



Mass Intentions

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 1, 2016

Saturday – Oct 1st – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Donna L. McNally (B)
by Edie and Scott Stahlnecker
7:00PM – Rosemarie Schmidt (B)
by Family

Sunday – Oct 2nd

8:30AM – William J. Molchany, Sr.
by Choir
10:30AM – Charles “Bud” Hughes
by McCloskey Family

Monday – Oct 3rd – St Gerard of Brogne

8:00AM – Poor Souls in Purgatory
by Family

Tuesday – Oct 4th – St Francis of Assisi

8:00AM – Anna M. Milkovits
by Jill’s Renew Group

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Oct 5th – Bl Francis Xavier Seelos

6:00PM – Rev. William R. Dermott
by Rev. Eric J. Gruber

Thursday – Oct 6th – St Bruno

8:00AM – Francis J. Broderick (B)
by Family

Friday – Oct 7th – Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00AM – Andrew A. Skarbo (A)
by Estate

Sacred Heart Novena after Mass

Saturday – Oct 8th – St Pelagia

8:00AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Antone Zukowski
by Wife, Frances Zukowski
7:00PM – Lawrence and Rosemarie Schmidt (WA)
by Family

Sunday – Oct 9th –

8:30AM – Anto Markic
by Sanela Popovic and Children
10:30AM – Health of Mary Krayneck (L)
by Kathy McCloskey

PASTOR’S CORNER

Lessons from Corinth, PA [Part Three]

Spending a month at Grandma and Grandpa’s farm each summer was a great “school” for my brother Tim and me. But summertime wasn’t the only occasion of our visits there. We often would spend our first long weekend of the school year (Columbus Day) enjoying another visit to the farm. Grandma and Grandpa would welcome us warmly on Friday evening for a great meal and roasted marshmallows around a backyard fire. Then, Saturday (all day) and Sunday (all afternoon – after Church) we would all go to the community park of Corinth for their annual Apple-Pumpkin Festival.

The Festival brought many returnees and alumni of Corinth back for the weekend, and drew a couple-thousand people over its’ two days. There were foods of all sorts, baking competitions, games, activities, rides, and a hayride that went down Main Street across St. Paul’s Road and turned left down the Valley Road to the Brown’s farmstead at the base of Fern Valley. There the hayride proceeded onto the “Brown” road and into the corn maze construed by Felix Brown amidst his cattle-corn fields. It was a different maze each year of lots of crossed paths, winding alleys and dead ends – and it was my favorite thing to do there each Fall.

In fact, one year I had entered the maze (spread over 6 acres) four times during the day hoping to find the several treasures that were hidden within, and found seven of the eleven for one of the “Hunts through the Maze” and three out of twelve for another. But that year was also the last year I ran the maze. That Saturday night was the last time.

October evenings come damply and quickly in Fern Valley which enjoys its’ share of mountain shadows and fog. That night, my brother and I took to the maze again; once a hundred steps in we hesitated for our eyes to adjust to the darkness and starlight, then we ran on into the turns and twists we had “practiced” during the day runs. It was a chilly night and wisps of fog were already floating over the field, occasionally graying out the stars. In my fertile imagination I conjured dragons and warriors, knights and giants from the fog figures and the darkness of the center of the maze began to chill me more. It was then, of course, that my brother pointed toward something ahead in our path and quickly dashed away from me leaving me quite alone with my foggy

companions – I tried to catch up, but for some reason surrendered to the moment as if to a duel.

Was there really something in the path ahead? The fog figures seemed to grow closer and more numerous. It felt as if they were watching me and crowding me out. I defied my brother shouting, “I’ll get you Tim! Wait ‘til I see you later!” My voice seemed to die on the night air. I shook myself and concentrated on the path ahead. The fog lowered. A crisp snap of corn stalk startled me out of my fogginess. Was it behind me? In front of me? Another snap. In front of me. Coming toward me? Crossing my path? Snap. No, coming toward me. Getting closer. My heart raced and ran ahead of me to my grandparents’ house. I moved slowly and quietly. The fog seemed to lessen ahead of me. I could see nothing ahead but the corn maze. Snap! – right behind me. I yelled, “Ahhhhh!” And I ran as fast as I could through the shifting fog and maze. I came barreling out of the maze exit only to see my grandparents and Tim waiting there for me. My Grandma said, “There you are Ned. Did you have fun?” I pushed my brother, “Lots of fun, Grandma, until my brother abandoned me.” “I was just playing with you,” my brother acquitted himself. “Not funny, Dufus,” I said, “there was something out there in the maze. ...was that you Tim?” Tim looked down at me quizzically, “No, kid. Not me. ...what do you mean?” “I don’t know,” I said. Grandma said, “You were scared, Ned, weren’t you?” I nodded. “Well, then,” she added, “you did the right thing. First you got scared, then you faced your fear by growing some courage.” “Is that what I did, Grandma?” “Yes, courage is what grows while we are still very much afraid. In fact, Ned, you are braver now than you’ve ever been before.” I was ready to pass out.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

