



PASTOR'S CORNER

School Spirit, Epilogue

Principal Ferguson was speaking, “So, without further ado, I give you our guest of honor, Sr. Marjorie-Rose, FSR!” The whole assembly on the bleachers as well as at the tables spread across the gym floor stood with whistles and applause as Sister walked up to the podium at the head table. After 52 years, Sr. Marjorie had decided to retire from teaching. The crowd of students and their families had gathered on a late spring day – the last day of school, June 7, to honor someone that generations had come to identify with St. John of the Cross High School. She “was” the school to many alumni and faculty members over the years, and their applause told her so.

“Thank you, Mr. Ferguson,...thank you all for coming out to ‘see me off,’” she began. “This has been an excellent year of achievement for our school community – a second place finish in states for both our football and girls’ basketball teams in the same year – I’m still sore from the bus rides and all that time on the bleachers!” They all chuckled. “It has always been my privilege, and most times my pleasure as well, to teach and work and laugh and play and help these last 52 years. I will miss you all, but we will always be together at every mass – in Jesus, in the Eucharist *through* Jesus, we will always be together until we’re together forever in heaven.” Many people were reaching for tissues. She continued, “I only add this, before I go, stay close to Jesus, stay close to the sacraments, stay close to the scriptures, stay close to our Blessed Mother Mary,” she paused as if wrestling to find the right words in her immense vocabulary. “...and remember, please, that this place does not exist for trophies, or blue ribbons, nor for our pride or even to help us get a job or make a career in life, though all these things are laudable. Rather, it exists to proclaim, and to help us to proclaim by our words and the manner of our lives, one thing; Jesus Christ is Lord!” The people yelped and applauded at his holy name, because they knew she expected it of them. “Remind one another of this truth often,” she concluded, “thank you, and may God bless you!” The applause welled up again as she took her place standing behind her chair, acknowledging their recognition. She looked at the crucifix on the wall above the school banners and she prayed under her breath as they applauded, “Lord, help us stay faithful to You and to one another.” The applause suddenly stopped when the lights in the gym

Mass Intentions

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 29, 2018

Saturday– Sep 29th –

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – James Cerulli
by Daughter, Rosemary Barna
7:00PM – Michael E. Voice
by Deacon and Mrs. Jack O’Connell

Sunday – Sep 30th –

8:30AM – Living and Deceased Members
by Jednota Branch 157
10:30AM – Francis J. Broderick
by Family

Monday – Oct 1st –St Therese of the Child Jesus

8:00AM – Marc Carazo
by Frances McSpedon

Tuesday – Oct 2nd – The Holy Guardian Angels

8:00AM – Memorial Fund Members
by The Memorial Fund

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Oct 3rd – St Gerard of Brogne

6:00PM – Rosa Cunningham
by Art and Margaret Bossons

Thursday – Oct 4th – St Francis of Assisi

8:00AM – Robert and Marilyn Zentz (L-Health)
by Ann and Dale

Friday – Oct 5th – Bl Francis Xavier Seelos

8:00AM – Bob Spengler and Bernardine Wehr
by Ann and Dale

Sacred Heart Novena after Mass

Saturday– Oct 6th – St Bruno

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Michael E. Voice
by Ethan Voice
7:00PM – Francis J. Broderick (B)
by Family

Sunday – Oct 7th –

8:30AM – Andrew A. Skarbo (A)
by Estate
10:30AM – Kathy McCloskey
by Robert and Jean Strohl



Sundays
8:15AM and 10:15AM

shut off abruptly. The crowd looked at each other questioning, half expecting a vision. Just then, Sr. Marjorie caught sight of Carl by the switches at the far end of the gym with a huge smile on his face. He turned and flipped them back on.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection **\$2,946.00**

The **Second** Collection next weekend, **October 6th** and **7th**, will be the **Cemetery Collection**.

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE



	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	No One A.Banoza	J.Englert	J.McAllister Deacon Jack
7:00PM	D.Gorr L.McGinley	P.McCarty	J.Behum Deacon Jack
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	J.Strohl	C.Hetzel Deacon Jack
10:30AM	M.Ritter M.Druckenmiller	B.Petro	L.Bolmer Deacon Jack

Family Holy Hour at St. John Fisher Church September 30, 2018

Mark your calendars, and get your prayers ready! As a participant in the Diocesan program to support Catholic Family Life, St. John Fisher parish is one of several parishes hosting a HOLY "HOUR" for the benefit of families – the "domestic churches" of the faith.

