

MASS INTENTIONS FOR ... Oct. 11, 2009 THROUGH Oct. 18, 2009...

- Sunday, Oct. 11:** **Twenty- Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00AM MARY MOTCHENBAUGH (Tom & Family)
10:00AM EUGENE KRUG (Melissa & Leona Langendorfer)
- Monday, Oct. 12:** **Weekday**
7:30AM JOE KRISE (St. Michael's Home-School Assoc.)
- Tuesday, Oct. 13:** **Weekday**
7:30AM SOULS IN PURGATORY (Dan & Judy Monahan)
- Wednesday, Oct. 14:** **Weekday**
7:30AM TOM & BUD ZABROSKY (Family)
- Thursday, Oct. 15:** **Teresa of Jesus, virgin & doctor**
7:30AM MARY SOISSON (Hrzic's & Templon's)
CHAPEL HOUSE **6:00 PM SAM & ANNA LEE & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY (Adam & Margaret)**
(Adoration from 4-6 pm., and following Mass, until 8 p.m.)
- Friday, Oct. 16:** **Weekday**
7:30AM PUTTSIE YAHNER (Toots Volk)
- Saturday, Oct. 17:** **Ignatius of Antioch, bishop & martyr /Vigil: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00AM PARISHIONERS
4:00 PM DONALD HERSCHEL (Mark Yahner Family)
- Sunday, Oct. 18:** **Twenty- Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00AM JULIE McELHENY (Peggy Petrovich)
10:00AM HARVEY & CAROLINE BYRNE & DECEASED MEMBERS OF FAMILY (Pauline Byrne)

FR. JOHN DOYLE'S FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF LORETTO ON JUNE 1, 1910 [Pt. II] "Turning west, we drove under a viaduct of the railroad (Hoguetown) and shortly the road turned to the right, leading along fields already heavy with the harvests (haying & planting) and skirting groves of pine and hemlock interspersed with maple and shut in by thickets of thorn bushes. Alongside of the road a brood (baby hatchlings) sang its matins, and everywhere the birds made the morning resonant with their songs. Then we entered a woods. It was glorious! A tunnel of variegated green, through which the rays of the morning sun gleamed as arrows of gold, winding its way and giving a new vista of loveliness at each turn. The air was like wine, and in the brightness of the morning I left behind me the recollection of the stuffy train and the discomfort of the night. Again the road turned towards the west, and we espied the ruddy tower of a church, blushing in the morning light. The driver told me that it was the church of St. Michael, the parish church of Loretto. I marveled at its beauty, and found that it was the gift of Mr. And Mrs. Charles M. Schwab. The chimes began to ring out their morning salutation and we said the 'Angelus.' Driving through the rather narrow village street, bordered with trees, and lined with homes, of which the pious were issuing to take their way to morning Mass, we came to the lane leading to the College, which I could dimly perceive across the valley. I had come to Loretto, the once famous center of Catholic culture in western Pennsylvania. Somehow I felt at home. The site was typical of the tertiary Franciscans, who wish to leave the world, and under the essential vows, to follow in the footsteps of their Seraphic Father. In front of the monastery, shut in by its grove of trees, and separated from it by a pailing fence, was an apple orchard of about a hundred trees. Despite the seeming age of the buildings (Old Main) and perhaps a touch of human negligence in their upkeep, the site of St. Francis Monastery was a center of Christian culture and natural beauty." F.I.S.

Next School Council Meeting is scheduled for Oct. 26, 2009 at 6:30PM in the Basilica Hall.

Next Maintenance Committee Meeting is scheduled for Oct. 25, 2009 at 11:00AM in the Rectory.

Next Pastoral Council Meeting is scheduled for Oct. 22, 2009 at 6:30PM in the Rectory.

Next Finance Council Meeting is scheduled for Dec. 15, 2009 at 6:30PM in the Rectory.

Knights of Columbus HOAGIE SALE –18" Italian style or Turkey \$7.00, to be delivered on Saturday, **Oct. 17th**. Please respond by **Oct. 12th** by calling Adam Lee 472-7483, Jerome Smith 344-8269, or Dick Mullen 471-2894. Anyone wishing to help make or deliver hoagies is more than welcome to help. They begin at 5AM Saturday. All help is greatly appreciated.

