



PASTOR'S CORNER

The Back-to-School List

Mass Intentions

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 31, 2019

Saturday– Aug 31st –

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Veronica Brewer
by Frances Zukowski
7:00PM – Petie Muschko (A)
by Mom and Dad

Sunday – Sep 1st –

8:30AM – Angeline and Stephen Burda (WA)
by Family
10:30AM – Albert Polchik (B)
by Virginia Sotak

Monday – Sep 2nd – St Antonius

8:00AM – Anna Jacksits
by Helen Lentz

Tuesday – Sep 3rd – St Gregory the Great

8:00AM – Charles and Loretta Roth (WA)
by Children and Families

Wednesday – Sep 4th – St Boniface I

6:00PM – David J. Sweeney
by Sister, Gail Sweeney

Thursday – Sep 5th – St Bertin

8:00AM – Jack McCarty
by Kathleen and Peggy

Friday – Sep 6th – St Donatian

8:00AM – Kathy McCloskey
by Mary Ann Hauser

Sacred Heart Novena after Mass

Saturday– Sep 7th – St Anastasius the Fuller

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – James Koncz (A)
by Son, Gene Koncz
7:00PM – Robert L. Strohl
by Mr. and Mrs. Larry Krautsack, Sr.

Sunday – Sep 8th –

8:30AM – Andrew Hazlinsky (B)
by Dennis and Theresa Bieak
10:30AM – Rosa Cunningham
by Deacon and Mrs. Jack O'Connell



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

The season of school beginnings has begun, and many a parent and grandparent has been checking things off their shopping list and to-do list for the occasion. But, there are things that are far less “easy” and more “costly” on the list of eternal life. So, we offer these additional “items” for parents and grandparents to consider as the kids go back to school.

Firstly, maintain or begin a tradition of blessing your children before they head off to school each day, or before they go to bed at night. As baptized believing parents you have the “power” and responsibility to “bring God into” the rest of their young lives. Your blessing prayer – whether simply the sign-of-the-cross over them or with them, or a prayer of you and/or of your child’s making, situates the child as well as ourselves in the midst of God’s providential love and care. Even teenagers may readily accept a blessing from a parent or grandparent for special occasions – a test at school, contest on the field, driver’s test, or some personal matter.

Secondly, forge the time and opportunity for a family meal each day, so that each is seated with the others for a time – don’t forget the prayer before meals. Breaking bread with people bonds them. Think about it, by the time children are in the 5th grade, when the peer group begins to wield its’ greater influence, children without “family meals” at home will be spending the majority of time breaking bread with their peers in the cafeteria.

Thirdly, peruse with a critical eye your children’s textbooks – science, math, English, Social Studies/Cultures, etc... While including all subjects, their “history” or world/social studies’ texts may need an even closer review from a believing Catholic’s perspective. What are we looking for? – any reference or preference to consider humanity as evil or as all good, any re-writing of history to fit a “modern” or biased perspective (e.g. like what the New York Times has begun in trying to re-write American history), any preference for modern history (last 50 years)

over the more settled history, any severe gaps in the retelling of history. This criticism is not to indict a teacher whose personality is in conflict with our children, but rather with the subject matter itself. Such a critical eye is even most necessary with religious education in Catholic school and in religious education in the parish (CCD).

Fourthly, make the time to meet personally any new friend of your child and his or her parents – we don't need to be nosy, just reasonably wary; to know the fruit, get to know the tree.

Fifthly, make sure to re-emphasize why you believe that Sunday Mass (or Saturday night) is an essential thing for your family to do. Start this early enough in their childhood and do it again every year at this time to adjust your explanations to their maturity level. If you aren't sure why you go to Church, perhaps it's time to answer the question with some help from Deacon or Father.

Sixthly, accept now that these "things-to-do" regarding eternal life and your child or grandchild are challenging but worth every effort.

Seventhly, pray every day for your children and their peers.

