



Mass Intentions

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 7, 2017

Saturday – Oct 7th –

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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

Monday – Oct 9th – St Deni and Companions

8:00AM – Rev. David W. Karns
by Rev. Eric J. Gruber

Tuesday – Oct 10th – St Francis Borgia

8:00AM – Margaret and Charles McCarty
by Kathleen and Peggy

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Oct 11th – St. John XXIII

6:00PM – Stephen Steffie (B)
by Mom and Dad

Thursday – Oct 12th – St Wilfrid

8:00AM – Theresa Loftus Rex
by John Loftus, Jr. and Family

Friday – Oct 13th – St Edward the Confessor

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

Saturday – Oct 14th – St Callistus I

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Julius Meyer (A)
by Jim and Carmella Meyer

7:00PM – Darlene M. Steiner
by Sam McCarty

Sunday – Oct 15th –

8:30AM – Nieces and Nephews
by Agnes Chabak

10:30AM – Ann and Glen Oswald
by Daughter, Louise

PASTOR'S CORNER

Motion Sickness [Part Five of Five]

The re-discovery of the monastery overlooking the entire valley brought Bert back to his childhood when his mother would march his brother and sister and himself up the front steps to celebrate Easter morning mass. He remembered the suit his mother made him wear, the spring sunshine that made the wool of the suit seem scratchy, his mother's brand new Easter dress and the way his older siblings pushed and prodded him before, during and after Mass. These memories rushed upon him as he rang the bell at the main door of the old place, which had not been open for Sunday mass since Bert turned ten. As he waited for a response he pushed the bell button again then nervously looked at the sun in the western sky making its way down rather quickly he thought. The latch on the heavy main doors clicked and clunked.

"Good evening, I'm brother Gabriel, may I help you?" said the peaceful face which broke the plane of the threshold. "Brother Gabriel, I'm Bert Thomasson a photographer with News Day in town. I was wondering if I could trouble you?" Bert queried. "Come in, Mr. Thomasson, mi casa su casa," the monk responded, opening the door wide for Bert and his case of equipment.

"I have haste, brother, so I'll be direct – someone down the road here recommended I come here for a vantage point on the stellar phenomena witnessed around these parts last night..." he didn't finish. "You mean the stars moving, Mr. Thomasson." "Yes, that's it," Bert said with relief that he hadn't dreamt the whole thing. "Brother, the sun is about to set, and if I could, I'd like to set up my cameras from the best vantage point around here...may I please?" he asked ardently. "Of course, Mr. Thomasson..." "Bert, please, brother...just Bert." "Of course, Bert, come this way. You'll want to set up on what we call our back porch."

He followed the monk to the end of a very long hallway, down three steps, out through a very neatly kept room resembling a hotel lobby with chairs, tables and lamps, which opened out onto the back porch area of the monastery – a beautifully done slate slab patio extending out onto the fields surrounding the place. The "porch" was partially covered by stone arches and rooves held up with great pillars. Brother Gabriel led him out to the patio's edge where two lawn chairs were set. "Please help yourself to the view," the monk welcomed, "and take a seat for yourself. It's almost time for the first of the stars to appear."

Bert hurried to set up his equipment facing the eastern sky where the stars were in motion the night before. He didn't have to wait long after sundown for the pictures he wanted – there they were again, the stars all moving around in the sky. Making sure his cameras were set and working well Bert rushed among them for a minute or two, then he settled on his lawn chair – once again relieved that he hadn't imagined it all. Brother Gabriel pulled the other chair alongside him and sat down quietly. Bert glanced at Gabriel's arrival, "Brother, why do you think this is happening? What does it mean? Is it a warning?" "No, not at all," the monk replied assuredly, "not at all." He continued, "You know, Bert, St. Augustine once wrote, 'Men go abroad to wonder at the heights of mountains, at the huge waves of the sea, at the long courses of the rivers, at the vast compass of the ocean, at the circular motions of the stars, and they pass by themselves without wondering.'" "What does that mean, Brother Gabriel?" asked Bert. "Well, I think it means this, Bert," he said, "the stars are always in motion – they always have been and always will be – and they are something to behold. But when we are in motion we don't notice that we are often navigating across oceans of life using stars-in-motion as fixed points for reference. All of humanity often deceives itself by presuming changeable things are really absolutely certain, but the real problem is not their motion, but ours. Until we stop and let our souls catch up with our bodies, we can't really tell what is true and certain and what is temporary and secondary. We end up walking right by the wonder of every human person we meet – including our busy selves." "You mean that moving stars isn't something new?" Bert realized. "That's exactly what I mean, Bert," claimed the monk. "The Psalmist puts it this way in Psalm 46, 'Be still,' says Yahweh, 'and know that I am God.'" Brother Gabriel pressed further, "Have you noticed, Bert, that other people are easily distracted from a phenomenon such as this?" "Yes." "Don't you get distracted, keep your eyes on Jesus and his Church. They won't be moving. But then, sit back and enjoy the wonder of moving stars!"

