



Mass Intentions

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 17, 2016

Saturday – Sept 17th –

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Richard Columbo (B)
by William and Barbara Columbo
7:00PM – William J. Molchany, Sr.
by Mary Tomasic

Sunday – Sept 18th

8:30AM – Irene McAuliffe (A)
by Family
10:30AM – Ann and Glen Oswald
by Daughter, Louise

Monday – Sept 19th – St Januarius

8:00AM – David J. Cunningham (B)
by Elizabeth Cunningham and Family

**Tuesday – Sept 20th – Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon,
Paul Chong Ha-Sang and Companions**

8:00AM – Frank and Theresa Cihylik (B)
by Mike and Louise Seng

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Sept 21st – St Matthew

6:00PM – Donald N. Knarr
by Helen Frisch

Thursday – Sept 22nd – St Thomas of Villanova

8:00AM – Mantu Family
by Louisa Levine

Friday – Sept 23rd – St Padre Pio

8:00AM – Richard Pontician, Sr.
by Ann Marie Anthony

Saturday – Sept 24th – St Pacific/San Severino

8:00AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – James DiLiberto, Jr. (A)
by Jim and Carmela Meyer
7:00PM – All Memorial Fund Members
by Memorial Fund

Sunday – Sept 25th

8:30AM – Francis J. Broderick
by Family
10:30AM – June McCloskey Hughes
by McCloskey Family

PASTOR'S CORNER

Lessons from Corinth, PA [Part Two-B]

Grandpa grinned to himself as he began, “No, Ned, not a ‘king’ kind of ruler, but a ‘ruler’ ruler – you know, the kind you use to draw a straight line or measure something.” “Ooh!” my brother and I agreed, “why rulers?”

Grandpa sat back in his chair at the kitchen table and told us the story of the ‘Ruler Tree.’ “Well, boys, near as anyone could tell, it began with a couple of students...probably about your age, Tim. They were head over heels in love with each other. Walking home from school one day they passed this great larch tree in the wood and idly climbed its’ sprawling branches. After the young man nearly reached the top of the tree, they settled together on the lowest branch. Swept up in the momentum of their affection, they declared their love for one another as ‘infinite and unmeasurable.’ To demonstrate this they took their rulers out of their math books and hung them on the branches with the words, ‘I love you more than can be measured.’ It is said that they always considered that day as their true anniversary, ‘though they were married two years later at the valley chapel.’

“But there’s a lot of rulers and things out there, Grandpa, where did they all come from?” Tim asked.

“You see, they started something. They didn’t know they had, but other young people often went by the great tree when cutting through the woods, leaving their rulers, compasses, maps, fishing scales, measuring spoons and other ‘rulers’ by which we measure our lives and activities – watches, clocks, even an old sundial from Gertie Guzzard’s farmyard somehow found its’ way well off the ground.” With that last item I noticed the wry grin growing wide on Grandpa.

He continued, "Then one day – no one is quite sure when – the bathroom scales, yardsticks, tape measures, grain scales, clocks, a judge's gavel, and a library of law books – the tree fell as you found it. It was felled by things of measure, by rules."

He turned toward my brother, "Tim, you said there were other things out there still?" "Yessir, Grandpa," Tim replied. "Well then boys, tomorrow we're going for a little hike in the woods – just the three of us. We'll see what other treasures of measures we might find!"

[to be continued...]

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection **\$3,462.00**
Military Services Collection **\$1,107.00**

The Second Collection **this weekend, September 17th, and 18th**, is the **Catty Food Bank**.

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



Flowers were placed on the altar last weekend for the **65th Wedding Anniversary of John and Rose Marhefka** by the Englert Family.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

| | Servers | Lectors | E.Ministers |
|----------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 4:00PM | K.Segan A.Urban | J.McAllister | J.Ottinger |
| 7:00PM | C.Gair D.Gair | J.Englert | P.McCarty |
| 8:30AM | D.Popovic M.Popovic | B.Molchany | C.Molchany |
| 10:30AM | S.DeLong D.Sullivan | J.DeLong | L.Bolmer |

Young at Heart

The next meeting of St John Fisher's Young at Heart will be held on **Wednesday, September 28th**, at **1:00pm** in the Parish Hall.

The next Casino trip to the Mohegan Sun will be on **Friday, September 30th**. The bus leaves the Church Parking Lot at 10:00am. The price is \$22.00 per person.

For more information, please call Mary Molchany at 610-264-0920.



We congratulate **Jonathan Patrick Riegel and Jacqueline Marie Quinn** who were married last weekend! Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their married life together.

