



Mass Intentions

The Epiphany of Our Lord
January 6, 2018

Saturday – Jan 6th –

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Jeanette S. Koncz
by Constance Berner

7:00PM – Holly A. Cernobyl
by Kathy McCloskey and Family

Sunday – Jan 7th –

8:30AM – The Memorial Fund Members
by The Memorial Fund

10:30AM – David J. Sweeney
by Edward and Sylvia Urbanovitch

Monday – Jan 8th – The Baptism of Our Lord

8:00AM – Sue Hertz (L-Health)
by Friend

Tuesday – Jan 9th – St Adrian of Canterbury

8:00AM – Joseph E. Mahon (B)
by Daughter, Barbara Knarr

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Jan 10th – St William of Bourges

6:00PM – Kathleen A. McCloskey
by Barbara Petro

Thursday – Jan 11th – St Theodosius

8:00AM – Rev. Msgr. Joseph P. Dooley
by Rev. Eric J. Gruber

Friday – Jan 12th – St Bernard of Corleone

8:00AM – Margaret and Charles McCarty
by Kathleen and Peggy

Saturday – Jan 13th – St Hilary

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Antone Zukowski
by Wife, Frances

7:00PM – Mary Ann Faust (WA)
by Daughter, Mary Louise Faust

Sunday – Jan 14th –

8:30AM – Jane Cirignano
by John and JoAnne Lynch

10:30AM – Jeanette and Patricia Heinz
by Roma Fedor and Family



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

PASTOR'S CORNER

Questions to Start Conversations

Is there any such thing as “right” or “wrong” anymore?

Is it a good thing to promote contraceptive use among the young?

Is it a good thing to artificially contracept marital relations?

Is any lifestyle (socially, psychologically, sexually, economically) okay with God?

Is any lifestyle okay with believers in God?

And, what does “okay” mean in that instance?

Is the intentional aborting of the fetus (in Latin meaning “little one”) ever justified?

Is it okay to render infertile those people we deem less than capable of raising children?

Is it okay to freeze embryos?

Is it okay to litter, plunder resources or pollute the environment?

Is the over-population lie still a legitimate reason for the UN to promote contraception?

Is there any benefit to human suffering, or is all suffering just evil?

If there can be some benefit to human suffering, how is it received?

How much responsibility does one have to other human beings?

For whose benefit are there turn signals in motor vehicles?

Does the “Church” have any right or responsibility to teach right and wrong in our society? ... from the pulpit?

Are we open to having our sense of right and wrong challenged by the Church?

Do you believe human beings are innately good, and therefore just need an occasional “correction” in behavior to be okay? If so, how do you know that?

Do you believe human beings are innately corrupt, and therefore need God to overlook our corruption and provide His grace? If so, how do you know that?

Do you believe human beings are fallen creatures, who without God’s grace will inevitably turn in on themselves, and with God’s grace can make the world a better place by their loving service, and by God’s gift in Jesus, make it heaven?

Lots to talk about. Even more to pray about.

Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection **\$3,403.00**
Solemnity of Mary Collection **\$1,115.00**



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	J.Drummer K.Segan	J.Strohl	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	L.Ruda N.Ruda	J.Englert	Deacon Jack
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	B.Molchany	C.Molchany
10:30AM	C.Gair D.Gair	K.McCloskey	F.Hutterer

REDNER'S TAPES

We thank all our parishioners who faithfully do their food shopping at Redner's. By placing your tapes in the collection basket, we have received a check from Redner's in the amount of **\$93.15**. Thank you!

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.

SLOVAK FOUNDATION

Once again our parishioners of Slovak heritage are invited to donate to the Slovak Federation. Envelopes for this collection are at both church entrances and can be placed in any Sunday collection between now and **Sunday, February 11th**.

OFFERTORY GIFTS



Our parishioner, Robyn Berner, has volunteered her time to coordinate people to carry the offertory gifts at 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.



In case of bad weather or last minute cancelations, please check our Parish Website at www.stjohnfisherparish.com.

FLU NOTICE

Due to flu concerns in Pennsylvania, Bishop Schlert, like his predecessor, has suspended the Sign of Peace and the distribution of the Eucharist from the Cup until further notice. Thank you for your understanding.

Save the Date

Friday, Friday 23rd – Our Annual Fish Fry Dinner. More information will follow.



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.

NOTICE

Due to the emphasis on privacy and the sharing of information, the hospital patient information systems are unreliable. Therefore, as a precaution, please do not presume that St John Fisher Rectory knows your loved one is in the hospital. If you would like a loved one visited, please call the rectory, 610-264-1972, and leave a message as to the name of your loved one, which hospital (be specific), and a room number if it is known at the time. Thank you for your help in this matter.



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.

2017 CONTRIBUTION FORMS

Please fill out this tear-off form to request your 2017 contribution form, and place in the collection basket. All forms will be mailed out by the end of January.

NAME _____ ENV # _____

ADDRESS _____

Help from Our Retired People

I am looking for retired people from our parish to reach out to our homebound parishioners. We have people that need rides to doctor's appointments, grocery shopping, some minor house cleaning and just someone to visit them. Any help would be appreciated. Please call **Deacon Jack at 610-266-0689**, if you are interested in helping.

GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS



Please join the Helpers of God's Precious Infants at the Prayer Pilgrimage for the unborn, and all those involved in abortion on **Saturday, January 13th**. The pilgrimage begins with Mass at 8:00AM at Notre Dame Church, 1861 Catasauqua Road, and

continues with The Rosary at the abortion facility located at 31 South Commerce Way.

CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

ACCHS Director of Admissions is "rounding up applications" from each of our Partner Schools for a \$3,000.00 tuition credit raffle! One drawing will be held on **January 17th and one on February 11th**. Go to www.acchs.info/apply and fill out your student's ACCHS Class of 2022 application. Each applicant is entered into our tuition raffles. For questions, contact Cara at 610-437-4601 ext.108 or cmeskill@acchs.info.

Allentown Central Catholic High School is looking for an experienced Head Middle School Softball Coach, willing to develop fundamental skills, teach strategies, and provide team building skills. If you are interested in this position, please contact the Athletic Director, Dennis Csensits - dcsensits@acchs.info.

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

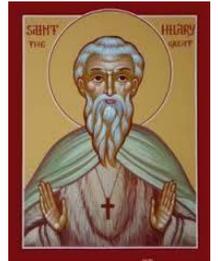


Jesus joins the people going out to John the Baptist in the gesture of repentance, not because there is sin in him, but in order to model for us the authentic way to approach the Father. He goes to the Baptist as a beggar because the Mystery is mercy. Jesus surrenders to mercy by submitting himself to baptism in order to invite us to share in his relationship with the Father, announced from the heavens. The Lord Jesus lowers himself in his baptism and, as Nothingness, acknowledges his Father so that we will never hesitate to do the same.

~ *Magnificat, January, 2018*

SAINT HILARY

Elected bishop in Poitiers in 353 at the height of the Arian heresy, Hilary held true in the face of tremendous opposition. He was exiled to Turkey for his defense of the orthodox Faith. Upon his return, Hilary worked to guide his brother bishops who had fallen prey to pressure from the Arians. Of Hilary, Pope Benedict XVI wrote, "This was precisely his gift: to combine strength in the Faith and docility in interpersonal relations." Hilary is known for his great work On the Trinity, as well as commentaries on the Psalms and Matthew's Gospel. He was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1851.



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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

924 N. Front Street, Allentown

Their Meat Bingo will be held on **Sunday, January 21st at 1:00pm**. Doors and kitchen open at 12:00 Noon. Call Bill Drost at 610.432.3505.