



## Mass Intentions

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
November 22, 2015

**Saturday – Nov 21<sup>st</sup> –**

**The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

4:00PM – Francis Moravek (A)

by Gene and Jeanette Koncz

7:00PM – Patricia A Beichey

by Robert Korutz

**Sunday – Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> –**

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8:30AM – Stephen “Tippy” Slahta

by Robert and Jean Strohl

10:30AM – Agnes Meyers (B)

by Ron and Rosie Klipple

**Monday – Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> – St Clement I**

8:00AM – Glen Oswald (A)

by Louise Oswald

**Tuesday – Nov 24<sup>th</sup> –**

**St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions**

8:00AM – Charles J McCarty, Jr

by Kathleen and Peggy

**Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass**

**Wednesday – Nov 25<sup>th</sup> –**

**St Catherine of Alexandria**

6:00PM – Joan Patterson (A)

by Irene Vomero

**Thursday – Nov 26<sup>th</sup> – St Siricius**

8:00AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners

**Friday – Nov 27<sup>th</sup> – St Virgilius**

8:00AM – Richard Fedor (WA)

by Wife, Roma

**Saturday – Nov 28<sup>th</sup> – St James of the Marches**

8:00AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners

4:00PM – Catherine Mahon (B)

by Daughter, Barbara Knarr

7:00PM – John “Jack” McCarty

by Kathleen and Peggy

**Sunday – Nov 29<sup>th</sup> – The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

8:30AM – Mary M Vandegrift

by Darlene Loncoski

10:30AM – Francis J Broderick

by Family

**PRAY**



**Sunday**

8:15AM and 10:15AM

# PASTOR'S CORNER

## Common? Sense?

Fred and Frieda Tuttle put their three children to bed, and settled into a favorite TV show and a bit of the news before going to sleep themselves. Before they turned off the TV, they heard the alarming news that a couple of escaped prisoners from a high-security correctional facility nearby had escaped and were still on the loose. Fred and Frieda checked the doors and windows, as usual, before going upstairs to bed.

Three hours later, the Tuttle's were startled awake by their front-door bell ringing repeatedly. Orienting themselves they made their way downstairs cautiously and rubbed their eyes to look through the peephole. There Fred saw two men, sweating and dirty, looking about as they continued to ring the bell. Fred shouted through the door, “What do you want? Who are you?”

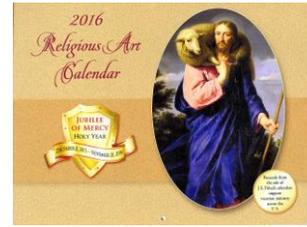
A low restrained voice responded, “I’m sorry to disturb you sir, but our car broke down, we can’t get cell signal anywhere here and there’s no other house around, ...can I come in to make a phone call for help? Please?”

Their eldest child, Rosemarie, aged 12, startled them from behind, “Daddy, let him in; he needs our help. Miss Priedu taught us just today how important it is to be good like Jesus. Let him in, Daddy.”

For Fred, it was an easy call, he said, “I’m dialing 911 right now. Help will be on the way very soon. Just wait in your car, they’ll be here in a minute, I’m sure.” Frieda was already talking to the police dispatch on the handheld in the kitchen. The men, looked at each other for a split second, then took off across the road into fields opposite the Tuttle’s farm. Hours later the two escapees were back in custody and Fred and Frieda held their littlest ones in their arms at the kitchen table. Rosemarie, sitting between her parents queried, “Daddy, why did Miss Priedu teach us that, if it’s not true?” Frieda answered, “Honey, it is true. We ought to be kind to those in need, and helpful to those whom we can help. But Daddy and I know that not all those in need are honest, not all those in need are innocent victims, not all those in need (even when legitimate), are more important than your safety and our safety. When you are older and you have your own family, you’ll understand that if we don’t protect ourselves, we’ll no longer be here to help *anyone* in need.” They were all too tired save to sit together and lean on one another.

We do not do compassionate things in order to justify ourselves or make ourselves feel good, we do them because they are right. And the right must honor the whole truth, not just part. We are to love our neighbor, yes, but not instead of loving ourselves. Rather, we are to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. Keeping the door locked when our own lives' safety is in question is exactly in accord with our Catholic/Christian values.

Let us truly give thanks for God's many blessings,  
Fr. Eric.



