



# PASTOR'S CORNER

## Mass Intentions

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 9, 2016

### Saturday – July 9<sup>th</sup> –

#### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – James Cerulli  
by Rosemary Barna

7:00PM – Jesse Michael Crossley  
by Mary Missimer and Family

### Sunday – July 10<sup>th</sup>

8:30AM – Patrick DeMeglio  
by John and Joanne Lynch

10:30AM – Ann and Glen Oswald  
by Daughter, Louise

### Monday – July 11<sup>th</sup> – St Benedict, Abbot

8:00AM – Martha Lesyk  
by Jimmy Edmonds

### Tuesday – July 12<sup>th</sup> – St John Gualbert

8:00AM – Richard J. Lloyd  
by Lisa Hill Wittman

#### *Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass*

### Wednesday – July 13<sup>th</sup> – St Henry II

6:00PM – Rev. William J. Onushco  
by Rev. Eric J. Gruber

### Thursday – July 14<sup>th</sup> – St Kateri Tekakwitha

8:00AM – Alfred S. Grim  
by Stephen Morekin

### Friday – July 15<sup>th</sup> – St Bonaventure

8:00AM – Bob Spengler and Bernadine Wehr  
by Ann and Dale

### Saturday – July 16<sup>th</sup> – Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8:00AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners

#### 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



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

## Can I Make God Happy?

Fr. Michael E. Gaitley, MIC, poses this question among others in “33 Days to Merciful Love,” [pp.153, ff.]

How can I console Jesus when He’s happy in heaven? I mean, it seems that Jesus is the one who needs to console *me*, not the other way around. After all, while He’s joyfully reigning on high in his resurrected glory, I still have to trod along in this valley of tears.

Fr. Gaitley begins to answer with this thought:

“God doesn’t need us. He’s perfectly happy in and of Himself. As Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, He’s a perfect Family of Love, and we can add nothing to his greatness, glory, or happiness. ...Alright, so we acknowledge that God is completely self-sufficient and content. He doesn’t need us. However, at this point, perhaps some of us are experiencing at least something of St. Faustina Kowalska’s own sentiments:

It seems to me as though Jesus could not be happy without me, nor could I, without Him. Although I understand that, being God, He is happy in Himself and has absolutely no need of any creature, still, His goodness compels Him to give Himself to the creature, and with a generosity which is beyond understanding. ...I do not know how to live without God, but I also feel that God, absolutely self-sufficient though He is, cannot be happy without me. [*see Diary of Divine Mercy, #244*]

Fr. Gaitley goes on to ponder the humble love of God in the Incarnation of Christ and in his

“calling us friends.” Both of which demonstrate the love of God for human nature itself, even while taking to Himself the vulnerabilities of our nature – including the desire to be touched, heard, held and healed. If God Incarnate becomes so vulnerable, surely even I, through my redeemed human nature, can please Him and console Him. God is “touchable,” therefore my “touch” of Him pleases Him immensely.

Think on this, ponder it, and pray with it. Let’s console our Lord by living good, moral lives.  
Fr. Eric.



## NEXT WEEK’S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
<b>4:00PM</b>	J.Shaul L.Ruda	K.McCloskey	J.McAllister
<b>7:00PM</b>	A.Muschko A.Urban	J. Englert	P.McCarty
<b>8:30AM</b>	D.Popovic M.Popovic	B.Petro	Deacon Jack
<b>10:30AM</b>	A.Gorr D.Gorr	L.Bolmer	Deacon Jack

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION



**Plate Collection** \$4,290.00  
**Improvement and Repair** \$1,954.00

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



Flowers were placed on the altar last weekend in memory of **Robert and Mary Gaumer** from **John and Marge Druckenmiller.**



## 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.

## 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.

## 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!



The Divine Mercy

## HOLY HOUR

There will be a Holy Hour and recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at Queenship of Mary Church on **Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>**, at **3:00pm**. Msgr. Michael Chaback will give the reflection. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. All are welcome.

## St Benedict, Abbot

Born around the year 480, Benedict lived during the “Dark Ages,” the period of devastation following the overthrow of the Roman Empire. He started his studies in Rome, but after a time sought solitary prayer in a cave near Subiaco, Italy. In 529, he went to Monte Cassino, near Naples. On this high, rocky fastness the first Benedictine abbey arose. Benedict died around the year 550. In 1964, Pope Paul VI declared him patron of Europe. In 2005, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger selected Benedict as the patron of his papacy, calling him the “fundamental reference point for European unity and a powerful reminder of the indispensable Christian roots of its culture and civilization.”

*Magnificat, July 2016*

## SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA



Tekakwitha was born in the Mohawk village of Ossernenon (Auriesville, New York). As a young girl, she lost her parents and brother to smallpox. Moved by the preaching of Jesuit missionaries, she was baptized at the age of twenty, taking the names Kateri after Saint Catherine of Siena. Like her namesake, she was drawn into intimate communion with God and suffered persecution for

His sake. Her fellow Indians withheld her food on Sundays and pelted her with rocks as she entered the chapel. She escaped to the Jesuit mission near Montreal, where she spent the last three years of her life giving herself through prayer, mortification, and works of charity. Kateri died at the age of twenty-four in 1680 and was canonized in 2012. *Magnificat, July 2016*

## World Apostolate of Fatima Our Lady's Blue Army Shrine

674 Mountain View Road, Washington, NJ

All are invited on **Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**, at

**1:00pm** in celebrating the Anniversary of Our Lady's First Apparition to the three shepherd children in 1917. Confessions start at 10:30am; the outdoor Rosary procession at 12:00pm; Guest Speaker and celebrant, **Rev. Peter Ssekajugo, I.M.C.** at 12:30pm; Holy Mass at 1:00pm; and the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm. Visit the Holy House, USA containing the largest piece of tree upon which Our Lady stood; the altar from Tuy; and the stone from Loreto. For more information, call 908-689-1700, or [www.wafusa.org](http://www.wafusa.org).



## DONUT SUNDAY

**Next Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>**, is **Donut Sunday**. Thank you to **Deacon Jack and Joanne O'Connell** who are sponsoring this month's event in observance of their **40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**. Please stop by after the **8:30AM and 10:30AM Masses** for some coffee, tea, and some donuts!



## 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.

## Incarnation of Our Lord

A **Bingo Buffet** will be held at the social hall on 617 Pierce Street in Bethlehem, on **Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>**, starting at **6:00pm**. Doors open at 5:00pm. Advanced tickets are \$20.00, and are \$25.00 at the door. Fifteen games, two boards with cash prizes. Food available, including Hot dogs, BBQ's and more! Call the rectory for advanced tickets at 610-866-3391.

## *IN THE WORDS OF...*

"He loves, He hopes, He waits. Our Lord prefers to wait Himself for the sinner for years rather than keep us waiting an instant."  
~St Maria Goretti

"Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ within me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me."  
~ St. Patrick