



Mass Intentions

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
June 16, 2018

Saturday– June 23rd –

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Jeanette S. Koncz
by Walter and Barbara Torba

7:00PM – William J. Molchany, Sr. (B)
by Jon and Reggie DeLong and Family

Sunday – June 24th –

8:30AM – Edward J. Ferenchak
by Constance Berner

10:30AM – Wilma D. Bryan
by Fred and Carol Hutterer

Monday – June 25th – St William of Vercelli

8:00AM – Elizabeth Kocis (B)
by McCloskey Family

Tuesday – June 26th – St Jose Marie Escriva

8:00AM – Joe Marko
by Barbara Petro

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – June 27th – St Cyril of Alexandria

6:00PM – Anna Stascinsky
by McCloskey Family

Thursday – June 28th – St Irenaeus

8:00AM – Daniel Leo Lynch, Sr.
by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kovalchick

Friday – June 29th – Ss Peter and Paul

8:00AM – Rose M. Todaro
by Deacon and Mrs. Jack O’Connell

Saturday– June 30th –

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Veronica Ann Heckman
by Karen Delker

7:00PM – Gertrude “Trudy” McGonigle
by Deacon and Mrs. Jack O’Connell

Sunday – July 1st –

8:30AM – Lawrence E. Hodge
by Peggy and Kathleen

10:30AM – Rev. Thomas A. Horan (A)
by McCloskey Family



Sundays

8:15AM and 10:15AM

PASTOR’S CORNER

A Letter to Washington [a reprise from 2015]

Dear George;

I remember America before the troubles; long before its’ collapse. It is nearly impossible now to describe the experience of freedom to the newest generations, because they have only known the government as a substitute parent or grandparent, or as a mob godfather – there to tell them what to do, how to do it better, and how they should feel about it on the way.

But I remember a time when one never needed to pay attention to the “experts” in government who cloaked themselves in popular scientific theory as if it were fact. I remember, too, an adult life that was marked with hard work and real play, where the early coronary was only due to one’s own genes, and not due to the slavish stress of having to “keep up” with others, their possessions, the technology to make it all “easier.” It was a time when the company of others was seen, heard and felt, and the art of conversation was not limited to a certain number of characters on a screen, but a cultivated skill learned from adults who had learned it when they were young.

I remember when “democrat party” meant honest, blue-collar, family-oriented, ethnically diverse, law-abiding, America-loving, America-defending – the party of JFK. I remember when “republican party” meant honest, entrepreneurial, family-oriented, business-savvy, America-loving, America-defending – the party of Lincoln. George, they have both failed America, using her citizens as pawns in a script they both agreed with – an apparent “conflict” between their goals of power and control kept us divided until it was too late to save the Constitution and the real truths it relates and defends.

George, I wish I could write you now and let you know that the Republic you risked so much for and gave your life toward was hale

and hearty. But I am sure you know what is really happening – two parties that share power over people, people that have learned to conform to their democratic, republican or independent roles and stay divided from one another lest they realize that *they* are the country, and return the Constitution to its proper place. You see also how the powers are dividing the races, the rich and the poor, the young and the old, a woman from her developing child.

America was a great idea once. But somewhere between the defying of the constitution by Woodrow and the well-intended (but ultimately crippling) New Deal of FDR and the Kennedy assassination, we have forgotten her, and lost ourselves, -- substituting feeling good about ourselves for **BEING GOOD/doing good**. George, please ask God to forgive us and to help us.

Sincerely, and still hopeful, Fr. Eric.



Flowers were placed on the altar last weekend in memory of **John P. Behum, by Joe and Judy Behum.**



Please remember in your prayers **Joseph Bernard Demko** who passed away and was buried this past week. We pray his soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

RAFFLE WINNERS!

