



PASTOR'S CORNER

The Mirror Called Crisis

The saying goes, “There are no atheists in foxholes.” That is to say, when the pressure of the ultimate deadline (death) is upon us, we are likely to look outside of ourselves – to God or others, in order to survive. All it takes these days to prove this truth is to look at the efforts of the residents and rescuers in Texas, Louisiana and elsewhere. While faced with threatening waters, the loss of property, and the complete disruption of their lives, so many people are reminding us not only of the fragile nature of human life, but of the good that can come from human hearts and minds when open to one another. We would do ourselves a lot of good to focus on the good brought forth from “average” people like you and me when crisis hits. Yes, there’s hurt, suffering, grief, desperation and great selfishness in terrible circumstances like the floods down south, but the good work of volunteers and professionals in rescue, care, charity and service will be remembered as long as the flood of Hurricane Harvey.

Of course, the same “mirror” of any crisis shows us our faults perhaps more clearly than we want to accept. There have been looters, price-gougers, and even false distress signals for thieving of rescuers during the Gulf Coast floods, but the good of people – at least in this instance, seems to have far outweighed the bad in some relative few persons.

When we look into the mirror of crisis, what do *we* see?
Fr. Eric.



Mass Intentions

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 2, 2017

Saturday –Sept 2nd –

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Donald N. Knarr
by Ferenchak Family
7:00PM – Petie Muschko (A)
by Mom and Dad

Sunday – Sept 3rd –

8:30AM – William J. Molchany, Sr. (WA)
by Deacon and Mrs. Jack O’Connell
10:30AM – The Poor Souls in Purgatory
by Irene Vomero

Monday – Sept 4th – St Boniface I

8:00AM – Lawrence A. Schmidt, Sr. (B)
by Family

Tuesday – Sept 5th – St Bertin

8:00AM – Robert Jones
by Rosalind Hill and Family

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Sept 6th – St Donatian

6:00PM – Margaret “Peggy” Barrington
by Jim and Jane Nemeth

Thursday – Sept 7th –

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00AM – Margaret “Peggy” Worman
by Deacon Jack O’Connell

Friday – Sept 8th – St Anastasius the Fuller

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

Saturday –Sept 9th – St Peter Claver

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – John and Mary Kocis
by Daughters
7:00PM – Memorial Fund Members
by Memorial Fund

Sunday – Sept 10th –

8:30AM – Stephen and Angeline Burda (WA)
by Steve and Margie Burda
10:30AM – June and Charles Hughes
by Colleen McCloskey

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

New Bible Study Class is Forming Now!!!

If you want to learn more of Jesus and ourselves, please consider joining us for a Bible Study series concerning the Acts of the Apostles. We will be meeting on Monday evenings from 6:45 – 8pm in the Church Hall. The suggested cost for the program is \$25. Our first night will be Monday, October 2nd. No prerequisite “classes” are required for you to come and learn of Christ’s work through the early Church. Please sign up before September 20th on the sign-up sheets at the doors of the Church. Grab your Bible and join up today. Any questions, please see Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection

\$3,175.00

The Second Collection this weekend, **September 2nd and 3rd**, is the **Mary’s Shelter Collection**.



NEXT WEEK’S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	K.Segan A.Banoza	J.McAllister	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	D.Gorr A.Muschko	P.McCarty	Deacon Jack
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder	M.Druckenmiller
10:30AM	C.Gair D.Gair	K.McCloskey	L.Bolmer



BAPTISM

We welcome **Finnegan Conner Bossons**, son of **Karl Albert and Amber Renee (Ader) Bossons**, who was baptized recently, and is the newest member of our family of God at St John Fisher Parish.

OPENING DAY OF C.C.D.

Registrations were **due** in June for the 2017 – 2018 C.C.D. year. Opening day will be on **Sunday, September 17, 2017**. Classes from pre-school to 8th grade will be from **9:00am to 10:15am** in the **St. Lawrence School building**. At 10:15 am, parents will pick up their children and take them to **St. John Fisher Church** for the 10:30am Mass. It is mandatory for our students to attend Mass as a class every Sunday, as it is part of our program.

If your child attends a public school, or is home-schooled, they must attend our C.C.D. program.



Flowers were placed on the altar last weekend in memory of **Art and Tommy Dougherty** by **Kathleen**.



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Clipping Box Tops is an easy way for you to help **Good Shepherd Catholic School**. Box Tops are worth 10¢ and they add up to cash for the school. To help, look for pink Box Tops on products, clip them, and place them in the Box Top box located at both entrances to the church. If you have any questions, please contact Diana Rutt at 610-348-5716.

CHARISMATIC MASS OF HEALING AND ANOINTING

Holy Ghost Church, 417 Carlton Avenue in Bethlehem will have a Charismatic Mass of Healing and Anointing of the Sick on **Monday, September 11th at 7:00pm**. Rev. Clifton E. Bishop, Jr. will be the celebrant and homilist. Adoration and Confessions will start at 6:00pm.

BLUE ARMY SHRINE

On **Friday, September 13th**, The Immaculate Heart of Mary Shrine, Washington, N.J. welcomes all to the 100th Celebration of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima in 1917 to the three shepherd children. Come and place your petitions before Our Lady. By decree, His Excellency, Most Reverend Paul G. Bootkoski, Bishop of Metuchen, has designated this Shrine as a pilgrimage where the faithful may receive a Plenary Indulgence during the Year of Faith. Confessions are available starting at 10:30am. Celebration begins at 12:00noon with the Rosary Procession. Holy Mass is at 1:00pm. The celebration ends with our traditional Fatima Farewell. For more information visit our website: <http://www.wafusa.org> or call (908)-689-1700.



GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS



Please join **Rev. Keith Laskowski** and the Helpers of God's Precious Infants at the Prayer Pilgrimage for the unborn, and all those involved in abortion on **Saturday, September 9th**. The pilgrimage begins with Mass at 8:00AM at Notre Dame Church of Bethlehem, 1861

Catasauqua Road, and continues with The Rosary at the abortion facility located at 31 South Commerce Way in the Bethlehem Industrial Park. **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.



ASSUMPTION BVM CHURCH

Assumption BVM Northampton will be holding their "Annual Family Picnic" at the Egypt Memorial Park on **Sunday, September 10th**. It starts with an **outdoor Mass at 11:00am**, then until 7:00pm, you can enjoy ethnic foods, baked goods, children's games, games of chance, and a basket raffle. Music provided by a D.J. from 12:00pm to 3:00pm and "The Pennsylvania Villagers" from 3:00pm to 7:00pm. Come and enjoy this family-friendly celebration!

SAINT PETER CLAVER



A native of Catalonia, Spain, Peter joined the Jesuits in 1601 and was ordained in Cartagena, (now in Columbia), the chief slave market of South America. Ten thousand African slaves arrived in the port every month. Peter was there to meet the ships. He entered holds filled with the smell of rotting flesh, bearing food and medicine, brandy and sweets. "We must speak to them with our hands", he said, "before

we try to speak to them with our lips." With the aid of interpreters and illustrations of Christ's life, Peter taught the brutalized slaves about the mercy of God. In thirty-three years, he instructed and baptized over three hundred thousand slaves. He died in 1654.

~ *Magnificat*, September, 2017

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.



St. Mary's Church, 122 Union Street, Catty, will hold their monthly Bingo in the Parish Center on **Sunday, September 10th at 1:00pm**. Doors open at 11:30am and the kitchen will be open with take-out available.