



Mass Intentions

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 27, 2016

Saturday – Aug 27th –

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Catherine Moravek
by Gene and Jeanette Koncz
7:00PM – Richard J. Longenhagen, Sr.
by Pauline Longenhagen

Sunday – Aug 28th

8:30AM – John A. Faryna
by Helen and Jenna Bushspies
10:30AM – Mamie, Art and Tommy Dougherty
by Daughter and Sister, Kathleen

Monday – Aug 29th –

The Passion of St John the Baptist

8:00AM – Robert Turanchik
by Agnes Chabak

Tuesday – Aug 30th – St Pammachius

8:00AM – John J. Mikula
by Helen, John and Katlyn Suchajda

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Aug 31st – St Raymond Nonnatus

6:00PM – Paul Levine
by Mom and Dad

Thursday – Sept 1st – St Giles

8:00AM – Martha E. Garber
by Rena Tracey

Friday – Sept 2nd – St Antonius

8:00AM – Charles J. McCarty, Jr.
by Kathleen and Peggy

Sacred Heart Novena after Mass

Saturday – Sept 3rd – St Gregory the Great

8:00AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil:
4:00PM – John and Rose Marhefka (L) 65th WA
by Family
7:00PM – Petie Muschko (A)
by Mom and Dad

Sunday – Sept 4th

8:30AM – Angeline and Stephen Burda (WA)
by Steve and Margie Burda
10:30AM – Poor Souls in Purgatory
by Irene Vomero

PASTOR'S CORNER

Lessons from Corinth, PA [Part One]*

The memories of childhood are often compressed into stories of laughter and lessons of fear. From my perspective, the laughter is broad and free-form and the fear is specific and hard as stone. What follows is a lesson of the hardest qualities – read on with caution.

Sitting on my grandparents' front porch in the evenings of summer seemed like a holy thing, a sacred ritual, for my brother and me when we were young. It was the place to be after supper – sharing stories, quiet and the wonderful smells, sights and sounds of the meadow that “moated” my Dad's parents' homestead.

There was the golden glow of a setting sun, the last buzzing of bees, the perfect arrangement of greens and wildflowers, and the barn swallows weaving and diving at the sunlit bugs over the fields. As kids, we “named” the swallows and my brother and I picked them like racehorses and made the call of how many insects they had captured. Of course, we could never follow the ones we named as they spun and coursed over the better part of the five viewable acres we faced. But it didn't matter to us kids – it was just another fantastical part of visiting Grandpa and Grandma.

It seemed to me that as the sunlight finally yielded to the coming night, that the whole place seemed to grow in depth and mystery. The smell of the “damps” as Grandpa called it, the vigilant songs of crickets and the regular critters that emerged for a late evening feeding of root and grass. One evening I remember vividly.

Grandma called me to her side with a gesture and a whisper, “Ned.” I came over at once to the corner of the porch that faced the

grassy field with the great oak in it. I followed her hand pointing out a “regular” resident of the place – a short hair brown rabbit. “He” was nuzzling a clump of wildroot grass just beyond the furthest surface root of the oak tree. He seemed to be enjoying himself. I observed quietly, “Yep, Grandma, that’s a rabbit...what’s the big deal?” She placed her finger to her lips to quiet me, “Keep watching,” she said breathlessly. And I stared fearing I was missing something I should be seeing clearly. A moment passed, then another. Another clump of weeds became the rabbits’ next buffet. My eyes passed in the dimming light between my Grandma’s intent face and the now- graying sight of the rabbit feeding himself. It seemed like forever. And then...a darker shadow fell from the tree upon the rabbit and flew without a sound over the porch roof, the house and the barn to the trees beyond the meadow. I strained to still see it; my heart beat speedily in my chest and I felt like screaming.

My Grandma grasped my hand and drew my face in line with hers, “Ned,” she said gently and firmly, “remember...there are always owls. There are *ALWAYS* owls.” And we walked inside.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND

ADORATION begins after morning Mass, and continues throughout the day.

7:00PM ~ HOLY HOUR



NEXT WEEK’S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	A.Gorr D.Gorr	J.Englert	J.McAllister Deacon Jack
7:00PM	C.Gair D.Gair	J.Yanek	P.McCarty Deacon Jack
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder	C.Hetzel Deacon Jack
10:30AM	S.DeLong K.Segan	K.McCloskey	J.Behum Deacon Jack



Flowers were placed on the altar last weekend in loving memory of **Art, Mamie and Tommy Dougherty** from **Kathleen Knecht**.

OPENING DAY OF C.C.D.

Opening day will be on **Sunday, September 18, 2016**. Classes from pre-school to 8th grade will be from **9:00am to 10:15am** in the **former 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. If you have not received a registration form, please call the Rectory, 610-264-1972, and one will be sent to you.

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



OFFERTORY COLLECTION



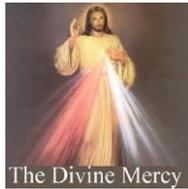
Plate Collection	\$3,973.00
Mission Co-Op Collection	\$1,523.00

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 activities in India. Your prayers and generous donations will carry God’s love to the poor in some of the interior villages of our country. 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, Sr. Ragina

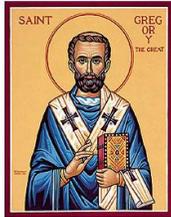


The Divine Mercy

HOLY HOUR

There will be a Holy Hour and recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at Queenship of Mary Church on **Sunday, September 11th, at 3:00pm**. Our own **Rev. Eric J. Gruber**, will give the reflection. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. All are welcome.

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT



Born of a noble family, Gregory served as prefect of Rome 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, 2016

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

St. John the Baptist, 3024 S. Ruch Street, Whitehall, (Stiles), will have their annual parish picnic on **Sunday, September 4th, from 12:00 Noon to 9:00pm**. Music provided by the Joe Weber and Common Bond. Delicious foods, children's games, raffles, bake sale and more! **ALL ARE INVITED!**

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

The Church, having celebrated the earthly birthday of St. John the Baptist on June 24, today honors the anniversary of his martyrdom. Besides our Lord and our Lady, St. John the Baptist is the only one whose birth and death are thus celebrated. Today's Gospel relates the circumstances of his execution. He had the courage to blame Herod to his face for the scandal of his illegal union with his sister-in-law Herodias, whose husband was still alive. Herodias contrived to make Herod imprison him and took advantage of an unexpected opportunity to obtain through her daughter Salome the beheading of the saint.

In the year 362 pagans desecrated the grave and burned his remains. Only a small portion of his relics were able to be saved by monks and sent to St. Athanasius at Alexandria. The head of the saint is venerated at various places.

DRIVE-THRU CHICKEN DINNER



St. Mary's Church, will hold a Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner on **Friday, September 9th**. Easy pick-up – Just drive up Union Street, from Front Street, stop in front of our parking lot, give us your ticket and we'll hand you dinner. The cost of each dinner is \$10.00 and tickets are available now! Each dinner will consist of ½ of a chicken, corn on the cob, baked potato, coleslaw and a roll. No extra meals will be available. To have your ticket(s) mailed to you, include a check and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: St. Mary's Church, 122 Union Street, Catasauqua, PA 18032. Call 610-264-0332 with questions. Deadline is **Sunday, August 28th**.

LOW IMPACT AEROBIC CLASS

St Elizabeth's parish hall is offering 8 weeks of aerobics on **Tuesday nights, September 6th to October 25th, at 6:00pm**. The cost is only \$20.00, and **deadline is September 1st**. Contact Mary at 610-266-0695.