



PASTOR'S CORNER

Teach Your Children Well [Revised]

St. Faustina Kowalska, the Polish mystic and visionary who received and first communicated the devotion to the Divine Mercy of Jesus, writes in her Diary:

“...I saw two roads. One was broad, covered with sand and flowers, full of joy, music and all sorts of pleasures. People were walking along it, dancing and enjoying themselves. They reached the end without realizing it. And at the end of the road there was a horrible precipice; that is, the abyss of hell. The souls fell blindly into it; as they walked, so they fell. And their number was so great that it was impossible to count them. And I saw the other road, or rather, a path, for it was narrow and strewn with thorns and rocks; and the people who walked along it had tears in their eyes, and all kinds of suffering befell them. Some fell down upon the rocks, but stood up immediately and went on. At the end of the road there was a magnificent garden filled with all sorts of happiness and all these souls entered there. At the very first instant they forgot all their sufferings”(153).

If you are awake to what is happening in the nation, the culture, the world, politics, economics and religion, then you probably have been “storming heaven” with your prayers and good works to deliver your children and grandchildren (let alone your own self) from what seems a “higher priced” future than they can afford. Corruption on all levels of hearts and minds, born of loose foundations in relativism (look it up!) and half-formed notions of the faith, have undermined the family and the tried-and-true visions of what it is to be human. Once this decline happens in individual persons, the organizations, workplaces, schools, stages, labs and arenas in which they work and perform also become corrupted. We are witnessing a precipitous fall at the end of a broad, flowery, entertaining road filled with distractions. After all, isn't it “eternally important” to worry about which

Mass Intentions

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 24, 2019

Saturday– Aug 24th –

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Theodore Edward DeLucia (B)
by Phyllis Christoff
7:00PM – Thomas Vincent Tomasic (B)
by Wife, Diane

Sunday – Aug 25th –

8:30AM – Frank “Jive” Snyder (A)
by Nin Snyder and Family
10:30AM – Agnes and Homer Collis
by Family

Monday – Aug 26th – St Zephyrinus

8:00AM – James C. Gruber, II (A)
by Family

Tuesday – Aug 27th – St Monica

8:00AM – Ann and Glen Oswald
by Daughter, Louise

Wednesday – Aug 28th – St Augustine

6:00PM – Lawrence Schmidt, Sr. (B)
by Family

Thursday – Aug 29th –

The Passion of St John the Baptist

8:00AM – Orrien Griesemer, III
by Barry and Peggy Bozzone

Friday – Aug 30th – St Pammachius

8:00AM – Loretta Roth
by Elaine Kornhausl

Saturday– Aug 31st – St Raymond Nonnatus

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Veronica Brewer
by Frances Zukowski
7:00PM – Petie Muschko (A)
by Mom and Dad

Sunday – Sep 1st –

8:30AM – Angeline and Stephen Burda (WA)
by Family
10:30AM – Albert Polchik (B)
by Virginia Sotak



Pray the Rosary Sundays
8:15AM and 10:15AM

pseudo-celebrities are on Dancing with the Stars? In such times as these, what are practicing Catholics, disciples of Jesus, to do?

We are to walk the path strewn with thorns and rocks. That is to say, the path of following God's express will in the Sacred Tradition (Scripture and the Magisterial Teachings of the Church) is the goal of our lives. This will "single us out" for persecution – like being called bigots and haters, even when we don't hate anyone. It will challenge us to toughen up our young ones so they can, with God's help, come to the magnificent garden seen by St. Faustina, and have their tears dried and forgotten. We are not made ONLY for this world. Remember that. Teach that.
Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection

\$3,889.00



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	S.Ruda L.Ruda	B.Molchany	C.Molchany J.McAllister
7:00PM	A.Muschko L.McGinley	J.Englert	P.McCarty J.Behum
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder	C.Hetzel Deacon Jack
10:30AM	C.Gair K.Bossons	B.Petro	L.Bolmer Deacon Jack



Flowers were placed on the altar last weekend in memory of **Roseliese and Bernard Cunningham** by the Bossons family.

C.C.D. REGISTRATIONS

The forms, tuition, and the late fee are now due. Please either mail it into the rectory, or place in the collection basket. C.C.D. begins on Sunday, September 22nd.

COMMISSION FOR MEN HOPING AGAINST HOPE

Living the Gospel where it is unwelcome.