After the 10:30am mass on September 30th, the Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar for private and public adoration. All parishioners are invited to attend for quiet prayer until 1:00pm, when the Full Mysteries of the Rosary will be publicly prayed seeking the grace of the Holy Family for all. Benediction with the Most Blessed Sacrament will conclude our HOLY "HOUR" around 2pm. Please plan to be here for the Lord and for each other!

Care Packages for Deployed Military Members

Blue Star Mothers of America, Lehigh Valley Chapter PA 201 is planning to send care packages to deployed military members in November. We'd love to send a package to your family members or friends. If you have anyone deployed or serving overseas and would like them to receive a package, please email their name and address to Joan Glover at jglover@ptd.net or give her a call at 610-349-7791 **by November 1st**. For more information about the Blue Star Mothers, please call Judy Miller, at 610-428-0778.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, October 5th

Adoration begins after morning Mass, and continues throughout the day. 7:00PM ~ HOLY HOUR

"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament."

St. Padre Pio



2019 MASS BOOK HAS ARRIVED

Beginning at 10:30am, on Tuesday, October 2nd, if you are in need of a special date, call the rectory, 610-264-1972, to reserve your date. There are only so many masses to go around, so please call soon for your date.



The annual Blessing of Animals will be held **next Sunday, October 7th**, at **2:00pm** on the green between the Church and the rectory. All animals and even their owners are welcomed!

Thank You

We would like to thank Gloria Gontkosky, and her cleaning crew, for the great job they did cleaning our church this past week. We would also like to thank the crew for donating the beautiful flowers that will adorn our altar this week. If you would like to help out our cleaning crew, please give Gloria a call at 610.262.0660.

Good Shepherd Shoppers' Cards

Effective October 1st, walk-in purchases of shoppers' cards will be available in the school lobby **on Monday evenings, from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm**. Cards available: Giant, Redner's, Wegmans, Weis, CVS & Kohl's.



HISTORIC CATASAUQUA PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

Fest 'O Fall celebration will be held on **Saturday, October 6th**, from **12:00noon to 5:00pm** at the Biery House and the George Taylor House. The celebration will feature tours, hayrides, fall family fun, food, music, crafts, kid's games and activities. You can build a scarecrow and a bird house, and have fun exploring history, and much more! For more information, call 610-264-9716.

Saint Francis of Assisi



In 1208, Francis of Assisi abandoned the riches of the Italian merchant class for a laborer's tunic and a bed under the stars, choosing to live in perfect imitation of Christ's own poverty. Francis wanted his followers to live and preach in this same spirit; he called them simply the Friars Minor, the "lesser brothers." Francis was devoted to the Baby Jesus – he popularized

the Christmas crèche – and to the Eucharist, in which the "Son of God so humbles himself that, for our salvation, he hides himself under an ordinary piece of bread." He had a great love for priests. Francis, the poverello, or "poor one," died in 1226.

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St. Elizabeth of Hungary

435 Pershing Boulevard, Fullerton

Their 9th Annual **Basket Social** will be held on **Friday and Saturday, October 5th and 6th, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm, and Sunday, October 7th, from 8:00am to 2:00pm.** Deliciously prepared food is available all weekend including a chicken and waffles supper on Saturday and a scrumptious parish breakfast on Sunday morning! Hope to see you there!

CYO Winter Sports Signups:

Boys and Girls, Basketball, and Girls Cheerleading signups are now taking place. Please visit their website: <http://tshq.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=1351324> for registration and payment. CYO is available for all the children of our parishes. Any questions, contact Dave Sweetana at 610-502-1950.

Saint Therese of the Child Jesus



In the Carmelite convents of 19th-century France, it was customary for a nun of advanced prayer to offer herself as a victim to appease God's divine wrath. Therese Martin, who had entered the Lisieux Carmel at fifteen, offered herself not to God's justice, but to his mercy. "My God!... I desire to love you and make you loved" was her prayer. After Therese's death in 1897 at the age of twenty-four, her autobiographical *Story of a Soul* became a bestseller. Yet her worldwide fame must be attributed

above all to the many favors she has obtained for those who confide in her. "I will spend my heaven doing good on earth," she promised.

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Blessed Marie Rose Durocher



The youngest of ten children, Eulalie Durocher was born in Saint-Antoine, Quebec, Canada, in 1811. Working as a housekeeper to her brother, a priest, her heart was moved by the plight of poor girls. With two companions Eulalie founded the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary to educate the girls. Crushing debts, defamations by an apostate nun, and interior darkness

were met with enduring patience. In her final illness, Mother Marie Rose entrusted her fledgling congregation to Mary. "Give all your children whom you cherish the knowledge of what true love is," she begged. She died in 1849, leaving her sisters the motto: "Jesus and Mary: my strength and my glory."

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