



PASTOR'S CORNER

On Giving Thanks

In 1789, President George Washington, wrote and promulgated,

By the President of the United States of America, a Proclamation.

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor – and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be – That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks – for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation – for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his Providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war – for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed – for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted – for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions – to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to

Mass Intentions

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 15, 2015

Saturday – Nov 14th – St Lawrence O'Toole

4:00PM – Valeria and Paul Koons
by Carolyn and Nick Pontician

7:00PM – Mary Janice Montgomery
by Rob and Mary Hochmiller

Sunday – Nov 15th – 33rd Sunday/Ordinary Time

8:30AM – David J Cunningham
by Nin Snyder and Family

10:30AM – Hattie E O'Donnell (B)
by McCloskey Family

Monday – Nov 16th – St Margaret of Scotland

8:00AM – Regina Burker (WA)
by Husband, Frank

Tuesday – Nov 17th – St Elizabeth of Hungary

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

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Nov 18th –

Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter and Paul

6:00PM – The Poor Souls in Purgatory
by Irene Vomero

Thursday – Nov 19th – St Mechtilde

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

Friday – Nov 20th – St Edmund the Martyr

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

Saturday – Nov 21st –

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners

4:00PM – Frances Moravek (A)
by Gene and Jeanette Koncz

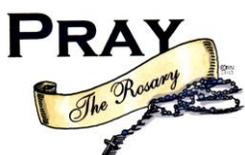
7:00PM – Patricia A Beichey
by Robert Korutz

Sunday – Nov 22nd –

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:30AM – Stephen "Tippy" Slahta
by Robert and Jean Strohl

10:30AM – Agnes Meyers (B)
by Ron and Rosie Klipple



Sunday

8:15AM and 10:15AM

perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually – to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed – to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace and concord – To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue and the increase of science among them and us – and generally to grant unto Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789.

Thanks be to God!
Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection

\$ 4,125.20

The Poverty Relief Collection will be on the weekend of **November 21st and 22nd**. This collection is used to support local groups and organizations that assist the poor here in the diocese. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

| | Servers | Lectors | E.Ministers |
|----------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 4:00PM | A.Muschko A.Urban | B.Petro | Deacon Jack |
| 7:00PM | C.Gair D.Gair | P.McCarty | Deacon Jack |
| 8:30AM | D.Popovic M.Popovic | B.Molchany | M.Druckenmiller |
| 10:30AM | L.Ruda S.DeLong | J.DeLong | F.Hutterer |



Flowers were placed on the altar this past week in memory of **Living and Deceased Veterans** by Paul Albert.

2016 CALENDARS

The new 2016 Church Calendars are available at the entrances to Church. Please be sure to take one home with you.

Special thanks to Kevin, Megan, Danny and Connor O'Donnell of the O'Donnell Funeral Home, and to John and Andrew Brubaker of the Brubaker Funeral Home. Each year they donate our Church Calendars. Once again, many, many thanks.

DONUT SUNDAY

Due to a "holiday"-full of activities over the next two months, Donut Sunday has been moved as follows: Donut Sunday for November will be on **Sunday, November 22nd**, and Donut Sunday for December will be held on **Sunday, December 6th**. Thank you for your understanding and we hope to see you after the 8:30am and 10:30am masses on these two "substitute" dates.



Young at Heart

The next meeting of St John Fisher's Young at Heart will be held on **Wednesday, November 18th**, at 1:00PM in the Parish Hall.

The next Casino trip to Mount Airy will be on **Friday, November 27th**. 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 8th**, to the Brownstone, Ace in the Hole to see "*Bavarian Christmas*". A \$10.00 deposit is required. For more information, call Bill Molchany, 610-264-0920.

NATIONAL DONOR WEEKEND

This weekend, **November 13th, 14th, and 15th**, is **National Donor Sabbath Weekend**. It is a time to thank God for the life-saving gifts made possible by organ donors, and to raise awareness of organ and tissue donation. Over 123,000 people nationwide are waiting for lifesaving organ transplants, and approximately eighteen people die every day while waiting. Just one organ and tissue donor could help or save the lives of as many as fifty people.

When Pope Francis met with a Transplantation Committee in October, 2014, he described the act of organ donation as "a testimony of love for our neighbor".

Speak with your family about organ and tissue donation. Donors and their families are heroes who save or improve the lives of others. For additional information or to **register online today**, visit www.donors1.org.

Paul Albert

THE GIVING TREE

We'd like to thank **Charlotte Kerrigan** for taking over the reins of our yearly Giving Tree. The Giving Tree Project is an opportunity to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ by giving gifts to unborn babies. Our trees will be up on the **first weekend of Advent**. More information to follow.



SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

As a young child, Elizabeth, the daughter of Andrew, the king of Hungary, was sent to the palace of Wartburg in Thuringia to be raised alongside her future husband, Ludwig. She was a prodigy of charity. From the age of fourteen, when she became queen, she served the poor with her own hands. It is said that on one occasion, Elizabeth hurried from the palace with her apron full of bread for the hungry, but was stopped by her angry husband. She opened the apron and a bunch of red roses tumbled out. After Ludwig's death in 1227, Elizabeth entered the Franciscan Third Order and gave herself wholly to nursing the sick. She died at the age of twenty-four.

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Holiday Meal

The 27th Senior Lions Holiday Meal is being served by the Catsauqua Area Lions at St Paul's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 417 Howertown Road on **Saturday, December 5th, at 12:00 noon.**

This meal is being offered **FREE OF CHARGE** and is open for all seniors who live, attend church, or belong to an organization in the Catsauqua and North Catsauqua area.

There is a signup sheet at each church entrance. Please sign up **today!**



HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

If you have a loved one who is homebound or in a care facility and unable to attend Mass, please call the rectory at 610-264-1972 to schedule a pastoral visit for Communion and a blessing.

SAINT MARGARET OF SCOTLAND

The daughter of the Saxon king Edmund "the Exile," Margaret married King Malcolm III of Scotland around 1070. She bore him eight children. Margaret was an influential force in both her marriage and her nation. She read aloud to her illiterate husband, encouraging in him a love of learning and a spirit of prayer. "Whatever she refused, he refused also," her biographer tells us, "whatever pleased her, he also loved for the love of her." King and country followed the queen in her works of mercy on behalf of the sick and the impoverished. Under Margaret the churches were adorned in art, and monastic life flourished. Margaret died in 1093.

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Catty Thrift Shop

The thrift shop is in need of **infant and children clothing**. Items can be brought to the Thrift Shop, 113 Bridge Street, on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:00am to 4:00pm, and on Wednesday and Saturday from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Thank you!

REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS THIS CHRISTMAS

This Christmas, sponsor a wreath in memory of a veteran. The Information Technology team from Air Products has joined with Wreaths Across America to honor the veterans buried at Resurrection Cemetery in Wescosville. Wreaths are \$15.00 each and can be sponsored online at <http://give.wreathscrossamerica.org/goto/PA0066>. With your help, we can honor all 1,104 veterans and remember, honor, and teach our children about the many sacrifices our veterans made to protect our freedom. Deadline is **November 30th**.