Congratulations to our raffle winners:

- 1st: # 11470 – **Margaret M. O'Donnell** - \$250.00
- 2nd: # 11453 – **Arthur E. Steffie** - \$50.00
- 3rd: # 12402 – **Helen C. Fasching** - \$25.00
- 4th: # 15481 – **Ronald L. Morey, Sr.** - \$25.00
- 5th: # 15633 – **Donald Cizmar** - \$25.00
- 6th: # 11840 – **Barbara Mary Petro** - \$100.00
- 7th: # 11541 – **Eric Francis Snyder** - \$25.00
- 8th: # 13193 – **AnGela Rizzo** - \$25.00
- 9th: # 11745 – **Robin Y. Serensits** - \$50.00
- 10th: # 15074 – **Andrea Jean Englert** - \$100.00

We would like to thank **Hutterer's Barber Shop** and **McCarty's Hotel** who donated the printing of the tickets. St. John Fisher received **\$2,352.00**, to aid in our ongoing renovation projects. Thank you to all who participated!

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

If you have a loved one who is homebound or in a care facility and unable to attend Mass, please call the rectory at 610-264-1972 to schedule a pastoral visit for Communion and a blessing.

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Our parishioner, Robyn Berner, has volunteered her time to coordinate people for 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.



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



Clipping Box Tops is an easy way for you to help **Good Shepherd Catholic School**. Box Tops are worth 10¢ and they add up to cash for the school. To help, look for pink Box Tops on products, clip them, and place them in the Box Top box located at both entrances to the church. If you have any questions, please contact Diana Rutt at 610-348-5716.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$3,615.00

The **Second** Collection next weekend, **June 30th** and **July 1st**, will be the **Improvement and Repair Collection**.

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE



	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	L.Ruda N.Ruda	J.McAllister	J.Druckenmiller Deacon Jack
7:00PM	D.Gorr J.Drummer	P.McCarty	J.Behum Deacon Jack
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder	C.Reily Deacon Jack
10:30AM	C.Gair M.Druckenmiller	B.Petro	F.Hutterer Deacon Jack

C.C.D. REGISTRATIONS

Registrations have been sent out. If your child attends public school, is home-schooled, or will be starting pre-school this year, and you have not received a registration form, please call the Rectory.



Saints Peter and Paul

Peter, a poor fisherman, was called by Christ to lead and care for Christ's entire flock: "Feed my sheep!" (*John 21:17*). It was Peter who received a vision confirming that the Good News was to be preached to those the Jews considered unclean, the pagan Gentiles (*cf. Acts 10:9-16*). Paul, the former Pharisee, carried out this missionary mandate. In the course of his preaching he was flogged, beaten, stoned, shipwrecked, and attacked by brigands (*cf. 2 Cor 11:24-27*). Both Peter and Paul ended their ministry in Rome around the year 54. Tradition holds that Peter was crucified upside down, and Paul beheaded by the sword.

~Magnificat, June, 2018

IN THE WORDS OF ...

Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you. ~St. Thomas Aquinas

Hold your eyes on God and leave the doing to him. This is all the doing you have to worry about.

~ St. Jane Frances deChantal



The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

On July 19, A.D. 64, fire broke out in Rome. Flames rapidly engulfed the city. When public opinion turned against the Emperor Nero, he blamed the fire on the Christians, and had them brutally murdered in his private gardens. According to the historian Tacitus, "Mockery of every sort accompanied their deaths. Covered with the skin of beasts, they were torn by dogs and perished, or were nailed to crosses, or were doomed to the flames and burnt, to serve as a nightly illumination, when daylight had expired." Pope Clement called their sacrifice "the finest example of endurance in the midst of many indignities and tortures."

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UPCOMING EVENTS!

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Their annual Parish Picnic will be held on **Sunday, July 8th**, at the **Egypt Memorial Park from 12:30pm to 8:00pm**. Festivities begin with an outdoor Mass at the Park at 11:30am. There will be ethnic foods, adult and children's games, bingo, and music and dancing with Josef Kroboth. There is free parking, and all are welcome!