



PASTOR'S CORNER

Unidentified, Chapter Seven

It was Sunday evening, and J.B.'s Dad had returned home from his business trip. The whole family felt whole again. J.B. had hung around his Dad for an afternoon nap in the living room, their Sunday roast beef dinner (reserved for these special-ist of occasions) and an evening of watching his Dad put his "ladies" to early bed for their last days of school. J.B. stayed on the patio while his Dad and Mom took a stroll along the property line as the sun went down and the stars came out. He hoped his parents would both see the black "circle thing" and help him to feel that he wasn't losing his teen-age mind. But his folks returned to the patio uneventfully and at-ease.

As they were headed back into the house J.B. said something he had never asked for so seriously before, "Dad, before you go in...can I have a minute?" His father looked at his wife and with a nod closed the sliding door to rejoin J.B. on the patio. He sat down on the adjacent lawn chair facing J.B., "What's up, J.B.?" "Dad, I want to show you something..." J.B. introduced as he handed his iPod to his Dad while pressing play. His Dad watched intently, wondering what he was supposed to be seeing. Then he turned to J.B., "What do you see here, son? What do you think it means?" "I'm scared, Dad," he said, "I think someone's after us." "You mean from Mars or someplace like that...or the government?" his Dad suggested. "Maybe...but what's that big black thing?" J.B. was asking for everything someone his age needs – security, comfort, peace and purpose. His Dad shifted on his chair, pulling himself closer to his son.

"J.B., when I was your age, my Mom and Dad hadn't moved our family four times in five years, like your Mom and I have had to do. I had the same friends and classmates I'd had since kindergarten. But despite that "normal-ness" I became aware that there was something missing in my life. And, to me, it felt like a big black cloud in which I could see no light was always around me or hanging over me." "Are you saying that I'm seeing things?" J.B. wondered. "No, J.B., I'm just saying that whatever it is you are seeing on the video, in the night sky, or wherever..." "But, Dad, I dreamed it shrunk itself down and entered into me?" J.B. interrupted. "Really, J.B., you dreamed that?" "Yes, Dad, just this morning before I woke up." "Well, then, I ought to finish the story I started to tell you, J.B." his Dad concluded.

"I felt like this darkness was over me, and I asked God to get rid of it for me. But before He did, I went on a parish trip for a day of recollection to the retreat house where I grew up. It was run by the brothers and priests of some religious order, but I went because my Dad thought it would be good for me. So, after we got to the place, I met this older brother monk who sat by the door and welcomed people and talked with people. I don't know why, but I liked him immediately; like I already knew him. I went to him after our lunch break and asked him if he could sense or see things about people. He told me, 'nothing special, child of God, but if you have a question for God I might point you in the right direction.' I spilled my guts to him about the dark cloud thing I was feeling. His eyes opened wide and his smile just as wide

Mass Intentions

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21, 2015

Saturday – June 20th – St Silverius

4:00PM – All Father's Day Intentions

7:00PM – All Father's Day Intentions

Sunday – June 21st – 12th Sunday/Ordinary Time

8:30AM – All Father's Day Intentions

10:30AM – All Father's Day Intentions

Monday – June 22nd –

St John Fisher and St Thomas More

8:00AM – Joseph Chabak and Daniel Dopsovic
by Wife and Sister, Agnes Chabak

Tuesday – June 23rd – St Etheldreda of Ely

8:00AM – Rev Msgr Alfred R Ott
by Rev Eric J Gruber

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – June 24th –

The Nativity of St John the Baptist

6:00PM – Glen Oswald (B)
by Louise Oswald

Thursday – June 25th – St William of Vercelli

8:00AM – Charles J McCarty, Jr
by Kathy and Peggy

Friday – June 26th – St Josemaria Escriva

8:00AM – All Memorial Fund Members
By Memorial Fund

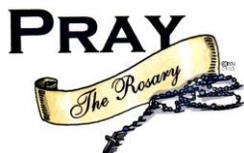
Saturday – June 27th – St Cyril of Alexandria

8:00AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners
4:00PM – Joseph Kroboth
by Family
7:00PM – Julia Superka (A)
by Carolyn and Nick Pontician

Sunday – June 28th – 13th Sunday/Ordinary Time

8:30AM – The Poor Souls in Purgatory
by Irene Vomero

10:30AM – Edward J Danko
by John and Kelli Kennedy



Sunday

8:15AM and 10:15AM

as he laughed, 'Son, that's not a cloud or a thing, it's the hole in your soul.' 'The hole in my soul?' I asked him. 'Yes. You see, young man, that what you are sensing is the God-shaped hole in your heart. It is empty and dark and it aches to be filled the older we get. But nothing will ever fill that hole but God Himself. Only God can "fit" there.'" J.B. was astounded, "You mean it's a hole, an empty hole that only God can fill?" His Dad nodded. J.B. sat back and felt a peace he had never felt before. His Dad summed it up, "J.B., God loves you and made you for Himself, to share His love for you. I think you're experiencing what we all could experience – a personal connection with the God Who made us, and saved us and leads us."

