



Mass Intentions

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 2, 2015

Saturday – August 1st – St Alphonsus Liguori

4:00PM – Mary Cerulli
by Louise Oswald
7:00PM – Julia Dinbokowitz
by Family

Sunday – August 2nd – 18th Sunday/Ordinary Time

8:30AM – Stephen Steffie
by Parents
10:30AM – June Keschel
by Ron and Rosie Klipple

Monday – August 3rd – Monday of the 18th Week

8:00AM – Health of Lisa and Tom Richardson (L)
by Al and Ann Fixl

Tuesday – August 4th – St John Vianney

8:00AM – Mary Rose Mahon (A)
by Barbara Knarr

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – August 5th – Dedication of St Mary Major

6:00PM – John Roman
by Christopher Lloyd

Thursday – August 6th – The Transfiguration

8:00AM – Carol A Barczy
by McCarty Family

Friday – August 7th – St Cajetan

8:00AM – Mary E Kalamar
by Veronica Reimer

Sacred Heart Novena after Mass

Saturday – August 8th – St Dominic

8:00AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners
4:00PM – Joseph Kroboth
by Family
7:00PM – Richard Fedor
by Wife, Roma

Sunday – August 9th – 19th Sunday/Ordinary Time

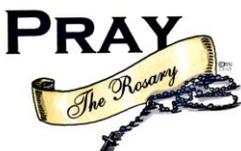
8:30AM – Rev Robert Tobolski, M.S.C.
by Rev Eric J Gruber
10:30AM – Richard and Grace Dinan
by Children

PASTOR'S CORNER

On Human Beings as Fountains

Mitchell Kalpakgian writes in “The Lost Arts of Modern Civilization,”

Because persons are rational, social and spiritual beings, they possess depths and riches – inexhaustible fountains of goodness, love, joy, and mirth that overflow into sources of happiness for many others. A child is a joy for a brother or sister, a gift to parents, a blessing to grandparents, a delight to friends, a lover to a spouse, and life's greatest benefactor to his or her own children. To enjoy people is to marvel at their uniqueness and remarkable individuality. As Gerard Manley Hopkins wrote in “Comments on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola,” ‘I find myself both as man and as myself something most determined and distinctive, at pitch, more distinctive and higher pitched than anything else I see.’ He compares his ‘selfbeing’ and ‘taste of myself’ to spices and herbs, ‘more distinctive than the taste of ale or alum, more distinctive than the smell of walnutleaf or camphor.’ Just as seasonings and spices give savor and aroma to enhance the taste of food, human beings lend flavor and color to daily experience and transform the atmosphere of a place or the quality of a day. One person missing from the family table or absent at a special occasion alters the entire tone of the event. People mourn their loved ones who have died, lament their absence because of long distance, and yearn for the company and presence of those they love because they are unrepeatable and irreplaceable in their individuality. As the young boy Diamond remarks in George MacDonald's *At the Back of the North Wind*, ‘Somehow when once you've looked into anybody's eyes, right deep down into them, I mean nobody will do for that one anymore. Nobody, ever so beautiful or good, will make up for that one going out sight.’ As the inscription



Sunday
8:15AM and 10:15AM

on Jane Austen's tombstone in Winchester Cathedral reads, 'The benevolence of her heart, the sweetness of her temperament, the extraordinary endowments of her mind, obtained the regard of all who knew her....Their grief is in proportion to their affection; they know their loss to be irreparable....' Thus despite Sartre's infamous remark that 'hell is other people,' humans are inexhaustible joys for ever and touch many lives.

Despite the hunting of lions and the pressure-per-square-inch of footballs, the real news of this week seems to be a possible deal with Iran (who has sworn to destroy Israel and the U.S.), the nuclear threat to the world, and yet more undercover video and audio regarding the regular selling of aborted baby organs and parts via the federally bolstered Planned Parenthood. When humans are considered "things" rather than "beings" a whole lot of nasty stuff happens. That's not just true for the world, of course, but for each of us. Look in the mirror. According to Jesus and his Church we are each of us an inexhaustible and unrepeatable joy without whom the world would be less. Believe it!

Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection

\$ 3,388.30

The Second Collection this weekend is the **Mission Co-op Collection.**



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	D.Sullivan A.Urban	B.Petro	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	J.Shaul J.Drummer	J.Englert	Deacon Jack
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder	J.Druckenmiller
10:30AM	C.Ritter M.Ritter	M.Ottinger	L.Bolmer

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION



Please remember to mark your calendar to spend some time with our Lord in **Adoration** this **First Friday, August 7th**. Adoration begins at the end of morning Mass and continues throughout the day until Holy Hour beginning at 7:00pm.



ST LAWRENCE

The Feast Day of St Lawrence the Martyr will be observed on Monday, **August 10th, at 8:00AM Mass.** Morning Mass will be held at the former site of St. Lawrence Church.

LITTLE SISTERS OF SAINT FRANCIS



The Little Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi was founded on May 1, 1923, in the Lugazi Diocese in Uganda, by the late Mother Mary Kevin Kearney, a Franciscan Missionary from Ireland. Her aim was to prepare sisters who will carry out the mission of Jesus

Christ throughout the world especially reaching out to the marginalized and the needy in the society.

Currently we have 700 professed members (nuns) and over 40 in initial formation (Novitiate program). We work in the East African Countries of Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania. We are also working in the United States in Williamsburg, VA, Milwaukee, WI, Scranton, PA, and Binghamton, NY.

Our Mission is to reach out with compassion to the marginalized in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi and Mother Kevin.

Our apostolates include taking care of the street children, orphans, the elderly, people with HIV/AIDS, refugees, women, youth, and people with disabilities; medical care; social work; teaching religious education and in schools.

We rely on financial support from kind and generous people to achieve our mission of caring and serving the needy in the world. We hope and pray that you will consider joining with us to help bring a whole new life to these children. They need to know that there is still hope and that God has a plan for them. With your prayers and donations, both large and small, we can support these children in living fuller lives.

Sister will be speaking this weekend, August 1st and 2nd at all the Masses for our annual Mission Co-op collection. Please plan to be generous, as always.



Please remember in your prayers **Patricia Greitzer and Robert B Peters** who passed away and were buried in our cemetery this past week. We pray their souls, and all the

souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Our parishioner, Robyn Berner, has volunteered her time to coordinate people to take up 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.



MALVERN RETREAT

Our annual men's retreat at **Malvern Retreat House** will be held on **Friday, August 21st to Sunday, August 23rd**. All men of the parish are invited to come on this weekend to enrich their spiritual lives. **For questions or information on how to sign up for the weekend contact Paul Albert at 610-264-3473, Jack McAllister at 610-264-5834, Joe Yanek at 610-261-2656, or Deacon Jack at 610-266-0689.**



CCD Registration

Registrations have been sent out for the 2015 – 2016 C.C.D. year. If your child attends public school, or is home-schooled, and you have not received a registration form, please call the Rectory, 610-264-1972, and one will be sent to you.

HOLY FAMILY MANOR



will be holding its' annual Yard Sale on **Friday, August 7th, from 9:00am to 3:00pm and Saturday, August 8th, from 8:00am to 2:00pm** in St. Mary's Hall at 1200 Spring Street, Bethlehem. The sale will feature a wide assortment of housewares, glassware, jewelry, accessories, seasonal items, baskets, and much more. Food and home baked goods will be available for purchase on both days of the sale. Proceeds from the Yard Sale and all Holy Family Manor Auxiliary Activities benefit programs and services for residents and rehabilitation patients.

GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS



Please join **Msgr David James** and the Helpers of God's Precious Infants at the Prayer Pilgrimage for the unborn, and all those involved in abortion on **Saturday, August 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, or hogpi@hotmail.com.

GOOD SHEPHERD CYO VOLLEYBALL



All 4th to 8th grade girls of our parish are invited to play Fall volleyball. If interested, call Dave at 610-502-1950.