



## Mass Intentions

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 27, 2018

**Saturday– Oct 27<sup>th</sup> –**

**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Lois Meyer (A)

by Jim and Carmela Meyer

7:00PM – Lawrence and Rosemarie Schmidt (WA)

by Family

**Sunday – Oct 28<sup>th</sup> –**

8:30AM – Living and Deceased Members

by Assembly S-072

10:30AM – Russell N. Beale, Jr. (B)

by Anna and Joe Furst

**Monday – Oct 29<sup>th</sup> – St Narcissus**

8:00AM – Joseph E. Geiger

by His Loving Wife, Evelyn

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

8:00AM – Rev. Edward W. McElduff

by Rev. Eric J. Gruber

***Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass***

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

6:00PM – Paul Levine (A)

by Mom and Dad

**Thursday – Nov 1<sup>st</sup> – All Saints Day**

8:00AM – Memorial Fund Members

by The Memorial Fund

12:05PM – Margaret Lynch (B)

by Pirog Family

**Friday – Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> – All Soul's Day**

8:00AM – Bob Spengler and Bernardine Wehr

by Ann and Dale

***Sacred Heart Novena after Mass***

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

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

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

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Paul and Valeria Koons

by Carolyn and Nik Pontician

7:00PM – Francis J. Broderick

by Family

**Sunday – Nov 4<sup>th</sup> –**

8:30AM – Stephen Burda (A)

by Family

10:30AM – Brothers Thomas and Michael

by Sister, Aggie Chabak

# PASTOR'S CORNER

## Which Comes First?

The Chicken or the Egg? – the egg...the chicken...the egg...the chicken...

The Civil Society or the Democratic Republic? – the civil society.

If a society is to be built on maximizing individual liberty while guarding the common good, the society must first be willing to be civil. That is to say the people forming the society must will the good not only for themselves, but also for others to a certain degree. We have to be non-hostile and cooperative in a mutual desire to survive and thrive.

This last week, a very prominent politician commenting on the assaults and protests that have become commonplace among the ruling classes, remarked that we can't have civility when the other side wants to destroy what we value. When we take back the reins of government, the politician stated, then civility can return. That's a politician that believes civility is when their party or interests are in control, rather than a differing point-of-view. Such a politician is like a bully in a schoolyard who, arriving late for the game, will not play a lesser position in the game until the next time "sides" are chosen. Instead, the bully fights for the ball to start his own game in another part of the yard. That one is selfish? Yes. Egotistic? Yes. Civil? No.

Friends, we're left with a very disconcerting thought: are the leaders of our society and culture all adolescents in grown-up suits for Halloween? Or are they simply clueless self-righteous people who somehow have convinced themselves that it's "their way or the highway?" Being that the press narrates the schoolyard struggle for the ball, rather than directing serious questions to serious problems, we are left with chicken...egg...egg...chicken.

Leaders of America, we have a real savior Jesus Christ, we just need you all to work to help us solve the big problems for the benefit of the common good.

Be civil or America is finished, folks.

Fr. Eric.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$3,630.00  
World Mission Sunday Collection \$ 833.00

The **Second** Collection this weekend, **October 27<sup>th</sup>**, and **28<sup>th</sup>**, is the **All Soul's Day Collection**.

The **Second** Collection next weekend, **November 3<sup>rd</sup>** and **4<sup>th</sup>**, will be the **Hurricane Relief Collection**.

## HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

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

## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE



Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
<b>4:00PM</b> D.Gorr A.Banoza	J.Englert	J.Ottinger Deacon Jack
<b>7:00PM</b> A.Muschko L.McGinley	P.McCarty	J.Behum Deacon Jack
<b>8:30AM</b> D.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder	M.Druckenmiller Deacon Jack
<b>10:30AM</b> M.Ritter C.Gair	B.Petro	L.Bolmer Deacon Jack

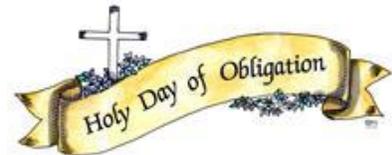
## HURRICANE RELIEF



To aid in the recovery from the recent hurricanes in the Southeastern United States, Bishop Schlert, in union with his brother bishops across America, has authorized a special collection to aid in their long-term recovery. At St. John Fisher, we will be taking up this collection **next weekend, Saturday,**

**November 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**. The funds will be administered by Catholic Charities USA.

If you would like to receive credit for your donation, please put it in a blank envelope with your name on it. Any checks should be made out to **St. John Fisher Church**. Please continue to pray for all those devastated by these and other natural disasters.



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

Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> – 6:00PM

Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – 8:00AM

Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – 12:05PM

## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>

Adoration begins after morning Mass, and continues throughout the day. 7:00PM ~ HOLY HOUR



*"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament."*

St. Padre Pio

## Priesthood Sunday

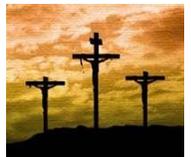
**Today, October 28<sup>th</sup>**, we celebrate Priesthood Appreciation Sunday. This is a special day set aside to honor all priests, but especially, the priest of our parish, Rev. Eric J. Gruber. We also reflect upon the central role of the priesthood in our Catholic Faith.

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.

## BLESSING OF GRAVES

The annual **Blessing of Graves** will be held **next Sunday, November 4<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.



Please remember in your prayers **Dorothy M. (Slanders) Lapsansky**, who passed away and was recently buried. We pray her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

The 40 Days for Life Campaign **will continue to Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**, at the Allentown Planned Parenthood, 29 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street. 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%!

## 2019 MASSES

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.

### Italian Dinner and Bazaar

Ss Simon and Jude Church, 730 W. Broad Street in Bethlehem will hold their Annual Italian Dinner on **Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00pm to 7:00pm**. Their Christmas Bazaar will be held on **Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 2:00pm**.

### St. John the Baptist Church

924 N. Front Street, Allentown

Their **Fall Festival and Tricky Trays** will be held on **Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 11:00am to 6:00pm, with a Polka Mass at 4:00pm, and on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:00am until the drawing at 5:00pm**. They will have ethnic foods and other festival favorites.

**Pray the Rosary**  
**Sundays**  
**8:15AM and 10:15AM**

## ALL SOUL'S DAY



"I would go so far as to say that if there were 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, 2018*

### Mrs. Nothstein's Helping Hands

The Homemade Holiday Sale will be held on **Thursday and Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00am to 8:00pm, and, Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00am to 2:00pm at St. John Fisher's Church Hall**. The sale will include a wide range of unique and homemade items from 39 local crafters. The kitchen will be open with halupkies, turkey BBQ, turkey bowls, hot dogs, halushki, and chicken corn chowder to eat in or take out. In addition, frozen pierogies, halupkies, halushki, kiffles, apple dumplings, cutout cookies, peanut chews, and assorted baked goods will also be available for purchase at the baked goods area. Proceeds benefit local children and their families who are in need. To date over \$60,000.00 has been provided for those needing assistance. **We are accepting baked goods donations on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>**. We hope to see you there! Cash, check, or credit card payments will be accepted.