



## Mass Intentions

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 17, 2018

### Saturday– Nov 17<sup>th</sup> –

#### 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – William J. Molchany, Sr.  
by Bill and Connie Molchany and Family  
7:00PM – Mary Tucker  
by Elise and Carmine Pelosi

### Sunday – Nov 18<sup>th</sup> –

8:30AM – Anna Stascinsky  
by Dolores and Rev. Joe Ewanko  
10:30AM – Kathy McCloskey  
by Frank and Francis Tauber

### Monday – Nov 19<sup>th</sup> – St Mechtilde

8:00AM – Joan Patterson (A)  
by Irene Vomero

### Tuesday – Nov 20<sup>th</sup> – St Edward the Martyr

8:00AM – Regina Burker (A)  
by Husband, Frank

#### *Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass*

### Wednesday – Nov 21<sup>st</sup> –

#### Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:00PM – Stephen Steffie  
by Monica Hodges

### Thursday – Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> – St Cecilia

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

### Friday – Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> – Bl Miguel Agustin Pro

8:00AM – James Gallagher  
by Marge and Joe Kish

### Saturday– Nov 24<sup>th</sup> – St Andrew Dung-Lac

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

#### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Michael E. Voice  
by Micah Voice  
7:00PM – David J. Sweeney  
by Ruth Kemp

### Sunday – Nov 25<sup>th</sup> –

8:30AM – Catherine Lampassi-Ashe  
by John and JoAnne Lynch  
10:30AM – Richard Fedor (WA)  
by Wife, Roma and Family



#### Pray the Rosary Sundays

8:15AM and 10:15AM

# PASTOR'S CORNER

## Is the World Coming to an End?

Of course, it is. But, if you're reading this, not yet! So, read on.

There are a number of newsworthy catastrophes occurring regularly – the California wildfires, the early snow/ice storm, earthquakes and tsunamis, volcanic eruptions and new, resistant forms of old, thought-to-be-extinct viruses. These actual events only serve to heighten the fear which dominates many popular books, movies, TV and streamed media. This fear includes the walking dead, the overpopulation myth, global annihilation by our hand or by meteor, terrorism, one-world government conspiracy theories, human-ending climate change, and the risk of artificial intelligence becoming self-conscious and destroying its' makers. There are plenty of fears to go around.

The inevitability of death can bring human beings to do all sorts of things. While some of us use it to live life to the full, others let it paralyze them from living life and investing themselves in others and the world. Still others of us escape death with pleasures and entertainment, thrills and risks that fill us with adrenaline and distraction. No matter how we react to its' inevitability or dread the end of it all, it is a certain thing that within a hundred years of today each of us will meet Jesus face to face in death. Our personal world of free choice and self-determination will come to an end.

Are we ready for that moment? Our readiness is not a matter of defiant self-assurance that all will be well, but rather our deepened faith in the promises of God in Christ Jesus. Make a good sacramental confession soon, friends. He is coming.

Fr. Eric.

# OFFERTORY COLLECTION



**Plate Collection** **\$3,101.00**

The **Second** Collection this weekend, **November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>**, is the **Poverty Relief Collection**. Your generosity helps those who are in need locally in the Diocese of Allentown.

## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE



	<b>Servers</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>E.Ministers</b>
<b>4:00PM</b>	D.Gorr A.Banoza	J.Englert	Deacon Jack
<b>7:00PM</b>	L.Ruda N.Ruda	P.McCarty	Deacon Jack
<b>8:30AM</b>	D.Popovic M.Popovic	J.Strohl	C.Hetzel
<b>10:30AM</b>	D.Gair K.Gair	J.DeLong	J.Marhefka



Flowers were placed on the altar last weekend in memory of all living and deceased veterans by Paul Albert.

### St. Mary's Church 122 Union Street, Catty

Their **Annual Holiday Breakfast Buffet** will be held on **Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 8:00am until Noon**. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and children seven and under is \$6.00. The buffet includes: scrambled eggs, shredded hash browns, ham, country sausage, pancakes, toast, and beverage. New this year will be a Kiddie Korner, where children can choose their own toppings for pancakes or waffles. Also, we will have a toaster station offering a selection of fresh specialty breads. This is an all-you-can-eat buffet, or you can just join us for coffee and homemade baked goods available a la carte. We will again have our popular Holiday Gift Raffle, with chances at \$5.00. **Santa arrives at 9:00am; photos with Santa are \$3.00**. Any questions, email: kim.stmarys122@gmail.com.

## **Holiday Meal**

The Catasauqua Lions is having their 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Meal at St Paul's Lutheran Church, 417 Howertown Road on **Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 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!**

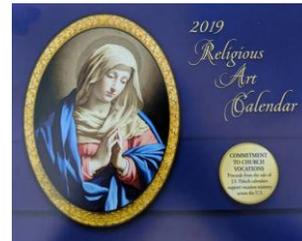
# ANNUAL GIVING TREE



St John Fisher Parish will again participate in the Annual Christmas Giving Tree program for The Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program at Catholic Charities. Last year our efforts helped many needy families in the Lehigh Valley. This year the items that are needed are: Diapers, wipes, new clothing, towels, blankets and other baby items. For non-shoppers, a gift card is always an option.