The Basilica community is presenting a CANDLELIGHT SAINTS TOUR and WE NEED YOUR HELP! We are currently in need of actors ("saints"), tour guides, runners, decorators, parking attendants, pumpkin carvers, people to help with food preparation and sales, sponsors --- if you are willing, we can find a way for you to help! If you can volunteer any evening during the weekend of the tour (Oct 30 – Nov 1) or can help with prep work in the weeks before, please call Christine White (Ann Sutton's daughter) at 472-5490. Let's make this a true parish event!

Come and join the fun at the 10th annual Queen of Peace **basket social** in the Patton Parish Center, Sunday October 11th. Doors open at 1:00 pm. Auction starts promptly at 2:00pm. The afternoon will feature a complimentary dessert bar, door prizes, special drawings and a wide array of baskets for bid. The baskets will also be displayed for bid after the weekend masses October 10th and 11th.

St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Ashville is having a Spaghetti Dinner on October 25th from 11:00-1:00 in our church basement. Takeouts Available. Adults \$5.00 and Kids 5-12 \$3.00.

SCHOOL NEWS:

- ❖ We are fortunate to have five Franciscan postulants working with the faculty as co-teachers and/or aides this year. The students are benefiting from their expertise and presence in the school and classroom. We welcome Brothers Jared Weaver, Brian Cerio, Rich Fornwalt, Nate Meckey and Rick Boland to Saint Michael's and thank Father Shawn Roberson, director of postulants, for encouraging their participation in this ministry.
- ❖ The Reading Competition Teams have been reading the required books in preparation and anticipation of the Interscholastic Reading Competition. We are grateful that Dr. Bentivegna and Mrs. Toth are once again on board to coach the teams. The Interscholastic Reading Competitions will take place on November 17th (Mid/Jr. High) and 19th (Elementary).
- ❖ Haluski will be made for the Arts & Crafts Show & Sale on Thursday, October 15th, at 6:00 PM in the school hall. Many hands make light work so WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please respond generously with your time.
- ❖ There will be NO SCHOOL on Friday, October 16th (Elementary Teacher Workshop at Our Lady of Loretto Community Hall).
- ❖ The Arts & Crafts Show will take place on October 17th and 18th from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. As always, this promises to be a great event! Plan to attend and to help.

EITC Tax Credit Reductions Pending: The PA House of Representatives passed HB15311 last weekend calling for \$16.5 million in reductions to the tax credit program that local businesses access to provide tuition assistance to students of our Catholic schools. The Diocese's Second Century fund awarded close to 900 scholarships in the current school year through the EITC program. Please contact your state representative and state senator to keep funding for this innovative program intact. Besides the phone book, you can contact them via the internet. Go to www.PASchoolChoice.org to "Contact Your legislator" or go the official web site of the PA General Assembly at www.legis.state.pa.us (enter your zip code at top right).

The Altoona-Johnstown Curia of the Legion of Mary cordially invites you to attend our annual **Rosary Rally** which will be held this year at Holy Name Church, 500 North Julian Street, Ebensburg, PA on Sunday, October 11, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. The theme for 2009 is: LET US PRAY THE ROSARY IN OUR TROUBLED WORLD. The Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary will be depicted in a living tableau by children from area parishes. We are looking forward to seeing you during this annual celebration in honor of Our Blessed Mother.

St. Joseph Church at 509 Caldwell Ave., Portage will hold a **Turkey & Waffle Dinner** on Sunday, October 18th, 2009 in the Church Hall from 11 AM ~ 2 PM. Menu: Turkey & Waffles w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Dessert, Coffee & Punch. Adults \$7, 6-12 years old \$3, 5 years and under 1 are free. All are cordially invited to attend.

