



PASTOR'S CORNER

Are You Weary? [a reprise from 2016]

Mass Intentions

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 3, 2018

Saturday – Feb 3rd –

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Jeanette S. Koncz
by Mark and Robyn Berner
7:00PM – Donna McNally (A)
by Edie Stahlnecker

Sunday – Feb 4th –

8:30AM – Paul Houghton (A)
by Sister, Carole Houghton
10:30AM – Anna Romanchik
by Jean Marhefka and Family

Monday – Feb 5th – St Agatha

8:00AM – Anna M. Milkovits
by Dan and Maria Loch

Tuesday – Feb 6th – St Paul Miki/Companions

8:00AM – Donald N. Knarr (B)
by Wife, Barbara

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Feb 7th – St Colette of Corbie

6:00PM – David J. Sweeney
by Joseph and Laura Maron

Thursday – Feb 8th – St Josephine Bakhita

8:00AM – Alice Shea
by Peggy Bozzone

Friday – Feb 9th – Bl Marianus Scotus

8:00AM – Mass of Thanksgiving
by Albert Family

Saturday – Feb 10th – St Scholastica

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Helen Sidor
by Deacon and Mrs. Jack O'Connell
7:00PM – Gertrude "Trudy" McGonigle
by McCarty Family

Sunday – Feb 11th –

8:30AM – Poor Souls in Purgatory
by Irene Vomero
10:30AM – Joseph J. Holena (A)
by Pauline Feichtel



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

T. S. Eliot wrote:

When the Stranger says:

“What is the meaning of this city?”

Do you huddle close together because you love each other?

What will you answer? “We all dwell together to make money from each other”? or “This is community”?

And the Stranger will depart and return to the desert.

O my soul, be prepared for the coming of the Stranger,

Be prepared for him who knows how to ask questions.

O weariness of those who turn from

GOD

To the grandeur of your mind and the glory of your action,

To arts and inventions and daring enterprises,
To schemes of human greatness thoroughly discredited,

Binding the earth and the water to your service,
Exploiting the seas and developing the mountains,

Dividing the stars into common and preferred,
Engaged in devising the perfect refrigerator,

Engaged in working out a rational morality,
Engaged in printing as many books as possible,
Plotting of happiness and flinging empty bottles,
Turning from your vacancy to fevered enthusiasm

For nation or race or what you call humanity;
Though you forget the way to the Temple,
There is one who remembers the way to your door:

Life you may evade, but Death you shall not.
You shall not deny the Stranger.

Are you on a “treadmill” in your mind before you even get out of bed? Are your “down” moments – while driving, walking, waiting, re-creating – filled with an ever-growing “to-do” list or a re-imagining of how things past “should have gone”? Are you weary at the start of things and not just after completing tasks? Then, stop the treadmill with a serious thought and ask,

“what will matter to me most in my last breaths in this world”? Be specific in your answers to that question. Now is the time to focus and re-focus on those things. And remember, you and I are here in this world because God *already* loves us. So, we can live our lives as if we are already eternally loved – because, in fact, we are.
Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$3,692.00
Catholic Relief Services Collection \$ 857.00

The **Second** Collection this weekend, **February 3rd and 4th**, is the **Fuel Collection**.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	K.Segan A.Banoza	B.Molchany	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	L.Ruda N.Ruda	J.Englert	P.McCarty
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	B.Petro	C.Hetzel
10:30AM	D.Sullivan K.Gair	K.McCloskey	C.Reily

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**.

SAVE THE DATE



Circle your calendar now for **Saturday, March 10th**. Our Lenten pierogies will be made in the school hall.

SCHOOL HALL AND KITCHEN CLEAN UP

Help is needed on **Friday, February 16th**, **beginning at 9:00am**, to clean the school hall and kitchen. Bring a bucket and rags with you. Other cleaning supplies will be provided.



Please remember in your prayers **Sera Jane Coombs**, who passed away and was buried. We pray her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes



February 11th is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Please join us at the Cathedral for an afternoon of **Adoration, praying the Rosary, and music for Our Lord and Our Blessed Mother**. To honor Our Lady and worship her Son, **the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after our Noon Mass** and silent Adoration will commence. Our priests will be available for confession during this time. At 2:30pm, the rosary will be recited. After the rosary, the choirs of the Cathedral will sing Eucharistic and Marian songs and hymns. The afternoon will end at 3:45pm with Benediction. Please join us for all or part of this afternoon. St. John Paul II's apostolic motto was Totus Tuus (Totally Yours) and this expressed his personal consecration to Our Lady.



FIRST PENANCE

Our Sacramental Class is preparing for the Sacrament of Penance, which they will receive for the first time on **Thursday, February 22nd at 7:00PM**. Please keep our students in your prayers as they continue their preparation and receive the Sacrament of Penance.

ST. JOHN PAUL II FOUNDATION

Together in Holiness

The St. John Paul II Foundation, in collaboration with the Diocese of Allentown, presents *Together in Holiness*, a marriage enrichment conference on **Saturday, April 14th, from 8:30am to 3:00pm at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish in Reading**. This one-day event includes dynamic presentations, Mass, Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, and a catered lunch. Keynote speakers include renowned national speaker Joy Pinto; Deacon Joseph Nines, Ph.D., LMFT; Dr. Joshua and Mrs. Christine Schulz; and Dr. Roland Millare of the St. John Paul II Foundation. Limited childcare is available for six months to twelve years, pre-registration required. The cost is \$49.00 a couple or \$29.00 an individual. For more information please visit togetherinholiness.org.

Strudel Roll Sale

Once again we are sponsoring an Easter Strudel Sale. The strudels are made by *Country Cottage Bake Shop* in Tamaqua. Orders are due by **Sunday, March 11th**, via the collection basket. Cost is \$15.00 a roll, and available in the flavors listed below. Delivery is **Wednesday, March 8th, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm** in the church hall. Any questions, call Mary Beth at 610-264-4494 or Peggy at 610-264-0307.



NAME _____ PHONE # _____

Nut: _____ Poppyseed: _____ Lekvar: _____

Apricot: _____ Raspberry: _____ Total: \$ _____

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in parishes on the weekend of **February 3rd and 4th**. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

Prayer for Consecrated Persons

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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, February 10th**. 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.

Incarnation of Our Lord Church

617 Pierce Street, Bethlehem

Their Mardi Gras Bingo is being held on **Sunday, February 11th**. **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.

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ST. JOHN FISHER FISH DINNER

We will be hosting our Fish Dinner on **Friday, February 23rd, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm**. The platter includes: breaded haddock, choice of parsley potatoes or halushkie, creamed cabbage, corn, applesauce, dessert and beverage. Cost is Adults: \$10.00, Children (Ages 5 to 10) \$5.00. Tickets will be sold before and after Masses, or call Annette at 610-264-4758. Tickets at the door will be \$12.00.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the upcoming Fish Dinner. Help is requested for **Thursday, February 22nd, at 6:00pm** to assist with preparation of food, setting up tables, preparing take home containers, etc., and on **Friday, February 23rd, at 2:00pm** to start cooking, finishing set up, cutting baked goods, etc., and after **4:00pm** to assist with serving food, doing dishes, busing tables and end of night cleanup. Sign-up sheets can be found at both church entrances.



Baked Goods

Parishioners are asked to bake desserts for our Annual Fish Dinner. Desserts can be dropped off in the church hall either on **Thursday, February 22nd, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm** or on **Friday, February 23rd, after 2:00pm**.