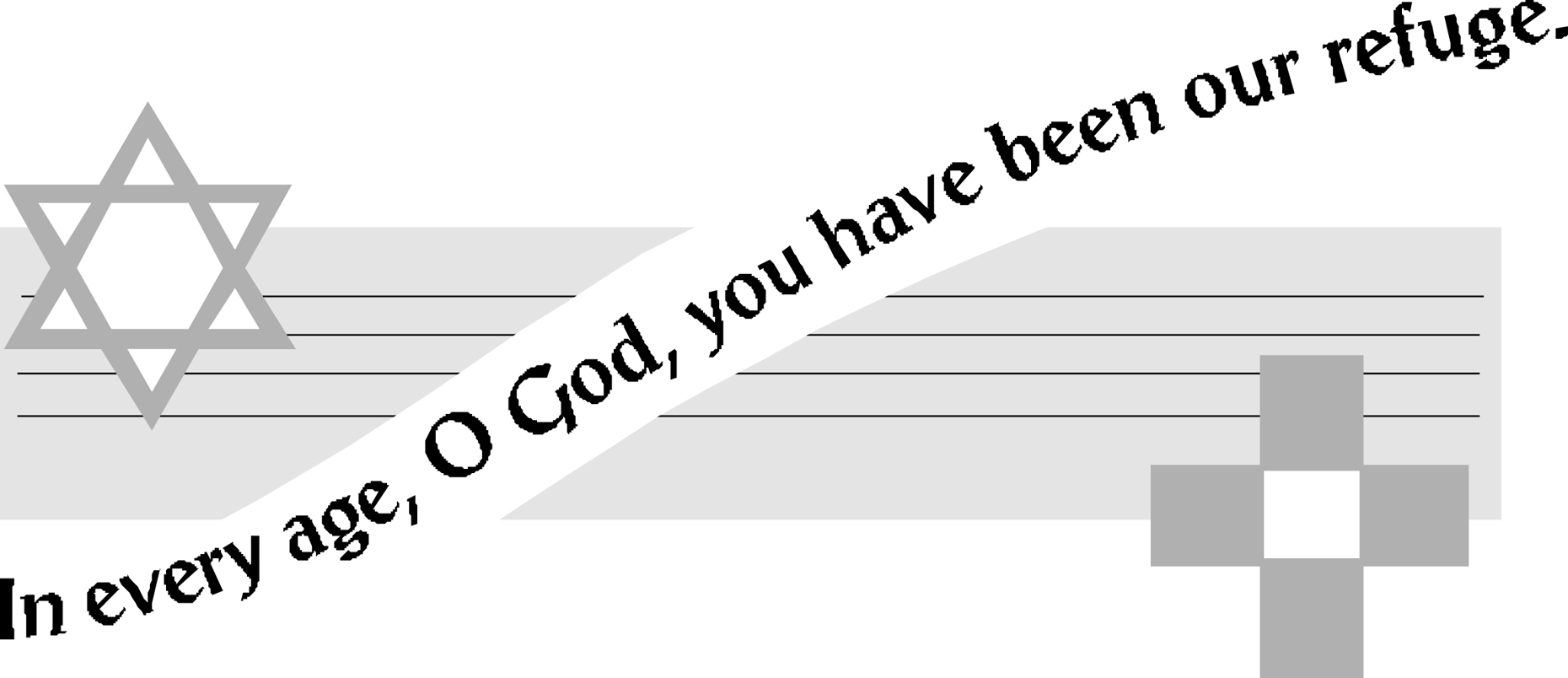
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**Saturday, September 14**

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

We proudly present our newly elected officers, serving Immaculate Conception / St. Jude’s Parish & Community



*“We Change Lives & We Save Lives”*

• Grand Knight – Louis Najera • Chaplin – Fr. Gerald Dunne

• Chancellor – Kevin O’Donnell • Recorder – Michael Long

• Financial Secretary – Brian Ulmen • Treasurer - Leo Najera

• Advocate –Jack Novak • Warden– Stephen Anguish

• Inside Guard–Mike Rosado •Outside Guard–Gene Wlock

•Trustees: John Koval, Thomas Podlesak & Joe Zammit

**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 to raise $1600 dollars last year during our annual participation in Boscov’s “Friends Helping Friends” campaign! The funds were used to assist the Immaculate Conception/St. Jude Outreach Program and Good Shepherd’s St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**Once again, the LAOH will be assisting local charities** by collecting your $5 donation after Masses on **August 31-Sept 1**. The LAOH will also be at Boscov’s in Christiana on September 20 from 2-9pm and 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.