



## Mass Intentions

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 19, 2017

**Saturday – Aug 19<sup>th</sup> –**

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Helen Sidor  
by Dorothy and Edward Motsko  
7:00PM – Richard and Grace Dinan  
by Family

**Sunday – Aug 20<sup>th</sup> –**

8:30AM – Julie and Ray Bieak  
by Dennis and Theresa Bieak  
10:30AM – Bernard Cunningham (A)  
by Bossons Family

**Monday – Aug 21<sup>st</sup> – St Pius X**

8:00AM – Living Members/Patterson/Vomero Families  
by Irene Vomero

**Tuesday – Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> –**

**The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00AM – Donald N. Knarr  
by Mike Felicia and Family

**Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass**

**Wednesday – Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> – St Rose of Lima**

6:00PM – Rev. Francis Paul Straka  
by Rev. Eric J. Gruber

**Thursday – Aug 24<sup>th</sup> – St Bartholomew**

8:00AM – John Milkovits (A)  
by Family

**Friday – Aug 25<sup>th</sup> – St Louis**

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

**Saturday – Aug 26<sup>th</sup> – St Zephyrinus**

8:00AM – James C. Gruber, II  
by Family

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Veronica Brewer  
by Daughter, Frances Zukowski  
7:00PM – Valeria and Paul Koons  
by Carolyn and Nick Pontician

**Sunday – Aug 27<sup>th</sup> –**

8:30AM – Jean R. Danko  
by Barbara Moran  
10:30AM – Ann and Glen Oswald  
by Daughter, Louise

# PASTOR'S CORNER

## Medical Milestone: Not Progress But a Step Into Darkness

We'll take a brief respite from the series on the New Evangelization this week to remark on a terribly immoral modern reality.

This week CBS News reported that the island nation of Iceland has made tremendous strides in its effort to eradicate the chromosomal abnormality known as Down Syndrome. And while many would take that news as heralding a breakthrough in genetic engineering or some new fertility therapy, the sad truth is that the near eradication of Down Syndrome births in Iceland has come from “culling the herd.” The health officials in Iceland systematically screened cooperating pregnant mothers to indicate any probability of Down Syndrome. When the screening presented greater possibilities of the syndrome, the babies were aborted at their mothers' request. In the whole of the process there were only two Down Syndrome births in Iceland, most likely resulting from “faulty testing,” officials said.

One need only be in the near proximity of Down Syndrome children and adults to know that while the goal of the program may be [debatably] good, the means to achieve the goal has killed some of the most precious members of our species. In other words, they did not eliminate Down Syndrome, they eliminated human beings who did not measure up to “normal.” The subtlety of such evil is especially distasteful.

This news came on the heels of news from a few weeks ago of a young woman and man who are below average on IQ tests, and have now had two natural children removed from them by the State of Oregon because they were deemed too immature for their children's

safety. This conclusion was made even after a Child-Care Services evaluator judged the mother to be competent and qualified in her child-raising practices. That evaluator has been fired by the State and has since taken up the advocacy role for the young mother.

All this and so much more leads us to ask, "Who do we want deciding what is a quality human life? What will that decision be based on? What rights does an individual have to be an individual?" One thing's for sure in Catholic Social Teaching – the government (no matter what form it takes) should not be the decider over human life, but the promoter and protector of life in all of its stages, in all of its uniqueness!

Pray for the mercy of God to cover us all, Fr. Eric.



## CCD Registration

Registrations were **due** in June for the 2017 – 2018 C.C.D. year. If you have not turned in the registration, with payment and the late fee, please do so this week. The order for the books must be placed to have them in time for the first day of classes, which is **Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9:00am.**



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

## Holy Matrimony

We congratulate **Elisa Anne Molchany and Carmine John Pellosie, Jr.** who were married last weekend at St. John Fisher Church. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their married life together.



## BAPTISMS

We welcome **Quinn Lauren and Miles Martin Pammer**, daughter and son of **John Charles and Dana Lauren (Martin) Pammer, III**, who were baptized recently, and are the newest members of our family of God at St John Fisher Parish.

## GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

**August 21<sup>st</sup>:** Kindergarten Orientation!

**August 28<sup>th</sup>:** First Day of School!

School Office Summer Hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

Shepherd Gift Card Sales Summer Hours: Wednesday 5:00pm to 7:00pm, and Thursdays 10:00am to noon.

