



Mass Intentions

The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 17, 2016

Saturday – Jan 16th – St Berard of Carbio

4:00PM – John A Faryna (A)
by Wife, Connie

7:00PM – George Molchany
by The McCarty Family

Sunday – Jan 17th – 2nd Sunday / Ordinary Time

8:30AM – Martha E Garber
by Dottie and Hank Wolfe

10:30AM – Richard J Lloyd
by The McCloskey Family

Monday – Jan 18th – St Volusian

8:00AM – Edward J Ferenchak
by Monday Morning Work Crew

Tuesday – Jan 19th – St Canute IV

8:00AM – Charles A O'Donnell
by Brian, Patrick, Anne and Mary

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Jan 20th – St Sebastian

6:00PM – Thomas Hudak
by Colleen McCloskey

Thursday – Jan 21st – St Agnes

8:00AM – William J Albert
by Mr and Mrs Frank Harhart

Friday – Jan 22nd – Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:00AM – Margaret S McCarty
by Mr and Mrs Joseph Kundek

Saturday – Jan 23rd – St Vincent Pallotti

8:00AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners

4:00PM – Richard Columbo
by William and Barbara Columbo

7:00PM – Richard J Longenhagen, Sr. (A)
by Wife and Children

Sunday – Jan 24th – 3rd Sunday / Ordinary Time

8:30AM – Rose Tassie
by Susie Apostolico

10:30AM – Ann and Glen Oswald
by Daughter, Louise



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

PASTOR'S CORNER

It's Coming...So, Sign Up Now!

***The calendar is already moving quickly this Church year; Advent, Christmas and Winter Ordinary Time. And soon...Lent will be here – very soon, in fact, February 10th. So, it's time to register for our Lenten "Adult" education class (age 14 and up). We will be meeting once a week for 75 minutes to discuss *"The Seven Deadly Sins" as outlined by Fr. Robert Barron* (now a Bishop). I'm sure you will find his insights enlightening and humbling. Our sessions will be held (weather permitting) on **Wednesday evenings beginning at 6:45pm** (following the 6pm mass) **in the Church Hall**. In order to join us and have the necessary materials, please register with your full name and phone number/e-mail on the sign-up sheets at the doors of the church. A donation of \$10 is welcome to help cover the cost of materials.

***All celebrations of the **Stations of the Cross** devotions this Lenten Season will be celebrated on **Friday evenings from 7pm** with Evening Prayer and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Please keep your family's Friday's schedules as open as possible in Lent for these devotions – they can be truly anchoring (in Jesus) experiences.

***Lectors and Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers are invited now to participate as fully as possible in the Sacred Triduum Liturgy – Holy Thursday Evening, Good Friday afternoon, and the Easter Vigil (March 24, 25, 26) – more details forthcoming.

***Members of the Parish who may wish to participate in the annual "foot-washing" action within Holy Thursday's Evening Mass

of the Lord's Supper should volunteer ASAP by calling the rectory, 610-264-1972.

***Members of the Parish who have financial know-how and experience are asked to make themselves known to Fr. Eric in the coming weeks, as the parish is re-founding it's finance council and your experience and talents are needed.

Thank you for your consideration, Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection

\$ 4,011.90



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	A.Muschko A.Urban	J.McAllister	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	C.Gair D.Gair	P.McCarty	Deacon Jack
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	B.Molchany	C.Hetzel
10:30AM	S.DeLong G.Parise	J.DeLong	F.Hutterer



The **ALTAR FLOWER LIST FOR 2016** is now 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

It is our privilege to continue to offer St. John Fisher parishioners of Slovak ethnic backgrounds the opportunity to give to the Slovak Federation. It had been the annual custom to hold a collection at St. Andrew's on the feasts of Ss. Cyril and Methodius in February, and this year the envelopes for this collection -- benefitting the unifying and promotion of Slovak ethnic identity for second, third, fourth generations and beyond, -- can be picked up at the doors of the Church and deposited in any Sunday collection of January or February.

