



Mass Intentions

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 22, 2017

Saturday – July 22nd –

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – William J. Molchany, Sr.
by Fred and Carol Hutterer
7:00PM – Jerry Sullivan
by Nancy and John McCarty

Sunday – July 23rd –

8:30AM – Donna Roman
by Nin Snyder and Family
10:30AM – Margaret C. O'Donnell
by McCloskey Family

Monday – July 24th – St Sharbel MakhluF

8:00AM – Louise C. Horn
by M/M Edward Jeziorski and Family

Tuesday – July 25th – St James

8:00AM – Edward J. Ferenchak
by Carl and Yvonne Rieker

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – July 26th – Ss Joachim and Anne

6:00PM – Anna M. Milkovits
by Deacon and Mrs. Jack O'Connell

Thursday – July 27th – St Pantaleon

8:00AM – Richard Fedor (A)
by Wife, Roma and Family

Friday – July 28th – St Samson

8:00AM – Margaret and Charles McCarty
by Kathleen and Peggy

Saturday – July 29th – St Martha

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

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

*Lord, You are Good and
Forgiving.*

PASTOR'S CORNER

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

Okay. We've established that each baptized Christian has been commissioned by Jesus Christ to "make disciples of all nations," that is, to evangelize others. It is no more and no less the duty of priests, lay persons, sisters, bishops and the daily mass goer to spread the good news of Jesus Christ and the coming of his kingdom. But, how do we go about this?

Well, the first step may be to take an account of the way things stand right now.

In his presentation to the Convocation of Catholic Leaders in early July, Bishop Robert Barron (auxiliary bishop of LA) gives us a good place to start. In response to statistics regarding the Nones (those who claim no religion), -- that regular Sunday mass attendance in the U.S. is about 25%, that for every one young person who joins the Catholic Church today six people leave the faith, and that 50% of Catholics 30 years old and younger do not identify themselves with ANY religion, Bishop Barron, identifies three major obstacles and opportunities for the new evangelization to take place in our day.

The three major obstacles he names are these: (stick with me, here...)

- 1) The devotion of people to scientism.
- 2) The M'eh (Whatever!) culture.
- 3) The scourge of self-creation or voluntarism.

Scientism is the belief system (not scientific) that all things in the universe are reducible to what is measureable and knowable through scientific experiment. Sounds too academic and hoity-toity? -- tune in next week for a real breakdown of scientism and how easily we fall for it.

The M'eh culture, as he describes it, is the disengaged, uninvolved and passive response to created reality, including human beings, in which there seems to be no ultimate purpose to anything in life.

Voluntarism is the belief that the world is as I make it – truth, beauty, matter, time, spirit, nature, God are determined by what I choose to believe about them.

Beginning next week, we will unpack these obstacles to see how much our OWN faith is blocked or corrupted by them.

Don't fear the truth, for it sets us truly free, Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$3,735.00
Central and Eastern Europe \$ 782.00

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**.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	A.Muschko A.Urban	J.Englert	J.McAllister
7:00PM	D.Sullivan K.Segan	P.McCarty	J.Yanek
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	J.Strohl	C.Hetzel
10:30AM	C.Ritter M.Ritter	K.McCloskey	F.Hutterer



Please remember in your prayers **Joseph R. Sarnitsky**, and was buried recently. May his soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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 be having 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.**

Diocesan Anniversary Mass

Celebration will be held on **Sunday, September 17th, at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, 1875 West Turner Street in Allentown, at 3:00pm**. We cordially invite couples celebrating five, twenty-five, forty, fifty, sixty or sixty plus years of marriage to this special event. Please register: at <http://www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass>, or in the A.D. Times, or email at MFLF@allentowndiocese.org or call 610-289-8900 ext. 2028. **September 8th is the deadline for registration.**

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.

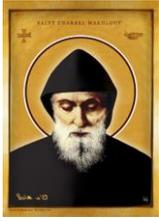
Shepherd Gift Card Sales Summer Hours are Wednesday evenings between 5:00pm to 7:00pm and Thursdays between 10:00am to 12:00pm.

C.Y.O. Fall Sports: Please visit our new website, <http://tshq.bluesombrero.com/default.aspx?portalid=21527>, to complete an online registration and payment.



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

SAINT SHARBEL MAKHLUF

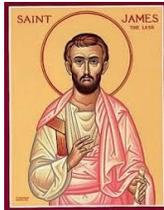


Sharbel was born in the hills of Lebanon to a poor but devout family. As a boy, he tended sheep in the wilderness, where he fashioned for himself a shrine to our Lady, spending long hours in prayer. He entered monastic life and was ordained. In

1875, moved by the teaching of the Desert Fathers, he entered the hermitage of Saints Peter and Paul. His entire life centered on the sacrifice of the Mass. After his death in 1898, many miracles were attributed to his intercession. Pope Paul VI called Sharbel the “admirable flower of sanctity blooming on the stem of the ancient monastic traditions of the East.”
~ *Magnificat, July, 2017*

SAINT JAMES

James “the Greater” and his brother John are called by Jesus as they are mending their nets in their boat on the Sea of Galilee. He belongs to the inner circle of the Apostles. With Peter and John, he witnesses the cure of Peter’s mother-in-law, the raising of Jairus’ daughter, Jesus’ Transfiguration, and his agony in the garden of Gethsemane. The mother of James and John asks Jesus to give them the seats at either side of him, positions of honor and authority. This prompts Jesus’ teaching: “The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”
~ *Magnificat, July, 2017*



SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE PARENTS OF OUR BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



According to a 2nd century tradition, Anne and Joachim conceived Mary as a gift from God after years of infertility. Devotion to Anne dates to around 550, when Emperor Justinian built a church in her honor. She is frequently depicted teaching Mary to read the Scriptures.

“Saints Joachim and Anne were part of a long chain of people who had transmitted their faith and love for God, expressed in the warmth and love of family life, down to Mary, who received the Son of God in her womb and who gave him to the world, to us. How precious is the family as the privileged place for transmitting the faith!” (Pope Francis)

~ *Magnificat, July, 2017*

SAINT MARTHA

Martha is remembered as the one who was fretting when Jesus came to dinner, in sharp contrast to her sister Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet. Jesus tells Martha that Martha has chosen the “better part.” Martha clearly takes Jesus’ correction to heart. When he comes to Bethany again, this time because her brother Lazarus has died, Martha is still the active one, the doer. She runs out to greet Jesus while Mary stays at home. But now Martha’s anxiety has given way to faith: “I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.”
~ *Magnificat, July, 2017*

