

Mass Intentions

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 8, 2018

Saturday– Sep 8th –

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Poor Souls in Purgatory
by Irene Vomero

7:00PM – David J. Sweeney
by Joseph Sweeney

Sunday – Sep 9th –

8:30AM – Joseph Marko
by McCloskey Family

10:30AM – Agnes M. Collis
by Tim and Pat Figura

Monday – Sep 10th – St Nicholas of Tolentino

8:00AM – James Kovacs
by Ann Spengler and Dale Wehr

Tuesday – Sep 11th – Ss Protus and Hyacinth

8:00AM – Anna Stascinsky
by Deacon and Mrs. Jack O’Connell

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Sep 12th –

The Most Holy Name of Mary

6:00PM – Anna Bauer
by Louisa Levine

Thursday – Sep 13th – St John Chrysostom

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

Friday – Sep 14th –Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00AM – Margaret and Charles McCarty
by Kathleen and Peggy

Saturday– Sep 15th – Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Richard Columbo (B)
by Bill and Barbara Columbo

7:00PM – Sisters, Magdaline and Frances
by Sister, Agnes Chabak

Sunday – Sep 16th –

8:30AM – Anna Milkovits (A)
by Family

10:30AM – C.C.D. Students
by C.C.D. Staff



Sundays

8:15AM and 10:15AM

PASTOR’S CORNER

School Spirit, Chapter Six

Carl looked at the secretaries, pseudo-nervously at the principal’s office, and asked, “Do you think we should call 911?” They all smirked and kept working. Inside the principal’s office Sr. Marjorie rejoined a conversation that had begun years ago with Principal Ferguson,

“Mr. Ferguson, we need to talk about the success of the school under your able management.” Mr. Ferguson looked relieved.

She resumed, “You’ve really done well in pumping life into a dying school – new, younger faculty, and students once again filling every classroom.”

“It is grace, Sr. Marjorie – just as much the product of other people’s prayers as well as your own,” he accepted the compliment. “Is there a BUT coming?” he asked.

“Not a BUT, but an AND, Mr. Ferguson,” she affirmed. She looked at him firmly and humbly, “AND...we need to revisit the new mascot and nickname, etc...”

“But Sister, I need your support on this. It’s a done deal!”

“I don’t mean that it’s the problem,” she forced, “rather, it’s the symptom of something else.” She sighed, “Mr. Ferguson, this is not a criticism of you or your near-heroic efforts on behalf of the school. It’s something, I believe, that’s a far graver situation.” She looked away from him towards the crucifix hanging behind the desk, then back at him, “Mr. Ferguson, I’ve been teaching for decades and decades, and there’s something wrong with what we’re doing or how we’re doing it, or both!”

“Sister, are you having a latent mid-life crisis...no, seriously, what do you mean? Our test scores are on par or superior to our public counterparts, our athletic programs’ successes have filled up the classrooms with quality young people, and our college placement percentage is something to ‘write home about!’”

“Mr. Ferguson, I know all the advertising jargon, and it’s accurate for what it’s worth...but what good is sending ninety-some percent of graduates to college, if the vast majority of them stop practicing their faith by the time they have an undergraduate degree?” “Mr. Ferguson,” she quieted her voice, “where is Jesus in all this?”

He sat back with a stunned look on his face as to how the conversation had turned. Recovering himself he pointed at the crucifix above his desk and triumphed, "Well, there he is, Sister Marjorie, looking down on us. He's in every classroom here doing the same thing!"

"Mr. Ferguson," she said calmly, "He's risen from the dead. He's alive and giving us the Spirit at this moment. Are you sure that's the same spirit we have here at St. John of the Cross?"

He could say but a few exasperated disjointed syllables and raise his arms as if to say, "What am I supposed to do with that?"

She started to get up, "Mr. Ferguson, thank you for your time. As always, the sisters keep you in our daily prayers. Please, think about what I've said...and ask Carl about the strange things that have been going on around here these last weeks." She walked out, leaving the door open behind her.
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OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$4,484.00
Mary's Shelter Collection \$1,207.00

The **Second** Collection next weekend, **September 15th and 16th**, will be for the **Catasauqua Food Bank**.

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE



	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	L.Ruda N.Ruda	J.Englert	J.McAllister
7:00PM	A.Muschko D.Gorr	P.McCarty	J.Ottinger
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder	Deacon Jack
10:30AM	M.Ritter L.McGinley	B.Petro	Deacon Jack



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

Flowers for the Altar

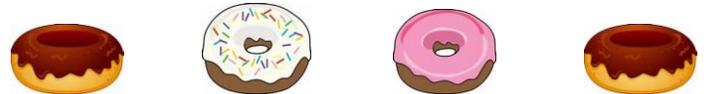
There are still some spaces available to decorate our church each weekend. The **ALTAR FLOWER LIST** is at the parking lot entrance of church. Honor a loved one, or celebrate a special event by placing flowers on the altar. Simply sign up on the list, and call your florist for delivery.



