29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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www.hopeafterabortion.com
FROM FR. LEO:

ACA Follow-up Letters went out to all registered Parishioners who have yet to contribute to this year’s campaign. To both parishes I listed a few “Reasons to give.” The most important reason – I hope you will accept – is that it shows that you are concerned about the welfare of your parish and that you take responsibility for its welfare by way of your financial support. On behalf of the diocese and your fellow parishioners, Thank you for your contributions!

October Head-Count: Between SA & FX we have 853 Families with a total of 2,608 registered individuals. On the Oct. 3-4 weekend 904 individuals attended Mass. On the Oct. 10-11 weekend 931 individuals attended. This means that only 35% of Cresson’s registered Catholics are practicing their Faith.

I appeal to those reading this bulletin to, in turn, reach out to your family members, friends and neighbors who should be attending with us to join us once again. Sometimes, all it takes is a personal invitation. Please tell them on my behalf: “We would be a much better parish WITH you, than we are WITHOUT you!”

Bulletin Inserts: I would like to cut back the number of requests for bulletin inserts. The problem is that those who want an insert for SA parish are missing SA parishioners who go to FX (and vice-versa). If you want something for the bulletin you must get it to Ann or Sr. Mary Joseph well in advance of your event so your message may be included.

Remember: “COB Wed. 1030” The deadline for announcements is Close Of Business Wednesdays 3:30pm. Anything after that may not make it for that weekend.

All Souls Day: Mon. Nov. 2 is The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. To accommodate All Saints Catholic School, I will have Mass at 9:00am at FX and an evening Mass at 7:00pm at SA. Be sure to mark your All Souls Day envelopes with the names of your Faithful Departed AND with the initials “SA” or “FX” so we know which ones to keep at which altar. Your intentions will remain there for the month as we prayerfully remember them before Almighty God.

Praying for Poor Souls: I’d invite you to visit EWTN’s website for various prayers and novenas you may want to offer for your beloved dead. If you want to offer a novena, you will need to begin on Sunday, Oct. 25 so as to conclude it on All Souls Day. Or if you like, you can begin your novena on All Souls Day.

Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life)

Pope St. John Paul II, 1995

CH. 1 – THE VOICE OF YOUR BROTHER’S BLOOD CRIES TO ME FROM THE GROUND

PRESENT-DAY TREATS TO HUMAN LIFE

“Cain rose up against his brother Abel, and killed him” (Gen 4:8): the roots of violence against life

9. God cannot leave the crime unpunished: from the ground on which it has been spilt, the blood of the one murdered demands that God should render justice (cf. Gen 37:26; Is 26:21; Ez 24:7-8). From this text the Church has taken the name of the "sins which cry to God for justice", and, first among them, she has included willful murder. For the Jewish people, as for many peoples of antiquity, blood is the source of life. Indeed “the blood is the life” (Dt 12:23), and life, especially human life, belongs only to God: for this reason whoever attacks human life, in some way attacks God himself.

Cain is cursed by God and also by the earth, which will deny him its fruit (cf. Gen 4:11-12). He is punished: he will live in the wilderness and the desert. Murderous violence profoundly changes man's environment. From being the “garden of Eden” (Gen 2:15), a place of plenty, of harmonious interpersonal relationships and of friendship with God, the earth becomes “the land of Nod” (Gen 4:16), a place of scarcity, loneliness and separation from God. Cain will be “a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth” (Gen 4:14): uncertainty and restlessness will follow him forever.

And yet God, who is always merciful even when he punishes, "put a mark on Cain, lest any who came upon him should kill him" (Gen 4:15). He thus gave him a distinctive sign, not to condemn him to the hatred of others, but to protect and defend him from those wishing to kill him, even out of a desire to avenge Abel's death. Not even a murderer loses his personal dignity, and God himself pledges to guarantee this. And it is precisely here that the paradoxical mystery of the merciful justice of God is shown forth. As Saint Ambrose writes: "Once the crime is admitted at the very inception of this sinful act of parricide, then the exercise of justice would in no way observe patience and moderation, but would straightway condemn the defendant to punishment. ... God drove Cain out of his presence and sent him into exile far away from his native land, so that he passed from a life of human kindness to one which was more akin to the rude existence of a wild beast. God, who preferred the correction rather than the death of a sinner, did not desire that a homicide be punished by the exaction of another act of homicide".

