



## Mass Intentions

30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 28, 2017

**Saturday – Oct 28<sup>th</sup> –**

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Lois Meyer (A)  
by Jim and Carmella Meyer  
7:00PM – Lawrence and Rose Marie Schmidt (WA)  
by Family

**Sunday – Oct 29<sup>th</sup> –**

8:30AM – William J. Molchany, Sr.  
by Deacon and Mrs. Jack O'Connell  
10:30AM – Mamie Dougherty (100<sup>th</sup> B)  
by Kathleen

**Monday – Oct 30<sup>th</sup> – St Alphonsus Rodriguez**

8:00AM – Dorothy E. VanHorn  
by Family

**Tuesday – Oct 31<sup>st</sup> – St Wolfgang**

8:00AM – Louis A. Yurasits  
by Raymond and Sally Bieak  
**Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass**  
6:00PM – Paul Levine (A)  
by Mom and Dad

**Wednesday – Nov 1<sup>st</sup> – All Saint's Day**

8:00AM – Paul Koziel  
by Carol Nederostek  
12:05PM – John and Anna Kish  
by Jean Marhefka and Family

**Thursday – Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> –**

**Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed**

8:00AM – Anne J. Hilt  
by Roma Fedor and Family

**Friday – Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> – St Martin de Porres**

8:00AM – Adele and Harold Dickert  
by Pauline Albert

**Sacred Heart Novena after Mass**

**Saturday – Nov 4<sup>th</sup> – St Charles Borromeo**

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

**31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Andrew and Elizabeth Kocis  
by Granddaughters  
7:00PM – Mary Ann Faust  
by Jerald and Rita Neuman

**Sunday – Nov 5<sup>th</sup> –**

8:30AM – Jeanette S. Koncz  
by Mildred Bankos and Daughter, Michelle  
10:30AM – Ann and Glen Oswald  
by Daughter, Louise

# PASTOR'S CORNER

## How's Your Hope These Days?

Emily Dickinson wrote:

'Hope' is the thing with feathers—  
That perches in the soul—  
And sings the tune without the words—  
And never stops—at all—

And sweetest—in the Gale—is heard—  
And sore must be the storm—  
That could abash the little Bird  
That kept so many warm—

I've heard it in the chillest land—  
And on the strangest Sea—  
Yet, never, in Extremity,  
It asked a crumb—of Me.

How is *your* hope these days? Running on or near empty? Or are we just keeping ourselves so busy and distracted as not to look at hope at all? If you are running on empty in the “hope” department, you are not alone. There has been a series of pretty awful stuff on the news lately, accurate or not. And the virtual inability to avoid “bad news” is more prevalent than ever – from football games to music concerts, from opining movie stars to picketed marches for vague or varied causes. Negativity is the soup we swim in from day to day, if our eyes and ears are open.

Of course, there are those among us who are clueless of what's going on out of their own naiveté, or denial, or white-knuckled fear of “challenging” things, or choice. But there must be a way to both accept and see the bad things for what they are, without myopically focusing on evil alone.

Yes, there is. His name is Jesus Christ and He helps us to accept this sinful world as He does, and more – to love this sinful world as

He does. I think, for what it's worth, that the most despairing of all thoughts is not that we won't find the world loving us, but that we won't ourselves be willing to love.

Hope asks nothing of us, but gives us the power to love when others will not and to have faith when others give up.

Jesus, renew our hope.

Hopefully, Fr. Eric.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$3,828.00  
World Mission Collection \$ 882.00

The **Second** Collection this weekend, **October 28<sup>th</sup>** and **29<sup>th</sup>**, is the **All Soul's Day Collection**.



## HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
<b>Oct 31<sup>st</sup> – 6:00PM</b>		
A.Gorr D.Gorr	J.Englert	J.Ottinger
<b>Nov 1<sup>st</sup> – 8:00AM</b>		
No One <b>12:05PM</b>	J.Strohl	P.McCarty
No One	B.Petro	Deacon Jack

## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

<b>4:00PM</b>	A.Gorr D.Gorr	J.McAllister	J.Druckenmiller Deacon Jack
<b>7:00PM</b>	A.Muschko A.Banoza	P.McCarty	J.Ottinger Deacon Jack
<b>8:30AM</b>	D.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder	C.Hetzel Deacon Jack
<b>10:30AM</b>	C.Ritter M.Ritter	J.DeLong	F.Hutterer Deacon Jack



## 2018 MASS BOOK HAS ARRIVED

If you are in need of a special date, call the rectory, 610-264-1972, to reserve your date. There are only so many masses to go around, so please call soon for your date.



