



# PASTOR'S CORNER

## School Spirit, Chapter Seven

Sr. Marjorie-Rose arrived at 7:30am on the first Friday of school, as usual. Walking up the back stairs to the first floor entrance she carried her usual tote bags – one with her books, the other with her extras, lunch and purse inside. As she strode through the halls she greeted two other teachers on her way to the office to check her mail slot. She stalled when she caught a glimpse through Mrs. Peters' classroom windows at the police cruiser outside the main entrance, blue lights cycling. Picking up her pace, she arrived at the office. "Good morning, Diane," she said to the receptionist, "is everything okay? Why are the police here?" "Well, good morning to you too, Sister Marjorie," Ms. Strunk replied, "someone vandalized the new sign." "Really? What happened?" she inquired. "Someone spray-painted over the new raptors logo – completely blotted it out, actually," she explained. "Any idea who did it?" Sister asked. "No idea so far," Diane tempered.

Sr. Marjorie left her "luggage" at the main desk and walked out front to see the damage. She walked firmly, but with a growing fear in her mind that something sinister was at work. As she rounded in front of the School marquee she saw the policeman standing with Mr. Ferguson and Carl assessing the damage of the logo attached to the message board – a huge black blotch over the raptor looked like spray paint, but somehow worse – almost like it was burned. Carl peeled himself from the men and came to speak with her. "Yes, Sister, it's been burned. We don't know how...a blow torch of some sort," he informed. "Carl, this is serious. This could get very dangerous," she warned. The message board flashed the upcoming events, including the first home football game on the "new" field scheduled for that night. Sr. Marjorie looked at the message, "Carl, what's going to happen at the game?" "I don't know, Sister, but Mr. Ferguson has doubled security for the game tonight," he replied. "By God's grace only," she continued, "that will hopefully keep us safe and secure." "Amen, Sister, amen," Carl sighed.

That Friday was the most anxious day in Sr. Marjorie's lengthy career. Still, it passed without incident, save a snafu regarding the timing of dismissal for the pep rally (the principal rang the old school bell just a few minutes late). School dismissed on time from the rally, though, and the Friday afternoon pre-game buzz could be felt through the campus. Field

## Mass Intentions

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 15, 2018

### Saturday– Sep 15<sup>th</sup> –

#### 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Richard Columbo (B)  
by Bill and Barbara Columbo  
7:00PM – Sisters, Magdaline and Frances  
by Sister, Agnes Chabak

### Sunday – Sep 16<sup>th</sup> –

8:30AM – Anna Milkovits (A)  
by Family  
10:30AM – C.C.D. Students  
by C.C.D. Staff

### Monday – Sep 17<sup>th</sup> – St Robert Bellarmine

8:00AM – Michael and Dottie Dundon (WA)  
by Jon and Reggie DeLong and Family

### Tuesday – Sep 18<sup>th</sup> – St Joseph of Cupertino

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

#### *Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass*

### Wednesday – Sep 19<sup>th</sup> – St Januarius

6:00PM – David Cunningham (B)  
by Sister, Betty

### Thursday – Sep 20<sup>th</sup> – Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions

8:00AM – Living/Dec'd Vomero & Patterson Families  
by Irene Vomero

### Friday – Sep 21<sup>st</sup> – St Matthew

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

### Saturday– Sep 22<sup>nd</sup> – St Thomas of Villanova

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

#### 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – James DiLiberto, Jr. (A)  
by Jim and Carmela Meyer  
7:00PM – John and Sue Sidor  
by Pahula Family

### Sunday – Sep 23<sup>rd</sup> –

8:30AM – John and Anna Maderic  
by Daughter, Mary Doyle  
10:30AM – Thomas Vincent Tomasic  
by Family



### Sundays

8:15AM and 10:15AM

hockey practice continued and soccer on their respective fields, but Sr. Marjorie went home early, and sat in the convent chapel before the Blessed Sacrament. After a quick supper with the sisters, she returned with butterflies in her stomach for the game. She and a few of the faculty always sat together and were the “life of the party” before, during and after the game. Their company calmed and distracted her, but she kept looking around for anything terribly unusual. The band and the teams entrances brought everyone to their feet in anticipation – it was a perfect late summer night with game-time temps around 75 and the skies were mostly clear. The national anthem was sung with pride, the coin was flipped, but before the teams took their places there was a sudden rush of air through the stadium. It grabbed everyone’s attention. In an instant, the stadium lights shut off, people moaned with the possibility of a sizeable delay, and the sound of an old school bell could be hear from the field. As the lights reset they flickered on here and there until a solitary figure could be seen in the middle of the field, ringing the bell – it was a religious sister in the full habit of the foundress of Sr. Marjorie’s order. Sister and her fellow game-goers stood transfixed as they could discern no facial features. They looked to each other, “Are you seeing this too?” A fog rose around the figure as she rang the bell...the lights flickered...brightened...then completely extinguished. The people gasped at the dark, some panicked and started crying out, “Let’s get out of here!” Then, as sudden as lightning, the stadium lights (which cannot do so) came on in their fullness, as if nothing had happened. Gone was the ring of the bell, gone the sister, gone the fog. The crowd applauded sporadically, at first, but soon relaxed into the presumption that it was all a gimmick. Sr. Marjorie found Mr. Ferguson in the announcers’ booth, “We need to talk. Can you swing by the convent tomorrow?” she asked. “Yes, Sister. Ten o’clock okay?” “Ten it is.”