Capital punishment vs. Life Imprisonment: Read again the underlined passages. Even capital criminals, in facing God’s justice, are also the object of God’s mercy. “If bloodless means are sufficient to defend human lives against an aggressor and to protect public order and the safety of persons, public authority should limit itself to such means, because they better correspond to the concrete conditions of the common good and are in conformity to the dignity of the human person” (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2266).
**St. Aloysius Parish**

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No new donor this week

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE: Oct. 11**

- Adults - $4550.00
- Children - $43.50
- Loose - $217.85
- Candles $84.00
- Rent - $350.00
- Cath. Education - $61.00
- Holy Days - $20.00
- ACA return - $280.00
- Retired Priest Medical - $20.00
- Mission Sunday - $57
- Total Deposit: $5683.35
- Expenses - $4431.45
- We also paid parish subsidy to All Saints Catholic School - $2500.00

**Dear Parish Family:** I write to thank you for the truly beautiful and moving “Farewell Dinner” which you gave to me! From the food to the entertainment, the meaningful talks and video tribute, the “Bible Camp songs” by our children … even the new Tupperware for my mom (!), it was spectacular and a deep expression of the Aloysian spirit which we try to pass on. On behalf of my mom and dad, David and Theresa, I just want to thank you for all of the love and support. I can tell you that September 27, 2015 will be a memory which I will keep in my heart forever. Know that you all are in my daily prayers.

In Christ and the Blessed Mother,
Fr. John Byrnes

**Religious Education Reminders:** Please be sure to check the calendar for the Confirmation preparation sessions. **Sunday, October 25:** Freshmen participate in Shy-con at DeGol Arena, St. Francis University. First Penance/First Communion preparation session: **Wednesday, October 21:** Parents & 2nd Grade Penance Retreat/meeting (6:30 PM – St. Francis Xavier Centennial Hall).

**Loretto Arts & Crafts Show & Sale** will be held on Sat. (Oct. 17) and Sun. (Oct. 18) from 10 AM – 4 PM at Our Lady of Loretto Hall next to St. Michael School. Both days will feature many artists and crafts persons. Refreshments, homemade pies, cookies, apple dumplings, soup and sandwiches will be offered. Free parking & admission.

**St. Benedict Church, Carrolltown,** has re-scheduled their Annual Pie Sale and Arts & Crafts Show to Oct. 17 from 10 AM – 3:30 PM in the church hall.


**Heritage Days:** The Stewardship Committee of St. Aloysius Church would like to thank all who donated/purchased baked goods or donated their time in working, setting up and tearing down the booth, and making and selling donuts for our Heritage Days booth. In spite of the bad weather, a profit of $1,514.96 was realized.

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**Cresson, Pennsylvania**

**Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast:** The 2015 Annual Prayer Breakfast will be held on Sat., Oct. 31, at 9:00 AM at Immaculate Conception church Grove Hall, New Germany. Speaker is Delores Euker, a dynamic pro-life sidewalk counselor who works to help save babies outside of an abortion center in Harrisburg. A donation of $9 is requested. For reservations/ticket call 472-8584 or 932-9862.

**A Healing Mass** will be offered on Mon., Oct. 26 at 7 PM, at the Altoona Cathedral. Fr. Kiel, of Greensburg, will be the celebrant. All those in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual healing, and those who support and care for them are invited. Music for the Mass will be led by the Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group Music Ministry. For more information, call 941-3832.

**Having Mercy:** Using Scripture and the words of Pope Francis, a time for faith sharing and reflection on our Holy Father’s invitation to become a Church of Mercy will be offered on Monday mornings, Oct. 26, Nov. 2 and 9, from 9:30 to Noon and again on Tuesday evenings, Oct. 27, Nov. 3 and 10 from 6:30—9:00 p.m. Choose either morning or evening time. Cost: $25, includes book. This series will be at the CCW Incarnation Center, 394 Bem Rd., Gallitzin Call 886-4098 for more information.

