



Mass Intentions

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 12, 2016

Saturday – Nov 12th –

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Joseph Kroboth
 by Kroboth Family
 7:00PM – Margaret S. McCarty
 by Jack and Lois McAllister

Sunday – Nov 13th

8:30AM – Francis J. Broderick
 by Family
 10:30AM – Staff Sargent Joseph Kocis
 by Niece, Elizabeth

Monday – Nov 14th – St Lawrence O’Toole

8:00AM – Health of Phyllis Roman (L)
 by Jean Marhefka

Tuesday – Nov 15th – St. Albert the Great

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

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Nov 16th – St Margaret of Scotland

6:00PM – Hattie E. O’Donnell (B)
 by McCloskey Family

Thursday – Nov 17th – St Elizabeth of Hungary

8:00AM – Rev. Richard W. Campo (A)
 by Kim McCloskey

Friday – Nov 18th –

St Rose Philippine Duchesne

8:00AM – Joan Patterson (A)
 by Irene Vomero

Saturday – Nov 19th – St Mechtild

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Debbie Marhefka Nothstein
 by Family
 7:00PM – Frank S. Duda
 by Kathy McCloskey and Family

Sunday – Nov 20th

8:30AM – William J. Molchany, Sr.
 by Carole Houghton
 10:30AM – John and Mary Marhefka
 by Jean Marhefka and Family

PASTOR’S CORNER

A Joyful Realism

As disciples of Jesus Christ, and in the fullness of the Catholic Faith, we recognize that our only permanent citizenship is IN HEAVEN. Therefore, whether the political winds of this world have favored us or chastened us, our joy does not rest in electoral results in the passing world. Joy is not necessarily associated with pleasure or pain when being in communion with Christ is the center of our lives. T.S. Eliot put it this way amidst his “Choruses from the Rock”:

Who is this that has said:
 The house of God is a House of Sorrow,
 We must walk in black and go sadly, with
 longdrawn faces,
 We must go between empty walls,
 quavering lowly,
 whispering faintly,
 Among a few flickering scattered lights?
 They would put upon God their own
 sorrow,
 the grief they should feel
 For their sins and faults as they go about
 their daily occasions.
 Yet they walk in the street proudnecked,
 like thoroughbreds ready for races,
 Adorning themselves, and busy in the
 market, the forum,
 And all other secular meetings,
 Thinking good of themselves, ready for
 any festivity,
 Doing themselves very well.
 Let us mourn in a private chamber,
 learning the way of penitence,
 And then let us learn the joyful
 communion of saints.

The saints are in the fullness of joy. The souls in purgatory are “on their way” to that joy. As are we. We, therefore, embrace the

realities of worldly success and failure, pleasure and unavoidable pain, because we live in the world. Our joy, however, is not daunted or doubled with the tides of the world, but continues to steadily grow. Why? Because, He who has begun this good work in us will see it to completion! God is faithful! So, we can reach out to comfort the pained, and rise to celebrate with the pleased. We are joyful realists. Fr. Eric.



HOLY HOUR

Queenship of Mary Church will be singing the Divine Mercy Chaplet to commemorate the closing of the Jubilee Year of Mercy on **Sunday, November 20th, at 3:00pm.** **Rev. Bernard Ezaki**, assistant pastor at St. Jane Frances de Chantal Church in Easton, will give the reflection. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All are welcome.

Young at Heart

The next meeting of St John Fisher's Young at Heart will be held on **Wednesday, November 16th, at 1:00pm** in the Parish Hall. *A luncheon will be served.*

The next Casino trip to the Mohegan Sun will be on **Friday, November 18th.** The bus leaves the church parking lot at 10:00am. The price is \$22.00 per person.

The next bus trip will be on **Tuesday, December 13th,** to see Winter Wonderland – recapture the Christmas spirit! The price is \$80.00 per person. The bus leaves the church parking lot at 10:15am, and returns back home at 7:00pm. For information, call Mary Molchany at 610-264-0920.

SCHOOL HALL PIEROGIES

This is your last chance to help make our delicious pierogies in 2016. Come to the school hall next **Saturday, November 19th, beginning at 8:30am.** Pierogies will only be sold to those who help. Cost is \$6.00 a dozen. We guarantee a fun, quick morning with your fellow parishioners.