Our annual giving tree will be up on the **first Sunday of Advent, December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>**. With a specific item, please return the item, unwrapped. With a gift card, please place your gift card or monetary gift in an envelope and tape the gift tag to the front of the envelope. All checks given as monetary gifts should be made out to **St. John Fisher Church**. **All items should be under the tree, and monetary gifts should be placed in the collection basket by Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

Catholic Charities greatly appreciates our involvement in this worthy cause each year and thanks God for our continued donations. Thank you for your generosity.  
~ Charlotte Kerrigan



## 2019 CALENDARS

The new 2019 Church Calendars are available at the entrances to Church. Please be sure to take one home.

Special thanks to **Kevin, Megan, Danny and Connor O'Donnell** of the O'Donnell Funeral Homes, and to **John and Andrew Brubaker** of the Brubaker Funeral Homes. Each year they donate our Church Calendars.

## Christmas Concert Beautiful Savior

The Annual Cathedral Christmas concert will be held on **Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:00pm, at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Siena, 18<sup>th</sup> and Turner Streets in Allentown**. This concert will feature all of the choirs of the Cathedral, including Cathedral Choir, Living Word, Angelorum, and our Diocesan choir. There will be readings, prayers, instrumentalists and voices all raised in worship of Our Beautiful Savior. Please begin your Advent enjoying the reason for the season. There will be a free will offering for a family in need in the Lehigh Valley. Carolers will greet you as you enter. We hope to see you there!

## RECTORY CLOSED



The Rectory Office will be closed for business on **Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**. God and weather permitting, the rectory will reopen on **Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00am**.

## REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS THIS CHRISTMAS



This Christmas, sponsor a wreath in memory of a veteran. St. Luke's – Allentown Campus is seeking donations, and volunteers to lay 1,500 wreaths at Resurrection Cemetery on Krocks Road in Wescosville as part of

National Wreaths Across America Day on **Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**. Each wreath sponsorship is \$15.00, and can be made in the name of a specific person or all who have served. To donate a wreath go to [donate.wreathsasscrossamerica.org](http://donate.wreathsasscrossamerica.org). Deadline to sponsor a wreath is **Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**.

## Catty Preservation Association

Paint a Cookie Plate with Santa on **Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00am**, at the Biery House, 8 Race Street. There is available parking at the Deily Coal Yard at 5 Union Street. Reservations are required. The price is \$10.00 per child and includes cookie, juice, plate and a visit with Santa! To sign up, please call 610.264.9716.

## Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions



Andrew Dung-Lac, who heads the group of 117 Vietnamese martyrs, was born in Bac Ninh, a village northeast of Hanoi. It was in Hanoi that, as a boy of twelve, he met the Faith through a Catholic lay catechist. After his baptism, Andrew studied Chinese, Latin and theology. He was ordained as a diocesan priest in 1823. His fervent preaching and simple, prayerful demeanor endeared him to his parishioners, who raised the money to ransom him from prison the first two times he was arrested. A third time he was arrested with fellow priest Peter Thi. The two men were beheaded on December 21, 1839. ~ *Magnificat, November, 2018*

## Saint Cecilia



The Roman Canon of the Mass recalls Cecilia as one of the virgin martyrs of the 3<sup>rd</sup>-century Church. According to her 5<sup>th</sup>-century passion, Cecilia sang to God "in her heart" at her wedding feast. Cecilia subsequently converted her pagan husband Valerian, and both died as martyrs.

Cecilia's song has inspired diverse artistic expressions. Numerous English poets have lauded Saint Cecilia in verse – Dryden, Pope, and Auden among them. Handel, Purcell, and Britten created compositions in her honor. And the sculptor Stefano Maderno produced a stunning representation of the fallen martyr after a supposed glimpse of her incorrupt body in the year 1599.

~ *Magnificat, November, 2018*

## Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro



A native of Guadalupe, Zacatecas, Mexico, Miguel joined the Jesuits in 1911. After studies abroad, he was ordained and returned to Mexico in 1926, amid violent persecutions of the Church. Miguel braved chronic stomach pain and the constant threat of capture to hear confessions, give communion, and serve disenfranchised families – always with his characteristic mirth. "I see God's hand so palpably in everything that almost – almost I fear they won't kill me in these adventures," he wrote at this time. Miguel was arrested on the baseless charge of masterminding a bombing plot. He was executed on November 23, 1927. ~ *Magnificat, November, 2018*

## Saint Elizabeth's

618 Fullerton Ave, Whitehall

St. Elizabeth's Music Ministry presents: "**Invitation to a Miracle**". This is a musical program that celebrates Christmas, the beautiful season of miracles and wonders. **Please join us on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm**. Admission is free; however, a free-will offering will be taken. For more information, call 610-349-7791.