ADORATION begins after morning Mass, and continues throughout the day.

7:00PM ~ HOLY HOUR



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



NEXT WEEK’S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	L.Ruda N.Ruda	J. McAllister	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	A.Urban A.Muschko	P.McCarty	Deacon Jack
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	J.Strohl	J.Druckenmiller
10:30AM	C.Ritter M.Ritter	K.McCloskey	C.Reily

An Evening of Dipping and Sipping

Join us for a night of tasting of dips, appetizers, desserts, and slushies, with or without alcohol, provided by Artists at Heart on **Friday, November 4th, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm in the Church hall.** Bring a friend, male or female, for this church fundraiser. After the tastings you will have the opportunity to purchase products for your holiday gatherings. **Cost for the event is \$5.00 and registration is necessary and due via the collection basket by Sunday, October 23rd.** Any questions contact Mary Beth McGinley at 610-264-4494, Peggy McCarty at 610-264-0307, or Fred Hutterer at 610-264-1439. **Must be 21 years of age or older.**

NAME: _____ #ADULTS: _____

PHONE: _____ TOTAL \$ _____

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$3,704.50

The Second Collection **this weekend, October 1st and 2nd,** is our annual **Cemetery Collection.**



Please remember in your prayers **Helen Stubits** who passed away this past week. May her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



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

2017 MASS BOOK HAS ARRIVED



If you are in need of a special date for 2016, 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.

Healing Mass

On **Wednesday, October 5th at 6:30pm** there will be a Mass of Healing for those individuals who have experienced trauma. All are invited to join in prayer at this Mass with **Bishop John O. Barres as Celebrant** and **Msgr. Walter Scheaffer as homilist** at the **Annunciation of Mary Parish (St. Mary's)**, 122 W. Union Street, Catty. Following Mass there will be a Holy Hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity for confession. The evening will conclude with Benediction at 8:30pm.

40 Days For Life

The 40 Days for Life Campaign started on **Wednesday, September 28th** and will continue to **Sunday, November 6th**, at the abortion facility at 31 S. Commerce Way in Bethlehem. You can pray for one hour, **from 8:00am 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 Theresa, 610-704-6935.

C.C.D. Prayer Sponsor

The theme for our CCD Program is: "Prayer - Faith Prayed". This year I would like our students to have more involvement with our parish family. Keeping this in mind and our theme "Prayer", I came up with Prayer Sponsors. If any parishioner would like to become a Prayer Sponsor to a class in our program, all that is required would be to pray for that class and that class would pray for you and your family. If at any time you would like to visit the class you are praying for, let me know which Sunday you would like to visit. Our grades are Kindergarten up to and including Eighth Grade. Third Grade is the Communion class and Eighth Grade is the Confirmation class. Thank you for considering and supporting our CCD program on this new prayer journey. Call me at 610-264-5038, if you are interested in becoming a prayer sponsor or for more information.

Mrs. Regina Marhefka, D.R.E.

BAPTISM



We welcome **Alonzo Anthony Cabrejos**, son of Alvaro Anthony and Nicole Marie (Accidio) Cabrejos, who was baptized last week, and is the newest member of our family of God at St John Fisher Parish.

CYO Winter Sports Signups:

Boys and Girls Basketball and Girls Cheerleading signups will take place on **Thursday, October 6th**, **Wednesday, October 12th**, and **Monday, October 17th**, **from 6:00pm to 7:30pm** at the Good Shepherd Gym. Basketball is from Instructional Bidy to High School, and Cheerleading is from K to 4th Grade. CYO is for all children in our parishes. Contact: Dave Sweetana at 610-502-1950 or sweetana98@gmail.com.