

Week of: October 14, 2018

YOUTH, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



✠✠ PASTOR'S CORNER

Your cards and pastries were well appreciated on my birthday. I will think of you often as I work out on my treadmill.

Tuesday October 16th is the memorial of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque who popularized devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Each generation tries in its own way to express the mercy of God. May we understand that there is no way to remove ourselves from the grace of God.



MEDITATION

How Baffling you are, Oh Church, and yet how I love you.
How you have made me suffer and yet how much I owe you.
I should like to see you destroyed, and yet I need your presence.
You have given me so much scandal and yet you have made me understand sanctity.
I have seen nothing in the world more devoted to obscurity; more compromised, more false, and I have touched nothing more pure, more generous, more beautiful.
How often I have wanted to shut the doors of my soul in your face, and how often I have prayed to die in the safety of your arms.
No, I cannot free myself from you because I am you, although not completely.
Besides, where else could I go?

"The God Who Comes" - Carlo Carretto

Sunday October 14th

PREP is now in our 4th week for our youth in Kindergarten to 8th grade. The new time for PREP is 9:00am - 10:00am, at the St. Lawrence PREP Center. Thank you to all our parents for keeping the parking lot a safe zone by entering from Winthrop Street and exiting onto Kane Street.

Thank You 8th Grade PREP – thank you to those in 8th grade class that could help at the St. Lawrence PAC Pancake Breakfast, your energy and support were greatly needed, you did a beautiful service to the St. Lawrence Parish by helping with this fund raiser. Thank you to Mr. Greg Deck for letting some of the youth stay and help during PREP Class.

Kindergarten – Our PREP Kindergarten Class is full, we are not able to take anymore registrations for this class at this time. If anything should change, I will post in the parish bulletin.

Parent Sacrament Meeting October 21st

This is for families with children in the 2nd and 8th grade class. There is an information meeting scheduled for Sunday, **October 21st at 9:15am** in the St. Lawrence Church Hall. There will also be Coffee Fellowship that day, which you are invited to participate in. Youth in 2nd and 8th grade will have PREP class.

The PREP Registration form needs to be updated in 2018. We are asking all families to submit a new form this year. Also, please include the book fee when submitting the completed Registration Form. Families, please include child's name, grade, birthdate, and place of baptism. If you need a form, they can be found in the kitchen of the PREP Center. **TO STAY SAFE**-Registration needs to be completed before taking child to class any Sunday.

Making Your 1st Penance / 1st Holy Communion / Confirmation 2018-19 Please provide a baptism certificate at the time of registration, if not baptized at St. Boniface or St. Lawrence Parish.

Parish Membership – Please make sure your family is on the parish books as a parish member before your child attends Sacrament Preparation Classes. You know you are a parish member, if you are receiving the parish giving envelopes.

NO PREP CLASS Sunday October 28, 2018

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PREP QUESTIONS / CONCERNS – contact

Dianne Fisher, Director of Religion

570-322-3278 or actsofffaith@yahoo.com

PARISH NOTES

Our Weekly Collections

October 6th & 7th

St. Boniface

Weekly Collection: \$ 6,778.35

St. Lawrence

Weekly Collection: \$ 4,009.00

The people of the Carolinas are grateful to you for contributing a total of \$2,578.50 to Catholic Charities for the relief effort after Hurricane Florence.

St. Lawrence Parish Council Minutes

Council met on September 25th. Attending: Fr. Bill, Chris Kriner, Sally Hilsher, Mary McCormick, Jim Noviello, Dianne Fisher, Tina Pulver, Bruce Loner, Diane Cupp, and Janey Karney. Absent: Jack Peck. Fr. Bill opened the meeting with prayer. Parish Activities Committee reminders: Pancake Breakfast, October 7th, Mummies Parade Concession stand, the committee is also collecting recipes for the Cookbook scheduled to be ready to sell for Christmas. A review of the St. Lawrence/St. Boniface Bereavement Committee's guidelines for providing bereavement services for parishioners and non-parishioners. It was decided the Bereavement Committee's current guidelines are sufficient. The hard work, limited manpower, and important service function the committee provides was taken into account. The hall rental is still available for non-parishioners wanting to hold bereavement functions on their own. Anyone wanting to rent the hall should contact the parish office. A review of recent Mass counts and collection funds was discussed and will continue to gather and review the information to be able to make the appropriate conclusions and recommendations. Fr. Bill began to discuss with the committee St. Lawrence revitalization and what unique characteristics of St. Lawrence is and how can we build on those. What social events can we offer to attract parishioners to the church, and what ideas could we develop to approach in-active parishioners to bring them back to our church community. Next meeting is scheduled for **October 23rd, 6:30pm in St. Lawrence Parish Hall.**

