



Mass Intentions

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 20, 2018

Saturday– Oct 20th –

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Anna Columbo (B)
by Bill and Barbara Columbo
7:00PM – Robert F. Ottinger
by McCloskey Family

Sunday – Oct 21st –

8:30AM – Lewis Perdick
by Joe Holst
10:30AM – David J. Sweeney (B)
by Mom and Dad

Monday – Oct 22nd – St John Paul II

8:00AM – Berniece Haig
by Connie and Paul Woodring

Tuesday – Oct 23rd – St John of Capistrano

8:00AM – Francis J. Broderick (A)
by Family

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Oct 24th – St Anthony Mary Claret

6:00PM – Albert Polchik
by McCloskey Family

Thursday – Oct 25th – St Gaudentius

8:00AM – Daniel Leo Lynch, Sr.
by Greg Christman

Friday – Oct 26th – St Evaristus

8:00AM – Samuel M. Strohl (A)
by Family

Saturday– Oct 27th – St Frumentius

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Lois Meyer (A)
by Jim and Carmela Meyer
7:00PM – Lawrence and Rosemarie Schmidt (WA)
by Family

Sunday – Oct 28th –

8:30AM – Living and Deceased Members
by Assembly S-072
10:30AM – Russell N. Beale, Jr. (B)
by Anna and Joe Furst



Pray the Rosary Sundays

8:15AM and 10:15AM

PASTOR'S CORNER

“Whatever It Takes” Is NOT What Is Needed

One of the greatest challenges in modern life, which for many is an endless to-do list of putting out fires before they grow out-of-control, is the temptation to do “whatever it takes” to scratch something off the list. You know what I’m saying – you’re “fixing” a problem with hammer and nails until on the last nail the hammer breaks...now, you look around (after a few choice words) for another hammer or whatever it takes to finish the project because in your mind you’ve already moved on to the next problem to be solved...so, you grab a wrench and use the blunt end to finish the nailing job...mission accomplished!...next...

Why is it a temptation to be fought off like any temptation to sin? Well, while there’s no sin per se in using the wrench “in a pinch” to get ‘r-done, doing the most efficient thing all the time will inevitably lead us to cut corners into immoral behavior. For example, a woman has a drinking problem, but reasons to herself as she leaves the bar near closing time, “I could try to walk home, but it’s too cold and I don’t want to pass out somewhere and freeze. I know I’ve had too much to drive, but there’s no one on the road this late and a car ride is the fastest way home to warmth and sleep...it’s really the best option, after all, I have to get over to my friend’s to help by noon tomorrow.” So, she drives home and whether or not she hurts herself or someone else that night, she has taken a moral short-cut past what virtue (good moral habit) demands.

In moral theology (our understanding of what God reveals about our human nature and what brings us ultimately into communion with Him in heaven), we say it differently: the ends never justify the means. That is, even the best moral goal of a project or series of actions does not justify using immoral (sinful) means for achieving that goal. We might still have the ability, even permission from misguided laws and policies, to do whatever we want to achieve our good goals, but the means of our accomplishing them must also follow our well-formed and well-informed consciences. Even if the means are laborious and time-consuming and inefficient for our schedules, etc...

We’re pretty moral people. But do we take short-cuts in our daily lives in order to get things done? If so, where and why do we do that, and how might we do better?

Why should we answer these questions, Father? Well, because we’ve entered a time in our culture where violence (which is usually most efficient for

changing people's behavior in the short run) is becoming an increasingly tempting option for many of us in response to violence. We trust in Jesus, folks; turn the other cheek and love your enemy. Fr. Eric.



HURRICANE RELIEF

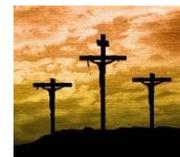
To aid in the recovery from the recent hurricanes in the Southeastern United States, Bishop Schlert, in union with his brother bishops across America, has authorized a special collection to aid in their long-term recovery. Here, at St. John Fisher, we will be taking up this collection at the **weekend Masses of Saturday, November 3rd and Sunday, November 4th**. The funds will be administered by Catholic Charities USA.

If you would like to receive credit for your donation, please put it in a blank envelope with your name on it. Any checks should be made out to **St. John Fisher Church**. Please continue to pray for all those devastated by these and other natural disasters. Thank you.



DONUT SUNDAY

Today's Donut Sunday is sponsored by **Art and Mary Jane Steffie in memory of their son, Stephen, and Stephen's grandparents**. This information was omitted in last week's bulletin.



BLESSING OF GRAVES

The annual **Blessing of Graves** will be held on **Sunday, November 4th at 1:00pm** beginning with a **Prayer Service** at the Cross in St Andrew Cemetery, followed by the blessing of graves at St Andrew and St Lawrence cemeteries, weather permitting.

