



Mass Intentions

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

August 5, 2017

Saturday – Aug 5th –

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Mary Rose Mahon (A)
by Daughter, Barbara Knarr
7:00PM – Sr. Mary Lorentia Kocon, OSF
by Mary Jane and Art Steffie

Sunday – Aug 6th –

8:30AM – Jeanette S. Koncz
by Carl and Yvonne Rieker
10:30AM – Darlene M. Steiner
by Jane Hain

Monday – Aug 7th – St Sixtus II and Companions

8:00AM – The Poor Souls in Purgatory
by Irene Vomero

Tuesday – Aug 8th – St Dominic

8:00AM – Bernard Cunningham
by Wife, Roseliese

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Aug 9th – St. Teresa of the Cross

6:00PM – David J. Sweeney
by Son, Kyle

Thursday – Aug 10th – St Lawrence the Martyr

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

Mass at the former St Lawrence Church

Friday – Aug 11th – St Clare

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

Saturday – Aug 12th – St Jane Frances de Chantel

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

Nineteen Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – John V. Skvoretz (A)
by Dave and Patti Skvoretz
7:00PM – Julia Superka (B)
by Carolyn and Nick Pontician

Sunday – Aug 13th –

8:30AM – Memorial Fund Members
by The Memorial Fund
10:30AM – Elsie McCloskey
by Family

PASTOR'S CORNER

The New Evangelization: Share Your Love for Jesus [Part Four]

A second major obstacle to the Good News of the Gospel is what Bishop Barron calls the “M’eh” culture. That’s not the “me” culture of the 1980’s in America, but rather the M’eh culture with a shrug of the shoulders, a disinterested sigh, and that terrible modern term, “whatever.”

This obstacle is the fruit of over four centuries of modern philosophy that has led to the guiding sentiment – you have your truth, and I have my truth. This sentiment, while seeming to be a virtuous key to getting-along-with-others, in fact, denies the existence of a common absolute truth upon which community with others becomes possible. That is, unless we agree upon certain unassailable truths as “given,” we cannot be assured that we have any community at all. But what’s that got to do with sharing our love for Jesus?

Well, Blessed John Henry Newman tells us to think of a river – long, deep, moving. He then asks, “What gives the river its’ vigor and verve?” He answers, “The banks of the river give it shape and direction and the force to move.” “Now,” he continues, “take the banks away and the river opens up into a broadening, slowing, lazy lake.” Such a lake might be wonderful to float on for a time, each on our own floatation device, but we will grow tired of isolationism and purposelessness sooner or later. No, we need banks to gain vigor, we need an actual accepted right and wrong, truth and falsehood, etc...to find purpose and meaning in life. Jesus, for his disciples, in his life, person, teachings and example, provides us with our “banks” and our ultimate goal – He gives us life and purpose.

If there is no objective truth, and/or our minds can never grasp such a truth, then any definitive search for truth is a “waste of time.” This renders any search for truth – philosophy, science, religion, as just someone’s opinion, rather than the revelation of God in Jesus Christ. The M’eh culture gives up looking for truth before it begins. That is a significant obstacle to faith in Jesus.

Pray for the young and the old to become truly hungry for God,
Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection

\$3,232.00

N.B. The Mission Co-Op Collection, scheduled for this weekend, **August 5th and 6th** will be taken up next weekend, **August 12th and 13th**.



NEXT WEEK’S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	D.Sullivan A.Muschko	J. Strohl	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	A.Gorr D.Gorr	J.Yanek	Deacon Jack
8:30AM	L.Ruda N.Ruda	E.Snyder	J.Ottinger
10:30AM	C.Gair D.Gair	K.McCloskey	L.Bolmer



St Lawrence the Martyr

The Feast Day of St Lawrence the Martyr will be observed on **Thursday, August 10th, at the 8:00am Mass**. Morning Mass will be held at the former site of St. Lawrence Church.