CCD OPENING DAY

Today is Catechetical Sunday. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated the 3rd Sunday in September as Catechetical Sunday. Our Catechists and Assistants will be called to be commissioned into their ministry. They are: Lisa Casciotti, Andrew Verenna, Jennifer DeLong, Nicholas DeLong, Leigh Gorr, Austin Gorr, Regina Marhefka, Corinne Reily, Karen Marhefka, Shawn DeLong, Louise Oswald, Tyler Fatzinger, Pamela Sullivan, Katherine Verenna, Regina DeLong, and Karen DeLabar.



Classes are from 9:00am to 10:15am, followed by 10:30am Mass, which is part of our CCD Program and is mandatory. God Bless, Regina Marhefka D.R.E.



DONUT SUNDAY

The new list for the **2017 Donut Sundays** is now at the parking lot entrance of church. Donut Sunday is held on the **third Sunday of each month**. If you, or a group of friends, would like to sponsor a month, just pick a month on the signup sheet, and place the \$75.00 in the collection basket prior to your date. Our Social Committee takes care of the rest.

Good Shepherd Catholic School

Early Childhood Education Preview for parents of children entering Pre-school, Pre-K and Kindergarten will be held on **Saturday, October 1st**, from 10:00am to 11:00 am.

Shepherd Gift Cards can be purchased on Wednesday evenings from 5:00pm to 7:00pm and on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00am to 12:00pm in the lobby.



The annual **Blessing of Animals** will be held **Sunday, October 2nd**, at **1:00pm** on the green between the Church and the rectory. All animals and even their owners are welcomed!



The Kindergarten through 3rd grade Youth Group will be held on the first Saturday of the month, beginning October 1st, from

10:00am to 11:00am in the church basement. All children in this age group, regardless of where they go to school, are invited. Life's values that will help your child in dealing with peers are taught through stories, crafts, games and songs. **To register your child, call Mary Beth McGinley at 610-264-4494.**

HISTORIC CATASAUQUA PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

Fest 'O Fall celebration will be held on **Saturday, October 1st, from 12:00noon to 5:00pm** at the Biery House, and at the George Taylor House. The celebration will feature a hay ride, kid's crafts, build a scarecrow and bird feeder, pumpkin painting, Boo-Boutique, use old time tools, food, music and bake sale. There'll be additional activities from **5:00pm to 10:00pm** between Blondie's and Julia's.

St. Elizabeth's Church

Our 7th Annual **Basket Social** will be on **October 7th, 5:00pm to 7:00pm; October 8th, 10:00am to 7:00pm; and October 9th, 8:00am to 2:00pm.** Deliciously prepared food is available all weekend including a chicken & waffles supper on Saturday and a scrumptious parish breakfast on Sunday morning!

FAMILY DAY AT STEEL STACKS

Family day will be on **Sunday, September 25th, from 11:00am to 5:00pm at the SteelStacks in Bethlehem.** The day begins with an **outdoor Mass celebrated by Bishop Barres at 11:00am.** Games for all ages, including Bingo, inflatable obstacle course, bounce house, face painting, team events, etc.

Saints Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Paul Chong Ha-Sang and Companions

"The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church." In 19th century Korea, this adage of Tertullian was confirmed anew. Both of these saints were sons of martyrs. Paul Chong Ha-Sang spent his life in the perilous work of trying to bring missionaries into Korea. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, the first native priest of Korea, entered the country after his ordination in Shanghai, and brought the Eucharist, much longed-for, to his Korean brethren. They and their 101 companion martyrs were canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1984.
~Magnificat, September, 2016

Make-A-Wish Basket Bingo

A Basket and Coach Purse Bingo will be held on **Sunday, October 2nd, at St. Peter's Church in Coplay.** All proceeds will be split between the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Colton. Colton is a second Grader at Good Shepherd School in need of a kidney transplant. Tickets are \$20.00 for 20 games. Special game tickets can be purchased as well.

WE SING CHORUS

North Catasauqua WE SING Community Chorus presents: "A Patriotic Tribute, **Sunday, September 25th, at 3:00pm at St. Mary's Church** in Catty. Doors open 2:30pm. Free will offering benefits the Catasauqua American Legion.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



Clipping Box Tops is an easy way for you to help **Good Shepherd Catholic School.** Box Tops are worth 10¢ and they add up to cash for the school. Just look for pink Box Tops on products, clip them, and place them in the Box Top box located at both entrances to the church. If you have any questions, please contact Diana Rutt at 610-348-5716.