



Mass Intentions

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 9, 2017

Saturday – Sept 9th –

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – John and Mary Kocis
by Daughters
7:00PM – Memorial Fund Members
by Memorial Fund

Sunday – Sept 10th –

8:30AM – Stephen and Angeline Burda (WA)
by Steve and Margie Burda
10:30AM – June and Charles Hughes
by Colleen McCloskey

Monday – Sept 11th – Ss Protus and Hyacinth

8:00AM – Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Loeper
by Rev. Eric J. Gruber

Tuesday – Sept 12th –

The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:00AM – Richard J. Longenhagen, Sr.
by Michelle and Chad Rockovits

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Sept 13th – St John Chrysostom

6:00PM – Anna Milkovits (A)
by Family

Thursday – Sept 14th –

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00AM – Charles H. Albert (WA)
by Wife, Pauline

Friday – Sept 15th – Our Lady of Sorrows

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

Saturday – Sept 16th – Ss Cornelius and Cyprian

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday – Sept 17th –

8:30AM – Andrew Hazlinsky
by Theresa and Dennis Bieak
10:30AM – Jeanette S. Koncz
by Deacon and Mrs. Jack O'Connell

PASTOR'S CORNER

Motion Sickness [Part One]

“The stars are moving!” the neighbors’ four-year old boy shouted with a finger pointing east. The other families in their back yards stared in wonder and in concern as they watched all the stars visible in the eastern night sky seem to shift and drift as if in some great dance – yet without a discernable pattern. People stared at the sky, then inwardly in thought, then outwardly toward each other to dissuade themselves of the new experience that could not be comprehended. There were neighbors talking to one another, to themselves, to their children to “get back inside the house,” and some, rather obviously, talking to God.

The phenomenon had started with the “first star” of the evening and drawn the attention of the whole neighborhood before it became obvious to all that they were witnessing something almost “funny” and very scary at the same time. Were they planes, or helicopters, or weather balloons? – No. Were they distant but large fireflies, comets or shooting stars? – No. They were the stars that “were always there” yet never moved – and they were moving! How could this be, and what’s going to happen next – their wonder turned into fear and the 911 calls were made throughout the cul-de-sacs and tree-lined streets of Columbus Commons development on the outskirts of northeast Allentown, PA.

The police cars arrived, with a local reporter following quickly in tow. The reporter was Bert Thomasson, eldest grandson of the founder and still owner of the local newspaper, News Day. Bert had graduated from Penn State in 2008 with a bachelor’s degree in creative writing – and had been doing a good job of writing rather “creatively” according to most

subscribers about local stories – making up almost half of the information he reported as fact to the chagrin of the people and events covered. This event would be right up his alley. Yet, even Bert’s jaw dropped at the obviously confusing scene in the eastern sky. As he started to take pictures and video, he thought to himself, “Is this the end of the world?”

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OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$4,103.00
Mary’s Shelter Collection \$1,142.00

The Second Collection this weekend, **September 9th and 10th**, will be for the care and help to the **Hurricane Harvey victims.**



NEXT WEEK’S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	K.Segan M.Druckenmiller	J.Englert	C.Reily
7:00PM	D.Gair C.Gair	P.McCarty	J.Ottinger
8:30AM	L.Ruda N.Ruda	B.Molchany	Deacon Jack
10:30AM	C.Ritter M.Ritter	B.Petro	Deacon Jack



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

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 **\$107.95**. Thank you!



Flowers were placed on the altar last weekend in memory of **Petie Muschko** by mom and dad.

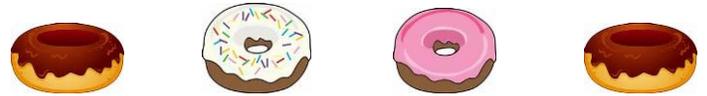
New Bible Study Class is Forming Now!!!

If you want to learn more of Jesus and ourselves, please consider joining us for a Bible Study series concerning the Acts of the Apostles. We will be meeting on Monday evenings from 6:45 – 8pm in the Church Hall. The suggested cost for the program is \$25. Our first night will be **Monday, October 2nd**. No prerequisite “classes” are required for you to come and learn of Christ’s work through the early Church. Please sign up before September 20th on the sign-up sheets at the doors of the Church. Grab your Bible and join up today. Any questions, please see Fr. Eric.

OPENING DAY OF C.C.D.