**St. Michael's Basilica, Loretto,** is hosting “Saints Tour 2015: Saints in Support of Health and Wellness” on Oct 23/24. Entertainment, education, local history, and a bit of Halloween spookiness! Tours depart every 20 minutes from 6pm-10pm and last apx. 1½ hrs. Not handicap accessible. Cost is $7 per person. Ticket proceeds benefit SFU Dorothy Day Center. Dress for the weather, as tours continue rain or shine. Bring a nonperishable item in exchange for a free drink (coffee, hot chocolate, soda). Hot food is available for purchase. For more info. find us on Facebook, contact the Basilica at 472-8551 or e-mail marielink@verizon.net.

**Liturgical Reflection:** The chair of the priest celebrant must signify his function of presiding over the gathering and of directing the prayer. The more suitable place for the chair is facing the people at the head of the sanctuary, unless the design of the building prevents this. In any case, the chair is never to resemble a throne. The seat for the Deacon should be placed near that of the priest celebrant. All other ministers’ seats should be arranged so that they are clearly distinguishable from the chair of the priest celebrant. GIRM, Nr. 310. 2015, Diocese AJ Liturgy Office

**Stewardship Reflection:** Jesus tells us He “did not come to be served but to serve.” Spend some time reflecting how you have served – or can serve – others without expecting a favor in return.
Upcoming Religious Ed. Schedule
Oct 18 Regular CCD Class
Oct 25 Regular CCD Class for grades K-8 / Grades 9,10,11 to attend SHYCON 11-6pm
Nov 1 Regular CCD with 8am Youth Mass - Teaching Liturgy (grade 10 meet in the vestibule of the church at 7:40am to practice ministries)
Nov 8 Regular Class
Nov 15 Regular Class
Nov 22 Regular Class for grades 1-8 / Grades 9,10,11 to attend Confirmation Session at St. Als - 9-11:30 am.

Sacramental Preparation Schedule
Oct 21, Wed. 1st Reconciliation Prep Retreat for 2nd graders and their parents. FX Centennial Hall 6:30-8pm.
Nov 22nd - CONFIRMATION FALL SESSION for all students in grades 9,10 & 11th grade- St. Als Faith Education Center 9-11:30 am (Sunday Mass included)

We are grateful to all who supported the St. Francis Xavier Heritage Days Basket Booth! Despite the loss of one day due to weather, a profit of $2,094.00 was gained for our Parish. Special thanks to Jamie Dziabo and all volunteers for your hard work.

Sun Collection 10/11/15: Sun. Env. $3,820.67; Child 75.00; Loose 41.00; Debt Reduction 35.00; Energy 70.00; Candles 12.00; Sanctuary Candles 40.00; Heritage Days Don. 25.00; Priests’ Med. Retirement 10.00; Mission Sun. 26.00. TOTAL: $4,154.67
Cemetery: $20.00 Church Improvement: $43.00

Christmas Raffle
Introducing the FX Christmas Special! $500 per day from Dec. 24-Jan 2 to the winning Ticket holder of the Daily PA 7PM Evening Lottery (1st #) Makes an excellent Christmas gift! Tickets available at FX Parish Office.

Cash Calendar: 9/28 Frank Phillips #948; 9/29 Lois Bergamaschi #855; 9/30 Karen Dunmyer #411; 10/1 Leo Johnston #336; 10/2 Davey Edmiston #366; 10/3 Louise Leturgy #291; 10/4 Theresa Dunmyer #992; 10/5 Dawn Cain #788; 10/6 Mark Riden #967; 10/7 Luana Smith #428; 10/8 Barry/Diana Knee #278; 10/9 Allan Diehl #541; 10/10 Nick Moschagat #171; 10/11 JR/Charlotte Sheehan

Children's Night Out! Our annual children's All Saints' Day Party will be held Sat., Oct. 31 from 6-8:30 PM in Centennial Hall. Come dressed as your favorite saint and enjoy an evening of food, fun & prizes! Donation: $2.00 per child. To register, please contact: Cathy at 886-9543 or Coleen at 937-2083.

