



## Mass Intentions

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 24, 2016**

**Saturday – Sept 24<sup>th</sup> –**

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – James DiLiberto, Jr. (A)  
 by Jim and Carmela Meyer

7:00PM – All Memorial Fund Members  
 by Memorial Fund

**Sunday – Sept 25<sup>th</sup>**

8:30AM – Francis J. Broderick  
 by Family

10:30AM – June McCloskey Hughes  
 by McCloskey Family

**Monday – Sept 26<sup>th</sup> – Ss Cosmas and Damian**

8:00AM – Lawrence A. Schmidt, Sr. (A)  
 by Family

**Tuesday – Sept 27<sup>th</sup> – St Vincent de Paul**

8:00AM – Paul Levine (A)  
 by Louisa and Robert Levine

***Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass***

**Wednesday – Sept 28<sup>th</sup> – St Wenceslaus**

6:00PM – William J. Albert (A)  
 by Family

**Thursday – Sept 29<sup>th</sup> – The Archangels –  
 Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael**

8:00AM – Helen Stubits  
 by Jean Marhefka and Family

**Friday – Sept 30<sup>th</sup> – St Jerome**

8:00AM – Patricia A. Greitzer  
 by Barbara Grabarits

**Saturday – Oct 1<sup>st</sup> –**

**St Therese of the Child Jesus**

8:00AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners

**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Donna L. McNally (B)  
 by Edie and Scott Stahlnecker

7:00PM – Rosemarie Schmidt (B)  
 by Family

**Sunday – Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:30AM – William J. Molchany, Sr.  
 by Choir

10:30AM – Charles “Bud” Hughes  
 by McCloskey Family

# PASTOR’S CORNER

## Lessons from Corinth, PA [Part Two-C]

That one hike to the Ruler Tree led to many others over the ensuing weeks, until one day I sat with my brother Tim on the edge of the hayloft of the old barn staring down at the barn floor. It was something to behold – a treasure room lay beneath us with various measuring devices which we had triumphantly and laboriously collected from the fallen tree. Grandpa had only gone with us on the first visit to our archaeological dig, but he had given us the old barn for our evidence gathering. To my mind it seemed a pharaoh’s treasure trove or a dragon’s horde – I half expected some bandits to steal it from us each night.

Tim and I sorted our prizes into like objects – rulers with yardsticks, scales with balances, protractors with geometry compasses, scouts’ compasses in a pile by themselves. We had picked the “dig” bare, with the exuberance of our youthful curiosity. Once suitably assembled, we felt it was our duty to escort Grandma and Grandpa on a tour of our treasures. The tour went well until it ended, when Grandpa said, “Is that all you found, boys?” The look on our faces revealed our deflation. Grandpa corrected, “No, boys, you all did a great job here...that’s for sure...I was just thinking you might have found something else.” “Like what, Grandpa?” Tim asked. I chimed in, “Somethin’ you put there, Grandpa?” “Yes,” he said, “something I put there a long time ago.” I looked at Tim with astonishment and joy that our adventure had not yet ended.

The next morning, Grandpa, Tim and I left just after breakfast to visit the Ruler Tree to search for Grandpa’s mysterious contribution – he still hadn’t told us what we were searching for. When we arrived at the dig, Grandpa made a bee-line for the trunk of the great tree. He examined the prone giant some six feet up from the root bole – feeling with his fingers as much as looking with his eyes. Tim and I surrounded the trunk and waited to be of use, but Grandpa didn’t need help. He sighed, “Aah!” Using his pocketknife, Grandpa began to open up a slight crack in the tree. He closed the knife and bent in earnest to retrieve something from the crack. It was a piece of iron or tin or...I couldn’t make out what it was. He brushed it off with his handkerchief and then showed it to us – it was a piece of some scrap metal with markings on it. “Can you boys read that?” he asked. Tim said, “Yeah, Grandpa, it’s an I and then two I’s and then

three I's...Oh!" He shouted the rest, "I know what it says – they're roman numerals...I, II, III, IV...one through ten!" "Very well solved, Tim," Grandpa said, "...now what do you think it means?" Finally, I had something to offer, "It's like the Commandments, Grandpa!" "That's right, Ned," he said, "It is the ten commandments...on a piece of a sardine can I found in the woods." "Why the Ten Commandments, Grandpa," I asked. "Well, boys, when I first came upon this tree it seemed to me to be a perfect tree – like the one I had just been hearing about in the Garden of Eden story from church. So when I sat in its' branches I started thinking about all that happened there in the Garden, and how we had sinned and really messed things up. And I thought of how ever since the Garden we have been trying to get back to God and we keep messing it up. ...of how Jesus had to set us straight and make it right for us with God... Then I saw the rulers and other things people had been hanging in the tree and I thought that God should have given us a ruler or something to measure ourselves by... And then, it hit me – He already did give us a measure – the Ten Commandments. Everything we do or say has to be weighed in that scale; has to line up with His rule. Although I know Jesus is our Lord and Ruler, I didn't think I should put 'Jesus' on the tree again, so I figured his Father's Rules would suffice. The measure by which all measure is measured."

