



PASTOR'S CORNER

Setting Priorities

Imagine yourself as a Chief Executive Officer of a major company. [I'll pause here while you enjoy the thought (perhaps?)...] Now, it is your duty to set up the responsibilities for your company and your employees as well as the "rules of behavior" (i.e. ethical principles) so as to produce your products and services in the most profitable and beneficial ways for you, your stock-holders, your employees and their families, and your society as a whole. – Wow! That's a major responsibility, so you invite consultants in to help you set the course for your company.

The first consultant is all about company perks for consumers and employees. The second is all about marketing and advertisement. The third is all about profits. A fourth provides a blend of the three with an employee/company/CEO "Handbook" that provides an answer for every question and problem and situation that can be imagined. This fourth consultant also recommends establishing a kind of "court" within the company that adjudicates challenges to the "Handbook." The "Handbook" would be volumes and volumes in print and would take up much of the company's current secure storage on their digital framework. Upgrades to the latter would be required.

As for your employees, they speak a total of 41 languages and over 100 different dialects of the same. They come from almost as many different cultures and places. They follow different personal customs, rituals and habits. They are moral individuals – each a product of nurture and nature. These differences can make the safety, comfort and productivity of the employees (i.e. the company) very unstable and fragile – any "rules of behavior" would have to be sensitive to these differences wherever possible.

You have your own ideas as to what will "work" in the situation, but you decide to "bring in" a fifth consultant. You walk across your office to the bookshelf, pull over a chair from the meeting table, and standing on it, stretch to collect a book from the top shelf. Full of dust you wipe your hands and the book with a handkerchief from your pocket. You sit down at the table and open it up. You find the Book of Exodus, chapter twenty, verses one through seventeen. And you read them. And you study them. And you pray with them. And you act according to them. You see and understand that these Commandments or "rules of behavior" are not merely Judeo-Christian in origin, but ultimately true for every human being, let alone employees.

While our civil society with all its' diversity is struggling to "get along" with each other, persons and groups of persons have sued various communities and institutions to have the Ten Commandments removed from public places. That battle in society may go on for decades, but these "rules" are more than rules for

Mass Intentions

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 19, 2015

Saturday – July 18th – St Camillus de Lellis

4:00PM – Donald N Knarr (A)
by Wife, Barbara
7:00PM – Rose Marie Schmidt
by Family

Sunday – July 19th – 16th Sunday/Ordinary Time

8:30AM – Ron and Cathy Morey (L)
30th Wedding Anniversary
10:30AM – All Memorial Fund Members
by Memorial Fund

Monday – July 20th – St Apollinaris

8:00AM – Adele Yost
by Angie Kotch and Donna Marie Kromer

Tuesday – July 21st – St Lawrence of Brindisi

8:00AM – Vincent Rivetti (B)
by Sister, Marie Jacoby

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – July 22nd – St Mary Magdalene

6:00PM – Polly O'Donnell
by Altar and Rosary Society

Thursday – July 23rd – St Bridget of Sweden

8:00AM – Marion Bowen
by The Kalnas Family

Friday – July 24th – St Sharbel Makhluf

8:00AM – Parents, Melichor and Emelia Dopsovic
by Daughter, Agnes Chabak

Saturday – July 25th – St James

8:00AM – Communion Service by Deacon Jack
4:00PM – Moravek and Skeebolk Families
by Gene and Jeanette Koncz
7:00PM – Edward J Danko
by McCarty Family

Sunday – July 26th – 17th Sunday/Ordinary Time

8:30AM – Joseph Tomasic
by Wife and Family
10:30AM – Margaret C O'Donnell (A)
by McCloskey Family



Sunday
8:15AM and 10:15AM

you and me. They may not be removed from our lives by hired lawyers in the world, nor by the inner lawyers in our minds that always try to get around them for purely selfish reasons. Read Exodus 20:1-17. Study, pray and act according to them – for the Ten Commandments teach us what our real priorities in life should always be: God, parents/family, innocent human life, fidelity in married life, property, truth in speech, and a life which covets nothing from others.

God's Law is the real freedom to be human,
Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection

\$ 3,789.00

The Second Collection this weekend, **July 18th and 19th**, is the **Central and Eastern Europe Collection**.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	S.DeLong D.Sullivan	K.McCloskey	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	A.Urban J.Drummer	J.Englert	Deacon Jack
8:30AM	S.Popovic D.Popovic	J.Strohl	M.Druckenmiller
10:30AM	C.Ritter M.Ritter	L.Bolmer	F.Hutterer

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.



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.

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.

In Kenya, a number of young women and men have died of HIV/AIDS, leaving many children orphaned. Sadly, most of these needy children experience social rejection from their families and relatives. And thus, end up mainly living in the streets of major towns. As Disciples of Christ, our sisters reach out to these precious children and bring them into a safe, loving environment at Amukura Home for Orphans in Bungoma and Ukweli Home of Hope for street children in Nairobi where they can start to become the people in which God made them.

Currently, we have 35 children at the Amukura Orphanage and 29 at Ukweli Home of Hope. Ukweli Home also caters to 40 other children from the nearby slums that come every day for meals, clothing, medication and education. Although we would like to accommodate all these children at our Ukweli Home, we are unable to expand the facility due to a lack of funds.

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 on the weekend of August 1st and 2nd at all the Masses for our annual Mission Coop collection. Please plan to be generous, as always.

Young at Heart

The next meeting of St John Fisher's Young at Heart will be held on **Wednesday, July 22nd**, at **1:00PM** in the Parish Hall. **A luncheon will be served.**

The next Casino trip to Mount Airy will be on **Friday, July 24th**. The bus leaves the Church Parking Lot at 10:00AM. The price is \$22.00 per person. For more information, call Bill Molchany, 610-264-0920.



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. This is a time to step back and reflect on our relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ through prayer and meditation and by the help of a retreat director. **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.**

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

ONLY 35 openings remain!!

is currently enrolling new students for the 2015-2016 school year. We offer full day K through 8th Grade, as well as, preschool and Pre-K programs for 3 year old and 4 year old children. Extended care is available. Enroll today! Call 610.262.9171 or email mrspoccia@ptd.net.



We would like to thank **Ed Ferenchak** for the many years of his dedication to our parish as Sacristan and leader of the men on the weekly maintenance crew. Ed was our "master gardener" and all around "you name it, he did it" man. God bless you in your retirement!

As far as maintenance goes right now, we also want to thank the following people who save us substantial amounts of money for the work they do as volunteers: Michael Gavura, member of 1st Presbyterian Church in Bethlehem, whose lawn tractor cuts the rectory/church lawns and field. Dick Rice, member of St Mary's in Catty, general maintenance. Ceily Gavura, member of 1st Presbyterian Church in Bethlehem, yard work. And, of course, Joe Szilezy, Steve Roman, John Daub, Tony Ozimek, and Steve Burda, all members of St John Fisher, who do general maintenance.

We always need more help since more help means fewer hours. We meet on Monday mornings from 9:00am to 12:00pm. To volunteer or ask questions, call Aggie Szilezy at 610-261-1445.



St Peter's Church in Coplay

will hold their 61st Annual Parish Picnic and Homecoming on **Sunday, August 2nd**, from 12:00noon to 10:00pm on the Church grounds on 5th and Coplay Streets. The "Schanta Band" will play from 1:00PM to 5:00PM and "Flirting With The Mob Band" will play from 5:30PM to 9:30PM. Homemade foods including our famous pierogies are available.