



Mass Intentions

The Baptism of Our Lord

January 11, 2020

Saturday– Jan 11th –

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Leona Zavodny
by Mary Molchany

7:00PM – Elizabeth Arnold (A)
by Cheri Leinberger

Sunday – Jan 12th –

8:30AM – Raymond Bieak (B)
by Theresa and Dennis Bieak

10:30AM – Charles B. O'Donnell (A)
by McCloskey Family

Monday – Jan 13th – St Hilary, Bishop/Doctor

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

Tuesday – Jan 14th – St Sava

8:00AM – Dorothy Greene
by Jean Marhefka

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Jan 15th – St Ita

6:00PM Vigil – Jean Mary Burrows
by Deacon and Mrs. Jack O'Connell

Thursday – Jan 16th – St Berard of Carbio

8:00AM – Jack McCarty
by Kathleen and Peggy

Friday – Jan 17th – St Anthony, Abbot

8:00AM – Bob Spengler and Bernadine Wehr
by Ann and Bob

Saturday– Jan 18th – St Volusian

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Joseph Kroboth (A)
by Family

7:00PM – Gertrude L. McGinley
by McCarty Family

Sunday – Jan 19th –

8:30AM – Francis Broderick
by Family

10:30AM – Sandra Koerwitz
by Isaac and Verra Jabbour



Pray the Rosary Sundays
8:15AM and 10:15AM

PASTOR'S CORNER

A World Upside Down

Tradition holds that when St. Peter the apostle was to be crucified for the faith in Rome, he declined to be hung right-side up as Jesus was executed. Rather, it is said, he felt himself too unworthy to die as his Master and wanted his final view of the world to be upside down to 'see the world as it is.'

Whether that is true or not, there were certainly biblical precedents for it. The prophet Isaiah in an effort to expose the *unfaithfulness* of Israel at an apparently prosperous time for Israel, says:

Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil, who change darkness to light, and light into darkness, who change bitter to sweet, and sweet into bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, prudent in their own view! Woe to those who are champions at drinking wine, masters at mixing drink! Those who acquit the guilty for bribes, and deprive the innocent of justice! Therefore, as the tongue of fire licks up stubble, as dry grass shrivels in the flame, Their root shall rot and their blossom scatter like dust; For they have rejected the instruction of the LORD of hosts, and scorned the word of the Holy One of Israel. Therefore the wrath of the LORD blazes against his people, he stretches out his hand to strike them; The mountains quake, their corpses shall be like refuse in the streets. For all this, his wrath is not turned back, his hand is still outstretched. [Isaiah 5:20-25.]

Corruption of individuals and of the community as a whole had come as a result of false and lax worship of God and the following of the commandments.

We live in similar times, apparently. For this week we had to hear in the news of how noble, dignified and accomplished was General Suleimani so that we should conclude that a president's actions were absolutely unreasonable. It's as if the majority of the press has Stockholm syndrome wherein hostages begin to sympathize with their captor's grievances and pain. But, I fear, it is just because they dislike the president more than terrorism. Whatever their motives or reasons, it is clear that the corruption of the moral order in our society has reached new highs (really, new lows).

There is a large segment of our population which calls evil good and good evil. Abortion, euthanasia, genetic manipulations, managed poverty, etc., all lead to an extreme vulnerability for our society and nation. It would be important to note that the leadership of Israel failed to respond to Isaiah's prophecy and suffered societal collapse. It is therefore time for us to seriously ask, have we reached the point of no return yet? Are we doomed to collapse as well? The answer is not in our hands, but in God's. Our only true hope is in Jesus.

Lord, save us, and help us see the good and love it, and see the evil and thwart it! Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection

\$ 4,013.00

FLU NOTICE

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



DONUT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, January 19th, is Donut Sunday. Thank you to Joan Kriebel and Eugene Matzo, who are sponsoring this month's event for family blessings. Please stop by after the 8:30AM and 10:30AM Masses for some coffee, tea, and some donuts.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	J.Drummer D.Gorr	B.Molchany	C.Molchany
7:00PM	L.McGinley A.Muschko	J.Englert	P.McCarty
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	J.Strohl	Deacon Jack
10:30AM	K.Gair J.Martinez	J.DeLong	Deacon Jack



SANTA'S WISH-LIST

HO! HO! HO! We would like to thank one of our parishioners, for their gift of \$100.00. Any Santa gifts made for ongoing renovations of our parish are greatly appreciated!

LOOKING FOR A RIDE

One of our parishioners is looking for a ride to Church. She lives in the Hokey Apartments, across the street from the football field at the light after the Hokey Bridge. If anyone is able to help, please call the rectory at 610.264.1972. Thank you.

2019 CONTRIBUTION FORMS

Please fill out this tear-off form to request your 2019 contribution form, and place in the collection basket. All forms will be mailed out by the end of January.

NAME _____ ENV # _____

ADDRESS _____

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK OPEN HOUSE

Good Shepherd Catholic School's Open House will be held on Sunday, January 26th, from 10:30am to 12:30pm.

Registrations are now being accepted for grades K through 8 for the 2020-2021 school year with a full day 3 and 4 year Preschool program.

Turning Taxes into Scholarships

If you are paying Pennsylvania state income taxes, why not turn your tax dollars into need-based scholarships for schools? Pennsylvania provides a 90% tax credit to individuals who donate funds for Catholic School Education. The gift of a Catholic Education is an investment in our youth, our future, and our faith. To learn more, please inquire at your school or contact John Fierro, at 610- 866-0581, X-2344.

TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE

Junior and Senior accounting students from DeSales University will provide free tax preparation assistance to senior citizens and those with lower incomes beginning **Monday, January 20th, through Friday, March 27th.** For an appointment, call 610-282-1100, ext. 1868.



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

Save the Date

Friday, Friday 28th –
Our Annual Fish Fry Dinner
More information will follow.

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 9th.**

Flowers for the Altar



The **2020 ALTAR FLOWER LIST** is at the parking lot entrance of church. Honor a loved one, or celebrate a special event, by placing flowers on the altar. Simply sign up on the list, and call your florist for delivery.

IN THE WORDS OF ...

God speaks to us without ceasing by his good inspirations.

~St. John Vianney

When God is consulted sincerely, he gives a clear answer.

~St. Rome of Lima