



Mass Intentions

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 25, 2018

Saturday– Aug 25th –

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – James and Vilma Koncz
by Son, Gene
7:00PM – Petie Muschko (A)
by Mom and Dad

Sunday – Aug 26th –

8:30AM – James C. Gruber, II (A)
by Family
10:30AM – Elsie McCloskey (A)
by Family

Monday – Aug 27th – St Monica

8:00AM – Rev. Msgr. Anthony D. Muntone
by Rev. Eric J. Gruber

Tuesday – Aug 28th – St Augustine

8:00AM – Margaret “Peggy” Barrington
by Jeff, Donna, Brendyn Hussar

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Aug 29th –

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

6:00PM – Michael and Helen Chuss
by Kathy Kish and Family

Thursday – Aug 30th – St Pammachius

8:00AM – Gertrude “Trudy” McGonigle
by Irene Pizzo

Friday – Aug 31st – St Raymond Nonnatus

8:00AM – Anthony and Edward DeNardo
by Bill and Connie Molchany

Saturday– Sep 1st – St Giles

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – William J. Molchany, Sr.
by Joseph Molchany and Family
7:00PM – Memorial Fund Members
by Memorial Fund

Sunday – Sep 2nd –

8:30AM – Stephen and Angeline Burda
by Family
10:30AM – Kathy McCloskey
by Steve and Angie Trask



Sundays

8:15AM and 10:15AM

PASTOR’S CORNER

School Spirit, Chapter Four

It was the day before the new school year and all the faculty and staff were finishing the last minute prep. The halls gleamed from summer cleaning and polish; the floors dotted with boxes and bags dropped there in the flurry of faculty members arriving barely on time for their official first faculty meeting in the roster office. The whole place seemed electrified in anticipation of the start of another year.

In the roster office, a large room with nearly enough furniture, the faculty sat and stood and leaned, listening to Principal Ferguson’s annual rallying speech meant to inspire. Sometimes it did; sometimes it did not. This year’s speech received about as even a verdict as there had ever been. It started out well with the welcome of two new faculty members, the additional coffee maker in the faculty lounge and the “okay” from the grounds’ crew, Sam and Carl, that the home field would be ready for the first home game at the end of the week.

Each faculty member had been given a mug, a mouse pad, two pens, two pencils, a peel-and-stick logo for their vehicles, and a coupon for a free shirt at the school “store,” available from mid-September, in a style and size of their choosing. The new logo, a generic bird-of-prey with wings spread up and away from the prey it was about to seize with its’ extended grasping talons, was one any minor-league team or professional organization would be proud to have and to market. The faculty, half-of-them wearing their “old” logo shirts and name-tag lanyards, were largely pleased or indifferent with the changes. Then, Sr. Marjorie-Rose interrupted, “Mr. Ferguson?” “Yes, Sr. Marjorie,” his facial expression spoke volumes, along with the sighing and rolling eyes of many in the room. “Mr. Ferguson, I know there’s no ‘putting tooth paste back in the tube’ but how does any of this promote our distinct identity as a Catholic School?” Several faculty members nodded in agreement and waited for an answer. “Well, Sr. Marjorie, you know this has been approved by the diocesan offices and the Bishop himself. The board just thought it was time to make the change with the renewed enrollment and the renewed spirit that comes with our revitalized high school community.” “Mr. Ferguson,” she carefully toned it down, “what spirit would that be?”

Before a further comment could be made, Carl Yoder interrupted the meeting to see the principal with

an apparently urgent need. The two huddled for a moment by the door, then Mr. Ferguson resumed, "This has been a good meeting with some interesting ideas. If you'll excuse me, folks, we'll meet back here after lunch today. Okay?" He didn't wait for an answer, and left with Carl walking toward the main office.

"You're sure, Carl?" Mr. Ferguson inquired. "Yes, Sir, I had their technician come by to be sure, and he said the whole thing is fixed – and he doesn't know how. He recommended we not even try it, until we get an electrician in to check the whole set of connections." "But, what are we going to do instead, Carl?" the Principal pressed, "does the PA system still work?" Sr. Marjorie followed them into the office to behold them staring at the bell system cabinet, slightly disassembled, in the corner, behind the copiers. "Mr. Ferguson, what's wrong," she asked. "Sister, our bell system is wiped out. It's going to take a few days to get going again, I expect. Any ideas as to how we change periods?" "Well, Mr. Ferguson, we'll have to do it the old fashioned way, with a school bell, the PA, an accurate watch and someone really punctual. ...do we have an old school bell around here...I can probably dig one up at the convent..." Sister stated. "Don't trouble yourself, Sr. Marjorie," interjected Carl, "I know where one is." [to be continued]

OPENING DAY OF C.C.D.



Opening day will be on **Sunday, September 16, 2018**. 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.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Rectory Office will be closed for business **Thursday, August 30th**, and will reopen on **Tuesday, September 4th**.



