



Mass Intentions

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 30, 2017

Saturday –Sept 30th –

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – James Cerulli
by Daughter, Rosemary Barna
7:00PM – Jean R. Danko (A)
by Joseph and Laura Casciotti

Sunday – Oct 1st –

8:30AM – Kathleen Hicks
by Theresa and Dennis Bleak
10:30AM – Francis J. Broderick (B)
by Mrs. Fisher and Family

Monday – Oct 2nd – The Holy Guardian Angels

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

Tuesday – Oct 3rd – St Gerard of Brogne

8:00AM – Robin McKinney (L – Health)
by John and Gracie

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Oct 4th – St Francis of Assisi

8:00AM – Rose Marie Schmidt (B)
by Family

**** PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE ****

Thursday – Oct 5th – Bl Francis Xavier Seelos

8:00AM – Theresa and Frank Cihylik
by Mike and Louise Seng

Friday – Oct 6th – St Bruno

8:00AM – Memorial Fund Members
by Memorial Fund

Sacred Heart Novena after Mass

Saturday –Oct 7th – Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Andrew A. Skarbo
by Estate
7:00PM – Susan and John Sidor (WA)
by The Pahula Family

Sunday – Oct 8th –

8:30AM – Jeanette S. Koncz
by Robert and Jean Strohl
10:30AM – Emma Herschman (A)
by Daughters and Sons

PASTOR'S CORNER

Motion Sickness [Part Four]

“Really, Bert, ...that’s very interesting...,” the intercom on his desk phone distracted him, “Mr. Rousseau, the editors need you in meeting room two,” the nearly mechanical voice of Miss Wilson reported. Dissembling toward his grandson, Mr. Rousseau responded to the air, “Tell them, ‘I’ll be right there,’ Miss Wilson.” Turning to Bert with a twisted torso as he slipped through his office door, “That’s great, Bert, you follow that story of yours as far as it will lead you, -- then I’ll be happy to look at for you.” And Bert’s grandfather was gone.

Bert Thomasson collected his thoughts and his feet under him and headed back to Columbus Commons to see if his new “friends” Ben, Teri and their son Pete were getting ready for the show after sundown again. He stopped by his apartment to pick up a couple of more cameras and some slow-motion capture film which often revealed things not even the digital exposures could catch. An hour later he stood before Ben and Teri’s door ringing the bell for the third time. A neighbor noticed him there, “Can I help you, sir?” the thin voice asked. Startled, he turned around to see an elderly woman with rose snips and gardening gloves about her hands and black knee pads tied around her faded pink sweat pants. “Oh,” he stammered, “Ma’am, I’m a friend of Ben and Teri’s...they invited me to use their back porch for viewing the stars moving tonight – that is, if they move again tonight.” “Oh, that’s like that young family – always pretending something, -- they’ve gone visiting Teri’s folks at Ocean City for the week, but I’m sure they wouldn’t mind you setting up your cameras in the back.” He was relieved at her understanding of the situation. She added, “But which direction are you planning to film, son?” “Out toward the east where the stars were moving last night,” he

pointed beyond them over the houses past the backyards, “didn’t you see them, Ma’am?” “No, I’m afraid a few of us from the widows’ club were at the casinos until very early this morning. Stars were moving, you say?” “Oh, very much so.” “Did you get any pictures or video, Hon’?” she inquired. “No,” he shrugged, “the camera froze up just before they started moving.” “Oh, I see,” she said cannily, “but if it’s the best view to the east you’re looking for, why don’t try up over the next rise at the monastery. Those two monks who still live there will be glad to share their fantastic view from the hilltop.” “Do you know their names, Ma’am?” “No, I can’t say I do – haven’t been to church in a long time, ...haven’t met those padres.” She absolved herself with a sigh, “Well life just got too busy I guess.” “Just go up the road about another quarter mile and you’ll see the sign post, turn right, and follow the road up to the top of the hill. Good luck, young man, nice talking with you – I’ve got to go get ready – the ladies are coming over and we’re going out for dinner.”

Bert packed up his things and headed to the monastery hilltop. It was about an hour before sundown. [...to be concluded...]



NEXT WEEK’S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	No One M.Druckenmiller	J.McAllister	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	K.Segan A.Banoza	J.Englert	Deacon Jack
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	B.Molchany	C.Molchany
10:30AM	D.Gair K.Gair	J.DeLong	J.Marhefka

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$3,422.00
Hurricane Irma Collection \$1,522.00

The **Second** Collection this weekend, **September 30th** and **October 1st**, is our **Cemetery Care Collection**.