Priesthood Sunday

Next Sunday, October 28th, we celebrate Priesthood Appreciation Sunday. This is a special day set aside to honor all priests, but especially, the priest of our parish, Rev. Eric J. Gruber. We also reflect upon the central role of the priesthood in our Catholic Faith.

Jesus Christ came into this world so that we might have the fullness of life. He shares His Divine Life with us in many ways, especially through His priests. Through His priests, Our Lord cares for His flock, ministering to our spiritual and even to our temporal needs. Most importantly, through His ordained priests, Jesus Christ nourishes us with His Body and Blood, the Holy Eucharist. It has been said many times – but it needs to be repeated again and again - **WITHOUT OUR PRIESTS THERE WOULD BE NO EUCHARIST!**

Next week we honor **Rev. Eric J. Gruber** of our parish. We thank him for being a good and loyal priest who is faithful to the commission which he has received from God. We thank him for his generous and dedicated service to God, to the Church, and to us, the parishioners of St. John Fisher Parish.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$3,481.00

The **Second** Collection this weekend, **October 20th, and 21st**, is the **World Mission Sunday Collection**.

The **Second** Collection next weekend, **October 27th, and 28th**, will be the **All Soul's Day Collection**.

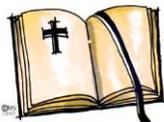
NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE



	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	L.Ruda N.Ruda	J.Englert	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	A.Muschko D.Gorr	P.McCarty	Deacon Jack
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder	C.Molchany
10:30AM	C.Gair M.Druckenmiller	J.DeLong	L.Bolmer



Flowers were placed on the altar last weekend in memory of **Anna and Edwin Druckenmiller** by **John and Marge Druckenmiller**.



2019 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.

Holy Trinity Catholic Church

4456 Main Street, Egypt

Their Basket Party will be held on **Saturday, October 27th from 10:00am to 7:00pm** and **Sunday, October 28th from 8:00am to 1:00pm**. Drawing is at **2:00pm** and **you don't need to be present to win**. There are many prizes to win, including a drawing for Disney World tickets. Tickets are 25 for \$5.00, and are on sale at door. Homemade foods and baked goods on sale! For more information, call 610-262-9315.

St John Paul II

A native of Wadowice, Poland, Karol Wojtyla became Pope John Paul II in 1978. Among his many accomplishments as pope, he made 104 apostolic journeys outside Italy and promulgated a new catechism. He inaugurated World Youth Day and the World Meeting of Families. John Paul II died on April 2, 2005. "It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness," he told young people in the year 2000. "He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; he is the beauty to which you are so attracted.... It is he who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle."

~ *Magnificat*, October, 2018



The 40 Days for Life Campaign started on **Wednesday, September 26th** and will continue to **Sunday, November 4th**, 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%!

Care Packages for Deployed Military Members

Blue Star Mothers of America, Lehigh Valley Chapter PA 201 is planning to send care packages to deployed military members in November. If you have anyone deployed or serving overseas, please email their name and address to Joan Glover at jglover@ptd.net or give her a call at 610-349-7791 **by November 1st**. For more information about the Blue Star Mothers, please call Judy Miller, at 610-428-0778.

St John of Capistrano



Proficient in civil and ecclesiastical law, at the age of twenty-nine John was named governor of Perugia, Italy. While attempting to broker peace in a regional war, he was captured and imprisoned. Saint Francis came to him in a dream, and upon his release he embraced radical poverty as a Franciscan. He studied the preaching art under Saint Bernardine of

Siena. After one sermon, one hundred of his listeners applied to the Franciscans. In his role of papal diplomat, John worked for the unity of East and West at the Council of Florence. He died in 1456 after inspiring and leading soldiers in a battle defending Belgrade against the Turks.

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St Anthony Mary Claret



One of the great founders of the 19th century, Anthony Mary Claret was ordained in 1835 and served as apostolic missionary to his native Catalonia and the Canary Islands; Archbishop of Santiago, Cuba; and confessor to Queen Isabella II. Only five feet tall, Anthony astounded many with the powers of his preaching. He is said to have given over

10,000 sermons in his lifetime, sometimes preaching six or seven in a day. When asked how he could continue, he replied, "I am just a horn; someone else does the blowing." The order he founded, the Claretians, continues to spread the Gospel through a thriving publishing apostolate.

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St. John the Baptist Church

924 N. Front Street, Allentown

Their **Meat Bingo** will be held on **Sunday, October 21st**, at **1:00pm**. Doors and kitchen open at 12:00 Noon. Bingo begins at 1:00pm, and only \$11.00 for 15 games.