



Mass Intentions

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 8, 2015

Saturday – Nov 7th – St Willibrord

4:00PM – Mary Cerulli
by Marie and Lou Ortelli
7:00PM – Rev Larry J Hess
by Rev Eric J Gruber

Sunday – Nov 8th – 32nd Sunday/Ordinary Time

8:30AM – Steve Burda
by Steve and Margie Burda
10:30AM – Sister, Helen, and Dopsovic Brothers
by Sister, Agnes Chabak

Monday – Nov 9th –

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00AM – Sr. Janice M Bahl, O.S.F.
by Barbara Petro

Tuesday – Nov 10th – St Leo the Great

8:00AM – Catherine Mahon (A)
by Daughter, Barbara Knarr

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Nov 11th – St Martin of Tours

6:00PM – All our Veterans
by Catholic War Veterans Post 454

Thursday – Nov 12th – St Josaphat

8:00AM – Margaret S McCarty
by Joe and Kathy Miller

Friday – Nov 13th – St Frances Xavier Cabrini

8:00AM – Charles G Albert (A)
by Pauline Albert

Saturday – Nov 14th – St Lawrence O'Toole

8:00AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners
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



Sunday
8:15AM and 10:15AM

PASTOR'S CORNER

Of "The Thing"

In 1953, a movie illustrated well, without preachiness, the moral dilemmas of a post-World War II United States. It was called, "The Thing from Another World." It was by all accounts a cut-above monster/alien invasion story with very tight dialogue and quality acting. In fact, James Arness starred as the monster. The story involved a small crew of military personnel who were to be stationed for a time at an arctic outpost to investigate something strange. They were practically concerned about Soviet threats over the pole. Arriving there, the team uncovers a flying saucer buried in the polar ice and most importantly an alien who froze in the ice outside of the saucer. The inevitable follows for the sake of plot – dig up frozen alien, accidentally thaw him out, scientists at the installation want to study him, talk to him, communicate with him, but the thing escapes and then begins to hunt down the blood he needs to survive and to propagate his species (he's a plant-based life form). The commander guides his charges through a series of encounters, while always fielding with deftness the scientist's insistence that the creature just needs to be understood, given time and "reasoned with." When the climactic plan to kill the creature is hatched the scientist will have nothing to do with it, but instead interferes with the plan, approaching the thing on his own, pleading with it for the knowledge that such an advanced life-form surely must have. The scientist is nearly killed by a single back-handed swipe from the creature who is interested in something other than talking. Finally, the creature is destroyed. But are there more of these things? We are warned to "keep watching the skies."

All this is to demonstrate how we humans react to things beyond us in the age of science and reason. While we might be tempted to just push mysterious things aside with a bomb or other force, we are just as likely to be intellectually enthralled by possibilities for better science, more control of the uncontrollable, and endanger ourselves in pursuit of knowledge and power. When push comes to shove, human beings and our survival must be the highest priority of our leaders. This means leaders must manage to navigate these difficult waters between what we can do and what we wish we could do. For example, I may want to feed every hungry person in the world (after all in our society it *seems* that food comes so easily) – which is a great and noble goal.

But, in order for me or someone else to do that, we would have to dissolve national boundaries and national governments that oft-times restrict such charity or channel it for their own benefit. Or, we would have to shut down coal plants (or whatever was deemed by “experts” as the culprits of pollution) in order to save the planet from perceived extinction. But, in order to do that we must endure cold winters and hot summers with less energy available for the daily things we take for granted. Just because we *can* do something, or we think we *ought to* do something, doesn’t mean we actually *should* do something. Think about it. Pray about it. And watch the daily news with a critical eye.
Fr. Eric.



Please remember in your prayers **Mary M Vandegrift**, who passed away and was buried this last week. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Flowers were placed on the altar this past week in memory of **Eleanor M Hayden** by Family.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$ 5,008.00
All Saint’s Day Collection \$ 1,360.00

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	J.Shaul D.Sullivan	J.Englert	J.McAllister
7:00PM	A.Gorr D.Gorr	J.Yanek	P.McCarty
8:30AM	M.Popovic S.Popovic	J.Strohl	Deacon Jack
10:30AM	H.Heffner J.Drummer	M.Ottinger	Deacon Jack

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.

SCHOOL HALL PIEROGIES

This is your last chance in 2015 to help make our delicious pierogies. Come to the school hall on **Saturday, November 14th, beginning at 8:30am**. Pierogies will only be sold to those who help. Cost is \$6.00 a dozen. We guarantee a fun, quick moving morning with your fellow parishioners.

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.

THE GIVING TREE



We are currently looking for someone, or a group of people, to take over our annual Giving Tree at our church. “The Giving Tree Project” is an opportunity to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ by giving gifts to unborn babies. The gifts will provide baby clothing and necessities to

young mothers throughout the year. We would also like to thank **Jeanette Koncz, and her husband, Gene**, for their many years and dedication to this project. If you are interested in taking part in this annual event, please call the rectory at 610-264-1972.

PUMPKIN ROLLS

Today is the last day to order your pumpkin rolls in time for Thanksgiving! A 10” roll is only \$10.00. Pick up is **Monday, November 23rd, between 5:30pm and 7:00pm**.

NAME: _____ #ROLLS: _____

PHONE: _____ AMT: \$ _____

Men's Spirit Conference

November 9th is the last chance to register!

Spirit 2015: Come Follow Me will be held on **Saturday November 21st from 9:00am to 5:00pm at De Sales University**. The day will include keynote addresses, exhibits and a vigil Mass with Bishop Barres. Continental breakfast and lunch is included. Registration fee is \$35.00, and only \$10.00 for high school or college students. To register online, visit www.cmfda.org or call 610-289-8900. Any questions, please call Deacon Jack at 610-266-0689.



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.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



Join Saints Simon and Jude Church, 730 W. Broad Street, Bethlehem, for the 2015 Christmas Bazaar. The Christmas Bazaar will be held on **Sunday, November 8th, from 8:30am to 2:30pm**. All are welcome!

SPAGHETTI DINNER

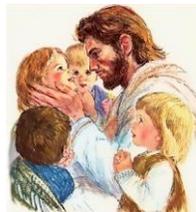
Join us at Holy Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church at 4th and Pine Streets on **Saturday, November 14th, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm**. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for ages 5 to 12, and free for 4 and under. For tickets, call Sherry at 484.550.2774.



OFFERTORY GIFTS

Our parishioner, Robyn Berner, has volunteered her time to coordinate people to present the offertory gifts at Sunday masses. If you do not wish to be contacted for masses you are offering, please inform the rectory, 610-264-1972.

GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS



Join Rev. George Valliamthadathil and the Helpers of God's Precious Infants at the Prayer Pilgrimage for the unborn, and all those involved in abortion on **Saturday, November 14th**. The pilgrimage begins with Mass at **8:00AM** at Notre Dame Church of Bethlehem, and continues with The

Rosary at the abortion facility located at 31 South Commerce Way in the Bethlehem Industrial Park. Come and be part of the call to let your prayers and presence bring God's everlasting and unconditional love to all those involved in abortion. Contact: [610-674-4624](tel:610-674-4624) or hogpi@hotmail.com.

IN THE WORDS OF ...

Above all, remember that God looks for solid virtues in us, such as patience, humility, obedience, abnegation of your own will - that is, the good will to serve Him and our neighbor in Him. His providence allows us other devotions only insofar as He sees that they are useful to us.

~ Saint Ignatius