



PASTOR'S CORNER

A Family of Oaks [Part Four]

Catholic author, Michael D. O'Brien writes:

It is hard to get your mind around it. It has to be heard again and again: God's strength is to be found in weakness. Nazareth of Galilee was the place where that small, clear, indestructible message was first lived. It is lived again and again in each generation, often in the face of overwhelming odds. Civilizations rise and fall. Saints and tyrants, kings and poor men are born, grow old, and die. Cultures, theories, opinions, fashions, theologies, movements, rise up and disappear again. That is why our faith can never be merely a system of religious thought, a set of ethics or a beautiful culture, as necessary as those are. When everything is stripped down to its essential form, our faith is a belief in Jesus, true God and true Man, the only Christ, dwelling in the heart of His Church, He who was, who is, and who is to come. That is why our home is the universal Church, the throne on which He reigns, a Church that is within time and yet outside time. That is why we can say that the Church is a billion people gathered to worship the Eucharistic Presence in glorious Saint Peter's, and, at the same time, a battered priest dressed in rags saying a clandestine Mass in a concentration camp.

The Church passes through eras in which she glories in the summer's triumph, and other periods when she goes down into the cold earth, apparently beaten. It may well be that her highest glory is to be found precisely there, hidden beneath a carpet of leaves, to all appearances dead, but very much alive, waiting for Spring. In this regard, I think often of one of the thousands of unknown saints who are buried outside Rome, a martyred girl lying in the catacombs of St. Callistus, in a tomb inscribed with words that leap like fire across the ages:

Mass Intentions

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 20, 2019

Saturday– July 20th –

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Valeria and Paul Koons
by Carolyn and Nik Pontician
7:00PM – Bill Molchany, Sr.
by Wife, Mary

Sunday – July 21st –

8:30AM – Robert L. Strohl
by Choir
10:30AM – Vincent Rivetti (B)
by Sister, Maria Jacoby

Monday – July 22nd – St Mary Magdalene

8:00AM – Joseph W. Kalamar
by Monday Morning Work Crew

Tuesday – July 23rd – St Bridget

8:00AM – Ann and Glen Oswald
by Daughter, Louise

Wednesday – July 24th – St Sharbel Makhluf

6:00PM – Phyllis S. Roman
by Louis and Rose Brown

Thursday – July 25th – St James

8:00AM – Father Frederick F. Sattler
by Father Eric J. Gruber

Friday – July 26th – Ss Joachim and Anne

8:00AM – Margaret and Charles McCarty
by Kathleen and Peggy

Saturday– July 27th – St Pantaleon

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Jeanette Koncz (B)
by Husband, Gene
7:00PM – Ed and Jean Danko (WA)
by Family

Sunday – July 28th –

8:30AM – Joseph Tomasic (A)
by Wife, Mary and Family
10:30AM – Margaret C. O'Donnell (A)
by McCloskey Family



Pray the Rosary Sundays
8:15AM and 10:15AM

*Sleep, little dove, without bitterness,
and rest in the Holy Spirit.*

Little girl, overcomer of lions! She will rise on the Last Day. We will see her face to face. We will chat with her, our small sister, our mother in the spirit. She too is the Church and she too is Nazareth. So also are my daughters, climbing the mountain, playing in the wind. So also my sons. So too, your children. Yes, the Church is all of us. She is, indeed, the "People of God." And yet, so much more than just the sum of our parts. She is an incarnation of Christ in us and us in Christ. Whenever we make a separation in our minds between the "People of God" and the "Mystical Body of Christ," as if the Church and Jesus were two unhappily yoked entities, we begin to misread reality and we deepen the wounds from which the Body is now bleeding so copiously. (*...to be continued...*)
Fr. Eric.



Please remember in your prayers **Jean Mary (Klinikowski) Burrows**, who passed away and was recently buried. We pray for her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, may they rest in peace. Amen.

Diocesan Anniversary Mass



Celebration will be held on **Sunday, September 15th**, at the **Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, 1875 West Turner Street in Allentown, at 3:00pm.** We cordially invite couples celebrating one, five, ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five, forty, fifty, sixty or sixty plus years of marriage to this special event. 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. 2021. **September 9th is the deadline for registration.**

Central Catholic High School

Where you're not just accepted, you're family!