Extraordinary Ministers Needed

We have had some wonderful volunteers who have retired after years of service. We could use new blood to distribute Holy Communion at Masses. Interested? Contact Marie Stewart msmith@pct.edu or the parish office. We will train you. Maybe some who serve in another role may want to rotate to this ministry.

Coffee Fellowship – Please Join Us!

Coffee Fellowship will meet on the 3rd Sunday, October 21st after the 8:00am Mass. Please see the sign-up sheet if you can bring a pastry. This is offered after the Sunday 8:00am Mass in the Church Hall the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month, unless notice is given ahead for a change. The sign-up poster is in place in the church vestibule, please mark what you can bring for refreshments, we will make the coffee and offer juice.

Calling All Mission Voices!

Next Sunday, **October 21st**, is **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**, we are called to be part of the Church's missionary efforts, supporting mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who provide loving service to those most in need.

As Catholics around the world — *here at home and in the Missions* — gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, let us...

PRAY for the Church's worldwide missionary work and OFFER financial Help through The Society for the Propagation of the Faith for vulnerable communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.

St. Lawrence Parish Activity Committee hosted their Pancake Breakfast last Sunday. The volunteers were many, our youth from the 8th grade class assisted all morning, our parishioners, neighbors, friends & pastors supported us. Thank you everyone for helping! The Goal of our PAC is to oversee parish fundraising and fellowship activities. Every parishioner is a member and welcomed to attend any meeting or volunteer at any event. This is a great aspect of community in our parish. Our PAC concept encourages each and every member to be involved. It is heartening at big events to see people from our parishes working together for a common goal thank you everyone!

ADULT EDUCATION

SUNDAY, Oct. 14th 9:10-10am - The Holy Land: a concise political update;

SUNDAY Nov. 11th 9:10-10am - Married Priests: fact & fiction;

SUNDAY Dec. 16th 9:10-10am - Islam #101.

Each session will begin with a presentation of 20 minutes. The balance will be dedicated to your questions. Note that all of these are during PREP. The location will be at St. Lawrence Hall.

***Our prayers** are offered to the family of Harry "Skip" Boring, who passed away on October 4, 2018.*

HAPPENINGS



XLT (Exalt!), will be held Monday, October 15th from 6:30-8:30p.m.

St. Boniface Parish, 326 Washington Boulevard, Williamsport. This Youth event, co-sponsored by the Diocese, for high schoolers and young adults, will consist of Eucharistic Adoration, praise & worship music, a dynamic talk by a young professional woman, the opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation, and a social.

All are welcome to attend! For more information, please call 570-780-2996.

St. John Neumann Regional Academy to Hold Annual Basket Bonanza

St. John Neumann Regional Academy is sponsoring their Annual Basket Bonanza on **Friday, November 2nd at the St. John Neumann High School Campus Gym, 901 Penn Street, Williamsport.** Doors will open at 5pm. The drawing will start at 7:15pm. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. This Chinese-style auction will feature more than 60 baskets, worth at least \$25 each, and 30 or more specialty MEGA baskets, each worth at least \$125. Advance tickets will be available on the Preview Nights, Wednesday, October 31st from 4-6pm & Thursday, November 1st from 6-8pm. Advance tickets are also available at either SJN campus. All proceeds benefit the students of St. John Neumann Regional Academy.

Youth Ministry - SAVE THE DATE: November 4th at 5:30pm

Several people have voiced an interest in organizing extra activities for our parishioners aged 14-18 years (high school). Alisan & Jesse Martin will be available after all masses to discuss ideas with interested students and adults on **October 13th and 14th**. Let's brainstorm together! **SAVE THE DATE:** Kick-off event **November 4th, 2018 at 5:30pm** for at St. Boniface Church. Details to follow. Contact jesse.and.alisan@gmail.com.

