



Mass Intentions

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 4, 2017

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Andrew and Elizabeth Kocis
by Granddaughters

7:00PM – Mary Ann Faust
by Jerald and Rita Neuman

Sunday – Nov 5th –

8:30AM – Jeanette S. Koncz
by Mildred Bankos and Daughter, Michelle

10:30AM – Ann and Glen Oswald
by Daughter, Louise

Monday – Nov 6th – St Leonard

8:00AM – Memorial Fund Members
by Memorial Fund

Tuesday – Nov 7th – St Willibrord

8:00AM – The Souls in Purgatory
by Irene Vomero

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Nov 8th –

The Four Crowned Martyrs

6:00PM – Communion Service

Thursday – Nov 9th –

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00AM – Communion Service

Friday – Nov 10th – St Leo the Great

8:00AM – Communion Service

Saturday – Nov 11th – St Martin of Tours

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Catherine A. Mahon (A)
by Daughter, Barbara Knarr

7:00PM – Darlene M. Steiner
by Courtney and Alec Rone

Sunday – Nov 12th –

8:30AM – Stephen Burda (A)
by Steve and Margie Burda

10:30AM – Margaret and Charles McCarty
by Kathleen and Peggy

PASTOR'S CORNER

A-Haunting We Will Go!

(a reprise from 2014)

Once upon a time, the Sanctus family – John, Anne and their four kids, moved into the neighborhood surrounding the Marsh Condominium developments at the edge of town. Anne had received a promotion at work, so they moved into one of the “better” neighborhoods in the city. They joined St. Padre Pio Parish twelve blocks away, and quickly made their new place a home for their devoted family. Their neighbors – well, they are a very interesting lot, to say the least.

Two doors down lived the Dracul's, an older couple whose children had long since grown and flown the coop. They kept to themselves, only venturing out at night, as they each had settled for third shift work at their respective jobs. Between the Dracul's and the Sanctus' lived the Ombies – a single mother, Zelda, and her teen-agers Zeke and Zoe. The Ombies seemed very eager to visit with everyone and anyone, always inviting themselves over for dinner. Two doors up the street from John, Anne and their kids were the Redtails, a charming family whose twin ten year old girls were always around when trouble was found, but seemed as innocent as the fresh-fallen snow. The Redtails had welcomed the Sanctus family immediately, but were soooo very much involved in extra-curricular activities all around town, that they had not visited since their house-warming gift of devil's food brownies. And lastly, next to the Sanctus' new home lived the Wolfgang family, originally from Germany, but living in the USA since the mid-nineties. They were fine neighbors, except when they took their long “weekends” about once a month – it was then their dogs would howl every night, all night long, until they returned. John Sanctus had offered to feed and walk their dogs while they



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

were away, but all he ever got from Franz Wolfgang was a curt, “Nein, danke.”

After only six months in the new place, the Sanctus’ noticed that their neighbors were actually avoiding *them*. They noticed it when they’d see the Dracul’s going out for a bite to eat, and would wave to them, they would just drive away. The Wolfgang’s put up a fence between their backyards: the Ombies stopped trying to invite themselves to dinner, in fact Zelda had declined several invitations of John and Anne to join the Sanctus’ at a backyard barbecue. Even the out-going, charming Redtails avoided them like the plague. John and Anne asked themselves, “Is this the right place to raise our kids? Worse than being afraid of our neighbors, they seem to be afraid of us? Is there something wrong with us?”

In a world of vampires, zombies, demons and werewolves, a truly Catholic family of Jesus’ disciples may seem the most frightening thing of all – a light in darkness, life out of death, mercy trumping sin, and virtue rather than beastly instincts ruling our lives. A holy life, a saintly life, a moral life is much scarier for the forces of darkness than darkness can ever be for the saintly.

#Holiness is our true normal, Fr. Eric.



BLESSING OF GRAVES

The annual **Blessing of Graves** will be held **today Sunday, November 5th at 1:00pm** beginning with a **Prayer Service** at the Cross in St Andrew Cemetery, followed by the blessing of graves at St Andrew and St Lawrence cemeteries, weather permitting.



NEXT WEEK’S SCHEDULE

4:00PM	L.Ruda N.Ruda	J.Englert	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	K.Segan A.Banoza	P.McCarty	Deacon Jack
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	J.Strohl	M.Druckenmiller
10:30AM	C.Gair D.Gair	K.McCloskey	L.Bolmer



Flowers were placed on the altar last weekend **in memory of Mamie Dougherty**, by Kathleen.

