



Mass Intentions

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 3, 2016

Saturday – Sept 3rd –

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

Monday – Sept 5th – St Bertin

8:00AM – William J. Molchany, Sr.
by Agnes Chabak

Tuesday – Sept 6th – St Donatian

8:00AM – Beryl M. Faryna
by Michael and Louise Seng

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Sept 7th – St Anastasius the Fuller

6:00PM – Lawrence Schmidt, Sr. (B)
by Family

Thursday – Sept 8th –

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00AM – Alice and Constantin Georgescu
by Louisa Levine

Friday – Sept 9th – St Peter Claver

8:00AM – Jack McCarty
by Kathleen and Peggy

Saturday – Sept 10th – St Nicholas of Tolentino

8:00AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – William Dinbokowitz, Sr.
by Robert Groff

7:00PM – Nodtburga Herold-Kottmayer
by Grandson, Richard and Priscilla Vigh

Sunday – Sept 11th

8:30AM – Frank “Jive” Snyder
by Nin Snyder and Family

10:30AM – John S. and Mary L. Kocis
by Daughters

PASTOR’S CORNER

Wisdom from the “Newest” Saint

St. Teresa of Calcutta will be canonized such this Sunday by Pope Francis in Rome. Her wisdom came from a life of love of Jesus and the “poor.” Here is a sampling of her words.

There is much suffering in the world - physical, material, mental. The suffering of some can be blamed on the greed of others. The material and physical suffering is suffering from hunger, from homelessness, from all kinds of diseases. But the greatest suffering is being lonely, feeling unloved, having no one. I have come more and more to realize that it is being unwanted that is the worst disease that any human being can ever experience.

Speak tenderly; let there be kindness in your face, in your eyes, in your smile, in the warmth of your greeting. Always have a cheerful smile. Don't only give your care, but give your heart as well.

At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by "I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in.

We too are called to withdraw at certain intervals into deeper silence and aloneness with God, together as a community as well as personally; to be alone with Him — not with our books, thoughts, and memories but completely stripped of everything — to dwell lovingly in His presence, silent, empty, expectant, and motionless. We cannot find God in noise or agitation.

The beginning of prayer is silence. If we really want to pray we must first learn to listen, for in the silence of the heart God speaks. And to be able to see that silence, to be able to hear God we need a clean heart; for a clean heart can see God, can hear God, can listen to God; and then only from the fullness of our heart can we speak to God. But we cannot speak unless we have listened, unless we have made that connection with God in the silence of our heart.

Some people come in our life as blessings. Some come in your life as lessons.

There is more hunger for love and appreciation in this world than for bread.

Be faithful to the time spent in prayer and make sure that at least half of your prayer is spent in silence. This will bring you closer to Jesus. If you deepen your prayer life you will grow in holiness and obtain many graces for the souls entrusted to your care. Deepen your love for one another by praying for each other and by sharing thoughts and graces you have received in prayer and reading.

I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us, and we change things."

Love, of course, is not a feeling and not a "thing" – it is a verb, a way-of-life. St. Teresa of Calcutta, pray for us! Fr. Eric.



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.



Please remember in your prayers **Beryl M. Faryna** who passed away this past week. May her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Flowers were placed on the altar last weekend in loving memory of **Catherine Moravek** by **Gene and Jeanette Koncz**.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$3,401.00

The Second Collection **this weekend, September 3rd and 4th**, is for **Mary's Shelter**.

The Second Collection **next weekend, September 10th, and 11th**, will be for the **Archdiocese for Military Services**.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	J.Shaul M.Hosni	B.Petro	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	L.Ruda N.Ruda	J.Englert	Deacon Jack
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	J.Strohl	J.Druckenmiller
10:30AM	J.Drummer D.Sullivan	J.DeLong	F.Hutterer



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

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.

SAINT PETER CLAVER

A Jesuit from Catalonia in Spain, Peter Claver was ordained in the New World at Cartagena (present-day Columbia) in 1616. He ministered to the most vulnerable: the 10,000 African slaves who were brought through the port each month. Peter brought Christ to them, climbing into the filthy, pestilential holds of the ships to feed them, baptize the dying, and hear confessions. His work angered those who considered the slaves to be less than human, and for a time Peter was forbidden to perform baptisms. At the end of his life, he fell victim to the plague and was confined to his bed under the care of a neglectful African servant. He accepted without complaint.



-Magnificat, September, 2016

Charismatic Mass of Healing and Anointing

A Mass of Healing and Anointing will be held at Holy Ghost Church, 417 Carlton Avenue in South Bethlehem on **Monday, September 12th, at 7:00pm**. Rev. Clifton E. Bishop, Jr., the Bishop's Liaison for Charismatic Renewal, will be the Celebrant and Homilist.

Confessions will be from 6:00pm to 6:55pm. Healing Masses are held every first Monday of the month at Holy Ghost Church.

Assumption BVM Church in Northampton

Their "Annual Family Picnic" at the Egypt Memorial Park is being held on **Sunday, September 11th**. It starts with an **outdoor Mass at 11:00am**, then until 7:00pm, you can enjoy ethnic foods, baked goods, children's games, games of chance, and a basket raffle. Bingo from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. Music provided by a D.J. from 12:00pm to 3:00pm and "The Pennsylvania Villagers" from 3:00pm to 7:00pm. Come and enjoy this family-friendly celebration!

St. John the Baptist Church 924 N. Front St, Allentown

Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, September 11th, from 8:00am to 11:00 am. Tickets are only \$8.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Menu includes: Bacon, sausage, creamed beef, eggs, home fries, pancakes, French toast, drinks and pastries.

Meat Bingo on Sunday, September 18th. Doors and kitchen open at 12:00 noon and bingo begins at 1:00pm.

September to Remember Dance with the Steel City Band with Bobby Molchan on **Saturday, September 24th, from 7:00pm to 10:00pm**. Tickets are just \$5.00, which includes snacks, and has an open kitchen. Any questions, call Bill Drost at 610.432.3505.

VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Diocese of Allentown invites you to experience a 90-minute **virtual pilgrimage to Lourdes, France**. The guided Lourdes experience will take place at the **Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena on Thursday, September 15th, at 7:00pm**. During this virtual pilgrimage you will immerse yourself in the Gospel Message of Lourdes as given by Our Lady to St. Bernadette. There will be an opportunity to touch the Grotto Rock and to experience the healing grace of Lourdes Water. As part of this spiritual opportunity to draw nearer to God with Our Lady and St. Bernadette, you will receive a Eucharistic blessing and pray the Rosary. A Plenary Indulgence is granted to all the faithful, under the usual conditions, who attend a Virtual Pilgrimage with North American Lourdes Volunteers. Come and experience the healing grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ through His Immaculate Mother. Invite your family, children and friends! Our Lady extends her invitation to all! The next best thing to visiting Lourdes itself is a Pilgrimage journey without the travel! For more information, contact the Secretariat for Catholic Life and Evangelization at 610-289-8900 ext. 21 or e-mail cle@allentowndiocese.org.



Saint Teresa of Calcutta, pray for us!