



Mass Intentions

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 23, 2016

Saturday – July 23rd –

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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 24th

8:30AM – Grace and Richard Dinan

by Children

10:30AM – Parents, Melichor and Emelia Dopsovic

by Daughter, Agnes Chabak

Monday – July 25th – St James the Greater

8:00AM – Rev. Joseph J. Grembocki

by Rev. Eric J. Gruber

Tuesday – July 26th – Ss Joachim and Anne

8:00AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – July 27th – St Pantaleon

6:00PM – William Dinbokowitz, Sr. (B)

by Daughters, Linda, Joan and Donna

Thursday – July 28th – St Samson

8:00AM – Richard Fedor (A)

by Wife, Roma

Friday – July 29th – St Martha

8:00AM – Charles J. McCarty, Jr.

by Kathleen and Peggy

Saturday – July 30th – St Peter Chrysologus

8:00AM – Kurt M. Hittinger (B)

by Shawn and Val McCloskey

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Catherine L. Ford

by Kim McCloskey

7:00PM – Mary Janice Montgomery

by Raymond and Sallyann Bieak

Sunday – July 31st

8:30AM – Joseph Tomasic (A)

by Wife and Children

10:30AM – Irene McAuliffe

by Barbara and Charlie Hoffert

Pray the Rosary each Sunday

8:15AM and 10:15AM



PASTOR'S CORNER

In Context, Please (Reprise)

G.K. Chesterton also wrote in Lord Kitchener,

There is in Islam a paradox which is perhaps a permanent menace. The great creed born in the desert creates a kind of ecstasy out of the very emptiness of its own land, and even, one may say, out of the emptiness of its own theology. It affirms, with no little sublimity, something that is not merely the singleness but rather the solitude of God. There is the same extreme simplification in the solitary figure of the Prophet; and yet this isolation perpetually reacts into its own opposite. A void is made in the heart of Islam which has to be filled up again and again by a mere repetition of the revolution that founded it. There are no sacraments; the only thing that can happen is a sort of apocalypse, as unique as the end of the world; so the apocalypse can only be repeated and the world end again and again. There are no priests; and yet this equality can only breed a multitude of lawless prophets almost as numerous as priests. The very dogma that there is only one Mahomet produces an endless procession of Mahoments. Of these the mightiest in modern times were the man whose name was Ahmed, and whose more famous title was the Mahdi; and his more ferocious successor Abdullahi, who was generally known as the Khalifa. These great fanatics, or great creators of fanaticism, succeeded in making a militarism almost as famous and formidable as that of the Turkish Empire on whose frontiers it hovered,

and in spreading a reign of terror such as can seldom be organized except by civilization...”

There are many weaknesses in, and even grave sins perpetrated through, the culture of the West – abortion, violence, pornography, materialism, greed, etc...; we in the West are certainly always in need of a true repentance for our excesses and negligence. But the ever-present delusion that the West therefore *deserves* or even *engenders* the violence and terrorism of Islamic extremism towards our culture, must be revealed by reason and study as the fallacy it is.

Read. Study. Think upon. Pray. Repeat.
Read. Study. Think upon. Pray,
Fr. Eric.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

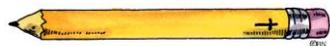
	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	J.Shaul G.Parise	K.McCloskey	J.Ottinger
7:00PM	J.Drummer A.Urban	P.McCarty	J.Yanek
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	J.Strohl	C.Hetzel
10:30AM	C.Gair D.Gair	B.Petro	F.Hutterer

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$3,836.00
Central and Eastern Europe \$ 714.00

The **Mission Co-Op Collection**, scheduled for the weekend of **August 6th and 7th**, will be taken up on the weekend of **August 20th and 21st**.



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 27th**, 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 29th**. 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.



Flowers were placed on the altar last weekend in loving memory of **Al Marhefka** from **Jean Marhefka and family**.



MALVERN RETREAT WEEKEND

August 26th, 27th and 28th

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.

PILGRIM VIRGIN OF FATIMA



The **Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima Statue** is dedicated to all the people of the North Catasauqua Area in order to foster the worship of the Most Holy Trinity through a true devotion to our Blessed Lady. The Statue "travels" into any homes which wish to host it for a time (usually a week), and is treasured there by a family or group of friends who pray the rosary together. There have been several such traveling statues in our area over the years dating back to the 1960's, blessed by several different pastors who have served in the region. If you wish to participate in this beautiful tradition and devotion and open your home to Our Lady so concretely, please contact Pauline Albert, 610-264-3473, or Jean Marhefka, 610-264-5038. Thank you.

Please remember in your prayers **Amanda Bridgette Tacker** who was buried this past week. We pray her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



QUEENSHIP OF MARY



Their annual Garage Sale will be held on **Saturday, August 6th**, from **8:00am to 4:00pm** in the Church Social Hall. The entrance to the hall is in the rear of the church, off Stewart

Street. Food will be available for purchase.

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 8th 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!

PARISH PICNICS

St Peter's Church in Coplay

will hold their 62nd Annual Parish Picnic and Homecoming on **Sunday, August 7th**, from **12:00noon to 10:00pm** on the Church grounds on 5th 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.

Our Lady of Lebanon

55 S. 4th Street, Easton

Our Lady of Lebanon Catholic Church will sponsor their 39th Annual Heritage Days Celebration on **Saturday, August 6th**, from **5:00pm to Midnight**, and on **Sunday, August 7th**, from **11:00 am to 10:00pm**. There will be Middle Eastern foods, dance troupes and music.

St Martha's Need for Mercy



Saint Martha, whose feast we keep on July 29th, could easily be considered the patron saint of the corporal works of mercy. "Give shelter to the homeless" and "Clothe the naked" were surely among her many virtues and kind acts. Her home was prepared, her guests were welcomed, and her hospitality was offered. Martha would make sure of that.

Saint Luke's account of Jesus visiting her home, however, gives clear insight into who is the one most in need (Lk 10:38-42). Martha says to Jesus, *Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me.* As all wise men know, there is no easy way out of this for Jesus. He has been placed indelicately between two sisters, and Martha is not asking as much as telling Jesus what to do. He shows her the greatest mercy, though, when he reveals the truth to her: *Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things.* In our own Christian lives we, like Martha, can become very busy in doing things, but sometimes it is a busyness that only distracts us from the Lord, whom we believe ourselves to be serving. Jesus desires Martha's service to be done for the sake of the other and not for any sense of superiority within herself. Martha's anxiety and worry may create motion and movement, but they can never generate peace, nor truly be at the service of mercy.

Magnificat, July 2016

IN THE WORDS OF...

"I am not sure exactly what heaven will be like, but I know that when we die and it comes time for God to judge us, he will not ask, 'How many good things have you done in your life?' rather he will ask, 'How much love did you put into what you did?'"

~ Mother Theresa