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

## Priesthood Sunday

Today we celebrate Priesthood Appreciation Sunday. This is a special day set aside to honor all priests, but especially, the priest of our parish. We also reflect upon the central role of the priesthood in our Catholic Faith.

Jesus Christ came into this world so that we might have the fullness of life. He shares His Divine Life with us in many ways, especially through His priests. Through His priests, Our Lord cares for His flock, ministering to our spiritual and even to our temporal needs. Most importantly, through His ordained priests, Jesus Christ nourishes us with His Body and Blood, the Holy Eucharist. It has been said many times – but it needs to be repeated again and again - **WITHOUT OUR PRIESTS THERE WOULD BE NO EUCHARIST!**

Today we honor **Rev. Eric J. Gruber** of our parish. We thank him for being a good and loyal priest who is faithful to the commission which he has received from God. We thank him for his generous and dedicated service to God, to the Church, and to us, the parishioners of St. John Fisher Parish.



## MASSES FOR THE FEAST OF ALL SAINT'S DAY

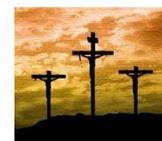
Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> – 6:00PM  
Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – 8:00AM  
Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – 12:05PM  
No 6:00pm on Wednesday



## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>  
ADORATION begins after morning Mass, and continues throughout the day.

7:00PM ~ HOLY HOUR



## BLESSING OF GRAVES

The annual **Blessing of Graves** will be held on **Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>** at **1:00pm** beginning with a **Prayer Service** at the Cross in St Andrew Cemetery, followed by the blessing of graves at St Andrew and St Lawrence cemeteries, weather permitting.



Flowers were placed on the altar last weekend in memory of **Charles and Jean Gustitus**, by Charlotte Kerrigan.



Please remember in your prayers **Thomas John Almond**, who passed away and was recently buried. May his soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, Amen.



## Good Shepherd Catholic School

Their Night at the Races will be held on **Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**. **Doors open at 6:00pm; food begins at 6:30pm and racing begins at 7:00pm.** A ticket are \$20.00 per person and include pork barbecue, cabbage and noodles, hot dogs, pasta salad, chips and pretzels, popcorn, along with beer and soda and is a B.Y.O.B. and over age 21 event, with a 50/50 raffle. Please call 610-262-9171 if you have any questions.



The 40 Days for Life Campaign **continues to Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**, at the Allentown Planned Parenthood, 29 N. 9<sup>th</sup> St. You can pray for one hour, **from 7:00am to 6:00pm Mondays through Saturdays.** When prayer volunteers are praying, the no show rate for abortion can jump as high as 75%! For information, call Maryanne, 610-570-2347.

## White Elephant Sale

St. Paul's Church, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Susquehanna Streets in Allentown will be having their annual White Elephant Sale and Bazaar on **Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 1:00pm.**

## SCHOOL HALL PIEROGIES

Pierogies will be made in the school hall on **Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:30am.** Join your fellow parishioners in a busy, fun-filled morning! Pierogies are only sold to those who help.

## Italian Dinner and Bazaar

Ss Simon and Jude Church, 730 W. Broad Street in Bethlehem will hold their Annual Italian Dinner on **Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm to 7:00pm.** Their Christmas Bazaar will be held on **Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 2:00pm.**

## Fall Festival and Tricky Trays

St. John the Baptist Church, 924 N. Front Street in Allentown will be having their Fall Festival and Tricky Trays on **Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am to 6:00pm and Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:00am.**

## ALL SOULS' DAY

"I would go so far as to say that if there was no purgatory, then we would have to invent it, for who would dare say of himself that he was able to stand directly before God. And yet we don't want to be, to use an image from Scripture, 'a pot that turned out wrong,' that has to be thrown away; we want to be able to be put right. Purgatory basically means that God can put the pieces back together again, that he can cleanse us in such a way that we are able to be with him and can stand there in the fullness of life. Purgatory strips off from one person what is unbearable and from another the inability to bear certain things, so that in each of them a pure heart is revealed, and we can see that we all belong together in one enormous symphony of being." – Pope Benedict XVI

~ *Magnificat, November, 2017*