Birthright of Johnstown's **Annual Autumn Auction** will be held on Sunday October, 11, 2009 @ St. Andrew's Church. Doors open @ 11:30 - live auction @ 1PM. Please come out for some: delicious food, bake sale and some great auction items including a real AKC registered Lhaso Apso puppy! We'll also feature some great Capodimonte pieces, Lennox items. Jacqueline Kennedy necklace, signed Steeler football, brand new golf clubs & bag and lots more for everyone's favorite auctioneer, Dale Mishler to get the bidding started! All proceeds benefit Birthright of Johnstown. Admission is free and open to the public. Bring your friends and join us for some fun that will help keep our Birthright of Johnstown's services available as an alternative to abortion

The **28th Annual Harvest Craft Fair**, sponsored by the Cresson Volunteer Fire Company will be held Saturday, Oct 24th & Sunday, Oct 25th, 2009 From 10:00A.M. till 4:00 P.M. at the Cresson Fire Hall on Ashcroft Avenue. Over 80 Tables full of handcrafted items for sale. Come Inside & Browse. Proceeds benefit the Cresson Fire Company.

Gamma Sigma Sigma, the SFU's service sorority, will be hosting a "**Trick-or-Treating for Canned Goods**" to support the Dorothy Day Center on campus, which is an organization that serves poor residents in the local community. The sorority will be collecting canned goods in the Ebensburg, Loretto, and Cresson areas. Canned goods can be dropped off at the Dorothy Day Center on campus or a request to have the food picked up directly from your home can also be made by contacting Audrey Jamiolkowski at aejst5@mail.francis.edu or by calling 814-472-3568. The pick-up date for canned goods will be on October 17th. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated.

St. Matthew School in Tyrone, PA is sponsoring a **Fall Craft Fair** of Homemade Items. The date is Saturday, November 7, 2009 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in the St. Matthew's Church Hall. Tables are available at a cost of \$20.00. Any crafter who would like to learn more about the Craft Fair is encouraged to contact Debbie Zakrzwski at (814) 632-3070 or at dzakrzwski@aol.com. Homemade soups, haluski, potato salad, baked items, and sandwiches will also be available to eat in or take out.

MILITARY MAIL...It's time again to remember our military during the Christmas season. Please send a card with a little message written in it and write YOUR ADDRESS on the BACK of the card. NO ENVELOPES ARE NECESSARY. For your convenience, boxes are at the all the entrances of the church. Please bundle all your cards with a rubber band. Any individual signing 25 cards and any school, group, organization, etc, signing 100 cards will receive a certificate. Send a Christmas greeting to our military.....it's the LEAST we can do. Blank cards (due by NOV 1st) will be accepted so we can pass them out to our school students. ALL signed cards are due no later than NOV 22. Monetary donations (made out to Altar/Rosary-Military Mail Fund) can be placed in the collection basket. Last year we were able to send out over 20,000 cards. THANK YOU for your wonderful support and please help us remember our military again this Christmas season.

PRISON CHRISTIAN GROWTH GROUP: A Catholic Ministry Sharing Christ with the Incarcerated, invites you to an orientation -Thursday October 29, 2009 ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CULTURAL CENTER 7:00PM, Johnstown, PA in order to Form Teams to Visit Inmates at Somerset, Laurel Highlands and Cresson State Correctional Institutions. A GROUP OF CATHOLIC MEN AND WOMEN HAVE BEEN VISITING PRISONS SINCE 1986 and will tell you WHY, WHEN, AND HOW. In order to continue this vital ministry at Somerset, Laurel Highlands, and Cresson State Correctional Institutions, volunteers willing to give just a few hours a month are needed. Is the Lord calling you to share your faith with those in prison? Want to find out more? Come to the orientation. Refreshments Following. Note: For more information please call Chris Maurer at 1-800-322-1924 or Eileen Bohensky at 814-893-5702.

Catholic Charities wishes to thank everyone who generously contributed to our recent Emergency Appeal. Since August 2009, we have received more than \$38,500 in donations. St. Michael Basilica members donated \$826.00. Please be assured that donations from the Emergency Appeal were **NOT** used to fund any personnel or administrative expenses. Without your help, we would not have been able to respond to the dramatic increase in requests for assistance with food, shelter, utilities, medications, and other basic needs. Thank you for making it possible for us to *provide help* and *create hope* in the lives of our most vulnerable brothers and sisters during these most challenging times. God bless.