Youth Basketball League: The Bower Sunday School Basketball League

John Bower Basketball Applications are now being accepted for the upcoming season. Applications can be found in the foyer. For more information, Contact Thomas Reid at 570-979-6832 or at treid6@comcast.net.

Make A Wish Benefit

Please join us for *Boo To You...*A Disney Halloween Musical Revue to benefit Make A Wish. This event is directed by Contemporary Choir Member Zoe Wagner and consists of a children's choir and 16 other local high schoolers, including our, Zola Daverio. This family friendly event is on **Saturday, October 27th at 7pm** with doors opening at 6:15pm for a **Disney character meet and greet and trunk or treat**. It is being held at Williamsport Area Middle School. There will also be a raffle for various prizes. The event is free of charge but donations will be gratefully accepted at the door. Hope to see you there!

Making Updates to Parish Registration

Would you like to update your family information for our church records? Have you moved? Did you get married? Did you have a baby? Please let us know! If you are *not* receiving weekly contribution envelopes and would like to begin receiving them again, please contact the parish office, so we can update your registration.

HAPPENINGS

ALL SOULS DAY Friday November 2nd

The emotions and memories captured in this day draws everyone to prayer. To commemorate your loss of family and friends in a special way, we also will be offering 7am Mass at St. Lawrence. That evening we will also celebrate a moving *Requiem Mass of Gabriel Faure* (Mass for the Dead) at 6:30pm in the church. It will involve members of the Williamsport Symphony directed by our own Dr. Gary Boerckel. We expect a unique prayerful experience that you shouldn't miss.

October is Respect Life Month!

Each week, the Diocese of Scranton will be highlighting a social justice issue that relates to the protection of human life. We hope that you will find these resources helpful as we explore ways to advocate for the dignity of the human person, from conception until natural death.

Senior CARE Team Needs Volunteers!

We are looking for some new volunteers to become part of our team. We need individuals who are available during the day to visit with our seniors in their homes. We are also looking for people to bring Communion to home bound individuals in both parishes on weekdays or weekends. If you have never been a Eucharistic Minister, we can train you. If you are currently a Eucharistic Minister trained for Mass, the hospital, or nursing care facilities, and would like to help, please contact the rectory or Karen Balestino at 570-327-1147.

Senior CARE Team Educational Opportunity

We are hosting an information seminar for seniors 60+ as well as adult children and/or caregivers of aging loved ones at St. Lawrence Hall on **Sunday, Nov. 4th at 1:00pm**. The hour-long seminar will cover senior living options such as independent living, assisted living, memory care, home health, and skilled nursing, along with potential challenges and funding sources.

South Williamsport Mummers Parade

St. Lawrence Parish Activity Committee will be hosting a food table at the South Williamsport Mummers Parade, Saturday **October 20th**, your help is needed. Please bake cookies, brownies, baked goods and package for sale. Bag treats are needed to sell that day. If you can't bake, we will take a donation to purchase meat (hamburger & hot dogs). There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the church for your use. You can bring your packaged items to the St. Lawrence Church Hall on Saturday morning the 20th.

Parish Cookbook Deadline Approaching

Our Fundraiser & family keepsake is alive and well! Thank you for those recipes and please keep placing them in the box in the back of the church. You will have up to Sunday **October 14th** to get your recipes to us. We will need your name and phone number on your recipe in case we have questions. Our book categories are: Appetizers, Relishes, Salsa, Soups & Salads, Side Dishes, Main Dish, Casserole, Desserts, This & That. We did the photo shoot this past Sunday for some memorable pictures to be placed in the St. Lawrence Parish Cookbook. These activities only work with your help, money raised is given to the church toward Parish bills. If you have questions, contact a Parish Activity Committee Member or Dianne Fisher 570-322-3278.

Join in a Book Study

...of The Name of God is Mercy, written by Pope Francis and Andrea Tornielli. The group will meet Wednesdays in **October (10/17)**, with the fourth Wednesday (**10/24**) a joint service of worship, **Fr. Bill will be participating in this prayer**. The sessions will take place from 7-8pm in Fellowship Hall at St. Mark's Lutheran Church 142 Market Street, 570-323-4619. Copies of the book will be available at the first session for \$10/each or may be purchased independently.

