



# PASTOR'S CORNER

## In Context, Please

Years ago my aunt, who was not Catholic, attended my "First" Mass celebration with the rest of my relatives and friends. She later remarked to my mother in reviewing the event, "You know...the mass was just like we do in our church (a protestant denomination)...you do the readings, you do the offering, you do communion...It was just like ours!" My mother controlled her response, and honed it down to, "Well, Ann, you know we [Catholics] were doing that for a long time before your church was around."

It's tragically typical of today's technology-driven culture (and of myopic human nature) that the past is hardly considered, if only to judge its' inadequacies and to justify the present "new and improved" reality. In fact, when we actually take time to think, we can see that this measure only rarely applies to human life and experience. The context of history is necessary for a deeper comprehension of things; which is necessary for a more true and substantial response to today's challenges.

While most Americans have only had to attend to the challenge of radical Islam in the last 20 years or so (and most recently as a *constant* threat), world history provides a larger context for a "war" that has been played out through *thirteen hundred years*. In response to the terrorist attacks in the U.S., France, and throughout the world, I offer here quotes of G.K. Chesterton from about a hundred years ago (although he could've written them this week):

When people talk as if the Crusades were nothing more than an aggressive raid against Islam, they seem to forget in the strangest way that Islam itself was

## Mass Intentions

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 16, 2016

**Saturday – July 16<sup>th</sup> –**

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Joseph Kroboth (B)  
by Kroboth Family

7:00PM – Bernard T. Dougherty, Jr.  
by McCarty Family

**Sunday – July 17<sup>th</sup>**

8:30AM – Francis J. Broderick  
by Family

10:30AM – Robert Coughlin  
by Deacon and Mrs. Jack O'Connell

**Monday – July 18<sup>th</sup> – St Camillus de Lellis**

8:00AM – Donald N. Knarr (A)  
by Helen Wechsler

**Tuesday – July 19<sup>th</sup> – St Arsenius**

8:00AM – Delight M. Casciano  
by Ed and Maria Kutz

**Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass**

**Wednesday – July 20<sup>th</sup> – St Apollinaris**

6:00PM – Louis A. Yurasits  
by Helen Frisch

**Thursday – July 21<sup>st</sup> – St Lawrence of Brindisi**

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

**Friday – July 22<sup>nd</sup> – St Mary Magdalene**

8:00AM – Memorial Fund Members  
by The Memorial Fund

**Saturday – July 23<sup>rd</sup> – St Bridget of Sweden**

8:00AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Mary E. Kalamar  
by John and Mary Daub

7:00PM – David J. Cunningham  
by Deacon and Mrs. Jack O'Connell

**Sunday – July 24<sup>th</sup>**

8:30AM – Grace and Richard Dinan  
by Children

10:30AM – Parents, Melichor and Emelia Dopsovic  
by Daughter, Agnes Chabak

**Pray the Rosary each Sunday**

8:15AM and 10:15AM



only an aggressive raid against the old and ordered civilization in these parts. I do not say it in mere hostility to the religion of Mahomet; I am fully conscious of many values and virtues in it; but certainly it was Islam that was the invasion and Christendom that was the thing invaded. [*The New Jerusalem*]

Now a man preaching what he thinks is a platitude is far more intolerant than a man preaching what he admits is a paradox. It was exactly because it seemed self-evident, to Moslems as to Bolsheviks, that their simple creed was suited to everybody, that they wished in that particular sweeping fashion to impose it on everybody. It was because Islam was broad that Moslems were narrow. And because it was not a hard religion it was a heavy rule. Because it was without a self-correcting complexity, it allowed of those simple and masculine but mostly rather dangerous appetites that show themselves in a chieftain or a lord. As it had the simplest sort of religion, monotheism, so it had the simplest sort of government, monarchy. There was exactly the same direct spirit in its despotism as in its deism. The Code, the Common Law, the give and take of charters and chivalric vows, did not grow in that golden desert. The great sun was in the sky and great Saladin was in his tent, and he must be obeyed unless he were assassinated. Those who complain of our creeds as elaborate often forget that the elaborate Western creeds have produced the elaborate

Western constitutions; and that they are elaborate because they are emancipated. [*The New Jerusalem*]

Context is key in responding most effectively to violent Islam. Pray.

Fr. Eric.



## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
<b>4:00PM</b>	A.Urban K.Segan	B.Molchany	Deacon Jack
<b>7:00PM</b>	S.DeLong N.Ruda	J.Englert	Deacon Jack
<b>8:30AM</b>	D.Popovic M.Popovic	B.Petro	C.Reily
<b>10:30AM</b>	C.Ritter M.Ritter	J.DeLong	J.Heffner

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION



**Plate Collection**

**\$3,352.00**

The Second Collection this weekend, **July 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>** is the **Central and Eastern Europe Collection**.



Flowers were placed on the altar last weekend in loving memory of **James Cerulli** from his daughter, **Rosemary Barna**.



## MALVERN RETREAT WEEKEND

**August 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>**

Our annual Malvern Retreat this year will be held on August 26th, 27th & 28th. All men of the parish are invited to attend this weekend of spiritual renewal. This weekend gives men time to reflect on their personal and spiritual lives and time to get away to be with Our Lord. This year there will be no freewill offering for high school students and only a \$100.00 freewill offering for college students. If you are interested, please contact Joe Yanek at 610-261-2656, Paul Albert at 610-264-3473, or Deacon Jack at 610-266-0689.



## 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, July 27<sup>th</sup>**, at **1:00pm** in the Parish Hall. A luncheon will be served.

The next Casino trip to the Mohegan Sun will be on **Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

## THANK YOU



Three years ago I adopted my cat Cali from the Haafsville Animal Shelter. Seeing that they were in desperate need, I started collecting pet food and supplies to help the

shelter. I was then able to go out once a year with a trunk full of donations. Now thanks to your generosity and kindness, and with my family's help, I'm able to go out with a trunkful every three or four months. I would like to thank all of the parishioners of St. John Fisher Church for their continued and ongoing help. There are boxes at both entrances of our church to place donations. The shelter accepts both sealed and opened food, new and used pet supplies, and monetary donations. Any help you can give is greatly appreciated. Contact me at 610-264-4712, if you have any questions.

Nicole Lane

## St Bridget of Sweden



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 2016*

## Good Shepherd Catholic School

Now Enrolling! ~ Good Shepherd Catholic School is enrolling students for the 2016-2017 School Year. We offer full day Kindergarten classes, through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, and a limited amount of openings in the Pre-K programs. Please call the school office at 610.262.9171 for a personalized tour with information about an exceptional academic and faith based education!

## THANK YOU!

Pennsylvanians for Human Life sends their appreciation and thanks to the Pastor, Volunteers and Parishioners for their generous response to our Mother's Day Flower Fundraiser. All proceeds are used for Local Pro-Life Education. Your support makes a difference.

## *IN THE WORDS OF...*

"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."

~ St. Francis of Assisi