Registrations were **due** in June for the 2017 – 2018 C.C.D. year. Opening day is next **Sunday, September 17, 2017**. Classes from pre-school to 8th grade will be from **9:00am to 10:15am** in the **St. Lawrence School building**. At 10:15 am, parents will pick up their children and take them to **St. John Fisher Church** for the 10:30am Mass. It is mandatory for our students to attend Mass as a class every Sunday, as it is part of our program.

If your child attends a public school, or is home-schooled, they must attend our C.C.D. program.



DONUT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, September 17th, is Donut Sunday. Thank you to the **Marhefka Family**, who is sponsoring this month’s event on the occasion of **Rose Marhefka’s 90th birthday!** Please stop by after the **8:30AM and 10:30AM Masses** for some coffee, tea, and some donuts!

THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY



Our salvation begins when an archangel speaks the name of Mary. To be Christian is to carry on that Annunciation unceasingly. Saint Louis de Montfort wrote that “the salvation of each individual is bound up with the Hail Mary.” This prayer, which bears the holy name of the Mother of God, “brought to a dry and barren world the Fruit of Life. It will cause the Word of God to take root in the soul and bring forth Jesus.” The holy name of Mary bears such power

because of the unique bond between Mother and Son. “When God sent his Son born of a woman, he instituted a once and for all order of salvation in which the union of Mother and Child stands at the center” (R. Cessario, O.P.). To accept the divine privilege of speaking the name of Mary is to participate in that saving union.

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ASSUMPTION BVM CHURCH

Assumption BVM Northampton will be holding their “**Annual Family Picnic**” at the Egypt Memorial Park on **Sunday, September 10th**. It starts with an **outdoor Mass at 11:00am to 7:00pm**. Come and enjoy this family-friendly celebration!



St. Mary's Church, 122 Union Street, Catty, will hold their monthly Bingo in the Parish Center on **Sunday, September 10th at 1:00pm**. Doors open at 11:30am and the kitchen will be open with take-out available.

CHARISMATIC MASS OF HEALING AND ANOINTING

Holy Ghost Church, 417 Carlton Avenue in Bethlehem will have a Charismatic Mass of Healing and Anointing of the Sick on **Monday, September 11th at 7:00pm**. Rev. Clifton E. Bishop, Jr. will be the celebrant and homilist. Adoration and Confessions will start at 6:00pm.

St. John the Baptist Church 924 N. Front Street, Allentown

Their Harvest Moon Dance will be held on **Saturday, September 16th from 7:00pm to 10:00pm**. Tickets are \$5.00 a person, B.Y.O.B., and the kitchen will be open.

Their Meat Bingo will be on **Sunday, September 17th at 1:00pm**. Fifteen games for \$11.00, doors and kitchen open at 12:00 Noon. Questions, call Bill Drost at 610-432-3505.

OUR LADY OF SORROW

The Blessed Virgin was born to be the Mother of God. From the first moment of Mary's immaculate presence in her mother's womb, our Lady has led us to her Son. From the cross, Christ commands, “Behold your Mother.” As the Savior's dying gift to us, Jesus leads us back to Mary. For we need the maternal closeness of the Sorrowful Mother to sustain us when overcome by the terrifying trials of life. Through Mary's compassionate presence at the cross, that event – as it recurs in our lives – becomes more deeply human, filling us with the courage to face life's sufferings, certain in the secure embrace of divine providence. Whenever Mary loves us, she gives us Jesus. By obeying the Lord in our devout beholding of the Mother of God, we give Mary the chance to speak her Yes to the “annunciation” uttered from the cross: “Behold your son.”

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ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Born in 349 in Antioch, John received a fine education and spent a period of time in uninterrupted contemplation of the Word of God as a hermit. But he found his true calling as a priest in Antioch and then as Bishop of Constantinople. According to Pope Benedict XVI, John's “perfectly pastoral theology” addressed everyday problems with doctrinal depth and clarity. His homilies on marriage and family life spoke to issues that husbands and wives face, then as now. “There is nothing which so welds our life together as the love of man and wife,” he wrote. John died at Comana in Pontus in 407.

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SS CORNELIUS AND CYPRIAN

In the face of the Roman persecutions, many 3rd century Christians apostatized, publicly renouncing Christ and his Church. When these *lapsi* repented and sought readmission to the Church, some Christians insisted that they deserved excommunication. Others wanted to welcome them with outstretched arms, oblivious to the wound that they had caused in the Body of Christ. Pope Cornelius and Cyprian, the Bishop of Carthage, were one in viewing the *lapsi* with the merciful eyes of Christ. Both advocated for penance, followed by reconciliation. Both Cornelius and Cyprian received the crown of martyrdom – Cornelius in 253, and Cyprian in 258.

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