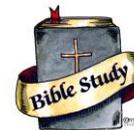
**FIRST FRIDAY
ADORATION**
FRIDAY, October 6TH
ADORATION begins after
morning Mass, and continues
throughout the day.
7:00PM ~ HOLY HOUR



The 40 Days for Life Campaign started on **Wednesday, September 27th** and will continue to **Sunday, November 5th**, at the Allentown Planned Parenthood, 29 N. 9th St. You can pray for one hour, **from 7:00am to 6:00pm Mondays through Saturdays**. When prayer volunteers are praying, the no show rate for abortion can jump as high as 75%! For information, call Maryanne, 610-570-2347.



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



NEW BIBLE STUDY CLASS!!!

If you want to learn more of Jesus and ourselves, please consider joining us for a Bible Study series concerning the Acts of the Apostles. We will be meeting on Monday evenings from 6:45 – 8pm in the Church Hall. The suggested cost for the program is \$25. Our first night will be **Tomorrow, Monday, October 2nd**. No prerequisite “classes” are required for you to come and learn of Christ’s work through the early Church. Please sign up before September 20th on the sign-up sheets at the doors of the Church. Grab your Bible and join up today.

Any questions, please see Fr. Eric.

IN THE WORDS OF...

“For prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God”.

~St. Theresa of Jesus



Sunday
8:15AM and 10:15AM



Consecration of the Diocese of Allentown to Our Lady of Fatima

In honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima, Portugal, Bishop Alfred A. Schlert will consecrate the Diocese of Allentown to Our Lady of Fatima on **Sunday, October 15th, at the 12:00 Noon Mass** at the Cathedral of St. Catharine, Allentown. All clergy, religious, and lay faithful are invited to this historic event in the life of our local Church.



HISTORIC CATASAUQUA PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

Fest 'O Fall celebration will be held on **Saturday, October 7th, from 12:00noon to 5:00pm** at the Biery House, and at the George Taylor House. The celebration will feature a hayride, kid's crafts, build a scarecrow and bird feeder, nut toss, obstacle course, Boo-Boutique, food, music and bake sale.

AUTUMN FEST

Please join North Catty is celebrating their 11th Annual Autumn Fest and Car Show at the North Catty Park, presented by the North Catty Betterment Committee on **Sunday, October 8th, from 11:00am to 5:00pm.**

There will be a food court, car show, craft & flea market, kid's activities, pumpkin decorating, as well as live entertainment. For info, NCataCentennial@aol.com.

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI



Francis was born in 1182 in Assisi, Italy, the son of a rich cloth merchant. In 1208, he heard the Gospel in which Christ sends his disciples forth, telling them to take "no sack for the journey, or a second tunic, or sandals, or walking stick" (Mt 10:10). Immediately Francis went out to preach on the streets of Assisi as Christ instructed. His fervor attracted other young men who became the first Friars Minor. A young Clare of Assisi came to him, too; she became the superior of the contemplative Poor Clares. At the end of his life, Francis received the stigmata, a sign of intimate union with the Savior. He died in Assisi in 1226.

~ *Magnificat, October, 2017*

BL FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS

A native of Fussen, Bavaria, Francis Xavier Seelos came to the United States in 1844. After he was ordained a Redemptorist priest, he served German immigrants under Saint John Neumann in Pittsburgh and taught seminarians in Baltimore. He preached throughout the Northeast and upper Midwest. Little children were rapt by his catechesis and vast numbers sought healing in his confessional. Francis succumbed to yellow fever in New Orleans in 1867. He was forty-eight. "I now begin to know what happiness is: it is to live and die a Redemptorist," he said. "Oh, let us love our vocation and strive to persevere in it! Then everything will be all right with us." ~ *Magnificat, October, 2017*



SAINT BRUNO



Bruno was born around the year 1035 in Cologne. He became a scholar in Reims, France, and then chancellor of the diocese. He came to know firsthand the corruption among his fellow clergy. In a letter to a friend, he later recalled how he chose "to abandon the fleeting shadows of this world...and lay hold of the eternal by taking the monastic habit." He went first to the Cistercians. A grant of land in France from future Hugh of Grenoble permitted the founding of La Grande Chartreuse, the motherhouse of the Carthusian Order. Bruno's followers still dwell today amid the stark beauty of the mountain valley.

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