



PASTOR'S CORNER

Fool Me Once...

...shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me. Or so the saying goes which underscores how honest, trusting folks can be taken advantage of by less-than trustworthy people. If unscrupulous people scam or deceive trusting people with a slick advertising campaign or political campaign speech, then the unscrupulous bear the moral burden of shame – of having done WRONG to others. If these same untrustworthy people deceive the trusting soul again (implying that the “trusting” person is naïve or masochistic), then the moral shame rests with the easily deceived.

Years ago, in conversation with a friend of a friend, the truth of this saying made an impression on me, when he accused me of being naïve in politics because I am someone for whom Pro-Life is the major factor in electoral choices. He asked me in a pitying tone, “You don’t think you are being used by those who want your vote and only pretend to be pro-life in order to get it?” “That’s quite possible that some candidates are doing that,” I replied. And the more I thought on it, the more I realized that a pro-lifer can be pandered to just as much as a pro-choicer, pro-war, pro-business, pro-wall street, pro-minority voter can be manipulated with a clever campaign.

I pressed, “You work down at the factory, don’t you?” “Yes,” he said, “I’ve worked there for most of my adult life. “Union?” I asked. “Yes, in fact I’m a shop steward.” “Does your union recommend or encourage a vote in certain races?” “Yes,” he said with hesitation because he knew where I was going. “Well, then how do you know you are not being manipulated and pandered to for your vote?” He thought silently. He looked

Mass Intentions

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 18, 2016

Saturday – June 18th –

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – All Father’s Day Intentions
7:00PM – All Father’s Day Intentions

Sunday – June 19th

8:30AM – All Father’s Day Intentions
10:30AM – All Father’s Day Intentions

Monday – June 20th – St Silverius

8:00AM – Joseph Chabak
by Wife, Agnes

Tuesday – June 21st – St Aloysius Gonzaga

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

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – June 22nd –

St John Fisher and St Thomas More

8:00PM – Edward Marth (B)
by Wife, Jean and Daughter, Kathy

Thursday – June 23rd – St Etheldreda of Ely

8:00AM – Michael and Mary Burda (WA)
by Connie and Paul Woodring

Friday – June 24th –

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

8:00AM – Glen Oswald (B)
by Daughter, Louise

Saturday – June 25th – St. William of Vercelli

8:00AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Mary Cerulli
by Rosemary Barna
7:00PM – Julie DiNino
by McCarty Family

Sunday – June 26th

8:30AM – Stephen Rechter and Gabriel Genovese
by Vince and Steph Genovese
10:30AM – Thomas B. Dougherty
by Louise Oswald

at me with resignation. “You see, I said, I don’t vote for a party or even an individual whose personality is agreeable with mine – I vote my conscience, that is, what I believe in my whole being Christ would have me do.” I left it there with the hope that he might ask himself the next question, *Can I say that I am voting for the candidate that is most Christ-like in actual deeds and not just speeches?*

This week, in the wake of the Orlando terror massacre, the same leaders in congress and the administration have vowed to make us safer who also have had at least some part in bringing about a system of defense with so many holes in it that it encourages the very terror it attempts to protect us from. Their solution? –further restrictions of our rights. Fool me once... No more speeches, please, just real deeds. Fr. Eric.

ST JOHN FISHER ST THOMAS MORE

In 1530, English King Henry VIII began a campaign to have himself declared head of the Church, in order to divorce Queen Catherine in favor of Anne Boleyn. At the time, Thomas More was Henry’s chancellor, his chief statesman and a close friend. John Fisher, Henry’s former tutor, was the English Church’s preeminent bishop and scholar. John Fisher publicly decried the king’s rejection of the papal decision against annulment. Thomas More quietly retired from public life in order to avoid confrontation. But Henry could abide neither man’s refusal to support his bid to displace the pope. John Fisher was beheaded on June 22, 1535. Thomas More died in the same manner thirteen days later.



CCD Registration

Registrations have been sent out for the 2016 – 2017 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.

