



PASTOR'S CORNER

What's a Mom?

Tony Campolo, a progressive evangelical preacher, says that his wife is a brilliant woman. She has a PHD & is capable of pursuing a very profitable career. But she elected to stay home with her children when they were young. Her decision didn't bother her at all except when other women would ask, "What do you do?" She would answer, "I'm a homemaker. I stay home & take care of my children & my husband." They would usually respond with "Oh" & then ignore her from then on. So Mrs. Campolo came up with this response when she was asked what she did: "I'm socializing two Homo-sapiens in Judeo-Christian values so they'll appropriate the eschatological values of utopia. What do *you* do?" They would often blurt out "I'm a doctor" or "I'm a lawyer" & then wander off with a dazed look in their eyes.

Tyler Blanski, in An Immovable Feast, writes of a scribbled note he found from his mother when he was 4 years old. He holds onto it as a window into the memories he was "too young to remember." She wrote:

I've tried quite a few times to start this, but as typical, there are many interruptions. My pants have wet spots from many tears, and mud from the dirty little hands that wanted a hug. I sit in front of a table with markers, playdough, paint, water, "tools," cowboy hat, papers, crumbs, and a measure (otherwise known as a gun). The bedrooms are a mess, as is the bathroom, living room, and dining room, but somehow today it doesn't matter.

What matters is that I got to read a story while a hot-headed 4-year-old fell asleep while touching my cheek and holding my hand. What matters is that I had two little helpers who got the broom, dustpan, and "helped" fertilize the lawn, edge the sidewalk, and "clean up" the trimmings. What matters is that I got up this morning,

Mass Intentions

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2018

Saturday– May 12th –

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – All Mother's Day Intentions
7:00PM – All Mother's Day Intentions

Sunday – May 13th –

8:30AM – All Mother's Day Intentions
10:30AM – All Mother's Day Intentions

Monday – May 14th – St Matthias

8:00AM – Rev. Msgr. Anthony F. Wassel
by Rev. Eric J. Gruber

Tuesday – May 15th – St Isidore the Farmer

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

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – May 16th – St Simon Stock

6:00PM – Francis J. Broderick
by Family

Thursday – May 17th – St Paschal Baylon

8:00AM – Joseph Marko (L – Health)
by Barbara Petro

Friday – May 18th – St John I

8:00AM – Margaret "Peggy" Barrington
by Jeff, Donna and Brendyn Hussar

Saturday– May 19th – St Celestine V

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

Pentecost Sunday

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Jeanette S. Koncz
by Mary Niderostek and Frank Schwartz
7:00PM – Wilma Delores Bryan
by Peggy McCarty

Sunday – May 20th –

8:30AM – Helen Perdick (A)
by Joe Holst
10:30AM – David J. Sweeney
by Edward Tantsits



Sundays

8:15AM and 10:15AM

made bacon, eggs, muffins to feed my family and they gobbled it all up and as trusting can be, they expect more the next meal – even though I haven't thought of what it will be! I can do the dishes and wash the clothes of the boys in the house and as I do each I'm reminded that there were lots of games in the dirt, worms to look at, weeds that were picked, balls bounced, pants pooped in, cowboys and policemen and dirty faces and sticky fingers and pleases and thank yous and *who-hoos!!* that went with every piece.

So I feel far behind in all the things that could be done (or that I think should be done) and I don't think it's so important, because I'm supposed to be a cowboy right now, or a princess that needs to be rescued, and I realize there's one character that needs development more than those cowboys. After all, when Tyler says, "Mommy, did you pray for me last night while I was sleeping?" I *know*, as long as God wills, I wouldn't change jobs for anything!

Thanks Moms! And, God bless you now and always!
Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection

\$3,576.00

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE



	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	L.Ruda N.Ruda	J.Strohl	J.McAllister
7:00PM	A.Muschko K.Segan	J.Englert	P.McCarty
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	B.Molchany	M.Druckenmiller
10:30AM	A.Gorr D.Gorr	B.Petro	J.Marhefka



Flowers were placed on the altar last weekend **in honor of Anna Rechter and in memory of Irene Genovese, Sr. by Vince and Steph Genovese.**

C.C.D. CLOSING

Last Sunday, **May 6th** was the closing of our C.C.D. year.

