

# PASTOR'S CORNER

## Diagnosis Is One Thing... [a reprise from 2016]

### Mass Intentions

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 7, 2018

**Saturday – July 7<sup>th</sup> –**

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Richard DiLiberto (A)  
by Jim and Carmela Meyer  
7:00PM – Edward J. Danko  
by Diane Hirschman

**Sunday – July 8<sup>th</sup> –**

8:30AM – Phyllis and Stephen Roman (60<sup>th</sup> WA)  
by Family  
10:30AM – David J. Sweeney (A)  
by Mom and Dad

**Monday – July 9<sup>th</sup> –**

**St Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions**

8:00AM – John “Jack” McCarty  
by Kathleen and Peggy

**Tuesday – July 10<sup>th</sup> – Ss Rufina and Secunda**

8:00AM – Margaret “Peggy” Barrington  
by Jay Gilbert and Family

***Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass***

**Wednesday – July 11<sup>th</sup> – St Benedict**

6:00PM – Michael E. Voice  
by Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Voice

**Thursday – July 12<sup>th</sup> – St John Gualbert**

8:00AM – Theresa and Frank Cihylik  
by Louise and Mike Seng

**Friday – July 13<sup>th</sup> – St Henry**

8:00AM – Memorial Fund Members  
by Memorial Fund

**Saturday – July 14<sup>th</sup> – St Kateri Tekakwitha**

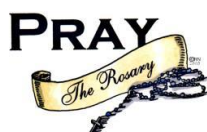
8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Joseph Kroboth (B)  
by Kroboth Family  
7:00PM – Michael Dundon  
by Jean Marhefka

**Sunday – July 15<sup>th</sup> –**

8:30AM – Maryann Holst  
by Joe Holst  
10:30AM – Agnes M. Collis  
by Skears Family



**Sundays**

8:15AM and 10:15AM

The Ghost of Christmas Present produced from ‘neath the hem of his robe two frighteningly emaciated, neglected children. Ebenezer asked, “What are they?” “They are your children,” the ghost said, “they are the children of all of those who walk the world unseeing and unknowing. Their names are ignorance and want. Beware of them...for on their heads is written the word ‘DOOM.’” Ebenezer Scrooge does not wish to see them any longer, and begs the spirit to “cover them.”

We’re all familiar with the Christmas conversion story of Mr. Scrooge by facing his own demons of greed, selfishness and self-righteousness – not to mention facing his own mortality. His story is heartwarming and encouraging. But he is just one man; how does his conversion help with the ignorance and want of the world’s inhabitants – an ignorance and want which is threatening innocent life in terrorism, violence and the horrors of abject poverty and inhumanity to man? The problems of the world, not to mention our own troubles, are too many and too large – what difference will it make if I am converted to Christ and his way of living more deeply than before, what improvement in the world is had in my efforts to act justly in my own personal affairs?

The diagnosis of the problems of the world is crucial. After all, one cannot treat a disease until one identifies its’ symptoms and its’ pathologies. But the diagnosis, while critical to get “just right,” leads us to brainstorming some real solutions to the challenges at hand. And, no matter how broad-sweeping our redresses to world problems and societies’ faults and horrors, it all seems like a drop in the ocean – let alone how insignificant the repentance of my personal sins and horrors

seems to be up against the world's troubles. But then I remember what I've mentioned here before, and warrants repetition.

St. Teresa of Calcutta often talked of her work against the poverty and inhumanity of the poorest of the poor as a "drop of water in the ocean." "But," she always added, "the ocean would be less without that drop."

Don't get discouraged, friends, about the world's problems, just look them squarely in the eye and live your life with love and integrity. The cure of the disease of the world is in God's hands, not ours.

One drop of right-living at a time, Fr. Eric.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION



**Plate Collection** \$4,066.00  
**Improvement and Repair Collection** \$3,451.00

The **Second** Collection next weekend, **July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**, will be the **Eastern and Central Europe Collection**.

## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE



	<b>Servers</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>E.Ministers</b>
<b>4:00PM</b>	L.Ruda N.Ruda	J.McAllister	M.Druckenmiller
<b>7:00PM</b>	A.Muschko D.Gorr	P.McCarty	J.Ottinger
<b>8:30AM</b>	D.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder	Deacon Jack
<b>10:30AM</b>	M.Ritter D.Sullivan	B.Petro	Deacon Jack



## BAPTISM

We welcome **Miranda Jerri Faustner**, daughter of **Carrie Marie Hirschman and Ryan Stephen Faustner** who was baptized recently, and is the newest member of our family of God at St John Fisher Parish.

## C.C.D. REGISTRATIONS

Registrations have been sent out. 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.



