

# PASTOR'S CORNER

## The New Fall Study is Coming!

That's right, folks, I've finally figured out which series we'll be tapping into for our Monday night sessions this Fall – The Symbolon Series.

“What's that?” you ask. Well, it is a serious but accessible review of the basics of our Catholic faith. Therefore, it is both necessary and useful for every one of us – even if you haven't been attending the bible study or other adult-learning offerings these last years. The course will run on Monday evenings, October 7, 14, 21, 28, November 11, 18, 25, December 2, 9, 16, from 6:30pm through (no later than) 8pm, in the Church Hall.

If you are interested in reviewing the basics for yourself (and therefore your kids or grandkids, perhaps), please sign up no later than Friday, October 4. A donation of \$20 is asked of each participant so as to cover the cost of materials.

I look forward to meeting and learning with y'all this Fall!

Fr. Eric.

## Prayers are ALWAYS Needed

Just a reminder: your prayers are always needed, especially for our sick and homebound parishioners, as well as those in nursing or care facilities. By faith we know our prayers help people, but if you would want to add some other ways of helping – visiting, cards, letters, phone calls, etc...please let Deacon Jack know, and he'll see how your good will can be put to good work. But, even if are Mother

## Mass Intentions

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 21, 2019

### Saturday– Sep 21<sup>st</sup> –

#### 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – James DiLiberto, Jr. (A)  
by Jim and Carmela Meyer  
7:00PM – Kathleen Hicks (B)  
by Dennis and Theresa Bieak

### Sunday – Sep 22<sup>nd</sup> –

8:30AM – John and Marge Druckenmiller (50<sup>th</sup> WA)  
by Family  
10:30AM – C.C.D. Students  
by C.C.D. Staff

### Monday – Sep 23<sup>rd</sup> – St Padre Pio

8:00AM – Ann and Glen Oswald  
by Daughter, Louise

### Tuesday – Sep 24<sup>th</sup> – St Pacific of San Severino

8:00AM – Margaret Kuchera  
by Donald and Sharon Ferenchak and Family

### Wednesday – Sep 25<sup>th</sup> – St Finbarr

6:00PM – Daniel Leo Lynch (B)  
by Lynch Children

### Thursday – Sep 26<sup>th</sup> – Ss Cosmas and Damian

8:00AM – Lawrence Schmidt, Sr. (A)  
by Family

### Thursday – Sep 27<sup>th</sup> – St Vincent de Paul

8:00AM – William J. Albert (A)  
by Pauline and Family

### Saturday– Sep 28<sup>th</sup> –

#### St Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

#### 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Theresa and Frank Cihlylik  
by Mike and Louise Seng  
7:00PM – Jean Danko (A)  
by Family

### Sunday – Sep 29<sup>th</sup> –

8:30AM – Albert Polchik (A)  
by Dorothy Vogel  
10:30AM – June and Charles Hughes  
by Colleen McCloskey



Pray the Rosary Sundays  
8:15AM and 10:15AM

Teresa's long lost twin, please don't stop praying for those parishioners who are so constrained by their circumstances. Thanks. And, thank God for you.

### Lotsa, Lotsa, Lotsa Thanks!

May God bless the team of parishioners and parish friends who worked like longshoremen to clean out the Church garage last weekend! Your dedication to our parish and its' long-term needs is truly inspiring, not to mention "darn good" at cleaning up clutter and the accumulation of decades. Your efforts, as you well know, allow for more organized storage of much needed items as we continue to grow. I've been blessed to be stationed here for many years. And, parishioners, you should know that we are all blessed to be among such good people. Abundant blessings on each and all! Fr. Eric.



### NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
<b>4:00PM</b>	N.Ruda S.Ruda	J.Englert	J.McAllister
<b>7:00PM</b>	A.Muschko L.McGinley	P.McCarty	J.Behum
<b>8:30AM</b>	D.Popovic M.Popovic	J.Strohl	M.Druckenmiller
<b>10:30AM</b>	C.Gair D.Gair	P.McCloskey	L.Bolmer

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection	\$3,008.00
Catty Food Collection	\$1,204.00

The **Second** Collection this weekend, **September 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>**, is the **Archdiocese of Military Service Collection**.

## PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

**Next Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**, we will 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.