SCHOOL HALL PIEROGIES

See you in the school hall **this Saturday, November 11th**, to make our delicious pierogies. **Work begins at 8:30am.** Any time you can volunteer will be gratefully appreciated. Once again, pierogies are only sold to the workers. Cost is \$6.00 per dozen, with a limit of six dozen per helper.

GOD’S PRECIOUS INFANTS



Please join the Helpers of God's Precious Infants at the Prayer Pilgrimage for the unborn, and all those involved in abortion on **Saturday, November 11th**. The pilgrimage begins with Mass at 8:00AM at Notre Dame Church, 1861 Catasauqua Road, and continues with The Rosary at the abortion facility located at 31 South Commerce Way. **The Mission: That through prayer, peaceful presence, and fasting we may be God's instruments in the salvation of souls, so that innocent lives will be saved from abortion.** Come and be part of the call to let your prayers and presence bring God's everlasting, unconditional love to all involved in abortion.

Charismatic Mass of Healing

Holy Ghost Church, 417 Carlton Avenue in Bethlehem will have a Charismatic Mass of Healing and Anointing of the Sick on **Monday, November 13th at 7:00pm.** Rev. Clifton E. Bishop, Jr. will be the celebrant and homilist. Adoration and Confessions will be held from 6:00pm to 6:55pm.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection	\$3,390.00
All Saint's Day Collection	\$1,359.00

Holiday Meal

The Catasauqua Lions is having their Holiday Meal at St Paul's Lutheran Church, 417 Howertown Road on **Saturday, December 2nd, at 12:00 noon.**

This meal is being offered **FREE OF CHARGE** and is open for all seniors who live, attend church, or belong to an organization in the Catasauqua and North Catasauqua area. There is a signup sheet at each church entrance. Please sign up **today!**



Monthly bingo will be held at St. Mary's Parish Center, 122 Union Street in Catty beginning **Sunday, November 12th at 1:00pm**. Doors open at 11:30am with the kitchen being open and take out available.

Good Shepherd Catholic School

The Junior Drama Club presents "The Magic Treehouse Collection: The Knight at Dawn, Kids" on **Friday, November 17th and Saturday, November 18th, at 7:00pm in the school gym**. Tickets are \$5.00 per person. For tickets, please call 610-262-9171.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

924 N. Front Street, Allentown

Their Turkey Trot Dance will be held on **Saturday, November 18th, from 7:00pm to 10:00pm**. Tickets are \$5.00 a person, B.Y.O.B., and the kitchen will be open.

Their Meat Bingo will be on **Sunday, November 19th, at 1:00pm**. Fifteen games for \$11.00, doors and kitchen open at 12:00 Noon. Questions, call Bill Drost at 610-432-3505.

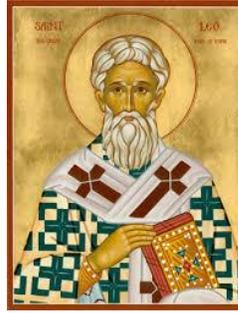
Fall Craft Fair

Salem UCC at 615 Third Street in Catty is having a Craft Fair on **Saturday, November 18th, from 9:00am to 1:00pm**. There will be a bake sale, basket raffle and lots of good food!

Pancake Breakfast

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at 604 Fourth Street in Catty is having a pancake breakfast, with buttermilk and pumpkin pancakes, on **Saturday, November 18th, from 8:00am to 11:00am**.

SAINT LEO THE GREAT



A native of Tuscany in Italy, Leo was elected pope in 440. He countered heresies from all sides, presiding at the Council of Chalcedon, the summit of the Church's Christology. Leo is one of three popes accorded the title "the Great," and a Doctor of the Church. His words still adorn the liturgy. "Christian, remember your dignity, and now that you share in God's own nature, do not return by sin

to your former base condition. Bear in mind who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Do not forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of God's kingdom."

~ *Magnificat, November, 2017*

SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS



Martin was born in Pannonia (modern Hungary), and became a catechumen at the age of ten. While serving in the Roman Army, he met a poor, half-clothed man outside the city gate of Amiens. Martin drew his sword and divided his own cloak in two, giving half to the naked man. That night, he saw Jesus in a vision. "Martin, who is still but a catechumen, gave me this robe," our Lord told the angels. After this, Martin "flew to be baptized." After he resigned from the army, he founded a monastic community in Gaul (modern France). In 372 he was elected Bishop of Tours, where he served his flock with great care until his death in 397.

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