## DONUT SUNDAY

**Next Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, is Donut Sunday.** Thank you to the **Sullivan 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!



Please remember in your prayers **Michael Timothy Dundon and Phyllis S. (Piervallo) Roman**, who passed away and were recently buried. We pray their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## PILGRIM VIRGIN OF FATIMA



The **Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima Statue** is dedicated to all the people of the North Catsauqua Area in order to foster the worship of the Most Holy Trinity through a true devotion to our Blessed Lady. The Statue "travels" into any homes which wish to host it for a time (usually a week), and is treasured there by a family or group of friends who pray the rosary together. There have been several such traveling statues in our area over the years dating back to the 1960's, blessed by several different pastors who have served in the region. If you wish to participate in this beautiful tradition and devotion and open your home to Our Lady so concretely, please contact Jean Marhefka, 610-264-5038. Thank you.

## NOTICE

Due to the emphasis on privacy and the sharing of information, the hospital patient information systems are unreliable. Therefore, as a precaution, please do not presume that St John Fisher Rectory knows your loved one is in the hospital. If you would like a loved one visited, please call the rectory, 610-264-1972, and leave a message as to the name of your loved one, which hospital (be specific), and a room number if it is known at the time. Thank you for your help in this matter.

## St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions

This group of 120 martyrs includes thirty-three European missionaries and eighty-seven Chinese, ranging in age from nine to seventy-six years of age. Their collective witness over three centuries is one of great courage and joy amid cruel tortures. Fourteen-year-old Anna Wang was the last of a group of women and children to be cut down by nationalist rebels, the Boxers, on July 22, 1900. Smiling, she faced the rebels: "The door of heaven is open to all! Jesus....Jesus....Jesus!" She was canonized with the other Chinese martyrs by Pope John Paul II on October 1, 2000, the feast of Saint Therese of Lisieux, patroness of the missions.  
*-Magnificat, July, 2018*

# SAINT HENRY



The son of Duke Henry II and Princess Gisela of Burgundy, Saint Henry fought wars on all sides, including famously attacking the Christian Poles in alliance with the pagan Baltic tribes. Yet, after being

named Holy Roman Emperor in 1014, Henry displayed undisputed piety. He was openhanded to the poor and a fierce supporter of monasteries. On his way home from battles, he would visit pilgrimage sites. Thus it was that, returning home from an attack on the Greeks, he fell gravely ill at Saint Benedict's monastery at Monte Cassino in 1021. It is said that Benedict himself cured him. After his death in 1024, Henry was declared patron of Benedictine oblates.

~ *Magnificat*, July, 2017

## GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS



Please join the Helpers of God's Precious Infants at the Prayer Pilgrimage for the unborn, and all those involved in abortion on **Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**. The pilgrimage begins with Mass at 8:00AM

at Notre Dame Church, 1861 Catasauqua Road, and continues with The Rosary at the abortion facility located at 31 South Commerce Way. **The Mission: That through prayer, peaceful presence, and fasting we may be God's instruments in the salvation of souls, so that innocent lives will be saved from abortion.**

Come and be part of the call to let your prayers and presence bring God's everlasting, unconditional love to all those involved in abortion. Contact Info: 610-674-4624, or <https://m.facebook.com/Helpers-of-Gods-Precious-Infants-of-Allentown>.

# ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA

Kateri Tekakwitha, the "Lily of the Mohawks," was born to a Mohawk father and a Christian Algonquin mother in the village of Ossernenon (upstate New York). Shortly after her baptism at the age of twenty, she moved to the Saint Francis Xavier mission near Montreal. It was said that she knew only two paths: to the chapel and to her work. She lived by the motto, "Who will teach me what is most pleasing to God, that I may do it?" The Jesuit priests of the mission marveled at her deep prayer life, purity, and desire for mortification. She died at the age of twenty-four in 1680, and was canonized in 2012.



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## St. John the Baptist Church

924 N. Front Street, Allentown

Their **Firecracker Dance** with the Steel City Band with Bobby Molchan will be held on **Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00pm to 10:00pm**. Tickets are just \$5.00, the kitchen will be open, and it is B.Y.O.B. Questions, call Bill Drost at 610-432-3505.



## CHEERING COACH

Central Catholic High School is looking for an assistant cheerleading coach, willing to develop fundamental skills, teach strategies, and provide team building skills. Candidates must be knowledgeable and passionate about cheerleading. If you are interested in this position, please contact the Athletic Director, Dennis [dcsensits@acchs.info](mailto:dcsensits@acchs.info), or the Assistant Athletic Director, Colleen Nosovitch - [cnosovitch@acchs.info](mailto:cnosovitch@acchs.info) 610-437-4601 Ext. 120.