To this day, I still have a piece of sardine can in my nightstand next to my bed. It reminds me of lessons I need to re-learn every day. Thanks, Grandpa.



## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
<b>4:00PM</b>	K.Segan M.Druckenmiller	J. Englert	J.Druckenmiller Deacon Jack
<b>7:00PM</b>	J.Shaul M.Hosni	J.Yanek	J.Ottinger Deacon Jack
<b>8:30AM</b>	D.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder	C.Molchany Deacon Jack
<b>10:30AM</b>	J.Drummer D.Sullivan	K.McCloskey	J.Heffner Deacon Jack



Please remember in your prayers **Anna M. Milkovits** who passed away this past week. May her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Flowers were placed on the altar on the weekend of September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> for **Charles H. Albert** by his wife, **Pauline Albert**. Flowers were placed on the altar last weekend for the **47<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of John and Marge Druckenmiller** by their family.

**Pray the Rosary each Sunday**  
8:15AM and 10:15AM



## OFFERTORY COLLECTION



**Plate Collection** \$3,538.00  
**Catty Food Bank Collection** \$1,238.00

The Second Collection **next weekend, October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>**, will be our annual **Cemetery Collection**.

## Young at Heart

The next meeting of St John Fisher's Young at Heart will be held on **Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**, at **1:00pm** in the Parish Hall.

The next Casino trip to the Mohegan Sun will be on **Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**. The bus leaves the Church Parking Lot at 10:00am. The price is \$22.00 per person.

For more information, please call Mary Molchany at 610-264-0920.

## C.C.D. NEWS

"To teach means not only impart what we know, but also to reveal who we are by living what we believe. It is the latter lesson that tends to last the longest." ~ St. John Paul II  
Last week on Catechetical Sunday, the first day of C.C.D., Fr. Eric commissioned our Catechists and their assistants. We welcome Karen DeLabar and Katherine Verenna who have joined our staff this year. Katherine is in high school and it is wonderful to see our students who have attended our program, graduate and then return to help spread the Word of God. We now have four high school students on our staff! I thank everyone on my staff and especially Fr. Eric for all the support he gives to our program. God Bless.

Mrs. Regina Marhefka, D.R.E.



The annual **Blessing of Animals** will be held **Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**, at **1:00pm** on the green between the Church and the rectory. All animals and even their owners are welcomed!

## Good Shepherd Catholic School

The students will be having their **annual Race for Education** fundraiser next weekend, **October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, at all the masses.** This is the school's largest fundraiser event of the year and it helps keep tuition costs down and to keep up with classroom improvements. Thank you for your anticipated generosity!

**Early Childhood Education Preview** for parents of children entering Pre-school, Pre-K and Kindergarten will be held on **Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**, from 10:00am to 11:00 am.



### DONUT SUNDAY

The new list for the **2017 Donut Sundays** is now at the parking lot entrance of church. Donut Sunday is held on the **third Sunday of each month.** If you, or a group of friends, would like to sponsor a month, just pick a month on the signup sheet, and place the \$75.00 in the collection basket prior to your date. Our Social Committee takes care of the rest!

### THANK YOU!

On behalf of the members and staff at The Sanctuary at Haafsville, Inc., we would like to express our sincerest appreciation for all of the contributions received from the parishioners of St. John Fisher Parish. It is through this generous support that we are able to continue to support the animals of our community. Nicole Lane

### Catty Preservation Association

Fest 'O Fall celebration will be held on **Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, from 12:00noon to 5:00pm** at the Biery House, and at the George Taylor House. There'll be additional activities from **5:00pm to 10:00pm** between Blondie's and Julia's.

## Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

Three archangels are named in Scripture: Michael, the defender of the Church; Gabriel, the herald of the Incarnation; and Raphael, whose name means "God heals." In chapters 5 through 12 in the Book of Tobit, Raphael accompanies young Tobiah on the journey that ends in his marriage to Sara. With Raphael's aid, the evil spirits troubling Sara are defeated and Tobit's blindness is miraculously healed. Travelers, migrants, and those in search of a spouse seek Raphael's intercession. In Tuscany and elsewhere in Italy, parents pray to Raphael, the "defender of adolescent chastity," as young persons leave home for the first time.

*~Magnificat, September, 2016*



The **Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Youth Group** will be held on the **first Saturday of the month, beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>, from 10:00am to 11:00am in the church basement.** All children in this age group, regardless of where they go to school, are invited. Life's values that will help your child in dealing with peers are taught through stories, crafts, games and songs. **To register your child, call Mary Beth McGinley at 610-264-4494.**

### *IN THE WORDS OF...*

"We should strive to keep our hearts open to the sufferings and wretchedness of other people, and pray continually that God may grant us the spirit of compassion which is truly the spirit of God".

"Consider God's generosity towards you rather than your own unworthiness in His sight, and live in His strength, rather than in the thoughts of your own weaknesses".

*~St. Vincent de Paul*