



Mass Intentions

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 1, 2017

Saturday – July 1st –

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Richard DiLiberto (A)
by Jim and Carmella Meyer

7:00PM – Thomas B. Dougherty
by Hitz Family

Sunday – July 2nd –

8:30AM – Jeanette Susan Koncz
by Nin Snyder and Family

10:30AM – Rev. Thomas A. Horan (A)
by McCloskey Family

Monday – July 3rd – St Thomas

8:00AM – The Poor Souls in Purgatory
by Irene Vomero

Tuesday – July 4th – St Elizabeth of Portugal

8:00AM – Rev. Raymond P. Slezak
by Rev. Eric J. Gruber

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – July 5th – St Anthony Zaccaria

6:00PM – Delight M. Casciano
by John and Debra McDermott

Thursday – July 6th – St Maria Goretti

8:00AM – The Poor Souls in Purgatory
by Louise Oswald

Friday – July 7th – St Ethelburga

8:00AM – John “Jack” McCarty
by Kathleen and Peggy

Sacred Heart Novena after Mass

Saturday – July 8th – St Raymond of Toulouse

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM –
Dec'd Dopsovic and Chabak Family Members
by Agnes (Dopsovic) Chabak

7:00PM – Russell N. Beale, III
by Theresa and Frank Spitzer

Sunday – July 9th –

8:30AM – Sally Reiss
by Louisa Levine

10:30AM – Darlene M. Steiner
by Fred and Carole Hutterer

PASTOR'S CORNER

A Gravely Ill Western Culture

Once again there is a prime example of the rot in western culture. According to the Daily Mail from the UK, Chris Gard and Connie Yates wanted their baby Charlie, who suffers from a rare genetic condition and has brain damage, to undergo an experimental treatment in America (after having raised 1.3 million pounds for the procedure). But the doctors who have been “caring” for the baby at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children wanted Charlie to ‘die with dignity,’ that is, to be disconnected from life-supporting technology and “let go.” Charlie’s parents appealed to the courts, but were rebuffed. Their final appeal was to the European Court of Human Rights which rejected their wishes in favor of the doctors’ recommendations of a dignified death. Charlie will soon be “let go.” Of the ruling by the ECHR, the Great Ormond Street Hospital stated, ‘Our thoughts are with Charlie's parents on receipt of this news that we know will be very distressing for them. Today's decision by the European Court of Human Rights marks the end of what has been a very difficult process and our priority is to provide every possible support to Charlie's parents as we prepare for the next steps. There will be no rush by Great Ormond Street Hospital to change Charlie's care and any future treatment plans will involve careful planning and discussion.’

While Charlie Gard’s story is indeed tragic, please notice that there is not one question regarding the deplorable premises of the whole dilemma – that is, no one is asking directly, “Why should anyone other than the child’s parents be the final judge of what course of care the child receives?” Moreover, is this kind of over-reach of doctors, courts and bureaucrats going to become an American experience with the various government-run healthcare models all parties are pushing these days? It is a

dangerous thing to surrender our personal responsibilities/freedoms to even a well-intended authority outside of ourselves. I know we want our healthcare system to take care of everyone's basic needs, but at the expense of our rights to make our own health choices in consultation with our doctors? There must be a better way. I wonder...will we allow the government to do all our charitable giving from this point forward too?

Respect just civil authority, of course, but *surrender* to God only!
Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection

\$3,390.00

The **Second Collection** this weekend, July 1st and 2nd, is the **Improvement and Repair Collection**.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	J.Shaul M.Hosni	J.McAllister	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	A.Gorr D.Gorr	P.McCarty	Deacon Jack
8:30AM	L.Ruda N.Ruda	J.Strohl	J.Druckenmiller
10:30AM	C.Ritter M.Ritter	K.McCloskey	L.Bolmer



CCD Registration

Registrations have been sent out for the 2017 – 2018 C.C.D. year. If your child attends public school, or is home-schooled, please call the rectory, 610-264-1972, and a registration form will be sent to you.



