



## Mass Intentions

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 10, 2019

**Saturday– Aug 10<sup>th</sup> –**

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Julia Superka (B)  
by Carolyn and Nik Pontician  
7:00PM – Loretta Solderich (B)  
by Michael and Kellyann

**Sunday – Aug 11<sup>th</sup> –**

8:30AM – Phyllis S. Roman  
by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Avate  
10:30AM – Kathy McCloskey (B)  
by Mr. and Mrs. Larry Krautsack, Sr.

**Monday – Aug 12<sup>th</sup> –St Jane Frances de Chantal**

8:00AM – Margaret Kuchera  
by Mary Molchany

**Tuesday – Aug 13<sup>th</sup> – Ss Pontian and Hippolytus**

8:00AM – Joseph Mahon (A)  
by Daughter, Barbara Knarr

**Wednesday – Aug 14<sup>th</sup> – St Maximillian Kolbe**

6:00PM – Thomas Kern  
by McCloskey Family

**Thursday – Aug 15<sup>th</sup> –**

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00AM – Margaret and Charles McCarty  
by Kathleen and Peggy  
12:05PM – Virginia and Howard Springman (WA)  
by Kellyann Firmstone and Sons

**Friday – Aug 16<sup>th</sup> – St Stephen of Hungary**

8:00AM – Bob Spengler and Bernardine Wehr  
by Ann and Dale

**Saturday– Aug 17<sup>th</sup> – St Hyacinth**

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Robert Strohl  
by Peggy McCarty  
7:00PM – Rosa Cunningham (A)  
by Bossons Family

**Sunday – Aug 18<sup>th</sup> –**

8:30AM – Raymond Bieak (B)  
by Theresa and Dennis Bieak  
10:30AM – Memorial Fund Members  
by The Memorial Fund



**Pray the Rosary Sundays**  
8:15AM and 10:15AM

# PASTOR'S CORNER

## Selective Hearing/Selective Speaking

Every one of us has done it. It usually begins in our childhood days, but is most obvious in our elderly years. Every one of us sometimes hears only what we want to hear, and says only what agrees with our own opinions (as if our opinions are objective truth). We do this sometimes for the littlest of reasons, not the least of which is the simple vanity of hearing our own ideas expressed as the absolute truth – avoiding any “inconvenient” facts that might challenge our ideas. But our own “lies” to ourselves may cause trouble for others. For example, if a devolving alcoholic person is unwilling or unable to accept the truths surrounding their own harmful behaviors and seek to address the real problems, then their friends, family, co-workers, and fellow citizens are going to be potentially harmed. But, what if there were persons in the society whose job it was to search for and speak the truth so that the rest of the citizens could be informed accurately? What if a number of those persons, themselves enamored of the morally ambiguous and corrupting society in which they lived and worked, seeking after their own glory, power and “wealth,” came to control the majority of the information given as “the truth” to their fellow citizens?

The constitutional scholar, Mark R. Levin, writes, “It bears remembering that the purpose of a free press, like the purpose of free speech, is to nurture the mind, communicate ideas, challenge ideologies, share notions, inspire creativity, advocate and reinforce America’s founding principles – that is, to contribute to a vigorous, productive, healthy, and happy individual and well-functioning civil society and republic. Moreover, the media are to expose official actions aimed at squelching speech and communication. But

when the media function as a propaganda tool for a single political party and ideology, they not only destroy their own purpose but threaten the existence of a free republic.

It is surely not for the government to control the press, and yet the press is not capable of policing itself. We must remember, we are not merely observers, we are the citizenry.” ~ from the Introduction of Unfreedom of the Press

Friends, this past week in the daily news there was a lot of selective hearing and speaking going on regarding the shootings last weekend and who’s responsible and how to fix it. Did any one of them actually read the El Paso shooter’s manifesto? If they did, then what they reported reveals their absolute ignorance, or worse, their thorough corruption.

Pray for the press. In a free society they have an *essential* job to do. And, if they have become corrupted to the degree in evidence this week, God help us all. Be critical of what you read and hear as news, Fr. Eric.



