



## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 15, 2015

### **Saturday – February 14<sup>th</sup> – Ss Cyril and Methodius**

4:00PM – Dorothy E O'Donnell  
by McCloskey Family  
7:00PM – Mamie Dougherty  
by Peggy McCarty

### **Sunday – February 15<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday/Ordinary Time**

8:30AM – Mary E Kalamar  
by Carole and the Choir  
10:30AM – Msgr Francis J Revak  
by Holy Name Society

### **Monday – February 16<sup>th</sup> – St Onesimus**

8:00AM – Mary and James Cerulli (A)  
by Donna and Christine Cerulli

### **Tuesday – February 17<sup>th</sup> – Holy Founders/Servites**

8:00AM – Julia Superka  
by Mr and Mrs Kevin Hessler

#### ***Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass***

### **Wednesday – February 18<sup>th</sup> – St Simon/Jerusalem**

8:00AM – Margaret S McCarty  
by Santa and Harley  
12:05PM – Joan Patterson (B)  
by Irene Vomero  
6:00PM – Rosemarie Schmidt  
by Schmidt Family

### **Thursday – February 19<sup>th</sup> – St Conrad of Piacenza**

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE \*\***

6:00PM – Clint Hauser  
by Daughter-in-law, Mary Ann Hauser

### **Friday – February 20<sup>th</sup> – St Eucharius**

8:00AM – William Dinbokowitz, Sr  
by Stewart and Anna Bright

### **Saturday – February 21<sup>st</sup> – St Peter Damian**

8:00AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners  
4:00PM – Frank Sidor (A)  
by Wife, Helen Sidor  
7:00PM – Joseph Chabak and Daniel Dopsovic  
by Wife and Sister, Agnes Chabak

### **Sunday – February 22<sup>nd</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

8:30AM – Memorial Fund Members  
by The Memorial Fund  
10:30AM – Donna McNally  
by Edie and Scott Stahlnecker



**Pray the Rosary each  
Sunday:**

8:15AM and 10:15AM

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### A Prayer of Preparation for Lent & Easter

Dearest Father, I thank and praise You  
for your love and mercy  
in Jesus your Son.

In the heart of the winter season  
we begin to ready the ground of our lives  
for your good planting  
in the season of Lent.

As we begin in the cold and frozen,  
help us to complete the Lenten season  
in the burgeoning warmth of spring  
with real seedlings, buds and growth  
to show forth the fruit of our penances and  
charity.

Melt away our resistance to humble  
contrition  
and thaw out our hard hearts –  
so in need of the softening rain of  
Confession.

Loosen our relationships, contracts,  
promises and commitments  
so often solidified unintentionally by our  
concrete pride,  
that the roots of your Word, Jesus Christ,  
may more easily invade our wild souls and  
hold us together in Himself.

May the flowers and bees of Easter be  
celebrated and “felt” as never before.

May our baptismal promises, like the  
warm showers of spring,  
bear fruit for the year to come  
in our lives and in the lives with which  
ours' are entwined.

In your mercy, may the Holy Spirit burn in  
our hearts, like the hottest July,  
until we reach this fallow time again,  
yearning for your Healing Hand.

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise  
you. Because by your holy cross you have  
redeemed the world – and us.

Amen.

Happy Lent!  
Fr. Eric.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION



**Plate Collection** **\$3,974.00**

The **Second Collection** on **February 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>** is for the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**.



## ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

|                | <b>Servers</b>   | <b>Lectors</b> | <b>E.Ministers</b> |
|----------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| <b>8:00AM</b>  | No One           | P.McCarty      | C.Reily            |
| <b>12:05PM</b> | No One           | B.Petro        | J.O'Connell        |
| <b>6:00PM</b>  | A.Gorr<br>D.Gorr | K.McCloskey    | J.Behum            |

## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

|                | <b>Servers</b>         | <b>Lectors</b> | <b>E.Ministers</b> |
|----------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| <b>4:00PM</b>  | D.Sullivan<br>A.Urban  | J.McAllister   | E.Ferenchak        |
| <b>7:00PM</b>  | C.Gair<br>D.Gair       | J.Yanek        | P.McCarty          |
| <b>8:30AM</b>  | S.Popovic<br>M.Popovic | E.Snyder       | C.Hetzel           |
| <b>10:30AM</b> | H.Heffner<br>M.Ritter  | B.Petro        | J.O'Connell        |



Please remember in your prayers **Martha Garber, Elsie Mason** and **Richard Nash** who passed away this past week. We pray their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## Young at Heart

The next meeting of St John Fisher's Young at Heart will be held on **Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**, at 1:00PM in the Church Social Hall.

