



# PASTOR'S CORNER

## Tools

Tools are used to achieve another end. That's why the culling of cattle, pigs and chickens so offends a vegan.

The vegan believes and professes, "They are not tools – they have rights too!"

Such contentions are illustrious of many things, but that's for another time.

Human beings can choose to be "tool-like" while serving the needs of others or themselves. We can treat ourselves, our brains, our bodies like a means to another end. We are "free" to do so, of course, with limits.

A man may throw himself on a live grenade in order to save others; sacrificing himself for the goal of others' survival. Such a one is noble, we say. A woman may give her life to save her child or someone else's child in a like way.

A man may also kill others who "get in his way." They are useless "tools" to him as he seeks his bliss (whatever that is). A woman, in this country, can do the same – even to the human person developing in her womb. The child is only an "un-usable, unwanted, untimely or ineffective tool" as she seeks her bliss (whatever it is).

In such a culture, where abortion is promoted as "freedom," anything is then possible in the moral realm. As from the news these last two weeks, the selling of unborn baby organs for any profit – even if that profit was given to charitable causes is the treatment of the unborn persons as if they were "tools." It is a horror that is beyond words that it is being done. It is still a more unsettling horror that too few of us "normal" citizens even seem to care at all about it.

If there has been any constant in Catholic moral thinking and believing for 2,000+ years (and there are manifold such constants), it has been this: we must always treat a human being as an "end" in himself, and never as a means to some other end. As human beings we are NOT tools.

Let's think every day this week of times when we've felt/we feel "used" by others for their own goals and purposes. Think also of the times

## Mass Intentions

### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 26, 2015

#### **Saturday – July 25<sup>th</sup> – St James**

4:00PM – Moravek and Skeebolk Families  
by Gene and Jeanette Koncz

7:00PM – Edward J Danko  
by McCarty Family

#### **Sunday – July 26<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday/Ordinary Time**

8:30AM – Joseph Tomasic  
by Wife and Family

10:30AM – Margaret C O'Donnell (A)  
by McCloskey Family

#### **Monday – July 27<sup>th</sup> – St Pantaleon**

8:00AM – Msgr Andrew R Baker (L)  
by Bozzone Family

#### **Tuesday – July 28<sup>th</sup> – St Samson**

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

#### ***Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass***

#### **Wednesday – July 29<sup>th</sup> – St Martha**

6:00PM – Richard Fedor (A)  
by Wife, Roma

#### **Thursday – July 30<sup>th</sup> – St Peter Chrysologus**

8:00AM – Bernard Keating  
by Christopher Lloyd and Colleen McCloskey

#### **Friday – July 31<sup>st</sup> – St Ignatius of Loyola**

8:00AM – Rev F Charles McKenna  
by Rev Eric J Gruber

#### **Saturday – August 1<sup>st</sup> – St Alphonsus Liguori**

8:00AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners

4:00PM – Mary Cerulli  
by Louise Oswald

7:00PM – Julia Dinbokowitz  
by Family

#### **Sunday – August 2<sup>nd</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday/Ordinary Time**

8:30AM – Stephen Steffie  
by Parents

10:30AM – June Keschel  
by Ron and Rosie Klipple



### Sunday

8:15AM and 10:15AM

when we've used/we use others for our own goals or needs.

Offer forgiveness for the former. Seek forgiveness for the latter.  
Fr. Eric.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION



**Plate Collection** \$ 3,215.00  
**Central and Eastern Europe** \$ 744.00



## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

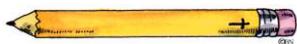
	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
<b>4:00PM</b>	S.DeLong J.Shaul	B.Molchany	J.McAllister Deacon Jack
<b>7:00PM</b>	A.Muschko J.Drummer	P.McCarty	J.Yanek Deacon Jack
<b>8:30AM</b>	M.Popovic S.Popovic	J.Strohl	J.Ottinger Deacon Jack
<b>10:30AM</b>	C.Gair D.Gair	L.Bolmer	J.Behum Deacon Jack

## OFFERTORY GIFTS



Our parishioner, Robyn Berner, has volunteered her time to coordinate people to take up the offertory gifts for all Sunday masses. If you are having a mass said for someone and

would like to take up the gifts, please call Robyn at 610-799-3297. If you do not wish to be contacted for masses you are offering, please inform the rectory by calling, 610-264-1972.