Ever tried to read the entire Bible only to give up somewhere around Leviticus? Scripture Scholar Jeff Cavins presents a video seminar Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible to take us through a historically chronological study of our story of salvation. This 8 week video and discussion series is facilitated by Mother Jacinta on Wednesdays at FX beginning Oct. 21 at 7PM (1st week in Xavier Hall, subsequent meetings, Centennial Hall.) For more information, please contact Sr. Mary Joseph at 886-2374 or email Coleen at prostejovsky@comcast.net

College Care Packages! The Ss. Martha & Mary Circle and Father Leo will once again be sending care packages and prayerful best wishes to the young men and women of our parish who are away at college. If you have a son or daughter who would like to receive a package, please place their Name, College, and Address in an envelope marked, “Ss. Martha and Mary” and drop it in the collection basket at Mass. We kindly ask that all information be submitted by Sunday, November 1.

Join us on Sun, Dec. 13 for the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra’s Annual Holiday Pops Concert at Heinz Hall! Sponsored by the Ss. Martha & Mary Circle the trip is open to all members of FX and SA. Departure from FX at 12:00 PM; 2:30 PM Concert; 5:00 PM Dinner (Hoss’s- Murrysville); 7:45 PM return arrival at SFX. Cost for the trip is $35.00 per person and includes bus transportation by Lodestar Bus Lines and one ticket to the show. Dinner is not included. To sign up for this trip, please contact Cathy at 886-9543 or Coleen at 937-2083. Seats are limited.

MONDAY NIGHT BINGO
AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
Doors open at 5:00PM; Early Bird Bingo — 6:30PM Questions call Bingo Mgr. Mike McGough at 886-5555.

SPECIALS THIS WEEK:
JACKPOT 1000 in 57 #’s; Consy 325; Magic # 400 All Nighter #1 1000; All Nighter #2 600+ HALL CLEANERS THIS WEEK: Mazzocco, Ebner, Garrett, C&ML Zimmerman
MASS SCHEDULE
OCTOBER 19-25, 2015

FX Sanctuary Lamp: Wayne Rickens (Req. Wife, Jan)

MON — OCTOBER 19
NO MASS
Sacred Heart Sisters 6:45 am
John Paul II Manor 8:00 am
OL Mercy Chapel, Mt. Aloysius 11:30 am

TUES — SA OCTOBER 20
8:00am
PHOEBE LINK (Req. Family)

WED — FX OCTOBER 21
8:00am
CURTIS/MARY BUTCH
(Req. Don Butch Family)

THUR — SA OCTOBER 22
8:00am
CYRIL ILLIG (Req. Daughters)

THURSDAY ADORATION
Exposition after 8:00AM Mass
7:00-8:00PM
— Evening Prayer & Reflection
— 1/2 hour adoration
— Followed by Confessions

FRI — FX OCTOBER 23
9:00am
JOHN C. ADAMS (Req. KofC)

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24
11:00am CONFESSIONS (SA&FX)
3:30pm ROSARY
4:00pm —SA REGINA COLLINS
(Req. Dorothy/Elizabeth Vrana)
6:00pm ROSARY
6:30pm —FX FRED REPKO (Req. Family)

SUNDAY OCTOBER 25
7:30am ROSARY
8:00am —FX CHUCK/ TITA STEVENS (Req. Family)
10:00am ROSARY
10:30am —SA MASS FOR THE PEOPLE

FAMILY CORNER:
Life in the Domestic Church

Parenting has a way of deflating pretenses; of making us see that we are not self-sufficient but need help and strength from God, family, parish, and friends. The way a family responds to adversity and sickness, or gathers for meals and devotions, or makes financial decisions and sets priorities, or the way a family makes choices about leisure, the parents’ jobs or careers, the children’s academic education, even bedtime routines — these and many other daily aspects of “home economics” shape the imaginations and horizons of the children. Domestic routines can be “thin places,” places where the Spirit shines through, where an attitude of gentleness and Christian hospitality leavens all of life.

Love is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive (#80)
Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M.