## HOPING AGAINST HOPE

### *Living the Gospel where it is unwelcome.*

The Diocesan Commission for Men is offering a men's morning of reflection on **Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**, at **Queenship of Mary in Northampton**. An optional Holy Mass will be offered at 8:00am followed by refreshments. **Presentations by: Rev. Eric Gruber, Rev. Patrick Lamb, and Rev. David Anthony will begin at 9:15am.** To register, visit [www.allentowndiocese.org/cfm-spirituality](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/cfm-spirituality).

## CALLING ALL WOMEN

### *Women: Chosen for A Purpose*

The Diocese of Allentown is hosting its third annual women's conference on **Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**, at **DeSales University from 9:00am to 4:15pm**, beginning with a Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Alfred A. Schlert. The cost is \$40.00 for adults; \$10.00 for high school students, and \$15.00 for college students and Vowed or Consecrated Religious. The day will include a continental breakfast, lunch, Confession and Adoration. For more information and to register, visit [www.allentowndiocese.org/womens-conference](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/womens-conference).

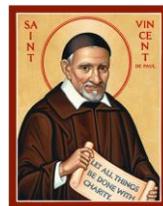


The annual Blessing of Animals will be held on **Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**, at 1:00pm on the green between the Church and the rectory. All animals and even their owners are welcomed!

## HELP NEEDED

The Catty Thrift Shop, 113 Bridge Street, is in need of volunteers for a few hours a week. If you are interested please call Betty Miller at 610-264-5386.

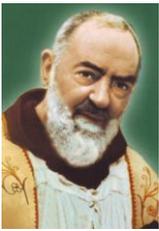
## St. Vincent de Paul



Vincent was born in Gascony, France, and ordained when he was not quite twenty. Two years later he wrote that he was seeking a comfortable parish situation. Eventually he came under the influence of Cardinal Pierre de Berulle, with his emphasis on the humanity of Christ, and Saint Francis de

Sales, who taught of God's tender mercy. Moved by the needs of the poor, with Louise de Marillac he founded the Daughters of Charity to give their lives to the care of the marginalized. He sent the priests of the Congregation of the Mission to bring Christ to rural populations. Vincent died in 1660. He is the patron saint of the parish-based Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, founded in 1833 by Frederic Ozanam. ~ Magnificat, September, 2019

## St. Pius of Pietrelcina



Pius was born Francesco, of poor farm workers in Pietrelcina, Italy. From a young age, he longed to become a Capuchin. His father traveled to America to earn the money to support his son's vocation. In 1903, he took the Capuchin habit, and he was ordained seven years later. From 1918 to his death, Padre Pio bore the

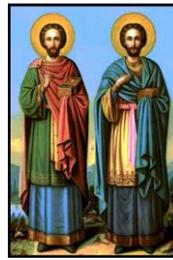
visible stigmata, the wounds of Christ – a gift he prayed to have removed, but finally accepted. His fame spread widely, and with this came suspicion, false accusations, and repeated investigation by the Holy Office. "It is under the cross that one learns to love," he said. Padre Pio died in 1968. ~ Magnificat, September, 2019



St. Elizabeth School will hold its inaugural golf outing on **Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**, at **Whitetail Golf Club** with a **1:00pm shotgun start**. The price is **\$90.00 per person**. We invite you to join us for a fun day of golf. Invite and bring your friends, colleagues and family. You can register for golf or sponsor the event at one of the many levels.

Contact Jason with questions or sponsorship inquiries at [jkahr2@gmail.com](mailto:jkahr2@gmail.com) or 267-246-8660.

## Ss Cosmas and Damian



According to tradition, these brothers, doctors by training, were martyred under Diocletian near Antioch in Syria around the year 287. In the 6<sup>th</sup> century Emperor Justinian I, cured of a disease through the intercession of these saints, rebuilt the city of Cyrrhus, where their martyrdom is said to have taken place, and constructed two churches in their honor in Constantinople. Sick persons slept overnight in these shrines to beg the miraculous ministrations of the doctor-saints. Cosmas and Damian are patrons of doctors, surgeons, and pharmacists. ~ Magnificat, September, 2019



## St. Peter's Church

4 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Coplay

Their Designer Purse Bingo, benefitting Team Coltan and Make-A-Wish, will be held on **Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**, starting at **1:30pm**.

## Notre Dame of Bethlehem

1861 Catasauqua Road

Notre Dame will be having a Family Bingo night on **Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**, at **6:00pm**, and every month on the second Saturday.