Charismatic Mass of Healing

This mass will be held at Holy Ghost Church, 417 Carlton Avenue in Bethlehem on **Monday, October 9th at 7:00pm**. Rev. Clifton E. Bishop, Jr. will be the celebrant and homilist. Adoration and Confessions will begin at 6:00pm.

Pray the Rosary

Sunday at 8:15AM and 10:15AM



2018 MASS BOOK HAS ARRIVED

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.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	No One M.Druckenmiller	J.Englert	J.McAllister
7:00PM	No One A.Muschko	P.McCarty	J.Ottinger
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	J.Strohl	Deacon Jack
10:30AM	A.Gorr D.Gorr	B.Petro	Deacon Jack

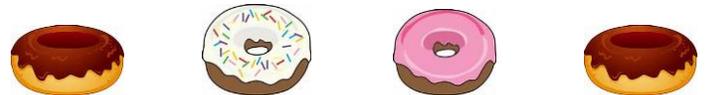
OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection	\$4,690.00
Cemetery Collection	\$2,480.00



Flowers were placed on the altar last weekend in memory of **Jean R. Danko**, by her family.



DONUT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, October 15th, is Donut Sunday. Thank you to **Steve and Margie Burda**, who is sponsoring this month's event. Please stop by after the **8:30AM and 10:30AM Masses** for some coffee, tea, and some donuts!



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.

GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS



Please join **Monsignor York** and the Helpers of God's Precious Infants at the Prayer Pilgrimage for the unborn, and all those involved in abortion on **Saturday, October 14th**. The pilgrimage begins with Mass at 8:00AM at Notre Dame Church, 1861 Catasauqua Road, and

continues with The Rosary at the abortion facility located at 31 South Commerce Way. **The Mission: That through prayer, peaceful presence, and fasting we may be God's instruments in the salvation of souls, so that innocent lives will be saved from abortion.**

Come and be part of the call to let your prayers and presence bring God's everlasting, unconditional love to all those involved in abortion. Contact Info: 610-674-4624, or <https://m.facebook.com/Helpers-of-Gods-Precious-Infants-of-Allentown>.



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.

VETERAN'S BENEFITS

Weston Senior Living in Northampton, 1010 Washington Avenue, invites you to a seminar on Veterans benefits for compensation, pension, widows' benefits, hospital and medical benefits and other information on **Wednesday, October 25th, at 6:30pm**. There is no cost, but **please call 610.262.1010 by October 18th**, so they have enough literature for everyone. Light refreshments will be served.



AUTUMN FEST



Please join North Catty in celebrating their 11th Annual Autumn Fest and Car Show at the North Catty Park **today, 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.

St. John the Baptist Church

924 N. Front Street, Allentown

Their Meat Bingo will be on **Sunday, October 15th at 1:00pm**. Fifteen games for \$11.00, doors and kitchen open at 12:00 Noon. Questions, call Bill Drost at 610-432-3505.

Their Harvest Moon Dance will be held on **Saturday, October 21st from 7:00pm to 10:00pm**. Tickets are \$5.00 a person, B.Y.O.B., and the kitchen will be open.

SAINT DENIS AND COMPANIONS

A high hill outside Paris is supposed to have been a worship site for ancient pagan Druids. According to tradition, when Denis and his two companions arrived in the Roman territory of Gaul in the 3rd century, they preached to these pagans. Their enthusiasm for the Gospel won many hearts but also drew the ire of the Druid priests, who agitated the Roman authorities. The three missionaries gave their lives for the Faith on this same hill, which thenceforth was called Montmartre, "the mount of the martyrs." Denis is France's first patron.
~ *Magnificat, October, 2017*