## 2016 CALENDARS

The new 2016 Church Calendars are available at the entrances to Church. Please be sure to take one home with you.

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

## PUMPKIN ROLL PICK UP

Pumpkin roll pick up is **this Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**, **between the hours of 5:30pm and 7:00pm**, in the Church hall.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION



**Plate Collection \$ 3,728.00**

The Second Collection this weekend, **November 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> is the Poverty Relief Collection.** This collection is used to support local groups and organizations that assist the poor here in the diocese. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
<b>4:00PM</b>	J.Drummer L.Ruda	J.McAllister	J.Ottinger
<b>7:00PM</b>	A.Gorr D.Gorr	J.DeLong	P.McCarty
<b>8:30AM</b>	S.Popovic D.Popovic	J.Strohl	J.Druckenmiller
<b>10:30AM</b>	C.Ritter M.Ritter	M.Ottinger	J.Heffner



Flowers were placed on the altar this past week in memory of **Robert and Margaret Gaumer and Ed and Anna Druckenmiller** by John and Marge Druckenmiller.

## OPLAKI

Our Christmas Oplaki has arrived and will be available for purchase starting **next weekend, the First Week of Advent!** The Christmas Oplaki is a blessed wafer to be shared with those at our Christmas Eve Meal. It is a beautiful age-old tradition which allows us to offer Glory to the New Born King who is the Bread of Life. An explanation of the custom, as well as the Prayer Service that is used at the meal is included in the packet. A \$3.00 donation for a pack of five is suggested.



Please note that the Parish Office will only be open Monday and Tuesday this week for regular business.

## DONUT SUNDAY

Donut Sunday is **today, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**, and is being sponsored by **Cathy Heffner and Barbara Reimer** in memory of **Ron Heffner and Rob Reimer**. Please stop by the church hall after the Sunday masses for some coffee, tea, friendship and donuts!



There will be no CCD classes next Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.

## MIDNIGHT MASS

Please consider joining us in the balcony for the beautiful feast of Christmas Midnight Mass. It is a short-term commitment of four Wednesday rehearsals in December beginning on **December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm.**



## THE GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree Project, which benefits The Catholic Charities of Allentown, is an opportunity to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ by giving gifts to unborn babies. Our trees will be up in front of St Joseph's Altar as you enter from the parking lot, and at the Third Street entrance to Church, **the first weekend of Advent, which is next week, November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.**



# Young at Heart

The next Casino trip to Mount Airy will be on **Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**. The bus leaves the Church Parking Lot at 10:00AM. The price is \$22.00 per person.

The next bus trip will be on **Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**, to the Brownstone, Ace in the Hole to see "*Bavarian Christmas*". A \$10.00 deposit is required. For more information, call Bill Molchany, 610-264-0920.



The **Catasauqua Area Showcase Theatre (CAST)** would like to thank St John Fisher Church for the use of the church hall and kitchen for their pierogies and apple dumpling sales. In appreciation, CAST has donated

\$600.00, which includes a new microwave for our kitchen.

## Catty Rough Rider Mascot

North Catasauqua We Sing! Community Chorus presents a limited edition wooden replica of the Catasauqua Rough Rider Mascot made by The Cat's Meow® Village. It has the image of the beloved mascot in color with the words "Catasauqua Rough Riders" on the front, and includes the Catasauqua High School alma mater on the back. A limited number is available for sale and they will make a great gift for graduates, alumni, Christmas, birthdays, or as a special keepsake to remember Catasauqua High. Delivery is anticipated before Christmas but is not guaranteed. Order one today; they are only \$16.00 each. For questions, call 610-264-1225 or email- [NorthCataWeSing@aol.com](mailto:NorthCataWeSing@aol.com).

# Catty Thrift Shop

The thrift shop is in need of **infant and children clothing**. Items can be brought to the Thrift Shop, 113 Bridge Street, on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:00am to 4:00pm, and on Wednesday and Saturday from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Thank you!

## 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 <http://give.wreathsassamerica.org/goto/PA0066> . With your help, we can honor all 1,104 veterans and remember, honor, and teach our children about the many sacrifices our veterans made to protect our freedom. Deadline is **November 30<sup>th</sup>**.



## Holiday Meal

The 27<sup>th</sup> Senior Lions Holiday Meal is being served by the Catasauqua Area Lions at St Paul's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 417 Howertown Road on **Saturday, December 5<sup>th</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!**