



Mass Intentions

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 11, 2017

Saturday – Nov 11th –

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Catherine A. Mahon (A)
by Daughter, Barbara Knarr
7:00PM – Darlene M. Steiner
by Courtney and Alec Rone

Sunday – Nov 12th –

8:30AM – Stephen Burda (A)
by Steve and Margie Burda
10:30AM – Margaret and Charles McCarty
by Kathleen and Peggy

Monday – Nov 13th – St Francis Xavier Cabrini

8:00AM – Thomas and Michael Dopsovic
by Sister, Agnes Chabak

Tuesday – Nov 14th – St Lawrence O’Toole

8:00AM – Charles G. Albert (A)
by Family

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Nov 15th – St Albert the Great

6:00PM – Hattie E. O’Donnell (B)
by McCloskey Family

Thursday – Nov 16th – St. Gertrude

8:00AM – Harold K. VanHorn
by Family

Friday – Nov 17th – St Elizabeth of Hungary

8:00AM – Bob Spengler and Bernadine Wehr
by Ann and Dale

Saturday – Nov 18th –

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Joan Patterson (A)
by Irene Vomero
7:00PM – Valeria and Paul Koons (WA)
by Carolyn and Nick Pontician

Sunday – Nov 19th –

8:30AM – James Apostolico
by John and JoAnne Lynch
10:30AM – Peter H. Krall
by Colleen McCloskey



Pray the Rosary each Sunday
8:15AM and 10:15AM

PASTOR’S CORNER

Countdown

Well, it’s that time of year again – as of this Sunday there are only 42 days until Christmas. That doesn’t give us much time to find the perfect gift for Jesus’ birthday. So, we better start looking for it now.

What gift does one get or make for the Son of God that He doesn’t already have? The only “thing” He really wants, I suppose – our hearts, our willingness and desire to share in the life of heaven He comes to gift us with – his very own life.

With this in mind, I invite us to consider some ways to get our gifts ready for Him. First, plan now to make a “good” confession before Christmas – it’s like getting fresh warm straw for the “manger” of our souls. Second, perhaps clear a regular portion of your daily or weekly schedules for prayer time with Jesus – it’s like shepherds in the fields looking to the skies every night so that we don’t “miss the angel choirs” when they do come. Third, read the Bible daily. Fourth, plan on joining your fellow parishioners in Adult Faith Formation “classes” which will be held on Wednesday evenings, after the regular 6pm mass – this year’s “topic” is yet to be determined, but will be announced shortly. Fifth, volunteer for some “good-will” work locally, preferably where we are not expected to be, and help other people – in imitation of Christ Himself. Sixth, come earlier or stay later for mass on Saturday night/Sunday morning, and “get a tan” from the Lord’s abiding radiant Real Presence in the Eucharist. Seventh, husbands and wives should get or make a special Christmas card for their spouses with a heartfelt hand-written message of thankfulness to God for the gift of their spouses – tell them why you love them NOW, why you choose marriage with them NOW.

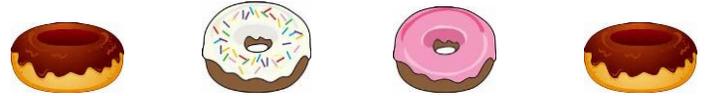
So many more ways to give Jesus our hearts for his birthday, but these 7 preparatory steps will go a long way to ready our gifts for Him.

Hurry, the countdown has begun. He is coming soon.
Fr. Eric.



CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place for our eighth grade students on **Thursday, March 8, 2018, at 4:30pm** at **Queenship of Mary Church.**



DONUT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, November 19th, is Donut Sunday. Thank you to **Robert and Jean Strohl**, who are sponsoring this month's event. Please stop by after the **8:30AM and 10:30AM Masses** for some coffee, tea, and some donuts!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection **\$4,799.00**
The **Second** Collection next weekend, **November 18th and 19th**, will be the **Poverty Relief Collection.**



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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| 4:00PM | A.Gorr D.Gorr | B.Molchany | C.Molchany |
| 7:00PM | A.Muschko A.Banoza | J.Englert | J.Behum |
| 8:30AM | D.Popovic M.Popovic | J.Strohl | Deacon Jack |
| 10:30AM | D.Sullivan M.Druckenmiller | B.Petro | Deacon Jack |

Holiday Meal

The Catasauqua Lions is having their Holiday Meal at St Paul's Lutheran Church, 417 Howertown Road on **Saturday, December 2nd, at 12:00 noon.**

This meal is being offered **FREE OF CHARGE** and is open for all seniors who live, attend church, or belong to an organization in the Catasauqua and North Catasauqua area. There is a signup sheet at each church entrance. Please sign up **today!**

Charismatic Mass of Healing

Holy Ghost Church, 417 Carlton Avenue in Bethlehem will have a Charismatic Mass of Healing and Anointing of the Sick on **Monday, November 13th at 7:00pm.** Rev. Clifton E. Bishop, Jr. will be the celebrant and homilist. Adoration and Confessions will be held from 6:00pm to 6:55pm.

