

## From the Pastor's Desk

*As you will see from the front of the bulletin, as well as the article inside, I have had an extremely busy week. The first part of the week is our Annual Clergy Conference at Antiochene Village in Bolivar, PA (just outside of Ligonier) that is sponsored by the Office of Ongoing Clergy Formation and Clergy Services of which I am the Director. Please pray for the success of the conference for as you already hopefully have read it has to do with our address of the concern for priestly vocations within the local Church. The second part of the week is unfortunately dedicated to medical matters. I am currently dealing with a violent flare up of gout as well as some ongoing issues with my kidneys related to the use of cyclosporine (my life-long anti-rejection medication). While my hospital stay was "not helpful," and the doctors' diagnoses have been "inconclusive" at best; I have two further appointments to determine a treatment plan this week. Please pray for successful outcomes. In any case, I do not waver in hope, and I am fully capable of meeting my responsibilities, with Visitation Parish and its individual parishioners being at the top of my priority list. I am lucky to have such a parish as prayerfully devoted to their pastor as you are. Be assured of my undying appreciation.*

*I would like to draw attention to the month of November as the month that the Church remembers all of her Beloved Dead, both those who have achieved the fullness of their heavenly reward (i.e., the Saints both named and unnamed) as well as those who are benefitting from God's final act of mercy via purgation (the Holy Souls in the "state of being" known as Purgatory). While we remember them in a VERY SPECIAL WAY on November 1<sup>st</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively, all those names submitted by way of the All Souls Day envelopes found in your envelope packet will be remembered at Mass every day of November. Please consider this when submitting your envelope and making your free-will offering. The practice of remembering the Holy Souls **at Mass** can be traced back as far as the time of Saint Augustine (the Fourth Century (AD/CE)).*

*Know that it is my solemn prayer that all of you are well during these mid-autumn days. Please mind your health and safety as you live, work, play, travel, and otherwise engage one another in this ever-unfolding mystery that we all know as "life."*

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**\*A NECESSARY "EVIL" (not really):** All of you are aware that my greatest concern for the parish is that people gather with the community to celebrate Sunday Eucharist. Nonetheless, the parish does have financial obligations that need to be met. As a result, I am asking that if you are able to meet your personal financial obligations that you prayerfully go before the Lord to discuss in prayer what you can afford to support our parish financially, (or if you are able to discern a larger weekly gift of any amount) because we struggle as well in the current economy. I understand that we can only give what we can give and believe me I have spoken with the Lord to determine my personal regular financial contributions to the parish. Know that whatever you can give is always appreciated and that if cannot honestly afford to give, it brings me joy to have you praying with us week after week without contributing on a regular basis. **The salvation of your souls is my main concern;** however, I do believe that all of us

need to be honest about our financial responsibility to the Church as faithful followers of Christ. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

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**\*ST. JUDE TRIDUUM** – St. Clement’s Church will have their Annual Triduum to Saint Jude, patron of those in despair or in hopeless situations, which will be held on Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, with Masses being celebrated at 6:30 PM each evening. In addition to the Triduum Mass on Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM, we will celebrate THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK.

Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 PM – Mass  
Celebrant & Homilist: Rev. Charlie Amershek  
Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 PM – Mass, Anointing of the Sick  
Celebrant & Homilist: Very Rev. James Crookston  
Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 PM – Mass  
Celebrant & Homilist: Rev. Sean Code

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### Ethnic Fest 2025

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| <b>Income:</b>   | Ethnic Fest Weekend           | \$7352.50        |
|                  | Second Collection             | \$1078.00        |
|                  | Private Donations             | \$160.00         |
|                  | <b>Total:</b>                 | \$8590.50        |
| <b>Expenses:</b> | Sunseri’s                     | \$321.00         |
|                  | St. Mary’s Church             | \$250.00         |
|                  | Temporary Liquor License      | \$90.00          |
|                  | Jello, “Spirits”              | donated          |
|                  | Transport Van                 | donated          |
|                  | Ice Wagon                     | donated          |
|                  | Cake, Juices for mixed drinks | donated          |
|                  | <b>Total:</b>                 | \$661.00         |
|                  | <b>Final Profit:</b>          | <b>\$7929.50</b> |