A Blessed School Year to All!
Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$3,905.00

The **Second** Collection this weekend, **August 31st**, and **September 1st**, is the **Mary's Shelter Collection**.

SANTA'S WISH-LIST

HO! HO! HO! Christmas has started! We would like to thank **our anonymous parishioner** for their continued gift of **\$100.00**. Any Santa gift made to the ongoing renovations of our parish is greatly appreciated!



C.C.D. REGISTRATIONS

The forms, tuition, and the late fee are now due. Please either mail it into the rectory, or place in the collection basket. C.C.D. begins on Sunday, September 22nd.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, September 6th

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

COMMISSION FOR MEN 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 for this free offering visit

www.allentowndiocese.org/cfm-spirituality.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	J.Drummer No One	J.McAllister	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	N.Ruda S.Ruda	P.McCarty	Deacon Jack
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	J.Strohl	C.Molchany
10:30AM	D.Gair Z.Bossons	J.DeLong	F.Hutterer



GARAGE CLEAN UP

On **Saturday, September 14th**, help is needed to clean up the church garage. **Work will begin immediately following the 8:00am morning Mass.** Please consider helping in this endeavor. See you on the 14th!

Diocesan Anniversary Mass

Celebration will be held on **Sunday, September 15th**, at the **Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, 1875 West Turner Street in Allentown, at 3:00pm.** To register by email at MFLF@allentowndiocese.org or call 610-289-8900, ext. 2021. **September 9th is the deadline for registration.**



ASSUMPTION BVM CHURCH

Assumption BVM Northampton will be holding their Annual Family Picnic at the Egypt Memorial Park on **Sunday, September 8th**. It starts with an **outdoor Mass at 11:00am**, then from 12:00 noon until 7:00pm, you can enjoy ethnic foods, baked goods, children's games, games of chance, and a basket raffle. Music provided by a D.J. from 12:00pm to 3:00pm and "The Large Flowerheads" from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Come and enjoy this family-friendly celebration!

Save the Date

The Serra Club will hold a Conference and Pilgrimage at the Shrine of St. John Neumann in Philadelphia on **Saturday, November 2nd, from 9:00am to 8:00pm**. More information is to follow or call Marie, at 610-285-2002.

GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS



Please join Fr. **George Winnie** and the Helpers of God's Precious Infants at the Prayer Pilgrimage for the unborn, and all those involved in abortion on **Saturday, September 14th**. The pilgrimage begins with Mass at 8:00AM at Notre Dame Church, 1861 Catasauqua Road, and continues

with The Rosary at the abortion facility located at 31 South Commerce Way. Contact Info: 610-674-4624.

Saint Gregory the Great

Born of a noble family, Gregory served as prefect of Rome before entering a monastery. He was elected pope in 590. Despite his frail health, Gregory placed himself at the service of all, from the Lombard invaders to the twelve poor people with whom he dined every evening. Gregory was the first pope to sign himself "the Servant of the Servants of God." "It is fitting, it is truly fitting," he wrote, "that the Lord's priest should shine brightly in his morality and in his life, so that the people entrusted to him may be able both to choose what to follow and see what to correct, as if in the mirror of this life." Gregory died in 604.

~ Magnificat, September, 2019

Salem UCC, 615 3rd Street

Is having a free community picnic on **Saturday, September 7th, from 11:00am to 2:00pm**. All are welcome.

They will also be having a Flea Market and Basket Raffle on **Saturday, September 28th, from 9:00am to 1:00pm**, featuring lots of good food.



St. Peter's Church

4 S. 5th St., Coplay

Their Designer Purse Bingo, benefitting Team Coltan and Make-A-Wish, will be held on **Sunday, October 6th, starting at 1:30pm**. Doors open at 12:00pm. Advanced tickets are \$20.00, and tickets purchased at the door are \$25.00. 50/50 and Tricky Tray Raffles and food and beverages are available for purchase. For more information, call Robin at 484-951-6512, or Kim at 484.951.6512.