



PASTOR'S CORNER

The New Evangelization: Share Your Love for Jesus [Part Three]

Mass Intentions

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 29, 2017

Saturday – July 29th –

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Mary Cerulli
by Daughter, Rosemary Barna
7:00PM – Jean R. Danko (WA)
by Lisa Roth Salabsky and Friends

Sunday – July 30th –

8:30AM – Joseph Tomasic (A)
by Wife, Mary and Family
10:30AM – Francis J. Broderick
by Beverly and Pete Petero

Monday – July 31st – St Ignatius of Loyola

8:00AM – Margaret “Peggy” Barrington
by Fellowship Manor Residents

Tuesday – Aug 1st – St Alphonsus Liguori

8:00AM – William J. Molchany, Sr. (A)
by Jean and Kerri Burrows

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Aug 2nd – St. Peter Julian Eymard

6:00PM – Michael and Mary Gavura
by Jim and Carol Gavura

Thursday – Aug 3rd –

Finding the Relics of St Stephen

8:00AM – Mamie Dougherty
by Marilyn Dougherty

Friday – Aug 4th – St John Vianney

8:00AM – David J. Cunningham (A)
by Sister, Betty Cunningham

Sacred Heart Novena after Mass

Saturday – Aug 5th –

Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Mary Rose Mahon (A)
by Daughter, Barbara Knarr
7:00PM – Sr. Mary Lorentia Kocon, OSF
by Mary Jane and Art Steffie

Sunday – Aug 6th –

8:30AM – Jeanette S. Koncz
by Carl and Yvonne Rieker
10:30AM – Darlene M. Steiner
by Jane Hain

According to Bishop Barron of Los Angeles, SCIENTISM is a term to describe a way of looking at reality which holds that everything that is knowable is provable by the scientific method – investigation of the world, forming hypotheses, and experimentation to verify the hypotheses. The bishop emphasizes, “Mind you, the Catholic Church has no problem with SCIENCE itself at its best. Indeed, despite the propaganda war of the last centuries, it is possible to realize that the sciences have been greatly sponsored and developed by the Church.

The real problem with scientism is that it defies the human heart (even human nature) of its real purpose and goal. Says St. Augustine, “You have made us for Yourself, O Lord; and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.” You and I have been created, we believe, by God Who has made us to be in communion with Him – how can that be proven in a lab? It can’t be demonstrated by experimentation, of course, only by faith.

On the other hand, scientism also is, “strictly speaking, self-refuting.” That is to say that one could not demonstrate in a lab that all things that are “knowable and real” are proven “knowable and real” in a lab! Scientism is not scientific itself, but rather a philosophical perspective that must be adopted by a kind of faith in science for which science itself cannot offer proof. For example, the health sciences lag far behind in proving what is often reported as fact – the recent “butter being actually better for the average individual than margarine” revelation, and the need for certain fats and cholesterol in our diet. What is reported and publicized is not always good science, but

rather, an approximation and set of conclusions drawn from incomplete data.

This way of looking at the world – pseudo-scientifically, is a major obstacle to the good news of Jesus Christ, because to evangelize is to invite people not only to scientifically-measurable *knowledge* of God, but to *personal communion* with Him. And, if I am going to talk of God as we have come to know Him in Jesus Christ, I must be able to comprehend poetry as much as textbooks, love-letters as much as lab manuals. The challenge is to help a person see that they live much of their lives, in fact, not based on scientific provability, but rather on the faith of what is known through experience and reason. In other words, if I am going to introduce a person to Jesus, I have to deal with a widely held belief among non-believers that “miracles” are true only if provable by a natural method (not a supernatural one.) Scientism doubts all things supernatural, including God Himself.

I know, I know...sit with it, read it again, and see if you don't know someone who is currently struggling to have faith who might actually be suffering from SCIENTISM. It is, after all, curable.