Flowers were placed on the altar last weekend in **loving memory of Frank and Theresa Cihylik by their family.**



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

FRIDAY, JULY 7TH

ADORATION begins after morning Mass, and continues throughout the day.

7:00PM ~ HOLY HOUR

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

When the Apostles first met the resurrected Lord, Thomas was missing. "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." When Jesus next appeared, it was with a special invitation to Thomas: Probe the marks of the nails, press your hands into my side. Face to face with this fleshly testimony, Thomas exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!" "[God's] clemency acted in this wonderful way so that through the doubting disciple touching the wounds in his Master's body, our own wounds of incredulity may be healed" (Saint Gregory the Great). ~ *Magnificat*, July, 2017

GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

Office Summer Hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The entire School Building will be CLOSED the week of July 24th.

Shepherd Gift Card Sales Summer Hours are Wednesday evenings between 5:00pm to 7:00pm and Thursdays between 10:00am-12:00pm.



Pray the Rosary each Sunday
8:15AM and 10:15AM



SAINT ANTHONY ZACCARIA

War, famine and plague raged in Northern Italy in the mid-16th century, leading to a loss of faith among the people. A native of Cremona, Anthony pursued a brief career in medicine, but felt called to minister to broken souls. In Milan, with the help of devout nobles, he founded the Angelical Sisters of Saint Paul and the Clerics Regular of Saint Paul (the Barnabites). The Barnabites promised to "regenerate and revive the love of the divine worship, and a truly Christian way of life, by frequent preaching and the faithful administration of the sacraments." A lay branch followed. Anthony died in 1539 at the age of thirty-seven.

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BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



Clipping Box Tops is an easy way for you to help **Good Shepherd Catholic School**. Box Tops are worth 10¢ and they add up to cash for the school. To help, look for pink Box Tops on products, clip them, and place them in the Box Top box located at both entrances to the church. If you have any questions, please contact Diana Rutt at 610-348-5716.

NOTICE

Due to the emphasis on privacy and the sharing of information, the hospital patient information systems are unreliable. Therefore, as a precaution, please do not presume that St John Fisher Rectory knows your loved one is in the hospital. If you would like a loved one visited, please call the rectory, 610-264-1972, and leave a message as to the name of your loved one, which hospital (be specific), and a room number if it is known at the time. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Flowers for the Altar

The **ALTAR FLOWER LIST** is at the parking lot entrance of church. Honor a loved one by placing flowers on the altar. Simply sign up on the list, and then call your florist for delivery.

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Our parishioner, Robyn Berner, has volunteered her time to coordinate people for the offertory gifts for all Sunday masses. If you are having a mass said for someone and would like to take up the gifts, please call Robyn at 610-799-3297. If you do not wish to be contacted for masses you are offering, please inform the rectory by calling, 610-264-1972.

GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS



Please join **Msgr. Francis Nave** and the Helpers of God's Precious Infants at the Prayer Pilgrimage for the unborn, and all those involved in abortion on **Saturday, July 8th**. The pilgrimage begins with Mass at 8:00AM at Notre Dame Church of Bethlehem, 1861 Catasauqua Road, and continues with The Rosary at the abortion facility located at 31 South Commerce Way in the Bethlehem Industrial Park. Come and be part of the call to let your prayers and presence bring God's everlasting, unconditional love to all those involved in abortion. Contact Info: [610-674-4624](tel:610-674-4624), or hogpi@hotmail.com.

MARRIAGE WEEKEND

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting or do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Retrouvaille may be the lifeline that you need! It is *not* just a social gathering or series of seminars, but rather a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille Weekend and the six post sessions that follow it. **The next program begins on the weekend of August 11th to 13th, at the Family Life Center in Malvern, Pa.** For more information or to register, go to www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.



Our Parish office will be closed **Tuesday, July 4th**, for regular business in observance of Independence Day.