

Mass Intentions

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 14, 2017

Saturday – Jan 14th –

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Jesse Michael Crossley
by Denise and Claude Rone
7:00PM – Jean R. Danko
by F.C.S.L.A. Branch 230

Sunday – Jan 15th –

8:30AM – Frank, Sophie and Barb Snyder
by Nin Snyder and Family
10:30AM – Harold Bryan
by Darlene M. Steiner

Monday – Jan 16th – St Berard of Carbio

8:00AM – Jerome J. Bednar
by Gerry and Patty Fabian

Tuesday – Jan 17th – St Anthony the Abbot

8:00AM – Sam McGovern
by Colleen McCloskey

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Jan 18th – St Volusian

6:00PM – Rev. Francis Paul Straka
by Rev. Eric J. Gruber

Thursday – Jan 19th – St Canute IV

8:00AM – Helen Sidor
by McCloskey Family

Friday – Jan 20th – St Sebastian

8:00AM – John “Jack” McCarty
by Kathleen and Peggy

Saturday–Jan 21st – St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Antone Zukowski
by Wife, Frances
7:00PM – Rev. Joseph James Campion
by Billie and McCarty Families

Sunday – Jan 22nd –

8:30AM – Homer Collis
by Wife Agnes and Family
10:30AM – Richard J. Longenhagen, Sr. (A)
by Pauline Longenhagen



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

PASTOR’S CORNER

PRAYERS WHILE “AWAY FROM HOME”

While away from “home” at St. John Fisher Church, we might more easily pray for others who have been GREATLY displaced like the Syrian people as well as pray for the grace to be as concerned for others as for ourselves.

A PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE OF SYRIA

Almighty eternal God, source of all compassion, the promise of your mercy and saving help fills our hearts with hope.

Hear the cries of the people of Syria; bring healing to those suffering from the violence, and comfort to those mourning the dead.

Empower and encourage Syria’s neighbors in their care and welcome for refugees.

Convert the hearts of those who have taken up arms, and strengthen the resolve of those committed to peace.

O God of hope and Father of mercy, your Holy Spirit inspires us to look beyond ourselves and our own needs.

Inspire leaders to choose peace over violence and to seek reconciliation with enemies.

Inspire the Church around the world with compassion for the people of Syria, and fill us with hope for a future of peace built on justice for all.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace and Light of the World,

who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen. [*from usccb.org*]

PRAYER TO OVERCOME INDIFFERENCE

All too often, Lord, we turn away from the world’s many problems, which seem too big, too complex, or too far away. Forgive us our indifference.

It is easier, Lord, to see only what is around us: our lives, our homes, our challenges.

Forgive us our isolation.

Help us to see with your eyes: eyes which notice one another and help us understand.

Help us to dream your dream:
of communities that reach out and dialogue
and where diverse people creatively cooperate.
Help us to be people of solidarity and action,
so moved by prayer, encounter, and understanding
that peace can become a reality.
Amen. [from usccb.org]

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection

\$4,046.00



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	S.DeLong K.Segan	J.Englert	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	C.Gair D.Gair	P.McCarty	Deacon Jack
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	J.Strohl	C.Hetzel
10:30AM	J.Drummer G.Parise	J.DeLong	J.Heffner



Please remember in your prayers **Nevin L. Holderman** and **Dolores M. Olesak**, who passed away and were buried this past week.

Please continue to pray for the parishioners at Assumption B.V.M. Church in Northampton, as they mourn their beloved pastor, **Rev. Francis Straka**.

May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Will hold its' Tenth Annual Gala, on **Sunday, March 5th**, at **5:30pm** at The DeSales University Center, Center Valley. Reverend Monsignor Walter T. Scheaffer, pastor of St. Mary Church, Kutztown, and Anne Jandl and Jandl Family Farms, will be honored for their contributions in helping the poor in the Diocese of Allentown. To receive an invitation, become a sponsor or place an ad in the program book, please contact Julie Scheck at 610-871-5200, ext. 216 or jscheck@allentowndiocese.org. Information is posted on www.catholiccharityAD.org.

Bible Study

Bible study of Matthew's Gospel begins on **Monday, January 23rd**, in the Parish Hall from 6:45-8:00pm, weather permitting. Registration is required, along with a \$25.00 donation to cover the cost of study materials. Please sign up on the papers at the entrances to the Church before January 16th.



OFFERTORY GIFTS

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

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.



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.

2016 CONTRIBUTION FORMS

Please fill out this tear-off form to request your 2016 contribution form and place in the collection basket. All forms will be mailed out by the end of January.

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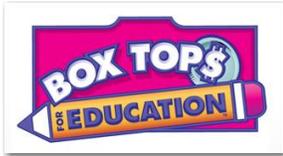
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Saint Agnes

Agnes is said to have been martyred in 304 at the age of thirteen, when her spurned suitors turned her over to Roman authorities. From antiquity, her "double martyrdom" – of virginity and blood – has been praised. In his *On Virgins*, Saint Ambrose writes: "As a bride she would not be hastening to join her husband with the same joy she shows as a virgin on her way to punishment, crowned not with flowers but holiness of life, adorned not with braided hair but with Christ himself!" Agnes is invoked as the patron of young girls.

Magnificat, January 2017

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.

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, but this year 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.

GIVING TREE



Thank you for your support in making the 2016 Catholic Charities Giving Tree campaign a huge success! Donations of baby products, clothing and gift cards were received from you to help the single mothers in the Lehigh Valley. This year's campaign was a little different than in the past, as Catholic Charities asked the parishes for gift cards to purchase the larger items needed to care for the babies. Our parish presented Catholic Charities with gift cards totaling over \$1,000.00, and monetary donations in the sum of \$325.00. This amounts to several strollers, high chairs, car seats, and many more. Great Job!!

Charlotte Kerrigan



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

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

St. John the Baptist Church
924 N. Front St, Allentown

Their all you can eat Spaghetti Dinner will be held on **Saturday, February 4th from 3:00pm to 7:00pm**. Tickets are only \$9.00 a person.

Their Valentine's Sweetheart Dance will be held on **Saturday, February 18th from 7:00pm to 10:00pm**. Tickets are \$5.00 a person, and the kitchen will be open.

Their Meat Bingo will be held on **Sunday, February 19th at 1:00pm**. Doors and kitchen open at 12:00 Noon. Questions, call Bill Drost at 610-432-3505.