Our First Communicants brought roses to our Blessed Mother, and the May Queen, **Lydia Dawn Broderick**, carried a basket of flowers and **Connell Leh-Crossin and Liam Sean McGinley** carried a treasure box with prayers and petitions from our parishioners, which was placed on Mary's altar.

Our 8th grade graduates were: **Dominic Jon Gorr, Nora Marie Ruda and Daniel James Sullivan**, whom we wish well as they begin high school!

Thank you to all students and parents for being part of our program. We'll see you in September.

A special thanks to Fr. Eric for all of his support throughout the year.

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS



At all Masses for Mother's Day this weekend, **May 12th and 13th**, the **Pennsylvanians for Human Life** will be selling live flowers for their annual fundraiser. Please support their only fundraiser with a lovely gift for your Mom.

ATTENTION GRADUATES

We will be having our Graduation Mass for all graduates from high school and college **on Sunday, June 3rd, at the 8:30am Mass**, with light refreshments to follow in the church hall. If you will be graduating, please contact Annette Englert at 610-264-4758.



DONUT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, May 20th, is Donut Sunday. Thank you to the **Pluchinsky Family**, who is sponsoring this month's event. Please stop by after the **8:30AM and 10:30AM Masses** for some coffee, tea, and some donuts!



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 18th**, until Trinity Sunday (**May 27th**). Those conscious of serious sin are reminded of the obligation to confess their sins at least once a year during this time.

C.C.D. REGISTRATIONS

Registrations have been sent out for the 2018 – 2019 C.C.D. year. If your child attends public school, is home-schooled, or will be starting pre-school this year, and you have not received a registration form, please call the Rectory.

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.

ST ELIZABETH'S CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join us at "Shipwrecked" where you are "Rescued by Jesus!" Daily adventures are **Monday to Friday, June 25th to June 29th, and start at 8:45am and end at 12:00pm.** Registration forms are available at www.sercc.org, or email at dirreled@sercc.org. All children from 4 years old to 5th grade are welcome. Cost is only \$20.00 per child or \$35.00 for families.

St. John the Baptist Church 924 N. Front St, Allentown

A Polka Mass will be held **Saturday, May 19th, at 4:00pm.** Come and celebrate the Holy Mass with the ethnic tradition of East European music.

Meat Bingo on **Sunday, May 20th.** Doors and kitchen open at 12:00 noon and bingo begins at 1:00pm.

Mayflower Dance with the Steel City Band with Bobby Molchan will be held on **Saturday, May 27th, from 7:00pm to 10:00pm.** Tickets are just \$5.00, the kitchen will be open and it is B.Y.O.B.

Any questions, call Bill Drost at 610.432.3505.

Vikettes Basketball Camp

Any current 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girl interested in attending Allentown Central Catholic's Girls Basketball Camp this summer should email Coach Kopp at mkoppccchs@gmail.com. **The camp will be held June 11th to the 14th, from 9:30am to 2:30pm at St. Joseph the Worker Gym in Orefield.**

Flea Market

Salem UCC, 615 Third Street in Catty is having a Flea Market on **Saturday, June 2nd, from 9:00am to 1:00pm.** There will be a bake sale, basket raffle and lots of good food!

NORTH CATASAUQUA BETTERMENT COMMITTEE GOLF OUTING

The 12th Annual North Catasauqua Small Town USA Golf Tournament will be held on **Sunday, June 10th, at Willow Brook Golf Course.** Tournament is four person scramble with shotgun start at **8:30am.** The \$85.00 pre-registration fee is due by **Monday, June 1st.** After this date, it is \$90.00. The entry fee includes golf, cart, a continental breakfast beginning at 7:30am, hot dogs and snacks on the green, a hot and cold dinner buffet by the Fairview House, welcome gift bag, raffle, and door prizes for everyone! All proceeds will benefit community projects and events. Come play in the tournament that supports the community! For more information, to be a sponsor, or to register, call 610-264-1504, or NCataCentennial@aol.com.

CASINO BUS TRIP

The Young at Heart Club of Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Northampton is sponsoring a bus trip to Mohegan Sun Casino on **Tuesday, May 15th.** The cost is \$23.00 per person. For more information call Louise at 610-262-6308, or Bella at 610-262-2673.



IN THE WORDS OF ...

"Jesus Christ, after having given us all he could give, that is to say, the merit of his toils, his sufferings, and bitter death; after having given us his adorable body and blood to be the food of our souls, willed also to give us the most precious thing he had left, which was his holy Mother."

~ St. John Vianney