Young at Heart

The next meeting of St John Fisher’s Young at Heart will be held on **Wednesday, June 22nd**, at **1:00pm** in the Parish Hall.

The next Casino trip to the Mohegan Sun will be on **Friday, June 24th**. The bus leaves the Church Parking Lot at 10:00am. The price is \$22.00 per person.

For more information, call Bill Molchany, 610-264-0920.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$3,760.00

The Second Collection this weekend, **June 18th and June 19th**, is the **Peter’s Pence Collection**.



NEXT WEEK’S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	A.Muschko A.Urban	J.McAllister	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	J.Drummer D.Sullivan	J.Englert	Deacon Jack
8:30AM	M.Popovic S.Popovic	J.Strohl	C.Hetzel
10:30AM	C.Ritter M.Ritter	J.DeLong	J.Heffner



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

BIRTH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



The birth of St. John was foretold by an angel of the Lord to his father, Zachary, who was offering incense in the Temple. It was the office of St. John to prepare the way for Christ, and before he was born into the world he began to live

for the Incarnate God. Even in the womb he knew the presence of Jesus and of Mary, and he leaped with joy at the glad coming of the son of man. In his youth he remained hidden, because He for Whom he waited was hidden also. But before Christ’s public life began, a divine impulse led St. John into the desert; there, with locusts for his food and haircloth on his skin, in silence and in prayer, he chastened his own soul. Then, as crowds broke in upon his solitude, he warned them to flee from the wrath to come, and gave them the baptism of penance, while they confessed their sins. At last there stood in the crowd One Whom St. John did not know, till a voice within told him that it was his Lord. With the baptism of St. John, Christ began His penance for the sins of His people, and St. John saw the Holy Ghost descend in bodily form upon Him. Then the Saint’s work was done. He had but to point his own disciples to the Lamb, he had but to decrease as Christ increased. He saw all men leave him and go after Christ.

(Taken from Lives of the Saints, by Alban Butler)



DONUT SUNDAY

There will be no Donut Sunday for the month of June.



The **Catasauqua Thrift Shop** is in need of substitute volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering on a substitute basis, please call Sylvia, 610-264-4130. Thank you.

ST ELIZABETH'S CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Bring the whole family to follow Jesus, the Light of the World at our brand new Bible Adventure: CAVE QUEST! Explore the rock-solid foundation of Jesus' love. Daily adventures are **Monday to Friday, June 27th to July 1st**. Daily adventures start at **8:45am and end at 12:00pm**. Go to the parish website: www.sercc.org, or email at dirreled@sercc.org. All children from 4 years old to 5th grade are welcome, and we also welcome volunteers from 6th grade through adult seniors!

IN THE WORDS OF ...

"Your reasons for wanting me to stay away from Holy Communion are exactly the ones which cause me to go so often. My distractions are great, but it is in Communion that I recollect myself. I have temptations many times a day; by daily Communion I get the strength to overcome them." ~St Thomas More



St Mary's Church, Catty

Thursday, Friday and Saturday
June 23rd, 24th, and 25th – 6:00pm to 10:00pm

There will be fabulous homemade foods, Bingo, a bake sale, basket and money raffle, and games for adults and children. DJ entertainment will be provided by D.H. Production.

HISTORIC CATASAUQUA PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION



HCPA 2016 Historic House and Garden tour will be held on **Sunday, June 26th, from 1:00pm to 5:00pm**. Tickets before June 26th are \$15.00 and on the day of the tour will be \$18.00. For tickets, call 610-266-0255, or visit www.hcpa.org. **Janice Lathrop**



JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

The Catasauqua/North Catasauqua J4 Celebration will begin with the opening celebration on **Sunday, July 3rd, at 11:00am**. The day will be filled with music, food, crafts, games and fun for all! Fireworks will take place at dusk at the Catasauqua High School Football Field. If you would be interested in having a food stand or crafts or flea market items at the event please call Barbara Schlegel, 610-264-1466 or stop at Schlegel's Dry Cleaners.