

PASTOR'S CORNER

Back to School:

Proceed With Extreme Caution

Mass Intentions

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 30, 2015

Saturday – Aug 29th –

The Passion of St John the Baptist

- 4:00PM – Koncz and Moravek Families and James Koncz and Catherine Moravek by Gene and Jeanette Koncz
- 7:00PM – All Memorial Fund Members by Memorial Fund

Sunday – Aug 30th–22nd Sunday/Ordinary Time

- 8:30AM – William J Albert by Carl and Yvonne Rieker
- 10:30AM – Anna Maderic by Robert and Mary Doyle

Monday – Aug 31st – St Raymond Nonnatus

- 8:00AM – Andrew Crisce by Ron and Rosie Klipple

Tuesday – Sept 1st – St Giles

- 8:00AM – Petie Muschko (A) by Mom and Dad

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Sept 2nd – St Antonius

- 6:00PM – Heather A Delp by Kim McCloskey

Thursday – Sept 3rd – St Gregory/Great

- 8:00AM – Charles J McCarty, Jr by Kathleen and Peggy

Friday – Sept 4th – St Boniface I

- 8:00AM – Richard Fedor by Wife, Roma

Sacred Heart Novena after Mass

Saturday – Sept 5th – St Berlin

- 8:00AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners
- 4:00PM – Mary Cerulli by Louise Oswald
- 7:00PM – John A Faryna by Bill and Connie Molchany

Sunday–Sept 6th–23rd Sunday/Ordinary Time

- 8:30AM – Frank “Jive” Snyder by Nin Snyder and Family
- 10:30AM – Angeline and Steven Burda by Steve and Margie Burda

G. K. Chesterton wrote, “The purpose of Compulsory Education is to deprive the common people of their commonsense.” He was referring, among other things, to the seeming endless distractions of “modern” education – a series of new discoveries, technologies and information which often substitute for real learning and thinking.

Education, public and private, has been so politicized in our society, that it is nearly impossible to objectively assess the good and the bad it is doing to our young people – and hence, to our society. Its effectiveness can be measured on a scale from “glorified babysitting” to “rock solid foundation-building.” The educators themselves perform a yeoman’s task pleasing administrations who themselves are often most concerned with the bottom-line and keeping the “doors open” without cutting jobs or the football program. The federal monies, curriculum, and controls often have too much to do with local school systems, and serve as further distraction.

Intentions are good all-around (we should presume), but that doesn’t mean education is accomplishing (or even clear about) what’s good for our kids and for our civil society. We must be able and willing to criticize not just the school budget, but the school curriculum. We must be able to say that while using computers is necessary in the modern world, teaching computers (past the rudiments) is unnecessary. While the latest scientific discoveries and theories are interesting, learning to think about the material world with the scientific method, and knowing its’ strengths and limits, is essential before High School graduation. While modern politics can be entertaining (not too unlike the lions in the Coliseum) and current events explored, a lack of consistent historical knowledge and the modern penchant for substituting one’s own conclusions as “facts” often disable a young mind from applying the lessons of the past to the present. Advanced math is necessary to stretch the mind, but solid basic math is foundational to daily living.

I could go on, of course, but to no real conclusion. The majority of what we need to know about life and human persons is learned in the home and in school, and then, only when that knowledge and experience

PRAY



Sunday

8:15AM and 10:15AM

is “thought through.” When either the home or school is not functioning well, especially when the home is not teaching Jesus, His Church, His sacraments, how to pray, the dignity of the human person, the terrible/wonderful responsibility of personal freedom, there’s only so much any society can do to help. How’s that for a sobering thought to start the school year?! Education, after all, is a serious subject – a report card’s “A” may tell me where my child compares to the teacher’s expectations and the other students, but it does not tell me whether or not my child is learning to think and to be responsible for his or her own thinking and choices.

School is starting. Proceed with caution.
Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection

\$ 4,421.00

The Second Collection next weekend, September 5th and 6th, will be for **Mary’s Shelter**.



NEXT WEEK’S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	J.Drummer G.Parise	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	J.DeLong	J.Behum Deacon Jack



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

Flowers were placed on the altar on the weekend of August 15th and 16th in honor of the 52nd Wedding Anniversary of **Joe and Aggie Szilezy**.

Honor a loved one by placing flowers on the altar. Simply sign up on the chart at the side entrance and call your florist for delivery. If you have any questions, call Peggy McCarty at 610-264-0307.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Mark your calendar to spend some time with our Lord in **Adoration** this **First Friday, September 4th**.

