

Mass Intentions
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 17, 2015

Saturday – May 16th – St Margaret of Cortona

4:00PM – Sue Sidor
by The Pahula Family
7:00PM – Ann Koppenhoeffter
by Agnes Chabak

Sunday – May 17th – Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:30AM – Margaret and John Nicholas
by Great Grand-daughter, Elizabeth Gontkosky
10:30AM – Ann and Glen Oswald (WA)
by Louise Oswald

Monday – May 18th – St John I

8:00AM – Rev Michael S Lawrence
by Rev Eric J Gruber

Tuesday – May 19th – St Celestine V

8:00AM – William Dinbokowitz, Sr
by Sylvester and Shirley Pany

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – May 20th – St Bernardine of Siena

6:00PM – Mary H Johnson
by Mark, Robyn and Megan Berner

Thursday – May 21st – St Christopher Magallanes

8:00AM – Harold K VanHorn
by Family

Friday – May 22nd – St Rita of Cascia

8:00AM – Russell N Beale, III
by Anna and Joe Furst

Saturday – May 23rd – St John Baptiste de Rossi

8:00AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners
4:00PM – John and Mary Kocis
by Daughters
7:00PM – John J Mikula
by Georgia Brown and Family

Sunday – May 24th – Pentecost Sunday

8:30AM – Martha E Garber
by Aspasia/Eugenia Koukounas and Renna Tracy
10:30AM – Angeline Burda
by Steve and Margie Burda

PASTOR'S CORNER

Unidentified, Chapter Two

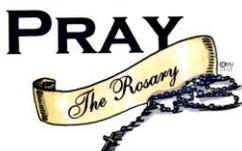
“President Woodrow Wilson,” the teacher’s voice droned, “was a great leader who tried to bring peace to the world by founding the League of Nations...” J.B. stirred in his seat, propping his eyes open with his hand. It had been a sleepless night. He had not told anyone in the house of his “sighting” in the night sky; he needed proof – at least, he thought, he needed to see it again. The bell rang and the challenge of another school day was over.

Like the tastes of drinking water one might expect that the varied school systems he had been “placed” in by his migrant-like family would be as distinct as the next. Unfortunately, he noted, they were depressingly the same dusty flavor from one school to the next. There were teachers, of course, who moved him to grow up, to face new ideas with good “old-fashioned” thinking, but they were too few for his tastes. He made his way onto the bus, taking leave of a couple of geeky, thinking friends who seemed as “out-of-place” as he.

The day was warmer by a few degrees than yesterday, but the sky was still mostly clear. He checked his phone for the weather forecast and was glad to see – mostly clear tonight. J.B. was waking up with a second-wind; he would see the stars again this night, and he would be watching for the dark ufo.

The evening was filled with his sisters and their stories, the daily interrogation from his mom, a brief family skype with his dad in Japan. Then he lay outside on the grass as the last light of day died in the west and the stars began their slow dance. It was 9:15pm, J.B.’s mom was corralling his sisters upstairs, making sure they brushed their teeth. He looked intently at the night sky expecting the “object” to appear again around the same time as last night. Stars were bright and twinkling with never a care, it seemed. He panned the sky behind him and all around him back to the place over the hill-top trees where he saw it 24 hours ago. Nothing. He turned toward the house; he must have been seeing things. Climbing into his bed, J.B. yielded to sleepiness.

Around three in the morning, J.B. awoke to find he had left the light on his nightstand lighted. He turned it off. As his eyes adjusted to the dark, he could see the stars outside above their house through the top-most part of his window. They seemed watchful as usual. He opened his eyes again – no stars visible at all! He rushed to the window sill and opened the window fully so he could squeeze through enough to look up. He could see the stars in the distance, but not the ones over his head. He rubbed his eyes, doubting himself, and stared upward into a figure of darkness darker than the night sky. He couldn’t tear himself away to reach for his phone on the desk to take a picture. He was



Sunday
8:15AM and 10:15AM

trying to measure the object with the rooftop as a yardstick when he was suddenly struck by the quiet. There was no sound from it or around it. It had no discernable features. He had to take a picture, he had to get proof. He held his breath as if going underwater, rushed to his desk, grabbed his phone and thrust it outside the window before he even got through – recording, and then taking photos.

...to be continued...

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection

\$ 3,799.25



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	A.Gorr D.Gorr	J.Strohl	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	J.Drummer J.Shaul	J.Englert	J.Yanek
8:30AM	S.Popovic D.Popovic	E.Snyder	C.Molchany
10:30AM	C.Ritter M.Ritter	J.DeLong	L.Bolmer



Flowers were placed on the altar last weekend in loving memory of **Charles H Albert** by his Family.

North Catasauqua Betterment Committee Golf Outing

The 9th Annual North Catasauqua Small Town USA Golf Tournament will be held on **Sunday, June 28th**, at **Willow Brook Golf Course**. The tournament is a four person scramble with a shot gun start beginning at **8:30am**. The \$85.00 entry fee includes golf with a cart, a continental breakfast, hot dogs and snacks on the green, a hot and cold dinner buffet, beverages served by the Betterment Girls, a welcome gift bag, great awards and door prizes for everyone! All proceeds will benefit the community projects and events of the North Catasauqua Betterment Committee. Come play in the tournament that supports the community! For more information or register, call 610-264-1504, or NCataCentennial@aol.com.



HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

If you have a loved one who is homebound or in a care facility and unable to attend Mass, please call the rectory at 610.264.1972 to schedule a pastoral visit for Communion and a blessing.

Saint Rita of Cascia

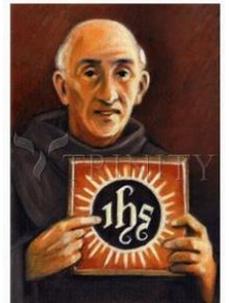
Born of peasant stock in Roccaporena, Italy, Rita desired to remain a virgin from her youth, but her parents insisted that she marry. The husband they chose proved to be a man of violent temper. Rita courageously abided his cruelty. Upon his death, she entered the Augustinian convent of Saint Mary Magdalene in Cascia, taking the veil in 1413. Rita gave herself over to prayer



and mortification in reparation for the sufferings of Christ. She received a mystical wound in her forehead as though from a crown of thorns. Rita died of tuberculosis in 1457.

Saint Bernardine of Siena

Bernardine of Siena entered the Franciscan Friars Minor in 1402. A zealous preacher, he attacked superstitions, criticized usury, and popularized the devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus. Bernardine preached alongside a wooden tablet of his own design. It bore the letters I.H.S., the monogram of Jesus Christ in Greek. He encouraged others to venerate the Holy Name. Detractors accused him of idolatry, and he defended himself before Pope Martin V in 1427. After hearing Bernardine, the Pope, impressed, invited him to preach in Rome. Bernardine promoted the reforms of the Franciscan Observants and authored many spiritual writings. He died in 1444.



EASTER DUTY

Catholics are obliged to fulfill what has been called their "**Easter Duty**". Catholics are required to receive Holy Communion in between the First Sunday of Lent (**February 22nd**) until Trinity Sunday (**May 31st**). Those conscious of serious sin are reminded of the obligation to confess their sins at least once a year during this time.

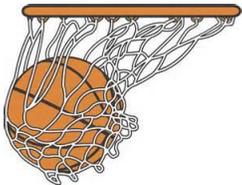
Young at Heart

The next meeting of St John Fisher's Young at Heart will be held on **Wednesday, May 27th**, at **1:00PM** in the Parish Hall.

The next Casino trip to Mount Airy will be on **Friday, May 29th**. The bus leaves Church Parking Lot at 10:00AM. The price is \$22.00 per person. For more information, call Bill Molchany, 610-264-0920.

The next bus trip will be on **Wednesday, June 10th**, to the Rainbow Dinner Theatre to see "*Two Many Cooks*". It's Niagara Falls, 1930's. A failing restaurant, boot-leg hooch, gangsters and a missing celebrity chef is the tastiest comic dish you'll ever sink your teeth into! The price is \$75.00 per person. A \$10.00 deposit is required. For more information, call Bill Molchany, 610-264-0920.

VIKETTES BASKETBALL CAMP



Any current 6th, 7th and 8th grade girl interested in attending Allentown Central Catholic's Girls Basketball Camp this summer should email Coach Kopp at mkoppcchs@gmail.com. Camp will be held **June 15th to the 18th**,

from 9:30am to 2:30pm at the St Joseph the Worker Gymnasium, Orefield.

IN THE WORDS OF ...

"The greatest destroyer of peace is abortion because if a mother can kill her own child, what is left for me to kill you and you to kill me? There is nothing between."

~Mother Theresa

BASKET FAIR

Assumption BVM Parish in Northampton is having a "Basket Fair" on **Saturday, May 16th, 10:00am to 6:00pm** and **Sunday, May 17th, 8:00am to 2:30pm**.

Drawings will begin on Sunday at 3:00pm. You do not have to be present to win.

Tickets sold at the door for \$5.00. It includes admission and 26 stubs to deposit at the baskets of your choice. Food is available for purchase.



Saint Elizabeth Parish Festival

Friday, June 12th, from 6:00pm to 10:00pm and **Saturday, June 13th, from 5:00pm to 10:00pm**. Come for some delicious ethnic and festival foods, drinks, games and FUN!

Friday's special is halupkies & Saturday's is kielbasa & sauerkraut!

Entertainment on Friday is the "CHAZ Band" & "Clancy the Clown", and on Saturday is "Friction Rocks" and a children's Magic Show!



OCTOBERFEST

Join us for a bus trip to Platzl Brauhaus on **Thursday, October 15th**. The bus departs from former **St Joseph Hall at 8:00am**. There'll be live music and dancing throughout the whole day. Refreshments upon arrival, a full family style dinner and beer and soda from 12:00pm to 5:00pm. The \$92.00 per person trip includes a sandwich before your departure back home. Arrive in Northampton at 8:00pm. For more information, call Marge, 610-262-3174, or Elsie, 610-349-6998.