In Jesus, Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection

\$3,395.00

N.B. The Mission Co-Op Collection, scheduled for the weekend of August 5th and 6th will be taken up on the weekend of August 12th and 13th.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4TH
ADORATION begins after
 morning Mass, and continues
 throughout the day.
7:00PM - HOLY HOUR

THE PRELATURE OF SICUANI

The Prelature of Sicuani is located in Peru, South America. A prelate is an ecclesiastical territory with the same function as a diocese. It is a poor, rural area high up in the Peruvian Andes, which present huge challenges for the priests there, especially in terms of ministering to the people in extreme poverty while at the same time coping with living at an elevation higher than 14,000 feet above sea level. Pope Francis appointed Bishop Pedro Bustamante as the bishop for the prelate three years ago. Bishop Bustamante has been doing an amazing job leading the evangelization of this prelate and helping them with their spiritual and material needs. The Prelature covers the four civil provinces of Canchis, Canas, Espinar and Chumbivilcas. The Cathedral is located in the town of Sicuani. The Prelature of Sicuani has 14 priests right now, with over 30 parishes and still growing. Religious sisters are staffing two parishes while a number of others rely on the help of lay ministers. Some parishes in the prelate may never have a resident priest again. The reality for the Prelature of Sicuani is that they have a huge shortage of ordained clergy. Over half of the priests working in Sicuani are foreign missionaries. Needless to say it is essential for the future of the Church of Sicuani to encourage more vocations to come forward. However, there are limited resources for the support and formation of seminarians. Currently the prelate has 15 students at the seminary, which gives much hope for the future. Bishop Bustamante wants to accept more vocations for the seminary but he does not have the funding for the formation. The prelate needs assistance for the support of the missions, the seminarians, and the catholic school, the house for disabled children, the house for abandoned elders and the refraction of the parishes.

Our Missionary will be speaking at all the Masses on the weekend of August 12th and 13th for our annual Mission Co-op collection. Please plan to be generous, as always.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	K.Segan M.Druckenmiller	J. McAllister	M.Druckenmiller Deacon Jack
7:00PM	J.Shaul M.Hosni	J.Englert	P.McCarty Deacon Jack
8:30AM	L.Ruda N.Ruda	B.Molchany	C.Molchany Deacon Jack
10:30AM	C.Ritter M.Ritter	J.DeLong	J.Marhefka Deacon Jack



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

BISHOP-ELECT SCHLERT'S ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

In celebration of the Ordination and Installation of Bishop-elect Alfred Schlert as the Fifth Bishop of Allentown, the Diocese will have two liturgical services:

1. **Solemn Vespers** at which the Bishop-elect will make a Profession of Faith, and the Oath of Fidelity is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 30th, at 7:00pm at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena** located at 1825 Turner Street in Allentown. This event is open to the public. As the Allentown Fair will be occurring, **all** parking will be at St. Thomas More Church located at 1040 Flexer Avenue, Allentown. Continuous shuttles will be running beginning at 5:00pm. Light refreshments in the Parish Activity Center will follow and everyone will have a chance to greet the Bishop-Elect.
2. The **Mass of Ordination** will be held at the **Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena on Thursday, August 31st, at 2:00pm**. Because of space limitations at the Cathedral, attendance at this event is by invitation only. The Ordination and Installation will be broadcast live on Service Electric and Blue Ridge Cable TV locally. Efforts are underway to have it broadcast nationally as well. It will also be livestreamed on the Diocesan Facebook page:
www.Facebook.com/DioceseofAllentown.
3. **Due to Solemn Vespers, our daily mass at St. John Fisher Church for Wednesday, August 30th, will be held at 8:00am, and not 6:00pm.**

WANTED

A mature person with some experience to do yard and garden work, for example: weed-whacking, edging, weeding, mulch spreading, light pruning, and not necessarily all at the same time. If interested, please call Louisa at 610-417-8012.

SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

Born to a noble and devout family, Alphonsus received his degrees in civil and canon law at sixteen. After seven years of outstanding successes in the courtroom, he lost a case after a simple mistake. Driven by prayer, he heard the Lord's voice: "Leave the world and give yourself to me." He was ordained, and embarked on a ministry of preaching among the marginalized of Naples. In 1732, he founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer to preach missions. His keen legal mind and finely-tuned pastoral sensibilities made him a sought-after confessor and beloved bishop. Alphonsus died in 1787 and was named a Doctor of the Church in 1871. ~ *Magnificat, July, 2017*

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 call your florist for delivery.

IN THE WORDS OF...

"Few souls understand what God would accomplish in them if they were to abandon themselves unreservedly to Him and if they were to allow His Grace to mold them accordingly."
~ *St Ignatius of Loyola*



Our Parish office will be closed **Wednesday, August 2nd**.