The Diocesan Commission for Men is offering a men's morning of reflection on **Saturday, October 19th**, at **Queenship of Mary in Northampton**. An optional Holy Mass will be offered at 8:00am followed by refreshments. **Presentations by: Rev. Eric Gruber, Rev. Patrick Lamb, and Rev. David Anthony will begin at 9:15am.** To register for this free offering visit www.allentowndiocese.org/cfm-spirituality.



Please remember in your prayers **Mary Louise (Templeton) Wert**, who passed away recently. We pray her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



GARAGE CLEAN UP

On **Saturday, September 14th**, help is needed to clean up the church garage. **Work will begin immediately following the 8:00am morning Mass.** Please consider helping in this endeavor. See you on the 14th!

Diocesan Anniversary Mass

Celebration will be held on **Sunday, September 15th**, at the **Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, 1875 West Turner Street in Allentown, at 3:00pm.** We cordially invite couples celebrating one, five, ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five, forty, fifty, sixty or sixty plus years of marriage to this special event. Register by email at MFLF@allentowndiocese.org or call 610-289-8900 ext. 2021. **September 9th is the deadline for registration.**

Passion of St John the Baptist

The one who had proclaimed "He must increase; I must decrease" (Jn 3:3), received the answer to his prayer, for in his passion John the Baptist manifested Christ in the ultimate way. In all his life John the Baptist prepared the way for the Savior by his words and actions. Now, in being put to death for preaching the truth to two sinners, he would prefigure the mission of the One who is Himself the Truth, and who would die for the sins of the whole world. Saint John the Baptist's continued greatness demonstrates that the true way to find ourselves is to lose ourselves in Christ.

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Save the Date

The Serra Club will hold a Conference and Pilgrimage at the Shrine of St. John Neumann in Philadelphia on **Saturday, November 2nd, from 9:00am to 8:00pm.** More information is to follow or call Marie, at 610-285-2002.



SEPTEMBER RETREATS

The following upcoming retreats will be held at the St. Francis Center for Renewal, 395 Bridle Path Road in Bethlehem. For further information or to register for these events email stfranciscenter@gmail.com.

Hope Does Not Disappoint

Their annual woman's weekend retreat will be held on **Friday, September 13th to Sunday, September 15th**. The facilitator is **Fr. Keith Laskowski**, and the offering is \$175.00 per person with an \$80.00 deposit.

UN International Day of Peace

Will be held on **Saturday, September 21st, at 7:00pm**, and is a goodwill offering.

Be a Voice Not an Echo

Their Twilight Retreat will be held on **Thursday, September 26th, from 6:45pm to 9:00pm**. The facilitator is Alex Cirko, and the offering is \$25.00, with a \$15.00 deposit.

ASSUMPTION BVM CHURCH

Assumption BVM Northampton will be holding their Annual Family Picnic at the Egypt Memorial Park on **Sunday, September 8th**. It starts with an **outdoor Mass at 11:00am**, and then from 12:00 noon until 7:00pm, you can enjoy ethnic foods, baked goods, children's games, games of chance, and a basket raffle. Music provided by a D.J. from 12:00pm to 3:00pm and "The Large Flowerheads" from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Come and enjoy this family-friendly celebration!

Saint Monica



Born in North Africa, Monica was the mother of three children and the wife of Patricius. After her husband's death, she devoted herself to good works and praying for Augustine, her wayward teenager. "Lively in hope" yet "assiduous in weeping," she followed Augustine to Rome and thence to Milan, where he was finally won over to the Catholic Faith at the age of thirty-two. Shortly thereafter, she fell ill in nearby Ostia. She died in 387.

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Saint Augustine

As Bishop of Hippo, Augustine led the Church in North Africa in a time of theological schism and political upheaval with his extensive pastoral preaching, and brilliant theological refutation of heresy. His monastic *Rule*, directed to a community of nuns, continues to inspire many religious orders. Augustine's *Confessions*, an inimitable work of interior probing, philosophical reflection, and wholehearted prayer, continues to move modern readers. Augustine died in 430.



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St. Mary's Church

122 Union Street, Catty

Advanced Ticket Sales are available for their **Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner** which will be held on **Friday September 13th, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm**. **Ticket orders must be received by Monday, September 2nd**. **The price is \$12.00 per dinner**. Mail payment and self-addressed, stamped envelope to St. Mary's Church.