Adoration begins at the end of morning Mass and continues throughout the day until Holy Hour beginning at 7:00pm.



PAPAL MASS CELEBRATION AT STEELSTACKS



Are you unable to attend the Papal Mass on the Ben Franklin Parkway? Come join the Diocese of Allentown on **Sunday, September 27th**, as we celebrate Pope Francis’ visit to Philadelphia.

The day will begin with an outdoor Mass at 12:00 Noon at the Levitt Pavilion at SteelStacks followed by an afternoon of games, activities, musical entertainment and plenty of food for purchase provided by our parishes and ArtsQuest. At 4:00pm, the live streaming of the Papal Mass will begin on three Jumbotron screens. Come join our Diocesan family for a fun-filled afternoon! In case of inclement weather, the event in its entirety will be held indoors.



CCD Registration

Our C.C.D. year starts **Sunday, September 20th**. If your child attends public school, or is home-schooled, and you have not sent in the registration form, please do so today.

INTERNATIONAL POT LUCK

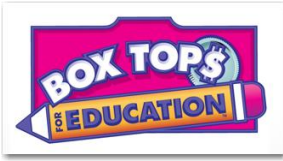
Join us on **Sunday, September 13th, at 5:00pm** in the church basement for an International Buffet. Our parish family will provide the entire meal. You can make a food of your nationality or be creative and try a dish from another country such as France, Italy, China or Japan. Instead of assigning according to the alphabet, you can make your own choice of an entrée, salad, vegetable, or dessert. If you have any questions, call Mary Beth McGinley, 610-264-4494 or Peggy McCarty, 610-264-0307. Please complete and place the reservation slip below in the collection basket by **September 6th**.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADULTS: _____ # CHILDREN: _____

SPECIFIC FOOD ITEM YOU’RE BRINGING:

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 our school, just look for pink Box Tops on products, clip them, and place them in the Box Top box located at both entrances to the church, or you can place them in the collection basket. If you have any questions, please contact Diana Rutt at 610-348-5716.

Save the Date!

Reserve **Friday, October 2nd** for our **Family Night!** We will provide dinner, and a ventriloquist will entertain you!

Clarification

Donut Sunday on August 16th was provided by Carole Houghton and the choir. This was misstated in the August 9th bulletin.

LOW IMPACT AEROBIC CLASS

Karen Hoff is offering 8 weeks of aerobics on **Thursday nights, starting September 10th at 6:00pm, in St Elizabeth's parish hall**. The cost is only \$20.00 per person **for the entire 8 weeks**. **Registration deadline is September 7th**. Contact Mary Spieker at 610-266-0695 or dirreled@sercc.org.

ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Annual Diocesan Anniversary Mass Celebration will be held on **Sunday, September 20th at 3:00pm, at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena**. See the A.D. Times for registration, or MFLF@allentowndiocese.org. **The deadline for registration is September 8, 2015.**

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

St John Fisher's Young at Heart

The next bus trip is on **Wednesday, September 16th** to the Rainbow Dinner Theatre to see "**Over The River And Through The Woods**". Four doting grandparents will try anything to keep their thirty-year old grandson from moving across the country. The price is \$75.00 per person. For more information, call Bill Molchany, 610-264-0920.

Assumption BVM Church in Northampton

Their "Annual Family Picnic" at the Egypt Memorial Park is being held on **Sunday, September 13th**. 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. Bingo from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.

St John the Baptist in Stiles

Their annual picnic will be held on **Sunday, September 6th from 12:00noon to 9:00pm** on the Church grounds. Lizard Creek Country will play from 1:00pm to 4:00pm and the Joe Weber Band will play from 5:00pm to 9:00pm. All are invited!

Queenship of Mary Girl Scout Troop

An All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner will be held at the Good Shepherd School Gym on **Saturday, September 19th from 5:00pm to 8:00pm**. Tickets, available at the door, are \$8.00 for adults (12 and over), \$5.00 for kids, and under 3 is free.

St Paul Lutheran Church, Howertown Road

An **Applefest** will be held on **Saturday, September 12th from 10:00am to 2:00pm**. There'll be a bake sale, crafts, food, and games and music by D.J.

A **Gift Card Bingo** will be held on **Friday, September 18th at 7:00pm**. Twenty games for \$20.00 plus specials. Food is available starting at 6:00pm.