



PASTOR'S CORNER

The Moral of Autumn

Things end.
All things? -- No, most things.

The leaves have begun to turn toward their hidden colors. Thoughts of crisp nights, pumpkins, mums, football and blankets have intruded into the lingering waves of summer sunshine. There will still be very warm days ahead, but they are a sputtering of an engine soon to rest.

Fears of ghosts and vampires are to be rehearsed again. Those fears are but practice for the fears of winter, the fears which lower our hopes and lend themselves to loneliness. Our hopes become like bare branches, our forced stillness a prison of sorts. Then, we will cling to the evergreen. And raise our hopes daily with lengthening light.

But now, now, we dust off the rakes and the leaf blowers. We pull out the sweaters, gloves and hats. We allow ourselves to grieve the summer's passing with the natural melancholy of falling leaves. Most things we hold onto for their real, but passing, value will end. So, we turn to that which keeps us most warm and secure on colder nights – our faith in God and our trust in God's faithfulness to us.

Things end.
Most things.
Some things are eternal.

Welcome, Autumn, teach us well.
Fr. Eric.

Renew the Foundations of Your Faith

Join us in renewing our faith from the ground up this fall. We will be using the "Symbolon" series of video presentations and group reflection.

Mass Intentions

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 28, 2019

Saturday– Sep 28th –

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

Sunday – Sep 29th –

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

Monday – Sep 30th – St Jerome

8:00AM – Stanley and Anna Stascinsky
by Estate

Tuesday – Oct 1st–St Therese of the Child Jesus

8:00AM – Laura Piccone (B)
by Jean Marhefka and Family

Wednesday – Oct 2nd –Holy Guardian Angels

6:00PM – Phyllis S. Roman
by Tom and Linda Kish

Thursday – Oct 3rd – St Gerard of Brogne

8:00AM – James C. Gruber (A)
by Family

Friday – Oct 4th – St Francis of Assisi

8:00AM – Memorial Fund Members
by The Memorial Fund

Sacred Heart Novena after Mass

Saturday– Oct 5th – Bl Francis Xavier Seelos

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Robert Strohl
by Mr and Mrs Larry Krautsack, Jr.
7:00PM – Stanley and Anna Stascinsky
by Estate

Sunday – Oct 6th –

8:30AM – Frank "Jive" Snyder (B)
by Nin Snyder and Family
10:30AM – Agnes and Homer Collis
by Family



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

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 our lively discussions, please sign up this weekend, so that we have enough materials for our first session on Oct. 7th.



Today, we celebrate **Priesthood Sunday**. As a faith community, may we show gratitude to Fr. Eric at St. John Fisher Church, and pray for priests everywhere that God will grant them perseverance in their calling.

Prayer for Perseverance of Vocations

O God, you have constituted your only-begotten Son supreme and eternal Priest for the glory of your majesty and the salvation of mankind; grant that those whom He has chosen ministers and dispensers of His mysteries may be found faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received. Amen.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, October 4th

Adoration begins after morning Mass, and continues throughout the day. 7:00PM ~ HOLY HOUR



"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament."

St. Padre Pio



2020 MASS BOOK HAS ARRIVED

Please contact the rectory, 610-264-1972 to reserve your 2020 Masses **beginning at 10:30am, on Tuesday, October 2nd**.



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

FATHER WALTER CISZEK DAY

The Father Walter Ciszek Prayer League cordially invites everyone to "**Father Walter Ciszek Day**" on **Sunday, October 20th**, at **229 N. Jardin Street in Shenandoah**. It is a day to celebrate the extraordinary faith Father Ciszek had for God and the commitment to his priestly vows and vocation. The Father Walter Ciszek Prayer League Center will present a taped interview of Father Ciszek between the hours of 10:30am to 1:00pm, and Mass will be celebrated at 2:00pm. Father Eugene Ritz, Co-Postulator for the Canonization of Father Ciszek will be the homilist. Refreshments will be served immediately following Mass with items of Father Ciszek available for purchase.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$3,655.00
Military Service Collection \$ 437.00

The **Second** Collection next weekend, **October 5th** and **6th**, will be the **Cemetery Collection**.



HURRICANE RELIEF

To aid in the recovery from the recent hurricane and other storms in the United States, Bishop Schlert, in union with his brother bishops across America, has authorized a special collection to aid in the long-term recovery. Here, at St. John Fisher, we will be taking up this collection at the **weekend Masses of Saturday, October 12th**, and **Sunday, October 13th**. The funds will be administered by Catholic Charities USA.

If you would like to receive credit, please place your donation in an envelope with your name on it. Any checks should be made out to **St. John Fisher Church**. Please continue to pray for all those devastated by these and other natural disasters. Thank you.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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



Flowers were placed on the altar last weekend in honor of the **50th Wedding Anniversary of John and Marge Druckenmiller by their family**.

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 19th, 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.

Holy Ghost Church

417 Carlton Avenue, Bethlehem

First Friday Adoration, Holy Hour and Sacred Heart Devotions will be held every month beginning, **Friday, October 4th, from 7:00pm to 8:00pm.** Young adults, families and faithful of all ages are encouraged to attend. Confessions will also be heard at this time.

St. Jerome

Jerome converted to Christianity as a young man. He became a great scholar of Scripture, the primary translator of the beautiful Latin Vulgate, and was a man of frequent, severe fasts aimed at calming his passions. In a time of schism, he was the papacy's dogged defender: "He who clings to the Chair of Peter is accepted by me." Jerome, one of the four great Doctors of the Western Church, died in 420.

~ *Magnificat, September, 2019*

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

Francis Xavier Seelos was born of a large, devout family in Fussen, Germany, in 1819. He joined the Redemptorists and was sent to the United States. He catechized the schoolchildren and spent long hours in the confessional. During the Civil War, Francis tended those on both sides. He had been in New Orleans for less than a year when he contracted yellow fever from the sick he was tending. He died in 1867 at the age of forty-eight.

Saint Francis of Assisi

The son of a rich cloth merchant, Francis converted to a life of prayer in his early twenties. In a dream, God told him, "Go and repair my church, which, as you can, is in ruins." Francis began rebuilding the crumbling structure of San Damiano. But his great work of renewal was the new form of life he embraced in 1208. His radical poverty and passionate preaching drew five thousand men to the Friars Minor in the next twelve years. Francis died in 1226 in Assisi and was canonized just two years later.

St. Therese of the Child Jesus

Therese Martin was born in 1873. At fifteen, she followed her two older sisters to the Carmel in Lisieux, where she lived until her death of tuberculosis at age twenty-four. Her "Little Way" reached the outside world through the publication of her autobiographical *Story of a Soul*. In 1927 she was declared co-patron of the missions and in 1997 a Doctor of the Church.

~ *Magnificat, October, 2019*