



## Mass Intentions

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**June 29, 2019**

### Saturday–

#### Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Steve and Mary Roman  
by Maryann and Bob Cavallucci  
7:00PM – Helen Perdick  
by Joe Holst

### Sunday – June 30<sup>th</sup> –

8:30AM – Margaret and Robert Gaumer  
by John and Marge Druckenmiller  
10:30AM – Rev. Thomas A. Horan (A)  
by McCloskey Family

### Monday – July 1<sup>st</sup> – St Junipero Serra

8:00AM – Carmella Cavallo  
by Ann and Dale

### Tuesday – July 2<sup>nd</sup> – St Bernardino of Realino

8:00AM – Erna F. Karoly  
by Louise and Mike Seng

### Wednesday – July 3<sup>rd</sup> – St Thomas

6:00PM – Rosa Cunningham  
by Piston Family

### Thursday – July 4<sup>th</sup> – BI Pier Giorgio Frassati

8:00AM – Kathleen Knecht  
by Jean Marhefka

### Friday – July 5<sup>th</sup> – St Anthony Zaccaria

8:00AM – Loretta Roth  
by Colleen McCloskey

#### **Sacred Heart Novena after Mass**

### Saturday– July 6<sup>th</sup> – St Maria Goretti

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

#### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Richard DiLiberto (A)  
by Jim and Carmela Meyer  
7:00PM – David J. Sweeney (A)  
by Mom and Dad

### Sunday – July 7<sup>th</sup> –

8:30AM – Memorial Fund Members  
by The Memorial Fund  
10:30AM – Deceased Members of Chabak Family  
by Aggie Chabak



**Pray the Rosary Sundays**  
8:15AM and 10:15AM

# PASTOR'S CORNER

## A Family of Oaks [Part One]

The Catholic author, Michael D. O'Brien, writes;

*The sharpest trials are the finest furbishing,  
The most tempestuous weather is the best seed-time.*

*A Christian is an oak flourishing in winter.*

*~ Thomas Traherne (17<sup>th</sup> Century)*

...I have never forgotten [these words]

because they express in a few potent phrases a fundamental element of our Faith: we are a people who stand as a sign of hope, and a sign of contradiction, in the midst of this confused world.

I know little about the climate of England, where the poet wrote these lines, but I assume the British oak must be famous for standing sturdy against the North Atlantic rain; must shake its arms in defiance against the occasional fall of swift-melting snow. The poet's metaphor is a powerful one, and I have always loved it.

...A few weeks ago I went hiking with our children on a high hill that overlooks the valley in Ontario where we live. ...In late autumn everything is stripped down to its essential form. On this particular day the rolling muscles of the earth were uncovered, the arteries of creek and river were laid bare; the light in the sky was alternately cruel and exhilarating, slate-grey with occasional gashes of cerulean blue. ...A hawk flew over, soaring on updrafts. A few last yellow birch leaves twirled by on a crosswind. It was stark and beautiful – so beautiful in fact that the children abandoned their customary galloping and noisemaking, and were content to sit and to see, to gaze with deep draughts of long looking.

We sat on the edge of the cliff for a long time, and after awhile we prayed together for the people of the valley, for the many good

enterprises bustling there, for our own needs, for the Church, and for families throughout the world. As we prayed, a gust of wind burst through the woods behind us. It was strangely warm, despite the cold day, and it carried the intoxicating smells of the ending year. Within that pungent aroma was the smell of acorns, containing messages about death and rebirth. Along with it came the underlying sense that written into creation are “words” from our Creator, for God has designed all living things, even the simplest, to bear a kind of witness to larger truths. An acorn, a maple key, pips in a pine cone, even the lowly mustard seed – tiny, deceptively simple – contain a vast library of meaning. A seed is so much more than just a code for replicating itself, more than an investment in a distant Spring. More than just a statement of faith on the part of a tree, a biological equivalent to the virtue of hope. A seed is a kingdom, a world really. It has the future wrapped tightly in every cell, waiting to unfold; entire forests lie buried in each small kernel. (...to be continued...)

Fr. Eric.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$3,006.00

Peter's Pence Collection \$ 616.00

The **Second** Collection next weekend, July 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, will be the **Improvement and Repair** Collection.



## SANTA'S WISH-LIST

We would like to thank an anonymous parishioner for their gift of \$150.00.

