



Mass Intentions

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 28, 2015

Saturday – June 27th – St Cyril of Alexandria

4:00PM – Joseph Kroboth

by Family

7:00PM – Julia Superka (A)

by Carolyn and Nick Pontician

Sunday – June 28th – 13th Sunday/Ordinary Time

8:30AM – The Poor Souls in Purgatory

by Irene Vomero

10:30AM – Edward J Danko

by John and Kelli Kennedy

Monday – June 29th – Ss Peter and Paul

8:00AM – Jeannette Wise

by Colleen McCloskey

Tuesday – June 30th – The First Martyrs

8:00AM – Tracy Mertz

by Nana Helen Kennedy

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – July 1st – Bl Junipero Serra

6:00PM – Rev Thomas A Horan (A)

by Patrick McCloskey and Family

Thursday – July 2nd – St Bernardino Realino

8:00AM – David Frew

by Melanie and Matt Sandell

Friday – July 3rd – St Thomas

8:00AM – Ann Oswald (A)

By Louise Oswald

Sacred Heart Novena after Mass

Saturday – July 4th – St Elizabeth of Portugal

8:00AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners

4:00PM – Mary Cerulli

by Margaret and Joe Kish

7:00PM – Jeff Greb and Mark Moser

by Anonymous

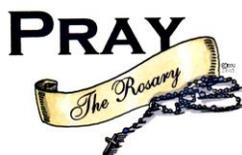
Sunday – July 5th – 14th Sunday/Ordinary Time

8:30AM – Mary E Kalamar

by Assembly #72 Slovak Catholic Sokol

10:30AM – Walter Meyers

by Ron and Rosie Klipple



Sunday

8:15AM and 10:15AM

PASTOR'S CORNER

Looking Deeply into the Eyes of Terminal America

George Weigel, Catholic theologian and author, ethicist and public policy expert, writes in Against the Grain (2008):

...in May 1953 [Poland], the [communist] regime ordered the implementation of a decree giving the state the authority to appoint and remove priests and bishops; all clergy were also to be required to take an oath of loyalty to the Polish People's Republic. Which meant, in practice, that the Church was to become a wholly owned and operated subsidiary of the Polish state, itself a husk owned and operated by the Polish community party and its masters in Moscow.

Cardinal Wyszyński now chose the path of confrontation, and in a historic sermon at Warsaw's St. John's Cathedral, he threw down the gauntlet: "We teach that it is proper to render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God that which is God's. But when Caesar seats himself on the altar, we respond curtly: he may not." Later, the entire Polish episcopate (i.e. all the bishops) issued a memorandum which concluded with the memorable words, "We are not allowed to place the things of God on the altar of Caesar. *Non possumus!*" "We cannot!"

That act cost Cardinal Wyszyński three years of imprisonment and internal exile under house arrest; but he eventually won his point. Moreover, a strong case can be made that the *Non possumus!* of the Polish episcopate was a crucial marker along the road that led, by a long and complex path, from the abrogation of freedom in east central Europe after World War II to the restoration of democracy in those lands in 1989.

...Because Caesar is not God, the realm of the political is a realm of neither ultimacy nor totality. By "de-

divinizing” Caesar, Christianity desacralizes politics. And that is an achievement of great public importance. Why? Because it clears the social space on which a politics of persuasion can form: the social space on which a juridical state with limited and defined legal powers, whose primary function is securing the basic rights of its citizens, can be built. Because Caesar is not God, civil society is possible. Because Caesar is not God, the state is at the service of society, rather than the other way around. Because Caesar is not God, we can be democratic citizens of a limited, constitutional state.

...The desacralization of politics that is implied in the de-divinization of Caesar is, in contemporary terms, a crucial barrier against both the totalitarian temptation (wherein a leader or group of leaders rule by power over ‘their’ people) and against the tendency of all modern bureaucratic states to extend indefinitely the reach of their coercive power. (by laws, courts and judges).

It’s not always the pie itself that matters most; many times it’s who cuts it and how it gets cut up in the first place. This week’s decisions by the Supreme Court and continued weak leadership by both parties in Washington, along with the ongoing moral corruption and dissolution in our once-civil society, are a blaring trumpet, friends. Pray ‘em if you got ‘em, and get informed!

Respectfully,
Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$ 3,466.50

Peter’s Pence Collection \$ 838.00

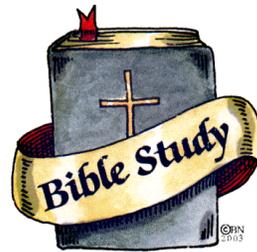
The Second Collection next weekend, July 4th and 5th, will be the **Improvement and Repair Collection**.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Please remember to mark your calendar to spend some time with our Lord in Adoration this **First Friday, July 3rd**. Adoration begins at the end of morning Mass and continues throughout the day until Holy Hour beginning at 7:00pm.



BIBLE STUDY



If you would like to participate in an upcoming Bible Study, given by Father Eric, there are sign-up sheets at both entrances to church. Please be sure to take one form and fill it out. You can return the form by way of

next week’s collection basket or by dropping it off at the rectory. Our rectory is located on Third Street, next to the church, with the entrance at the side of the building with the ramp. More details to follow.



NEXT WEEK’S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	A.Muschko D.Sullivan	J.Englert	E.Ferenchak Deacon Jack
7:00PM	J.Shaul A.Urban	P.McCarty	C.Molchany Deacon Jack
8:30AM	S.Popovic D.Popovic	E.Snyder	C.Hetzel Deacon Jack
10:30AM	C.Ritter M.Ritter	M.Ottinger	J.Behum Deacon Jack



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. 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.

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

Peter, a poor fisherman, was called by Christ to lead and care for Christ's entire flock: "Feed my sheep!" (John 21:17). It was Peter who received a vision confirming that the Good News was to be preached to those the Jews considered unclean, the pagan Gentiles (cf. Acts 10:9-16). Paul, the former Pharisee, carried out this missionary mandate. In the course of his preaching he was flogged, beaten, stoned, shipwrecked, and attacked by brigands (cf. 2 Corinthians 11:24-27). Both Peter and Paul ended their ministry in Rome around the year 54. Tradition holds that Peter was crucified upside-down and Paul beheaded by the sword.

PARISH RETREAT

Several parishes in our diocese are building up the spirituality of their parish by having an annual parish retreat. St. John Fisher Parish is planning to start parish retreats, but we need the help of our parishioners. There will be different positions of leadership for the retreat teams that need to be filled. If you are interested, drop a note in the collection basket that states "Parish Retreat" with your name and phone number.

Save the Dates!

Sunday, September 13th – International Dinner
Friday, October 2nd – Family Night
Friday, November 6th – Ladies' Night Out
Monday, November 23rd – Pumpkin Roll Pick-up

SAINT THOMAS

Saint Thomas is the Apostle who refuses to believe in the Resurrection unless he can personally examine the evidence. When Jesus comes to him, wounded, yet alive, Thomas cries at once, "My Lord and my God!" And Jesus replies "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believe" (John 20:29).



Tradition traces Thomas' post-Pentecost preaching ministry to Syria, Persia, and southern India.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS



If you have a loved one who is homebound or in a care facility and unable to attend Mass, please call the rectory at 610-264-1972 to schedule a pastoral visit for Communion and a blessing.

Flowers were placed on the altar last weekend in loving memory of **John Behum** by **Joe and Judy Behum**.



IN THE WORDS OF ...

Marriage is an act of will that signifies and involves a mutual gift, which unites the spouses and binds them to their eventual souls, with whom they make up a sole family - a domestic church.

~Pope John Paul II