The next Casino trip to Mount Airy will be **Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

The next bus trip will be on **Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**, to the Rainbow Dinner Theatre to see "*Squabbles*". It features two live-in laws and a baby on the way. Dave and Cindy kick off the new season with this one. If you liked "*Weekend Comedy*", you'll love "*Squabbles*". The price is \$75.00 per person. A \$10.00 deposit is required. For more information, call Bill Molchany, 610-264-0920.

## ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

**February 18<sup>th</sup>** is Ash Wednesday. Masses will be celebrated at **8:00AM, 12:05PM, and 6:00PM**. Blessed Ashes will be distributed at all the masses that day.



## LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS



**Wednesdays** (beginning February 25<sup>th</sup>) following **6:00PM Mass**

**Fridays with Benediction, at 7:00PM**

## LENTEN OBLIGATIONS

**Abstinence** from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday for all Catholics 14 years of age and older. **Fasting** is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full, meatless, meal a day. Two smaller, meatless, meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

## Nut Roll for Your Easter Table?



Or something just as yummy? We are now accepting orders for **Strudel Rolls** from the *Country Cottage Bake Shop* in Tamaqua to be picked up **April 1<sup>st</sup>** – just in time for Easter. These strudel rolls are available in Nut, Poppyseed, Lekvar, Apricot, and Raspberry flavors. Cost for each strudel roll is \$15 payable with the order form which must be received by **March 15<sup>th</sup>**. If you'd like to sample the rolls before you order, please stop by in the parish hall for Donut Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, for a taste! Any questions, call Mary Beth at 610-264-4494 or Peggy at 610-264-0307. **Order forms are available at the church entrances.**

## Attention: Men of St. John Fisher's Parish!

There will be a men's prayer group starting **Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 7:00pm** after the Stations of the Cross in the Church hall. This will give the men time to pray together and enhance their spirituality and learn more about our faith. If you are interested, please fill out the form with your name and phone number, and place in the collection basket so we can have an idea of the number of men that will be coming.



**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

## FIRST PENANCE

Our Sacramental Class is preparing for the Sacrament of Penance, which they will receive for the first time on **Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM**. Please keep our students in your prayers as they continue their preparation and receive the Sacrament of Penance.

## SLOVAK FOUNDATION

Envelopes are available at the church entrances to use to make donations to the Slovak Foundation, which benefits the unifying and promotion of Slovak ethnic identity for second, third, fourth generations and beyond. Please deposit your donation in the collection basket by **Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

## Good Shepherd Catholic School

Good Shepherd Catholic School would like to thank Board Members, parents, and students for speaking at our Parish Masses these past two weekends about the benefits of a quality Catholic school education.

Thank you also to our parish community and school families, for coming to our Catholic Schools Week Open House. It was our pleasure to welcome you and show you all of the wonderful opportunities we have to offer our students. We look forward to providing you with additional events in the future to nurture our relationship between our school and parish families.

Early Childhood Education Open House for children in Pre-school, Kindergarten and First Grade will be held **Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, from 10:00am to 11:00am**. To register, call 610-262-9171 or [mrs poccia@ptd.net](mailto:mrs poccia@ptd.net).

## SCHOOL HALL PIEROGIES

Pierogies will be made on **Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:30am**. Any amount of time you can spend with us will be gratefully appreciated. Cost is \$5.00 a dozen.

## Ladies Invited...

The Social Committee of our parish is sponsoring a **Ladies' Night Out, Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall. For the price of a ticket -- \$20 -- participating ladies will share in Dinner, a chocolate demonstration by Dove Chocolates, a jewelry making opportunity with the Artists At Heart, and a showing of the latest Spring colors and cosmetics, as well as a How-to-best apply make-up demo from the pros at Revive Spa. Reservations must be made by **March 22<sup>nd</sup>**, by filling out a registration form and making payment by way of the Sunday collection basket. Any questions? Please call Mary Beth McGinley at 610-264-4494 or Peggy McCarty at 610-264-0307. **Registration forms are available at the church entrances.**

## ...Gentlemen Wanted!

We especially welcome the help of hearty gentlemen of the parish at the Ladies Night Out who would be willing to serve dinner and clean-up. If interested, call Mary Beth or Peggy at the numbers above. Thanks.

## CHURCH HALL PIEROGIES

Contact Rose Marhefka (610-264-3384) to place an order **by Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**. Cost is **\$5.50 per dozen**. Orders will be limited to 700 dozen. We cannot guarantee pierogies once the limit has been reached.

Preparation will start on **Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, starting at 12:00pm** until potatoes have been completed. Making of pierogies will be done on **Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, starting at 2:00pm**. All help would be greatly appreciated, and no experience is necessary, plus it's a great way to meet your fellow parishioners.

Orders can be picked up **after 6:00pm on Monday, February 23rd**.