Women's Prayer Breakfast

St. Joseph the Worker will be holding a Women's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, November 3rd 8:30am. Starting with Holy Mass, breakfast, speaker from the Capuchin Sisters. Adults \$15; Youth \$10. Call 570-323-9456 by Oct. 29th.

October Food Pantry

St. Joseph the Worker Food Pantry is asking for donations of **Cans of Soup**. St. Lawrence Parish will also be helping to collect food for Messiah Lutheran Church Food Pantry. Thank you to those that continue to help fill the food boxes for this outreach parish ministry. Contact your Parish Council if you have questions or suggestions on this ministry.

Eucharistic Celebrations

Monday 10/15

SL-7:00 am.

In Memory of Pat O'Donnell

by Jon Hasselman & Family

Tuesday 10/16

SL-7:00 a.m.

In Memory of Jim Lane

by Dan & Judy Campion

Wednesday 10/17

SL-7:00 a.m.

In Memory of Evelyn Eiswerth

by The Wheelers

SB-8:00 a.m.

In Memory of Mike Kawa

by Ann Kawa & Family

SB-10:00 am **SJNRA** Mass

Thursday 10/18

SB-8:00 a.m.

In Memory of Evelyn & Jim Eiswerth

by Elaine & Keith Harvey

Friday 10/19

SB-8:00 a.m.

In Memory of Kathleen Thomas

by Nora Reidy

Saturday 10/20

SB-4:00 p.m.

In Memory of Deceased Members of the Enigk Family

by Family

SL-5:30 p.m.

In Memory of Deceased Members of the Carl & Ann Stopper Family

by Family

Sunday 10/21

SL-8:00 a.m.

In Memory of James Lane

By Hilsher Family

SB-10:30 a.m.

In Memory of Tommy Engel

by Jennifer & Emily

*St. Boniface Baptism October 21st
Howe Family*

Ministry Schedule

October 20th & October 21th

Altar Servers

SB 4:00 p.m. – Joey Hamm, Landon Stetts

SL 5:30 p.m. – Avery Masters

SL 8:00 a.m. – Ava & Grace Persun

SB 10:30 a.m. – Sam Radulski, Anna Prichard

Eucharistic Ministers

SB 4:00 p.m. – Mike Plechniak, Lisa Edkin, Sally Dandini, Anita Beiter, Mary Troisi

SL 5:30 p.m. – Marti Bryant, Kelly Wrightson, Megan Kinney

SL 8:00 a.m. – Tom Hart, Bruce Loner, Elaine Perry

SB 10:30 a.m. – George Dincher, Cindy Furey, Carol Konkle, Jon Neylon, Eileen Endresen, Ken Danielsen, Susan VanFleet

Commentator / Lector

SB 4:00 p.m. – Lisa Edkin, Rebecca Knight

SL 5:30 p.m. – Alfred Moore

SL 8:00 a.m. – Bruce Loner

SB 10:30 a.m. – Jackie Feig, Kathy Pagana

Prayer List

*Donald E Fischer, Gregg E Fischer, Rick Livermore, Martha Lundy, Mary Williams, Phil Thomas, Tom O'Neill, Tillie Matlock, Debbie Johnson-Roig, Callie Cavanaugh Family, Carson Keiser Jr, Kathy Richardson, Nancy Brewer, Cynthia Washleski, Jennie Samar, Dr. Albert Liddell, Adina Cashera, Jim Lane Family, Deb Noviello, Erma Long Family, Mary DiParlo Family, Evelyn Eiswerth Family, Patrick O'Donnell Family, Mary Schoch Family, Linda Bean Family, Margaret Daley Family, Caleb Leone, Thomas Kase Family, Anne Hayes Family, Christina Falck-Armstrong, Russell Jackson Family, Kathleen Keller Family, Walter Lechniak Family, Rita Baver Family, Maurice Carnuccio Family, Dinah & Bill Kiessler, Mary Brocius, George Geib.
Harry Boring Family*

Eucharistic Celebrations & Altar Flowers

If you would like to arrange for a bouquet in front of the altar in honor or memory of a loved one or a Mass Intention, please call the Parish Office.