With over 90 years of faith, tradition, and excellence, our students' SAT scores consistently rank among the highest for high schools in the Lehigh Valley. Our urban campus offers an extraordinary curriculum with unique programs and opportunities, including:

- Project Lead the Way Engineering courses
- Inspiring Hearts Medical Internships
- Student Teacher Program
- Our Central City Project Inner City Outreach Program

ACCHS has invested over \$1 million in recent renovations to provide state-of-the-art STEM Labs for our students and teaching staff. We take great pride in our community relationships with faith-filled programs that support our mission and make "family" the heart of our school. Transportation and financial aid available! For more information, contact Cara Meskill at 610-437-4601, ext. 148 or cmeskill@acchs.info.

Basketball Camp

Central Catholic is having a basketball camp for boys entering 3rd grade to 9th grade on **Wednesday, July 31st and Thursday, August 1st**, from **8:45am until 12:00 noon**, at **St. John Vianney School in Allentown.** Contact Dennis Csensits at 610.437.4601, Extension 119.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$3,800.00

The **Second** Collection this weekend, **July 20th and 21st**, is the **Eastern and Central European Collection.**



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	J.Drummer J.Martinez	J.Strohl	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	A.Muschko No One	J.Englert	Deacon Jack
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder	C.Hetzel
10:30AM	C.Gair D.Gair	P.McCloskey	L.Bolmer



St Peter's Church in Coplay

will hold their Annual Parish Picnic and Homecoming on **Sunday, August 4th**, from **12:00noon to 10:00pm** on the Church grounds at 5th and Coplay Streets. Homemade foods, including our famous pierogies are available.

Salem UCC, 615 3rd Street

Is having a free community lunch on **Monday, August 5th**, at **1:00pm.** All are welcome.

Saint Bridget



For twenty-eight years, Bridget of Sweden lived as a devoted wife and mother of eight. After her husband's death, she pursued a life of intense prayer in the heart of Rome. She served the poor, taught her followers, and laid the canonical foundations for a monastery in Sweden. Bridget urged the pope to return to Rome from Avignon, and the Swedish king to purify his motives for going to war. She died in 1373. In 1999, Pope John Paul II named her co-patroness of Europe, citing her as an example of authentic "feminine holiness," a woman of audacious action grounded in contemplative prayer.

~ Magnificat, July, 2019

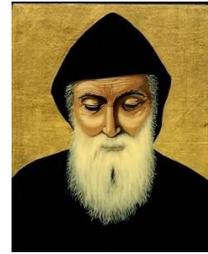
PET DONATIONS

The Sanctuary at Haafsville is in desperate need of donations. Cat and dog food, toys, old or new towels and blankets, and pet dishes are just a few examples of ways you can help. The shelter will accept open bags of food, used toys, and used leashes. To help, please either contact Nicole Lane at 610-264-4712 or place donations in the food bank basket located at the church entrance. Donations are appreciated and accepted throughout the year.

Thank you and God Bless. Nicole Lane

Bus Trip to 9/11 Memorial

St. John the Baptist Slovak Catholic Church is sponsoring a Bus Trip to the 9/11 Memorial Museum in New York City on **Tuesday September 24, 2019**. The cost is **\$50.00**. Admission to the memorial is free to those with veteran military ID, reducing the trip cost to just \$25.00. **Payment is due by August 1st**. Seating will be on a first paid basis. To reserve your seat, please call Pat Noga at 484-951-5041.



Saint Sharbel Makhluf

Born in a remote Lebanese village, as a young man Sharbel entered the Maronite Monastery of Our Lady of Maifouk. From 1875 until his death in 1898, Sharbel devoted himself to unreserved prayer in the primitive hermitage of Saints Peter and Paul. Pope Paul VI beatified Sharbel during the Second Vatican Council: "A new eminent member of monastic sanctity has by his example and his intercession enriched the entire Christian people...May he make us understand, in a world largely fascinated by wealth and comfort, the paramount value of poverty, penance, and asceticism, to liberate the soul in its ascent to God." He was canonized in 1977.

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Saint James

Jesus called James and his brother John as they mended their nets on the Sea of Galilee. Their mother approached Jesus, asking that her sons be seated on either side of him in his Kingdom. Jesus replied, "You do not know what you are asking."

And to the brothers: "Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?" "We can," they declared. James was, in fact, the first Apostle to share in the cup of martyrdom, "killed by the sword" under Herod Agrippa around the year 44 (cf. Acts 12:1-2). John is said to have died in exile on the island of Patmos.



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