



Mass Intentions

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 18, 2018

Saturday– Aug 18th –

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – William J. Molchany, Sr.
by Family

7:00PM – Thomas Vincent Tomasic (B)
by Family

Sunday – Aug 19th –

8:30AM – Anna Stascinsky
by Barbara Petro

10:30AM – Paul Koziel (A)
by Pat Laudeman

Monday – Aug 20th – St Bernard

8:00AM – Bernard J. Cunningham, Jr. (A)
by Margaret Bossons and Family

Tuesday – Aug 21st – St Pius X

8:00AM – Living/Dec'd Members Seng Family
by Mike and Louise Seng

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Aug 22nd –

The Queenship of our Blessed Virgin Mary

6:00PM – John Milkovits (A)
by Family

Thursday – Aug 23rd – St Rose of Lima

8:00AM – Mary Delores Kocis
by McCloskey Family

Friday – Aug 24th – St Bartholomew

8:00AM – Mary Tucker
by Bill and Connie Molchany

Saturday– Aug 25th – St Louis

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – James and Vilma Koncz
by Son, Gene

7:00PM – Petie Muschko (A)
by Mom and Dad

Sunday – Aug 26th –

8:30AM – James C. Gruber, II (A)
by Family

10:30AM – Elsie McCloskey (A)
by Family



Sundays

8:15AM and 10:15AM

Some Further Clarifications from Bishop Schlert

Every Bishop inherits the history of his Diocese. It falls to him to shoulder any failings from the past, to apologize, to ask forgiveness, to promote healing, and to do what he can to prevent recurrence.

The Grand Jury Report is a sad and humbling account of the Priesthood used for evil purposes. The victims and survivors of clergy sexual abuse have suffered terribly, and it is my sincere hope that the Report is an important step in their healing and recovery.

It was for this reason that I did nothing to block the Report or delay its release, even though I knew it would contain information that reflects negatively on me, on some of our priests and former bishops, and on the Diocese as a whole.

There are three points I would like to clarify about the Report now that it has been released:

+ Treatment of victims: I have always viewed victims and survivors as sincere, dignified, and extremely courageous for coming forward. I have always treated them with respect, and I always will. For those who suggest otherwise, nothing could be further from the truth.

+ Reports to law enforcement: Every priest of the Diocese of Allentown who faced an allegation of abuse was reported to law enforcement. Since I have been Bishop, I have continued to enforce a Zero Tolerance Policy, which calls for immediate removal from ministry, immediate reporting to law enforcement, and acting transparently in cooperation with law enforcement. As an example, I would refer you to a recent allegation against one of our priests. We immediately notified the Northampton County District Attorney's office and immediately removed the priest from ministry.

+ Retirement of offending priests: In 2002, imposing retirement on perpetrators was the quickest and best option to get them out of ministry and to protect children.

Now, there are more canonical processes to laicize, or “defrock,” an offending priest which requires Vatican approval.

As your Bishop, I pledge to you that the Diocese of Allentown will always treat victims and survivors with respect; will continue to provide victims the counseling and support they need; and will continue to act transparently and quickly in the event of an allegation of abuse.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection	\$3,770.00
Assumption Collection	\$1,170.00

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE



	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	L.Ruda N.Ruda	J.Englert	M.Druckenmiller
7:00PM	A.Muschko D.Gorr	P.McCarty	J.Ottinger
8:30AM	J.Drummer A.Banoza	B.Molchany	C.Molchany
10:30AM	C.Gair M.Druckenmiller	J.DeLong	L.Bolmer

Mission Co-Op Thank You

Blessings of peace and joy in Our Lord! I extend my sincere thanks to Rev. Eric J. Gruber and to each of you for the opportunity to share with you about our mission. Your kindness and goodness means a lot and we are grateful to you. You will always be remembered in our prayers. May God bless you all abundantly!

Please continue to pray for us and support us in our endeavors to make Christ known and loved.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Rev. Walter Gaudreau

Red, White & Blue Mass

The Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, Bishop of Allentown, invites all Police, Firefighters, First Responders, and Legal Professionals, to celebrate A Mass of Thanksgiving on **Tuesday, September 11th**, at **6:30pm** at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena. Please wear your uniform. Reception to follow. RSVP: rbmass@gmail.com

C.C.D.

OPENING DAY OF C.C.D.

