

August 24, 2017

Dear Members and Friends of St. Joseph Church,

I hope each of you is in good health and you are enjoying the blessings of summer. As we face September, I am surprised how quickly time has elapsed. We are in the midst of new beginnings in many areas of our lives. The 2017-18 School Year is starting: That means teachers and school personnel are busy at work and the students are leaving vacation behind and “hitting the books.” Our Early Childhood Learning Center continues to grow as a very exciting development for our parish. Thursday August 31 is the date for the St. Joseph Parish Night at the Scrappers Game. Fall sports are underway; especially my favorite one that involves “pigskin.” There are many reasons for excitement, optimism and high expectations.

The following is a highlighting of some of the activities this September:

- 4-8 The priests of the Diocese will meet for the Convocation under the direction of Bishop Murry, SJ.
- 10 CCD BEGINS!
- 12 Bible Study with Deacon Jerry at 9:30 am every Tuesday, unless noted.
- 13 Celebrate Begins!
- 14 The Parish Council will meet at 6:30 pm in Lyons Hall.
- 17 Our program, “Growing Families” will begin after the 8:30 am Mass!
- 24 A Meeting for the Parents of our Confirmation Candidates will begin after the 8:30 am Mass.
- 30 The Annual Blessing of Pets in honor of St. Francis will be held at noon. The St. Vincent de Paul Truck will be here to pick up donations.

Beginning September 1, I have been named as the Canonical Pastor at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish here in Austintown. We will discover together how this new development plays out for our parish and our neighbor over the next few months. As a community of faith, we have a wonderful future together. I encourage each of you to consider how well you are using your own time, talent, and treasure as a steward of God’s gifts. Praying that God blesses each of you with the rich harvest you need, I remain

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Gregory F. Fedor/Pastor