THE PRELATURE OF SICUANI

The Prelature of Sicuani is located in Peru, South America. A prelate is an ecclesiastical territory with the same function as a diocese. It is a poor, rural area high up in the Peruvian Andes, which present huge challenges for the priests there, especially in terms of ministering to the people in extreme poverty while at the same time coping with living at an elevation higher than 14,000 feet above sea level. Pope Francis appointed Bishop Pedro Bustamante as the bishop for the prelate three years ago. Bishop Bustamante has been doing an amazing job leading the evangelization of this prelate and helping them with their spiritual and material needs. The Prelature covers the four civil provinces of Canchis, Canas, Espinar and Chumbivilcas. The Cathedral is located in the town of Sicuani. The Prelature of Sicuani has 14 priests right now, with over 30 parishes and still growing. Religious sisters are staffing two parishes while a number of others rely on the help of lay ministers. Some parishes in the prelate may never have a resident priest again. The reality for the Prelature of Sicuani is that they have a huge shortage of ordained clergy. Over half of the priests working in Sicuani are foreign missionaries. Needless to say it is essential for the future of the Church of Sicuani to encourage more vocations to come forward. However, there are limited resources for the support and formation of seminarians. Currently the prelate has 15 students at the seminary, which gives much hope for the future. Bishop Bustamante wants to accept more vocations for the seminary but he does not have the funding for the formation. The prelate needs assistance for the support of the missions, the seminarians, and the catholic school, the house for disabled children, the house for abandoned elders and the refraction of the parishes.

Our Missionary will be speaking at all the Masses next weekend, August 12th and 13th for our annual Mission Co-op collection. Please plan to be generous, as always.

GOD’S PRECIOUS INFANTS

Please join **Rev. Luigi Palmieri** and the Helpers of God’s Precious Infants at the Prayer Pilgrimage for the unborn, and all those involved in abortion on **Saturday, August 12th**. 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 or <https://m.facebook.com/Helpers-of-Gods-Precious-Infants-of-Allentown>.



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

BISHOP-ELECT SCHLERT'S ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

In celebration of the Ordination and Installation of Bishop-elect Alfred Schlert as the Fifth Bishop of Allentown, the Diocese will have two liturgical services:

1. **Solemn Vespers** at which the Bishop-elect will make a Profession of Faith, and the Oath of Fidelity is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 30th, at 7:00pm at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena** located at 1825 Turner Street in Allentown. This event is open to the public. As the Allentown Fair will be occurring, **all** parking will be at St. Thomas More Church located at 1040 Flexer Avenue, Allentown. Continuous shuttles will be running beginning at 5:00pm. Light refreshments in the Parish Activity Center will follow and everyone will have a chance to greet the Bishop-Elect.
2. The **Mass of Ordination** will be held at the **Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena on Thursday, August 31st, at 2:00pm**. Because of space limitations at the Cathedral, attendance at this event is by invitation only. The Ordination and Installation will be broadcast live on Service Electric and Blue Ridge Cable TV locally. Efforts are underway to have it broadcast nationally as well. It will also be livestreamed on the Diocesan Facebook page:
www.Facebook.com/DioceseofAllentown.
3. **Due to Solemn Vespers, our daily mass at St. John Fisher Church for Wednesday, August 30th, will be held at 8:00am, and not 6:00pm.**

WANTED

A mature person with some experience to do yard and garden work, for example: weed-whacking, edging, weeding, mulch spreading, light pruning, and not necessarily all at the same time. If interested, please call Louisa at 610-417-8012.

ACCOUNTING/AUDITING VOLUNTEER POSITION SOUGHT

Experience "in the field" is needed in the areas of detection and deterrence of fraud, evaluation of accounting systems for weaknesses, designing internal controls, gauging the degree of organizational fraud risk, interpreting financial data for unusual trends, and following up on fraud indicators. The investigation of civil/criminal fraud, white-collar crime for law enforcement or the private sector qualifies as well. If you are interested in helping me "round out" my learning, please call Nicole Lane at 610-264-4712. Thank you.

GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

School Office Summer Hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

Shepherd Gift Card Sales Summer Hours: Wednesday 5:00pm to 7:00pm, and Thursdays 10:00am to noon.

Diocesan Anniversary Mass

Celebration will be held on **Sunday, September 17th, at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, 1875 West Turner Street in Allentown, at 3:00pm**. We cordially invite couples celebrating five, twenty-five, forty, fifty, sixty or sixty plus years of marriage to this special event. Please register: at <http://www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass>, or in the A.D. Times, or email at MFLF@allentowndiocese.org or call 610-289-8900 ext. 2028. **September 8th is the deadline for registration.**