### CCD Registration

Registrations have been sent out for the 2015 – 2016 C.C.D. year. If your child attends public school, or is home-schooled, and you have not received a registration form, please call the Rectory, 610-264-1972, and one will be sent to you.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers were placed on the altar last week in celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of **Ron and Cathy Morey**.



# LITTLE SISTERS OF SAINT FRANCIS



The Little Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi was founded on May 1, 1923, in the Lugazi Diocese in Uganda, by the late Mother Mary Kevin Kearney, a Franciscan Missionary from Ireland. Her aim was to prepare sisters who will carry out the mission of Jesus Christ

throughout the world especially reaching out to the marginalized and the needy in the society.

Currently we have 700 professed members (nuns) and over 40 in initial formation (Novitiate program). We work in the East African Countries of Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania. We are also working in the United States in Williamsburg, VA, Milwaukee, WI, Scranton, PA, and Binghamton, NY.

Our Mission is to reach out with compassion to the marginalized in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi and Mother Kevin.

Our apostolates include taking care of the street children, orphans, the elderly, people with HIV/AIDS, refugees, women, youth, and people with disabilities; medical care; social work; teaching religious education and in schools.

In Kenya, a number of young women and men have died of HIV/AIDS, leaving many children orphaned. Sadly, most of these needy children experience social rejection from their families and relatives. And thus, end up mainly living in the streets of major towns. As Disciples of Christ, our sisters reach out to these precious children and bring them into a safe, loving environment at Amukura Home for Orphans in Bungoma and Ukweli Home of Hope for street children in Nairobi where they can start to become the people in which God made them.

Currently, we have 35 children at the Amukura Orphanage and 29 at Ukweli Home of Hope. Ukweli Home also caters to 40 other children from the nearby slums that come every day for meals, clothing, medication and education. Although we would like to accommodate all these children at our Ukweli Home, we are unable to expand the facility due to a lack of funds.

We rely on financial support from kind and generous people to achieve our mission of caring and serving the needy in the world. We hope and pray that you will consider joining with us to help bring a whole new life to these children. They need to know that there is still hope and that God has a plan for them. With your prayers and donations, both large and small, we can support these children in living fuller lives.

**Sister will be speaking next weekend, August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at all the Masses for our annual Mission Coop collection. Please plan to be generous, as always.**



Our annual men's retreat at **Malvern Retreat House** will be held on **Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**. All men of the parish are invited to come on this weekend to enrich their spiritual lives. This is a time to step back and reflect on our relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ through prayer and meditation and by the help of a retreat director. **For questions or information on how to sign up for the weekend contact Paul Albert at 610-264-3473, Jack McAllister at 610-264-5834, Joe Yanek at 610-261-2656, or Deacon Jack at 610-266-0689.**



## St Peter's Church in Coplay

will hold their 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Parish Picnic and Homecoming on **Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>**, from 12:00noon to 10:00pm on the Church grounds on 5<sup>th</sup> and Coplay Streets. The "Schanta Band" will play from 1:00PM to 5:00PM and "Flirting With The Mob Band" will play from 5:30PM to 9:30PM. Homemade foods including our famous pierogies are available.

## ***IN THE WORDS OF ...***

"It is not the soul alone that should be healthy; if the mind is healthy in a healthy body, all will be healthy and much better prepared to give God greater service".

~ St Ignatius of Loyola



## **SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA**

Ignatius was born in northern Spain. From a young age he loved tales of romance and chivalry. In 1520, Ignatius' leg was shattered in a military battle, and during his recovery he read stories of the saints and the life of Christ. Ignatius noticed that the saints' stories produced a peace in his soul, a marked contrast to the impact that the courtly romances had on him. Later, this "discernment of spirits" would become an important feature of Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises. After nine months doing penance at Manresa and years of study in Paris, Ignatius developed a devoted group of followers. Pope Paul III approved the "Society of Jesus" in 1540. Ignatius died in 1556.

## **GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**ONLY 30 openings remain!!**

We offer full day K through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, as well as, preschool and Pre-K programs for 3 year old and 4 year old children. Extended care is available. Enroll today! Call 610.262.9171 or email [mrspoccia@ptd.net](mailto:mrspoccia@ptd.net).

## **CYO VOLLEYBALL**

All 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls of our parish are invited to play Fall volleyball. If interested, call Dave at 610-502-1950.