An hour later J.B. was sound asleep – his dreams filled with the backyard and play and school and friends past and present and beyond it all, the shadow of a cross. His Mom was sound asleep as well; his Dad was reading in bed. His Dad turned the page of yet another author who quoted St. Augustine's *Confessions* regarding what was missing from modern life and society, he read "You have made us for Yourself, O Lord. And our hearts are restless until they rest in You."

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection

\$ 3,435.00

The Second Collection this weekend, **June 20th and 21st** is the **Peter's Pence Collection**.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	S.DeLong A.Urban	J.McAllister	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	A.Gorr D.Gorr	J.Yanek	C.Molchany
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	M.Ottinger	M.Druckenmiller
10:30AM	C.Gair D.Gair	L.Bolmer	J.Heffner



We are looking for a volunteer to be a **Sacristan** for our Church. This is a person who helps set up for Mass. If you are interested, please call the rectory at 610-264-1972.

ST JOHN FISHER ST THOMAS MORE

In 1530, English King Henry VIII began a campaign to have himself declared head of the Church, in order to divorce Queen Catherine in favor of Anne Boleyn. At the time, Thomas More was Henry's chancellor, his chief statesman and a close friend. John Fisher, Henry's former tutor, was the English Church's preeminent bishop and scholar. John Fisher publicly decried the king's rejection of the papal decision against annulment. Thomas More quietly retired from public life in order to avoid confrontation. But Henry could abide neither man's refusal to support his bid to displace the pope. John Fisher was beheaded on June 22, 1535. Thomas More died in the same manner thirteen days later.



MALVERN RETREAT

Our annual men's retreat at **Malvern Retreat House** will be held on **Friday, August 21st to Sunday, August 23rd**. All men of the parish are invited to come on this weekend to enrich their spiritual lives. This is a time to step back and reflect on our relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ through prayer and meditation and by the help of a retreat director. For questions or information on how to sign up for the weekend contact Paul Albert at 610-264-3473, Jack McAllister at 610-264-5834, Joe Yanek at 610-261-2656, or Deacon Jack at 610-266-0689.



Flowers were placed on the altar last weekend in loving memory of **The Strohl Family** by **Jean and Robert Strohl**.

Young at Heart

The next meeting of St John Fisher's Young at Heart will be held on **Wednesday, June 24th**, at **1:00PM** in the Parish Hall. The next Casino trip to Mount Airy will be on **Friday, June 26th**. 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.

PARISH RETREAT

Several parishes in our diocese are building up the spirituality of their parish by having an annual parish retreat. St. John Fisher Parish is planning to start parish retreats, but we need the help of our parishioners. There will be different positions of leadership for the retreat teams that need to be filled. If you are interested, drop a note in the collection basket that states "Parish Retreat" with your name and phone number.

OCTOBERFEST

Join us for a bus trip to Platzl Brauhaus on **Thursday, October 15th**. The bus departs from former **St Joseph Hall at 8:00am**. There'll be live music and dancing throughout the whole day. Refreshments upon arrival, a full family style dinner and beer and soda from 12:00pm to 5:00pm. The \$92.00 per person trip also includes a sandwich before your departure and arrival back in Northampton at 8:00pm. For more information, call Marge, 610-262-3174, or Elsie, 610-349-6998.

NORTH CATASAUQUA BETTERMENT COMMITTEE GOLF OUTING

The **9th Annual North Catasauqua Small Town USA Golf Tournament** will be held on **Sunday, June 28th**, at **Willow Brook Golf Course**. Tournament is four person scramble with shotgun start at **8:30am**. The \$85.00 entry fee includes golf, cart, a continental breakfast, hot dogs and snacks on the green, a hot and cold dinner buffet, beverages, welcome gift bag, great awards and door prizes for everyone! All proceeds will benefit community projects and events. Come play in the tournament that supports the community! For more information or to register, call 610-264-1504, or NCataCentennial@aol.com.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The **Catasauqua Thrift Shop** needs volunteers. If you have 3 hours a week available, please call Sylvia Tognoli at 610-264-4130. The proceeds from the Thrift Shop are returned to the community.

St Mary's Block Party

St Mary's Church, 122 Union Street, Catasauqua will hold their Annual Block Party on **Friday, June 26th and Saturday, June 27th from 6:00pm to 10:00pm**. Come out and enjoy delicious homemade foods, bingo, games for adults & children, entertainment and lots more. Come and enjoy the fun!

Save the Date!

Sunday, September 13th – International Dinner
Friday, October 2nd – Family Night
Friday, November 6th – Ladies' Night Out
Monday, November 23rd – Pumpkin Roll Pick-up

World Apostolate of Fatima Blue Army Shrine

On **Saturday, July 4th**, the World Apostolate of Fatima, Our Lady's Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mountain View Road, Washington, NJ, invites all to honor the plea from Our Lady on December 10, 1925 requesting five consecutive First Saturdays of Reparation. Divine Motherhood blasphemy will be explained this month. Schedule: 10:00am Confessions; 11:30am Rosary with 15 minute meditation. Speaker is **Rev Paul Ruge**, followed by 12:00pm Holy Mass. Bring your family and friends to answer the call of the Child Jesus. For information, call 908-689-1700 or bluearmy.com.

Happy Father's Day 