The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Music Ministry is sponsoring a series of **four organ recitals** this fall celebrating the bicentennial year of the birth of the composer Felix Mendelssohn-Banhöly. The recitals will feature the complete Six Organ Sonatas of Mendelssohn, as well as various other organ works showcasing the Cathedral's historic 1931 Steinmeyer organ. All concerts will be held at 7:00 PM at the Altoona Cathedral, and are free and open to the public. The performers are:

Sunday, October 18: Nicholas Will, Director of Music and Organist of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, October 25: James Dengler, Organist & Choirmaster of St Luke Episcopal Church, Altoona

Sunday, November 8: Jon Tyillian, Assistant Director of Music of East Liberty Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh

Sunday, November 15: Kevin Clemens, Director of Music of St. John the Evangelist Church, Severna Park, MD

Find out "What a Wonderful World" it is at **Fall Homecoming**, November 6-8! Visit at www.francis.edu/FallHomecoming2009.htm * To register for the weekend's activities; * To sign up for special lunch and football packages; * To view the schedule of events; and * To find about our SFU room block at the Comfort Inn - Ebensburg (hurry--Offer ends October 15). Register for Fall Homecoming by Monday, November 2, to be entered into a drawing to win a \$50 Saint Francis University Bookstore Gift Card. Questions? Email sfu-alumni-office@mail.francis.edu or call 814-472-3015.

IMPORTANT NOTICE – The Rectory Office will be closed Monday Oct. 12. A message can be left on the phone if there is an emergency.

PRAYER LIST:

Jay Foor, Barb Bender, Heather Swope, Ron Noll, Glenn Gleason, Jim Phister, Mae Karabinos, Josephine Weiland, Helen Biller, Joe Venesky, Scott Ruffing, Ellen Strohmier, Emma Miller, Charles Wilkinson, Regina Segada, Betty Rueppel, Jim Noll, Joe Bentivegna, Paul Brannigan, Maggie Biter, Bill Reed, For the

family of Traci Carothers, Ed McMullen, Jim Smith and his family, Jacob Burd, Thomas Gerald Risban,
Gregory Aviles, for the intentions of the Alumni Circle of Prayer, and for our Military.

Altar Server Schedule

Oct. 12-Oct .18

7:30-8am Elizabeth/Maddie Phister

4pm Lindsay/Candace Miller

8am Chelsey Butterbaugh/Crystal Smith

10am Pat Smith/Mike Eckenrode

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION WAS... \$5,387.00

Matthew 19:27-29 -"Peter answered him, 'We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?' Jesus said to them, 'I tell you the truth, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life.' "

The Sunday Scriptures for Sunday, Oct. 18, 2009 are as follows: **First Reading:** Isaiah 53:10-11 (146B) **Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 33: 4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 **Second Reading:** Hebrews 4: 14-16 **Gospel:** Mark 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Liturgical Reflection... The Sacrament of Baptism may occasionally be celebrated during Mass on Sunday so that the entire community may be present and the relationship between Baptism and Eucharist may be clearly seen. Music particular to the Rite of Baptism is included in the celebration. The singing of the Litany of the Saints accompanies the procession to the baptismal font. An acclamation may be sung following the Profession of Faith. And singing a short acclamation after the infant is baptized is appropriate.

Sing to the Lord Music in Divine Worship, Numbers 211 and 212

2009, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 124 Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Oct 11)

Today's readings remind us that God is the origin of life itself. Thank Him throughout your life by serving others with your time, talent, and treasure.

Foundation Notes...

By contributing to a parish endowment, you can provide tax benefits to yourself as well as significantly assist a parish. First, your gift will help provide a permanent source of income for a parish that will be used for a purpose designated in an endowment agreement. Second, you will have the satisfaction of knowing you made a lasting gift. If you would like to contribute to an existing parish endowment or inquire about creating one for a parish, contact the Foundation for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown at 814-696-9514 or visit its website at www.fdtndioceseaj.org.