*[to be concluded]*

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION



**Plate Collection**

**\$3,483.00**

The **Second** Collection this weekend, **September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>**, is for the **Catasauqua Food Bank**.



Flowers were placed on the altar last weekend **in honor of the 49<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of John and Marge Druckenmiller**.

## Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

**St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.**

**Be our protection**

**against the wickedness and snares of the devil.**

**May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God,**

**Cast into hell Satan,**

**and all the evil spirits,**

**who prowl about the world, seeking the ruins of souls. Amen.**

### The Origin of the Prayer to St. Michael

On October 13, 1884, Pope Leo XIII had a remarkable vision. When the aged Pontiff had finished celebrating Mass in his private Vatican Chapel, attended by a few Cardinals and members of the Vatican staff, he suddenly stopped at the foot of the altar. He stood there for about ten minutes, as if in a trance, and his face ashen white. Then, going immediately from the Chapel to his office, he composed the prayer to St. Michael, with instructions it be said after all Masses everywhere.

When asked what had happened, he explained that, as he was about to leave the foot of the altar, he suddenly heard two voices, one kind and gentle, the other guttural and harsh. They seemed to come from near the tabernacle. As he listened, he heard the following conversation:

Satan, in his pride, boasted to Our Lord, "I can destroy your Church." The gentle voice of Our Lord responded, "You can? Then go ahead and do so." Satan continued, "To do so, I need more time and more power." Our Lord asked, "How much time? How much power?" Satan said, "75 to 100 years, and a greater power over those who will give themselves over to my service." Our Lord stated, "You have the time, you will have the power. Do with them what you will."

In 1886, Pope Leo XIII decreed that this prayer to St. Michael be said at the end of Mass throughout the universal Church, along with the Salve Regina (Hail, Holy Queen); and the practice of the congregation praying these prayers at the end of Mass continued until about 1970.

### 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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!

## On Line Questions and Answers with Bishop Schlert

As Bishop Alfred Schlert has been visiting parishes around the Diocese in the weeks following the release of the Grand Jury Report, many people have stayed to ask him questions. Now we're giving you the same opportunity. Anyone with questions about the clergy sexual abuse issue is invited to e-mail them to [abusequestions@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:abusequestions@allentowndiocese.org). The Diocese will edit questions for clarity, length and appropriateness. Please include your name and hometown. On the website, we will identify questioners by their first name and hometown, unless you want that information withheld. We will not reveal your e-mail or last name.

## Saint Robert Bellarmine

Born in 1542 in Montepulciano in Tuscany, Robert entered the Jesuits and was assigned to the chair of apologetics at the Jesuit Roman College. His erudite lectures on the defense of the Faith against Reformation thinkers, published as "On the Controversies," were assumed by many to be the work of a team of Jesuit scholars. In the century following its publication, over 200 Protestant authors composed responses to it. Robert, in his writings, patiently laid out his opponents' arguments; in his prayer, he begged for their conversion. He was canonized in 1930. A year later Pope Pius XI named Robert a Doctor of the Church, calling him the "Prince of Apologists." ~*Magnificat, September, 2018*

## REDNER'S TAPES

We thank all our parishioners who faithfully do their food shopping at Redner's. By placing your tapes in the collection basket, we have received a check from Redner's in the amount of **\$90.48**. Thank you!

## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE



	<b>Servers</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>E.Ministers</b>
<b>4:00PM</b>	D.Gorr A.Banoza	B.Molchany	C.Molchany
<b>7:00PM</b>	L.Ruda N.Ruda	P.McCarty	J.Behum
<b>8:30AM</b>	D.Popovic M.Popovic	J.Strohl	J.Ottinger
<b>10:30AM</b>	C.Gair D.Gair	J.DeLong	L.Bolmer

## Ss Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Paul Chong Ha-Sang, and Companions

The Korean Church arose in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century, after Korean diplomats heard Christ preached by the Jesuits in China and brought Christian tracts home to share with their families and neighbors. Persecutions began when the Korean authorities attacked the fledgling Christian community for introducing foreign influences into the country. Among the saints honored on this feast day are eleven priests and ninety-two lay persons. These martyrs were scholars, court officials, farmers, merchants, widows and wives. Each had found the pearl of great price (Mt 13:46) and gave his or her life for it. They represent the countless others who met death rather than renounce their faith during a hundred years of persecution.

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