PILGRIM VIRGIN OF FATIMA



The **Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima Statue** is dedicated to all the people of the North Catasauqua Area in order to foster the worship of the Most Holy Trinity through a true devotion to our Blessed Lady. The Statue "travels" into any homes which wish to host it for a time (usually a week), and is treasured there by a family or group of friends who pray the rosary together. There have been several such traveling statues in our area over the years dating back to the 1960's, blessed by several different pastors who have served in the region. If you wish to participate in this beautiful tradition and devotion and open your home to Our Lady so concretely, please contact Pauline Albert, 610-264-3473, or Jean Marhefka, 610-264-5038. Thank you.



DONUT SUNDAY

Donut Sunday is **today, January 16th**, and is being **sponsored by our own Fr. Eric** in thanksgiving to God for the successful beginnings of St. John Fisher Parish. Please stop by the church hall after the Sunday masses for some coffee, tea, friendship and donuts!

If you, or a group of friends, would like to sponsor a month, just pick a month on the signup sheet, and place the \$75.00 in the collection basket prior to your date. Our Social Committee takes care of the rest.

Young at Heart

The next meeting of St John Fisher's Young at Heart will be held on **Wednesday, January 27th**, at **1:00pm** in the Parish Hall.

The next Casino trip to the Mohegan Sun will be on **Friday, January 29th**. 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.

2015 CONTRIBUTION FORMS

Please fill out this tear-off form to request your 2015 contribution form and place in the collection basket. All forms will be mailed out by the end of January.

NAME _____ ENV # _____

ADDRESS _____

OPEN HOUSE

Good Shepherd Catholic School Catholic Schools
Week Open House will be held on Sunday, January
31st, from 10:30am to 12:30pm.

SPAGHETTI DINNER



The School Board of **Saint Elizabeth Regional School** will be hosting their 12th Annual Spaghetti Dinner on **Saturday, January 30th, at 4:00pm; 5:30pm and 7:00pm.** The menu includes: salad, bread, spaghetti, meatballs, and homemade desserts. Open seating is limited; reservations are recommended and can be made at time of ticket

purchase. Advanced prices are: Adults, over age 12, \$8.00; Children, ages 5-12, \$6.00; Children under age 5 free. For more information or tickets, please call the school office at 610-264-0143.

DIOCESAN CLASS

Institute for Catechesis and Formation Course Offering – ICF 101 – Christian Anthropology. This course will examine who God is as the One who seeks to share Himself with His creation. A brief survey of Salvation History will be traced to Jesus Christ, the Redeemer who saves humanity, and teaches us what it means to be a human person. One great course; four weeks; with three local locations to choose! To register: www.allentowndiocese.org/icf.

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 25th, through Friday, April 1st.** To schedule an appointment, call 610-282-1100, ext. 1868.

ST AGNES

Agnes was a virgin martyred during the Diocletian persecutions around the year 304. She has been hailed throughout Church history as one of the holy virgin martyrs who gave up their lives out of love for Christ, the Bridegroom. In Greek, her name means “pure, chaste.” In Latin, Agnes suggests *agnus*, meaning “lamb.” Since the 6th century, artists have depicted Agnes with a lamb in her arms, evoking her humility, purity and innocence. On the feast of St Agnes, two lambs are presented in Rome. From their wool are woven the palliums sent to newly consecrated archbishops “from the body of Blessed Peter,” a sign of their communion with the Pope.

Magnificat – January 2016

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

Incarnation of Our Lord Church

Their Mardi Gras Bingo is being held on **Sunday, February 7th, 617 Pierce Street in Bethlehem.** The doors open at 12:00pm and bingo starts at 2:00pm. This fundraiser benefits the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Ticket donation is \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 at the door, and includes 15 games. Call 610-866-3391.

Holy Trinity, 4th and Pine Streets, in Catty

Their “Sweets with your Sweeties Family Date Night” is being held on **Saturday, February 6th from 4:00pm to 6:00pm.** Menu: Turkey BBQ, Hot Dogs, Chips, Drinks and Dessert Bar along with decorate your own cupcake craft, basket raffle and bingo. Advanced tickets only: \$6.00 for adults; \$4.00 for children 5 to 12 and under 5 is free. Contact Barb, 610-266-1160.

Salem UCC, 615 Third Street, Catty

Their Mardi Gras Flea Market will be held on **Saturday, February 6th, from 9:00am to 1:00pm.** Join us for food, flea market, basket raffle, fun and games. Any questions, call 610-264-4091.