



## Mass Intentions

**31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**November 2, 2019**

**Saturday– Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> –**

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Lois Meyer (A)  
by Jim and Carmela Meyer

7:00PM – Margaret Lynch (B)  
by Lynch Family

**Sunday – Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> –**

8:30AM – Stephen Burda (A)  
by Family

10:30AM – Peter H. Krall  
by Colleen McCloskey

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

8:00AM – John and Mary Marhefka  
by Jean Marhefka and Family

**Tuesday – Nov 5<sup>th</sup> – St Bertille**

8:00AM – Msgr. Francis C. Revak (A)  
by McCloskey Family

**Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass**

**Wednesday – Nov 6<sup>th</sup> – St Leonard**

6:00PM – Communion Service

**Thursday – Nov 7<sup>th</sup> – St Willibrord**

8:00AM – Communion Service

**Friday – Nov 8<sup>th</sup> – The Four Crowned Martyrs**

8:00AM – Communion Service

**Saturday– Nov 9<sup>th</sup> –**

**The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Thomas and Michael Dopsovic  
by Sister, Agnes Chabak

7:00PM – Christa Van Horn (B)  
by Eileen Henitz

**Sunday – Nov 10<sup>th</sup> –**

8:30AM – Agnes and Homer Collis  
by Family

10:30AM – Thomas Vincent Tomasic

by John and Dorothy Petrella

# PASTOR'S CORNER

## A Mysterious Disease [Part Two]

Within the hour Irene Stufley sat across the kitchen table from her daughter Maureen sipping some late morning coffee. After some small-chat, Irene cut through to the issue, “So, what do you think is going on with Thomas?”

“Mom, I don’t know. ...I mean it’s just harmless curiosity from a ten year old. ...But, I’m scared, Mom, -- he might start asking these kind of questions in school or in front of the wrong people.”

“Honey, I’ve heard that the vaccine doesn’t work on everyone the same. Why don’t we just talk to Dr. Penrose and ask for a booster right away?”

“I’ll call this afternoon, Mom. ...Do you think I need a booster too? ...and the rest of the family as well?”

“Why would *you* need a booster, Mo?”

“Mom, Tommy’s questions about Dad brought up questions in me too.”

“Well, that’s just the power of suggestion, Mo, I’m sure it’s not serious...”

“Maybe you’re right, Mom,” Maureen offered while topping off her coffee, “but something Tommy said really shook me up. It got my mind racing for answers.”

“What did he say?”

“He started talking about how Dad was when Tommy was just three or four years old. Y’know...how Dad was just bottoming out and coming to terms with his alcoholism...the rages, the tantrums, the scary ways he looked at the kids...I thought Tommy had forgotten all of that, but he didn’t...and the day of Dad’s funeral he went up to his room to take a nap, and I heard him crying, so I went in and asked him what had him so upset...he said, ‘I



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

think we need to pray for grandpa, Mom.' I asked him why...his grandpa was in heaven and was perfectly happy...but he said, 'the reading the reader did at the funeral said, 'there were sheep and goats and Jesus said to the goats *out of my sight, go to the place prepared for the devil and his angels* but to the sheep *to heaven*. Was grandpa a sheep or a goat?'"

"And, ...what did you say to that, Mo?"

"Well, I couldn't say anything at first...I mean, I just got hit with a flood of memories about the bad times, the fights he had with you, the way he would chase us kids into our rooms and threaten us to stay in there and be quiet or else...how he would complain about everyone other than himself...how he would curse the church, curse the priests, curse the pope, curse the neighbors, the mayor, the teachers, the union reps, the president, and even God Himself...I mean ...Mom, did he ever really apologize for any of that – even after he sobered up...I mean ...maybe we do have to pray for him, maybe salvation's just not as automatic as we've been led to believe..."

[to be concluded]

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection  
All Saint's Day Collection

\$3,545.00  
\$1,041.00



## SANTA'S WISH-LIST

HO! HO! HO! Christmas has started! We would like to thank **an anonymous neighbor** for their gift of **\$1,500.00**. Any Santa gift made for ongoing renovations of our parish is greatly appreciated!

## Volunteer Needed

We are in need of a volunteer to coordinate our yearly Giving Tree. If you are interested, please call Kim at the rectory, 610-264-1972.



## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
<b>4:00PM</b>	J.Drummer D.Gorr	J. McAllister	Deacon Jack
<b>7:00PM</b>	A.Muschko L.McGinley	J. Englert	Deacon Jack
<b>8:30AM</b>	D.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder	C.Hetzel
<b>10:30AM</b>	C.Gair D.Gair	B.Bozzone	F.Hutterer

## Holy Matrimony

We congratulate **Suzanne Jennifer Lawrence and Danny George Elias** who were married last weekend at St. John Fisher Church. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their married life together.



Flowers were placed on the altar last weekend by the family of **James and Annette Englert** in honor of their **40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary**.

## Mrs. Nothstein's Helping Hands

The **Homemade Holiday Sale** will be held on **Thursday and Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00am to 8:00pm, and Saturday, November 9<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 over 30 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>. Cash, check, or credit cards will be accepted.

## Care Packages for Deployed Military Members

Blue Star Mothers of America, Lehigh Valley Chapter PA 201 is planning to send care packages to deployed military members in a couple of weeks. If you have a military member, email their name and address to Joan Glover at [jglover@ptd.net](mailto:jglover@ptd.net) by **November 11<sup>th</sup>**.



## Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

In the year 313, the Roman Emperor Constantine declared the Edict of Milan, granting religious freedom to Christians. Constantine himself donated the palace of the Lateran, a portion of his wife's dowry, to the Church for its first basilica. The Lateran is the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome, the pope, and, as such, it ranks as the "mother and head of all the churches in the city and the world". From its dedication on November 9<sup>th</sup> in 324, until the 15<sup>th</sup> century, the Lateran was the residence of the popes. The pope celebrates the Holy Thursday evening liturgy at Saint John Lateran, surrounded by towering statues of the twelve Apostles bearing the instruments of their martyrdom. ~ *Magnificat, November, 2019*

### GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS



Please join **Fr. Denis Wilde** at the Prayer Pilgrimage for the unborn, and all those involved in abortion on **Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**. The pilgrimage begins with Mass at 8:00AM at Notre Dame Church, 1861 Catasauqua Road, and continues with The Rosary at the abortion facility located at 31 South Commerce Way.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### St. Mary's Church

122 Union Street, Catty

Their Fall Soup Sale will be held on **Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm to 6:00pm**. All soups are totally homemade from scratch! The choices are: Chicken Noodle, Beef Barley, Roasted Pork (with shredded cabbage & noodles), or Chicken Corn Chowder. The soups are sold in one quart containers only, and are \$9.00 each. Payments and orders are due by **Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like to place an order, please send your order with a contact phone number and payment to the church.

### Good Shepherd Catholic School

They will hold an Early Childhood Open House for children entering pre-school through first grade, on **Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00am to 11:00am in the school gym**. Come and tour the school, ask about their programs, meet the staff and make a craft! For more information, please call the school office at 610-262-9171.

### Our Lady Help of Christians

444 North Jasper Street, Allentown

Their annual Night at the Races will be held on **Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, with doors opening at 5:30pm and the races beginning at 6:30pm**. To just purchase a car is only \$10.00. For a car and dinner is only \$20.00. Call 610-432-9384 for tickets or email [ourladyhlp@aol.com](mailto:ourladyhlp@aol.com). Parking is available in our lot.