Registrations were **due** in June for the 2018 – 2019 C.C.D. year. Opening day will be on **Sunday, September 16, 2018**. Classes from pre-school to 8th grade will be from **9:00am to 10:15am** in the **St. Lawrence School building**. At **10:15 am, parents will pick up their children and take them to St. John Fisher Church for the 10:30am Mass**. It is mandatory for our students to attend Mass as a class every Sunday, as it is part of our program.

If your child attends a public school, or is home-schooled, they must attend our C.C.D. program.



WOMAN'S RETREAT WEEKEND

An annual women's retreat will be held at St. Francis Center of Renewal in Bethlehem on **September 7th, 8th, and 9th**. This is a traditional retreat with retreat master, Rev. Joseph Serano, giving spiritual talks and reflections. Ladies, this is your opportunity to spend time with Jesus and renew your spiritual life. For information and to register call the center at 610-867-8890 or contact Deacon Jack at 610-266-0689.

Diocesan Anniversary Mass



Celebration will be held on **Sunday, September 23rd**, at the **Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, 1875 West Turner Street in Allentown, at 3:00pm**. We cordially invite couples celebrating five, twenty-five, forty, fifty, sixty or sixty plus years of marriage to this special event. Please register: at <http://www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass>, or in the A.D. Times, or email at MFLF@allentowndiocese.org or call 610-289-8900 ext. 2028. **September 13th is the deadline for registration.**

St. Mary's Church

122 Union Street, Catty

Advanced Ticket Sales are available for their **Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner** which will be held on **Friday September 14th, from 4:30pm to 6:30pm**. The dinners are fully prepared by Fairview House Catering and tickets must be purchased in advanced. Ticket orders must be received by **Monday, September 3rd**. The price is \$11.00 per dinner. Mail payment and self- addressed, stamped envelope to St. Mary's Church. Call Kim at 610-264-0332, with any questions.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Rectory Office will be closed for business on **Monday, August 20th**.

Saint Bernard



The “last of the Fathers,” Bernard was born near Dijon, France. He joined the Cistercians and at twenty-four he was sent to the “Valley of Wormwood,” where he led his fellow monks in clearing the land to found Clairvaux, the “Valley of Light,” one of the great medieval monasteries. Bernard was an austere reformer, a tireless preacher, and an affectionate correspondent. He never left a letter unanswered. In his celebrated exchange with Peter Abelard, Bernard counseled against the hubris of the intellect, insisting that theology must be rooted in Scripture and fed with prayer. “The reason for loving God is God himself,” he wrote. “The measure is to love him beyond measure.” Bernard died in 1153.

~*Magnificat, August, 2018*

Saint Bartholomew

Bartholomew, one of the Twelve in the synoptic lists of the Apostles, is traditionally identified with Nathanael of John’s Gospel.



He is believed to have preached the Gospel in India and greater Armenia. Saint Pantaenus testified that Bartholomew had brought a copy of Saint Matthew’s Gospel to the people of this vast region. Bartholomew is said to have suffered the torture of being flayed, or skinned. His token in the Church’s art is an oddly-shaped knife, the tool for the removal of his skin, or the skin itself. In his *Final Judgement* in the Sistine Chapel the artist Michelangelo painted his own face on Bartholomew’s skin. ~*Magnificat, August, 2018*

ACCHS Class of 1998 20th Reunion

Their reunion will be held on **Friday, November 23rd**, **from 7:00pm to 10:00pm**. The cost is \$35.00. Please update your email address at development@acchs.info.



Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Today’s feast reminds us that holiness means depending on God. The Queenship of Mary invites us to exercise our obedience to God in a way that results not in submission but likeness. Saint Maximilian Kolbe wrote that Mary “has a right to be loved as Queen of all hearts so that through her, hearts would be cleansed and themselves become immaculate, similar and like unto her own heart, and so worthy of union with God.” “A queen enjoys full power, even with regard to the king. Mary’s fullness of power is expressed in her intercession for us and her mediation of graces, so that we receive all personal graces from God” (von Balthasar). ~*Magnificat, August, 2018*

Saint Pius X



Born in 1835 in the village of Riese, Italy, to a seamstress mother and cobbler father, Giuseppe Sarto spent most of his priestly life ministering to the people in and around Venice. As pastor, he gave to the poor from his own modest household. As bishop and then Patriarch of Venice, he reformed lax seminaries, yet still found time to teach catechism to children. Elected Pope Pius X in 1903, he led the Church with forthright teachings on the importance of catechesis, Catholic Action, and the errors of modernism. “I was born poor, I lived poor, I die poor,” was his final testament. He died in 1914.

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