Good Shepherd Catholic School

The Junior Drama Club presents "The Magic Treehouse Collection: The Knight at Dawn, Kids" on **Friday, November 17th and Saturday, November 18th, at 7:00pm in the school gym.** Tickets are \$5.00 per person. For tickets, please call 610-262-9171.

REDNER'S TAPES

We thank all our parishioners who faithfully do their food shopping at Redner's. By placing your tapes in the collection basket, we have received a check from Redner's in the amount of **\$110.78.** Thank you!

SERRA CLUB OF ALLENTOWN

The Serra Club's mission is to foster, promote and affirm vocations to ministry in the Catholic Church. Please join the Serra Club of Allentown at our next meeting on **November 15th, at St. Thomas More Church. Rosary will be at 6:45pm in the Chapel, followed by Mass at 7:00pm.** After Mass, we will convene in the Disciples Room for the meeting and speaker. Come pray with us and learn what we do to promote religious vocations. Light refreshments will be served. The speaker will be Rev. John Krivak. Father will talk about the Eco-Theology and Pope Francis' views on the ecology. We are welcoming new members. For more information, call Mark or Paulette Roth at 610-820-5958.



REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS THIS CHRISTMAS

This Christmas, sponsor a wreath in memory of a veteran. The Information Technology team from Air Products has joined with Wreaths Across America to honor the veterans buried at Resurrection Cemetery in Wescosville. Wreaths are \$15.00 each and can be sponsored online at <https://wreaths.fastport.com/donateLocation.html?page=24326>. With your help, we can honor all 1,500 veterans and remember, honor, and teach our children about the many sacrifices our veterans made to protect our freedom. Then join us at the Resurrection Cemetery on **Saturday, December 16th, at 12:00pm,** for a short ceremony. Deadline to sponsor a wreath is **Monday, November 27th.**

St. Mary's Church

122 Union Street, Catty

Their **monthly bingo** will begin on **Sunday, November 12th at 1:00pm**. Doors open at 11:30am with the kitchen being open and take out available.

Their **Holiday Breakfast Buffet** will be held on **Sunday, November 26th, from 8:30am until 12:00pm noon**.

The cost is \$8.00 for adults and children ten and under is \$5.00. The buffet includes: scrambled eggs, home fries, ham, breakfast sausage, cream dried beef, toast, French toast, sweet treats and beverage. There will be a small Holiday Gift Raffle. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 for a sheet of 26 chances. **Santa arrives at 9:00am; photos with Santa are \$3.00**. Come kick off the Advent Season with your friends at St. Mary's!

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

924 N. Front Street, Allentown

Their Turkey Trot Dance will be held on **Saturday, November 18th, from 7:00pm to 10:00pm**. Tickets are \$5.00 a person, B.Y.O.B., and the kitchen will be open.

Their Meat Bingo will be on **Sunday, November 19th, at 1:00pm**. Fifteen games for \$11.00, doors and kitchen open at 12:00 Noon.

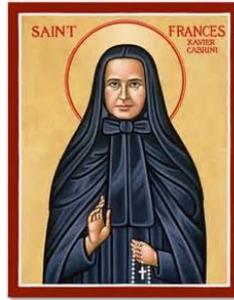
Fall Craft Fair

Salem UCC at 615 Third Street in Catty is having a Craft Fair on **Saturday, November 18th, from 9:00am to 1:00pm**. There will be a bake sale, basket raffle and lots of good food!

Pancake Breakfast

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at 604 Fourth Street in Catty is having a pancake breakfast, with buttermilk and pumpkin pancakes, on **Saturday, November 18th, from 8:00am to 11:00am**.

St Francis Xavier Cabrini



Francis Cabrini was born in the Lombardy region of Italy. She took private religious vows at age twenty-seven, adding "Xavier" to her name in honor of the great Jesuit missionary to the East. In 1880, she founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with the aim of evangelizing in China, yet Pope Leo XII advised her to go "not to the east, but to the west." Arriving in New York

in 1889, she founded an orphanage for children of Italian immigrants. Schools, hospitals, and a prison ministry followed. Frances died in 1917, having established sixty-seven institutes of the Order in the United States, Europe, and Central and South America. She is the patroness of immigrants.
~ *Magnificat, November, 2017*

St Elizabeth of Hungary

Of Hungarian royal birth, Elizabeth grew up at the court of Thuringia, in Germany, where she married the kindly Ludwig when she was but fourteen. Her piety and preference for the poor drew the ire of the courtiers, but Elizabeth's desire to follow Christ did not waver. After Ludwig's unexpected death in 1227, Elizabeth modeled her life on that of Saint Francis of Assisi. She founded a hospital at Marburg, where she personally tended the sick and the dying. When her spiritual director questioned her, she told him that she "received from the poor special grace and humility." Elizabeth died in 1231. She was twenty-four.
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