**C.Y.O. Fall Sports:** Please visit our new website, <http://tshg.bluesombrero.com/default.aspx?portalid=21527>, to complete an online registration and payment.

## Flowers for the Altar

The **ALTAR FLOWER LIST** is at the parking lot entrance of church. Honor a loved one by placing flowers on the altar. Simply sign up on the list, and then call your florist for delivery.

## Diocesan Anniversary Mass

Celebration will be held on **Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, 1875 West Turner Street in Allentown, at 3:00pm.** We cordially invite couples celebrating five, twenty-five, forty, fifty, sixty or sixty plus years of marriage to this special event. Please register: at <http://www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass>, or in the A.D. Times, or email at [MFLF@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:MFLF@allentowndiocese.org) or call 610-289-8900 ext. 2028. **September 8<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for registration.**

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION



<b>Plate Collection</b>	<b>\$3,272.00</b>
<b>Missionary Co-Op Collection</b>	<b>\$1,405.00</b>
<b>Assumption Collection</b>	<b>\$1,345.00</b>



## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	<b>Servers</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>E.Ministers</b>
<b>4:00PM</b>	K.Segan A.Muschko	J.McAllister	Deacon Jack
<b>7:00PM</b>	A.Gorr D.Gorr	J.Englert	Deacon Jack
<b>8:30AM</b>	D.Popovic M.Popovic	B.Molchany	C.Molchany
<b>10:30AM</b>	C.Ritter M.Ritter	J.DeLong	F.Hutterer



Please remember in your prayers **Evelyn Kocis and Elizabeth Kocis**, who passed away and were recently buried. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



## **BISHOP-ELECT SCHLERT'S ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION**

In celebration of the Ordination and Installation of Bishop-elect Alfred Schlert as the Fifth Bishop of Allentown, the Diocese will have two liturgical services:

1. **Solemn Vespers** at which the Bishop-elect will make a Profession of Faith, and the Oath of Fidelity is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena** located at 1825 Turner Street in Allentown. This event is open to the public. Light refreshments in the Parish Activity Center will follow and everyone will have a chance to greet the Bishop-Elect.
2. The **Mass of Ordination** will be held at the **Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena on Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, at 2:00pm**. Because of space limitations at the Cathedral, attendance at this event is by invitation only. Efforts are underway to have the Ordination and Installation broadcasted nationally. It will also be livestreamed on the Diocesan Facebook page: [www.Facebook.com/DioceseofAllentown](http://www.Facebook.com/DioceseofAllentown).
3. **Due to Solemn Vespers, our daily mass at St. John Fisher Church for Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, will be held at 8:00am, and not 6:00pm.**

## **SAINT PIUS X**

Pius X was born Giuseppe Sarto in Riese, Italy, of poor, hardworking parents. Before his election as pontiff in 1903, he labored unceasingly as parish chaplain, bishop, and then Patriarch of Venice to awaken the hearts of the people. During his pontificate he condemned the Modernist heresy and promoted the catechesis of adults and children, priestly formation, and frequent reception of the Eucharist. He extended the age of First Communion to children as young as seven. Many miraculous cures were attributed to this "pope of the Eucharist" during his lifetime. He died in 1914.

~ *Magnificat, August, 2017*



## **SAINT ROSE OF LIMA**



Isabel was born in 1586 in Lima, Peru. A nurse remarked that she was "beautiful like a rose," and the name stuck. From a very young age, Rose felt chosen by God. She resorted to disfiguring her face by rubbing it with pepper to ward off would-be suitors. At twenty, she took the habit of the Dominican Third Order and chose for her

hermitage a tiny hut in the family garden. She cared tenderly for the poor in a room of her parents' house. She was frequently criticized by her neighbors, but also frequently consoled by profound experiences of Christ's presence. She died in 1617.

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## **St. Mary's Church, Catty**

Advanced Ticket Sales are available for their **Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner** which will be held on **Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30pm to 6:30pm**. All you have to do is drive up Union Street, from Front Street, stop at the parking lot, hand us your ticket and we'll hand you dinner! Menu includes: ½ chicken, corn on the cob, baked potato, coleslaw and roll prepared by Fairview Catering. **Price is \$11.00 per dinner**. Mail payment and self-addressed, stamped envelope to St. Mary's Church, 122 Union Street in Catty, 18032.