## BABY SHOWER

**Catholic Charities** is in urgent need of **NEW** infant **summer** clothing! Needed is both boys' and girls' infant clothing, from sizes newborn to 12 months. Clothing may be dropped off or mailed to 900 South Woodward Street, Allentown PA 18103. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION



Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>  
Adoration begins after  
morning Mass, and continues  
throughout the day.  
7:00PM ~ HOLY HOUR

*"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament." St. Padre Pio*



## Summer School – Refresh Your Faith!

As announced, we are preparing for our Adult Faith series with the help of Bishop Robert Barron's "Untold Blessing." We will be meeting on Thursdays, July 18, July 25, and August 1, from 6:15pm through 7:45pm in the Church Hall. This series is about the fundamentals of a vibrant spiritual life for any disciple of Jesus. Please sign up at the doors of the church before July 10<sup>th</sup>, so that we can be sure to have enough materials. Come, join us and refresh your faith!



## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
<b>4:00PM</b>	L.Ruda N.Ruda	B.Molchany	J.McAllister Deacon Jack
<b>7:00PM</b>	A.Muschko L.McGinley	J.Englert	P.McCarty Deacon Jack
<b>8:30AM</b>	D.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder	C.Hetzel Deacon Jack
<b>10:30AM</b>	J.Martinez M.Ritter	B.Petro	L.Bolmer Deacon Jack



Flowers were placed on the altar last weekend in memory of **John Behum** by his parents, **Joe and Judy**.

## Saint Thomas

Thomas is best remembered for his doubt, the dramatic probing of Jesus' side, and our Lord's teaching about those who do not see, yet believe. Earlier in John's Gospel, Thomas' sincere questioning is the occasion for another significant revelation of our Lord. In his final discourses Jesus tells of his Father's house, with its many dwelling places. Thomas asks, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" To this Jesus replies, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (Jn 14:5-6). According to tradition, after Pentecost, Thomas preached the Gospel in India. ~ Magnificat, July, 2019

## Saint Junipero Serra



A native of Majorca, Franciscan friar Junipero Serra traveled to the Pacific Coast in 1769 to bring the Gospel to the Native Americans. Under Junipero's prudent administration, the missions grew prosperous on a European model. He brought to the New World the agricultural crops that would eventually drive the California economy. Junipero vigorously protected the Native Americans against Spain's colonial and military interests,

traveling twice on foot to Mexico City to defend the mission policies before the Spanish viceroy. The "Apostle to California" died in Monterey at his favorite mission in 1784, and was canonized on September 23, 2015. ~ Magnificat, July, 2019

## HELP WANTED

We are in need of a dinner cook for the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena Rectory, 1825 West Turner Street, Allentown. This is for five evenings and 20 hours a week. If interested in this job please call 610-433-6461 and speak with Msgr. Schoenauer.

## Saint Maria Goretti



Maria Goretti was born to poor farm laborers in Corinaldo, Italy, in 1890. Like Agnes, Lucy, and Agatha, virgin martyrs of the early Church, Maria willed to suffer death rather than the destruction of her purity. She was eleven when nineteen-year-old Alessandro Serenelli attacked her, intent on raping her. Even as she struggled in Alessandro's grasp, Maria begged him to consider the gravity of the sin he was about to commit. He stabbed her fourteen times. She died two days later after great suffering, freely forgiving her attacker. Maria is a patroness of purity and protector of Catholic youth. ~ Magnificat, July, 2019

## Saint Anthony Zaccaria



A native of Cremona, Italy, Anthony briefly worked as a medical doctor before being ordained to the priesthood. In Milan, he co-founded a women's religious order and then a congregation of priests. In Venice, Anthony popularized a three-day exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Forty Hours Devotion. He spent himself preaching, ministering the sacraments, and caring for the sick. "Let us run like fools not only to God, but also to our neighbor, who is the intermediary to whom we give what we cannot give to God." He died in 1539 at the age of thirty-seven.

~ Magnificat, July, 2019

## GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS

Please join the Helpers of God's Precious Infants at the Prayer Pilgrimage for the unborn, and all those involved in abortion on **Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>**. The pilgrimage begins with Mass at 8:00AM at Notre Dame Church, 1861 Catasauqua Road, and continues with The Rosary at the abortion facility located at 31 South Commerce Way.