PILGRIM VIRGIN OF FATIMA



The **Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima Statue** is dedicated to all the people of the North Catsauqua Area in order to foster the worship of the Most Holy Trinity through a true devotion to our Blessed Lady. The Statue "travels" into any homes which wish to host it for a time (usually a week), and is treasured there by a family or group of friends who pray the rosary together. There have been several such traveling statues in our area over the years dating back to the 1960's, blessed by several different pastors who have served in the region. If you wish to participate in this beautiful tradition and devotion and open your home to Our Lady so concretely, please contact Pauline Albert, 610-264-3473, or Jean

Marhefka, 610-264-5038. Thank you.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection

\$4,396.00

The **Second Collection** next weekend, **November 19th and 20th,** will be for the **Poverty Relief Collection.** This collection is used to support local groups and organizations that assist the poor here in our diocese. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	K.Segan M.Druckenmiller	J.McAllister	M.Druckenmiller
7:00PM	C.Gair D.Gair	B.Molchany	J.Ottinger
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	J.Strohl	Deacon Jack
10:30AM	A.Gorr D.Gorr	B.Petro	Deacon Jack



We congratulate **Joshua Adam Smith and Esther Francis Miller** who were married last weekend! Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their married life together.



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

Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne

Rose Philippine Duchesne was born in France, and in 1804 entered the newly founded Society of the Sacred Heart. In 1818, she and five sisters of the order traveled to the frontier town of Saint Charles, Missouri, and opened the first school for girls between the Mississippi River and the Rocky Mountains. The next twenty years were dedicated to founding schools. Rose made her last mission at the age of seventy-two among the Potawatomi Indians, where her infirmities kept her indoors. The Indians named her Quah-kah-ka-num-ad, "Woman-Who-Prays-Always." After returning to the motherhouse, she slept in a little closet and spent long hours before the Blessed Sacrament. She died in 1852.

~Magnificat, November, 2016

ANNUAL GIVING TREE

CHANGES WITH OUR GIVING TREE THIS YEAR!



Due to their lack of storage space, Catholic Charities would prefer if we do donations of gift cards for our annual giving tree. Gift cards to Walmart, Kmart, Target, and any other stores that sell baby items will allow Catholic Charities to purchase the items needed.

When you take a gift tag from the giving tree, please place your gift card, or monetary gift in an envelope gift, tape the gift tag to the front of the envelope and place in the collection basket. Any checks given as monetary gifts should be made out to **St. John Fisher Church**.

Catholic Charities greatly appreciates our involvement in this worthy cause each year and thanks God for our continued donations. If, by chance, you have already purchased a gift, please know they will gladly accept your gift.

The annual giving tree will be up on the **first Sunday of Advent, November 26th and 27th**.



DONUT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, November 20th, is Donut Sunday. Thank you to **Jim and Mary Ellen Ottinger** who are sponsoring this month's event in memory of **Eleanor M. Hayden**. Please stop by after the **8:30AM and 10:30AM Masses** for some coffee, tea, and some donuts!



Sponsor a Snowflake this year and help make this Christmas Season a little brighter and festive in Small Town USA! It makes a unique gift by remembering someone by sponsoring a snowflake in their name! Individuals, families, groups or businesses can sponsor a holiday snowflake that adorns the streets of North Catasauqua during the Christmas season. A plastic plaque will be attached to each snowflake with the name of the sponsor. The price is \$300.00. For more information, call 610-264-1504 or email NCataCentennial@aol.com.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

924 Front St, Allentown

Their Turkey Trot Oldies Dance featuring Steel City Band with Bobby Molchan will be held on **Saturday, November 19th, from 7:00pm to 10:00pm**. Tickets are \$5.00 and include snacks. B.Y.O.B. Call Bill Drost at 610.432.3505.

Their Meat Bingo will be held on **Sunday, November 20th beginning at 1:00pm**. Doors and kitchen open at 12:00pm. First come – first come seating and refreshments are available. \$11.00 for 15 games with Thanksgiving Turkeys in every special! Call Bill Drost.