



PASTOR'S CORNER

Are We Dead or Alive?

Mass Intentions

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 12, 2019

Saturday– Oct 12th –

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Anna Columbo (B)
by Bill and Bobbie Columbo
7:00PM – Elizabeth Arnold (B)
by Cheri Leinberger

Sunday – Oct 13th –

8:30AM – Anna and Edwin Druckenmiller
by John and Marge Druckenmiller
10:30AM – Living and Deceased Members
by Group 10 Catholic Sokols

Monday – Oct 14th – St Callistus I

8:00AM – Mary Louise Wert
by Barbara Petro

Tuesday – Oct 15th – St Teresa of Jesus

8:00AM – Loretta Roth
by Barry and Peggy Bozzone

Wednesday – Oct 16th –

St Margaret Mary Alacoque

6:00PM – Kathy McCloskey
by Jean Marhefka and Family

Thursday – Oct 17th – St Ignatius of Antioch

8:00AM – Evelyn Kocis (B)
by McCloskey Family

Friday – Oct 18th – St Luke

8:00AM – Jack McCarty
by Kathleen and Peggy

Saturday– Oct 19th – Ss John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Julius Meyer (A)
by Jim and Carmela Meyer
7:00PM – Joseph E. Geiger (A)
by Loving Wife, Evelyn

Sunday – Oct 20th –

8:30AM – Joseph Dopsovic
by Sister, Agnes Chabak
10:30AM – David J. Sweeney (B)
by Mom and Dad

G. K. Chesterton wrote in the Everlasting Man, “A dead thing can go with the stream, but only a living thing can go against it.” So, are we living, or are we dead?

What does it mean to “go with the stream?” Is it just “going with the flow,” “the way it’s always been,” “going along to get along?” Is that what we do at work and at home? Do we find ourselves in a rut and not just a routine? Would we like to do some things differently, but just don’t know how? Or, do we see that change is just too difficult and slump back into the rut? Have we become by force of habit and the wear and tear from years of living habitually like the living dead – focused only on a deep and nameless hunger, but paralyzed, and unable to save ourselves? If so, keep reading.

It’s time for a refreshing dose of the Good News that Jesus of Nazareth announced throughout his public life and still proclaims through his Church: the Kingdom of God is at hand, repent and believe in the good news. God, Who is unfathomable and almighty, mysterious and all-loving, has reached out to us through Abraham and the people of Israel, through the Law and Moses, through the prophets and ultimately through his Son Jesus. God loves You. He really loves YOU! He, and He alone, can save us from our sins and lift us into a profound sharing in his life – now and for all eternity. He proved his love most especially in the dying and rising of Jesus – for God does not go through all of that just to withhold the graces and helps we need to breathe deeply, take courage and swim upstream.

But, here’s where we need even more courage. Once we start moving in faith upstream against our old bad habits, others



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

(who are still floating downstream) will object and protest, and we will be tempted to just take the easier way again and not offend others in our prayerfulness, kindness, generosity, passion for doing good, etc. We need not only to pray when we seize our life back from the deceiver, but even moreso and ever-after we begin to swim upstream in following Christ. We need to pray, to talk with God, and listen to Him through the Scriptures and the experiences of our lives every day. We need the sacraments and a community of faith who are themselves LIVING for Christ and with Christ.

In these hallow's evening days with so many of the walking dead ringing doorbells for candy, let's not add to their numbers with ourselves. Let's swim upstream with Jesus. Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$3,771.00
Cemetery Collection \$2,651.00

The **Second** Collection this weekend, **October 12th** and **13th**, is the **Hurricane Relief Collection**.

The **Second** Collection next weekend, **October 19th** and **20th**, will be the **World Mission Sunday Collection**.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	J.Drummer J.Martinez	B.Molchany	M.Druckenmiller
7:00PM	N.Ruda S.Ruda	J. Englert	P.McCarty
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder	Deacon Jack
10:30AM	D.Gair C.Gair	B.Bozzone	Deacon Jack



Flowers were placed on the altar last weekend in memory of Stanley Rushatz by his 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.



SANTA'S WISH-LIST

HO! HO! HO! Christmas has started! We would like to thank **an anonymous parishioner** for their gift of **\$1,000.00**. Any Santa gift made for ongoing renovations of our parish is greatly appreciated!



2020 MASS BOOK HAS ARRIVED

The Mass Book for next year has arrived. If you would like to schedule Masses, contact the rectory, 610-264-1972.



BAPTISM

We welcome **Alexander William Freer**, son of **Kenneth William and Elizabeth Ann (O'Hawk) Freer**, who was baptized recently, and is the newest member of our family of God at St John Fisher Parish.



DONUT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, **October 20th**, is **Donut Sunday**. Thank you to the family of **Jim and Annette Englert**, who is sponsoring this month's event in honor of **Jim and Annette's 40th Wedding Anniversary**. Please stop by after the **8:30am** and **10:30am Masses** for some coffee, tea, and some donuts!

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. A taped interview of Father Ciszek will be presented between 10:30am to 1:00pm, and Mass will be celebrated at 2:00pm. Refreshments will be served after Mass with items of Father Ciszek available for purchase.

St Margaret Mary Alacoque



Since the 12th century various saints have promoted the love for Jesus' Sacred Heart. Our modern devotion, with the commitment to First Friday Communion, began in the mid-17th century when Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French Visitation nun, received a series of revelations in which Christ revealed his human heart, burning with love for humanity. Margaret Mary was the first to respond to Jesus' call for reparation, submitting to penances for the sake of her sisters in religion who refused to embrace the devotion. Margaret Mary died in 1690. In 1856, Pius XI extended the feast of the Sacred Heart on the Friday after the Octave of Corpus Christi to the entire Church.

~ *Magnificat*, October, 2019

Saint Callistus I

The cemetery of Callistus is perhaps the best known repository of the remains of the early martyrs. The man Callistus was its caretaker, and, according to the only contemporary account we have of his life, a former slave. While he administered the cemetery, Callistus worked closely with Pope Zephyrinus, whom he succeeded as pope around 217. According to tradition, he was killed by an anti-Christian mob in the year 222.

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Saint Teresa of Jesus



Teresa of Avila is commonly associated with ecstatic prayer, as exemplified in Bernini's famous statue. Yet her first attempts at mental prayer were marred by excuses, distractions, and illness. "On the one hand, God was calling me; on the other hand, I was following the world," she admitted. But she persevered. Gradually, Teresa felt the call to create the precise conditions that would renew the prayer of her fellow Carmelites: silence, austerity, and enclosure. She initiated the Carmelite reform in 1562, and founded seventeen convents before her death in 1582. Her writings on prayer have earned her the title of Doctor of the Church.

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St. Mary's Church

122 Union Street, Catty

Their Third Annual Oktoberfest will be held on **Saturday, October 19th**. We begin at our **4:00pm mass** featuring German hymns and continue from **5:00pm to 9:00pm** for lots of German Beers, wine and Soda.

Cathedral of St Catherine of Siena

1825 West Turner Street, Allentown

Catherine of Siena: A Woman for our Times

A one woman performance by Adrian Dominican Sister Nancy Murray, OP, will be held on **Sunday, October 20th**, at **6:00pm** in the **Walson Center**. Admission is free.