Please remember in your prayers **Theodore Edward DeLucia, Angeline M. (Pofi) Borsetti, Robert D. Speicher, and Roseliese (Scholand) Cunningham**, who passed away and were recently buried. We pray their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Red, White & Blue Mass

The Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, Bishop of Allentown, invites all Police, Firefighters, First Responders, and Legal Professionals, to celebrate A Mass of Thanksgiving on **Tuesday, September 11th, at 6:30pm** at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena. Please wear your uniform. Reception to follow. RSVP: rwbmass@gmail.com.

WOMAN'S RETREAT WEEKEND

An annual women's retreat will be held at St. Francis Center of Renewal in Bethlehem on **September 7th, 8th, and 9th**. This is a traditional retreat with retreat master, Rev. Joseph Serano, giving spiritual talks and reflections. Ladies, this is your opportunity to spend time with Jesus and renew your spiritual life. For information and to register call the center at 610-867-8890 or contact Deacon Jack at 610-266-0689.

Diocesan Anniversary Mass



Celebration will be held on **Sunday, September 23rd**, at the **Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, 1875 West Turner Street in Allentown, at 3:00pm**. We cordially invite couples celebrating five, twenty-five, forty, fifty, sixty or sixty plus years of marriage to this special event. Please register: at

<http://www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass>, or in the A.D. Times, or email at MFLF@allentowndiocese.org or call 610-289-8900 ext. 2028. **September 13th is the deadline for registration.**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$3,840.00

The **Second** Collection next weekend, **September 1st and 2nd**, will be the **Mary's Shelter Collection**.

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE



	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	L.Ruda N.Ruda	J.McAllister	J.Druckenmiller Deacon Jack
7:00PM	D.Gorr J.Drummer	P.McCarty	J.Behum Deacon Jack
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder	C.Reily Deacon Jack
10:30AM	C.Gair M.Druckenmiller	B.Petro	F.Hutterer Deacon Jack



Flowers were placed on the altar last weekend in memory of **Bernard J. Cunningham, Jr.** by the **Bossons Family**.

Saint Monica



Born in 331 in North Africa to Christian parents, Monica married Patricius, with whom she had at least three children. She kept peace in her family, quelling her husband's rages with meekness and winning the heart of her mother-in-law with kindness. Both were eventually won over to the Faith. After her husband's death, Monica sought

after the salvation of her son Augustine. For fifteen years, she pursued him with earnest "tears, prayers, complaints and laments." Augustine was received into the Church in 386 and became a bishop and Doctor of the Church. Monica died in 387.

~Magnificat, August, 2018

St. Mary's Church

122 Union Street, Catty

Advanced Ticket Sales are available for their **Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner** which will be held on **Friday September 14th, from 4:30pm to 6:30pm**. The dinners are fully prepared by Fairview House Catering and tickets must be purchased in advanced. Ticket orders must be received by **Monday, September 3rd**. The price is \$11.00 per dinner. Mail payment and self-addressed, stamped envelope to St. Mary's Church. Call Kim at 610-264-0332, with any questions.

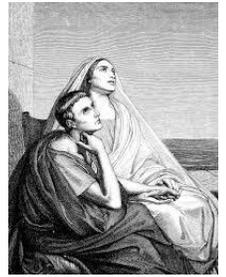
Salem UCC

615 Third Street, Catty

They will be having their Flea Market on **Saturday, September 15th, from 9:00am to 1:00pm**. Featuring a basket raffle, bake sales, pickled red beets and lots of good food to eat in or take out!

Saint Augustine

The most prolific and influential of the Latin Fathers, Augustine spent the first half of his life studying and teaching rhetoric in Tagaste, North Africa. He kept a concubine and adhered to the religion of the Manicheans. His mother's prayers and the preaching of Saint Ambrose influenced his conversion. But, as Augustine tells it in his *Confessions*, his entry into the Church was primarily the work of God, who pursued him throughout his life. "See who I was in myself and by myself. I have destroyed myself, but he who made me remade me." After his conversion, Augustine was elected Bishop of Hippo. The "Doctor of Grace," Augustine died in 430.



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Low Impact Aerobics Sign-ups

Looking for a night out with friends? Our instructor, Karen Hoff, is offering 10 weeks of aerobics on **Tuesday nights, from September 4th to November 6th, from 6:00pm to 6:50pm** in St. Elizabeth's Parish Hall. The cost is only \$25.00 per person.

BEGINNER AEROBIC CLASS

Haven't exercised in a while but ready to ease your way back in? Other classes are not a fit for you? Our class is held on **Wednesday nights, from September 5th to October 24th, from 5:15pm to 5:45pm** in St. Elizabeth's Parish Hall. The cost is only \$15.00 per person.

For both classes, **August 31st, is the registration deadline.**

For either or both classes, call or e-mail Mary Spieker at 610-266-0695 - dirreled@sercc.org.