## ASSUMPTION – AUGUST 15<sup>th</sup>

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
<b>6:00PM – WEDNESDAY</b>	D.Gair C.Gair	P.McCloskey	J.Behum
<b>8:00AM – THURSDAY</b>	No One	P.McCarty	M.Druckenmiller
<b>12:05PM – THURSDAY</b>	No One	J.Strohl	Deacon Jack

## **NEXT WEEK’S SCHEDULE**

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
<b>4:00PM</b>	L.Ruda N.Ruda	J.McAllister	J.Druckenmiller
<b>7:00PM</b>	A.Muschko L.McGinley	J.Englert	J.Behum
<b>8:30AM</b>	D.Popovic M.Popovic	B.Molchany	Deacon Jack
<b>10:30AM</b>	M.Ritter J.Martinez	B.Petro	Deacon Jack



## **MASSES FOR THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> – 6:00PM – Vigil**  
**Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> – 8:00AM**  
**Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> – 12:05PM**

## **The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

The Blessed Virgin Mary’s bodily Assumption into heaven makes clear to us that there is room for our humanity in heaven. Mary’s Assumption assures us that what Jesus accomplished in rising from the dead and ascending into heaven was not limited to his own Person – even though we are not divine, we too are meant to be in heaven with the Incarnate Son, in his home with the Father and the Holy Spirit.  
 ~ Magnificat, August, 2019



## **DONUT SUNDAY**

**Next Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, is Donut Sunday.** Thank you to **Paul and Dottie Holaska**, who are sponsoring this month’s event. Please stop by after the **8:30AM and 10:30AM Masses** for some coffee, tea, and some donuts!

## **OFFERTORY COLLECTION**



**Plate Collection**

**\$3,494.00**

## **C.C.D. REGISTRATIONS**

Registrations have been mailed out. **The forms and tuition are due next Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, or a late fee will be added.** 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, 610-264-1972.

## **MALVERN RETREAT WEEKEND**

**August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>**

It is a wonderful weekend to be with our Lord and time for reflection and prayer. I encourage our men of the parish to come with us to this weekend of spiritual renewal. **Fr. Bernard Ezaki**, who is an Allentown diocesan priest at St. Jane’s in Easton, will be giving a reflection on Saturday afternoon on the retreat. You don’t want to miss Fr. Ezaki’s talk. Any questions please call Deacon Jack at 610-266-0689 or Paul Albert at 610-264-3473.

## Saint Maximilian Kolbe



A Franciscan friar, Maximilian founded the Militia Immaculata and established Franciscan houses to promote devotion to Mary in India and Japan. In February, 1941, the Nazis arrested him at his friary in Poland. In August, 1941, ten prisoners were given death sentences in retribution

for a prison escape. A young father, Francis Gajowniczek, cried out as he was chosen. Maximilian asked to take his place. From the depths of the concrete starvation bunker, the condemned men were heard feebly singing and praying – led by Maximilian. Ten days later, the executioner ended Maximilian's life by lethal injection. Saint John Paul II canonized Maximilian in 1982. Francis Gajowniczek was in attendance.

~ Magnificat, August, 2019

## Save the Date

The Serra Clubs of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic Region will hold a Conference and Pilgrimage at the Shrine of St. John Neumann in Philadelphia on **Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 9:00am to 8:00pm.**

You do not need to be a member and all are welcome to attend. More information is to follow or call Marie Mazzini, at 610-285-2002.

## Diocesan Anniversary Mass

Celebration will be held on **Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, 1875 West Turner Street in Allentown, at 3:00pm.** We cordially invite couples celebrating one, five, ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five, forty, fifty, sixty or sixty plus years of marriage to this special event. Register by email at [MFLF@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:MFLF@allentowndiocese.org) or call 610-289-8900 ext. 2021. **September 9<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for registration.**

## Saint Jane Frances de Chantel



Jane was born to a wealthy family in Dijon, France, in 1572. After nine years of happy marriage, her husband died in a hunting accident. In the tradition of the holy widows, Jane folded her sufferings into prayer, devoting herself to her children's education and serving her

disagreeable father-in-law with kindness. In 1610, she and Saint Francis de Sales founded the Order of the Visitation for women who did not have the stamina for the life of the traditional orders. In the place of physical mortification, the Visitation nuns devote themselves to total trust in humble and gentle service in the spirit of Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth. Jane died in 1641. ~ Magnificat, August, 2019

## St. Mary's Church

122 Union Street, Catty

Advanced Ticket Sales are available for their **Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner** which will be held on **Friday September 13<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm.** The dinner includes: a 1/2 chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, local corn on the cob, roll and butter. **Ticket orders must be received by Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.** The price is **\$12.00 per dinner.** Mail payment and self-addressed, stamped envelope to St. Mary's Church. Call Kim at 610-264-0332, with any questions.

## St. Elizabeth's Parish Hall

Is offering **low impact aerobics** on **Tuesday nights, from September 3<sup>rd</sup> to November 5<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00pm to 6:45pm.** The cost is only \$25.00.

They are also offering **beginner aerobic classes** on **Wednesday nights, from September 4<sup>th</sup> to October 30<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30pm to 6:00pm.** The cost is only \$15.00. For both classes, register by **August 31<sup>st</sup>, by calling** Mary at 610-266-0695, or email at [dirreled@sercc.org](mailto:dirreled@sercc.org).