CCD OPENING DAY

Next Sunday, September 16th, is the opening of our C.C.D. program, and also Catechetical Sunday. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated the 3rd Sunday in September as Catechetical Sunday. Our Catechists and Assistants will be called to be commissioned into their ministry. They are: Pre-School and Kindergarten: Lisa Casciotti with Gabrielle Seagreaves;
2nd Grade: Leigh Gorr with Austin Gorr;
First Communion: Regina Marhefka with Corinne Reily;
4th and 5th Grade: Karen Marhefka with Dominic Gorr;
6th Grade: Christopher Casciotti;
7th Grade: Amy Gair with Donovan Gair;
8th Grade: Regina DeLong with Katherine Verenna.
Classes are from 9:00am to 10:15am, followed by 10:30am Mass, which is part of our CCD Program and is mandatory.

God Bless, Regina Marhefka D.R.E.



DONUT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, September 16th, is Donut Sunday. Thank you to the **Gorr Family**, who is sponsoring this month's event. Please stop by after the **8:30AM and 10:30AM Masses** for some coffee, tea, and some donuts!

Our Lady of Sorrows



The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows dates back to the 12th century. The title "Our Lady of Sorrows" focuses on Mary's intense suffering during the passion and death of Christ. "The Seven Dolors," the title by which it was celebrated in the 17th century, referred to the seven swords that pierced the Heart of Mary.

In her suffering as co-redeemer, she reminds us of the tremendous evil of sin and shows us the way of true repentance. May the numerous tears of the Mother of God be conducive to our salvation; with which tears Thou, O God, art able to wash away the sins of the whole world.

As Mary stood at the foot of the Cross on which Jesus hung, the sword of sorrow Simeon had foretold pierced her soul. Below are the seven sorrows of Mary:

1. The prophecy of Simeon (*Luke 2:25-35*)
2. The flight into Egypt (*Matthew 2:13-15*)
3. Loss of the Child Jesus for three days (*Luke 2:41-50*)
4. Mary meets Jesus on his way to Calvary (*Luke 23:27-31; John 19:17*)
5. Crucifixion and Death of Jesus (*John 19:25-30*)
6. The body of Jesus being taken from the Cross (*Psalms 130; Luke 23:50-54; John 19:31-37*)
7. The burial of Jesus (*Isaiah 53:8; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42; Mark 15:40-47*)



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 Grignion de Montfort wrote that “the salvation of each individual is bound up with the Hail Mary.” This prayer, which names 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). To accept the divine privilege of speaking the name of Mary is to participate in that saving union.

~Magnificat, September, 2018

MEN’S MORNING OF REFLECTION

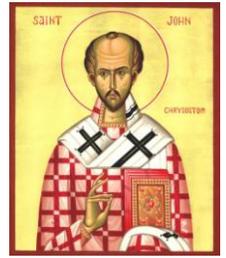


PRIEST, PROPHET, KING: The Archangels and the Masculine Spirit – The Diocesan Commission for Men is offering a men’s morning of reflection on **Saturday, September 29th**, at **Queenship of**

Mary. Holy Mass will be offered at 8:00am followed by refreshments. Presentations by **Msgr. John Martin**, **Rev. Patrick Lamb**, and **Rev. Eugene Ritz** will begin at 9:15am. To register for this free offering, visit www.allentowndiocese.org/cfm-spirituality.

Saint John Chrysostom

John Chrysostom, the “Golden-mouthed,” was born at Antioch in Syria, present-day Turkey, in 349. After four years in a hermitage, he was ordained a priest in Antioch, where he delivered his famous homilies “On the Statues” in the wake of violent civil demonstrations. “We are commanded to have only one enemy, the devil,” he taught. “With him never be reconciled! But with a brother, never be at enmity in your heart.” In 397, John was elected Bishop of Constantinople, the seat of the Byzantine Empire. His willingness to preach the Gospel “in season and of season” (cf. 2 Tm 4:2) resulted in his banishment to Armenia in 404. He died at Comana in 407. John is the patron of preachers.



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St. Mary’s Church – Save the Date

122 Union Street, Catty

Mark your calendars for our Second Annual Oktoberfest on **Saturday, October 20th**, from **5:00pm to 9:00pm**. Music will be by the Joe Weber Band, with homemade German foods and drinks.

St. John the Baptist Church

924 N. Front Street, Allentown

Their **Meat Bingo** will be held on **Sunday, September 16th** at **1:00pm**. Doors and kitchen open at 12:00 Noon. Bingo begins at 1:00pm, and it is only \$11.00 for 15 games.

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!