



# PASTOR'S CORNER

## "40 Hours" to "Get a Tan" With the Lord

Traditionally, the Forty Hours Devotions as spread throughout our region by St. John Neumann and our local pastors, were dedicated to "making up for" the "relative" forty hours of Jesus on the Cross and in the tomb. The faithful were to spend this period in prayer and devotion to the Lord's abiding Eucharistic Presence in the local parish community – where in and where from we find and deepen our true identities as the family of God and the Body of Christ in the world. This traditional understanding of the devotions, of course, is still valid and may need to be emphasized in a culture like ours. After all our culture largely devalues the long, extended quiet visit with a Friend in favor of the more feverish, hyper state of running from one experience to another to another in search of the very peace and happiness which a deeper Presence can engender.

I would add only this to the real reasons we need Eucharistic Devotions here at our parish: it's winter, and we all could use a good dose of the tanning, healing rays which come from being with Him. Yep, I mean it...we become like those we hang out with – even, when we "hang out" with Jesus Himself!!! Not to mention, the personal and community benefits we all gain in adoring and loving Jesus in the Eucharist; treasuring His most generous and humble gift.

The schedule of Forty Hours Devotions this year is as follows:

Sunday, January 25

Exposition for private/family prayer and devotion begins after the 10:30am Mass, and continues until a solemn Holy Hour with Evening Prayer and benediction starting at 6pm.

Monday, January 26

Exposition for private/family prayer and devotion begins after the 8am Mass, and continues until a solemn Holy Hour with Evening Prayer and benediction starting at 6pm.

Tuesday, January 27

Exposition for private/family prayer and devotion begins after the 8am Mass, and continues until the Solemn Evening Prayer and Closing of Devotions starting at 6pm. A reception with light and flavorful food will be celebrated in the Church Hall at which all are welcome.

Mark your calendars, and sign up for a holy hour. Blessings. Fr. Eric.

## Mass Intentions

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 18, 2015

**Saturday – January 17<sup>th</sup> – St Anthony**

4:00PM – Joseph Kroboth  
by Kroboth Family

7:00PM – Robert Levine  
by Louisa Levine

**Sunday – January 18<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday/Ordinary Time**

8:30AM – Jack Newhall  
by Family

10:30AM – Louise C Horn  
by C.C.D. Staff

**Monday – January 19<sup>th</sup> – St Canute IV**

8:00AM – Elsie McCloskey (B)  
by Family

**Tuesday – January 20<sup>th</sup> – St Sebastian**

8:00AM – Louise Horn  
by Evelyn Geiger

#### *Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass*

**Wednesday – January 21<sup>st</sup> – St Agnes**

6:00PM – Pasquale (Pat) Catino  
by Joe and Aggie Szilezy

**Thursday – January 22<sup>nd</sup> – Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

8:00AM – All Memorial Fund Members  
by The Memorial Fund

**Friday – January 23<sup>rd</sup> – St Vincent**

8:00AM – Francis J Broderick  
by Beverly and Pete Peters

**Saturday – January 24<sup>th</sup> – St Francis De Sales**

8:00AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners

4:00PM – Richard Longenhagen (A)  
by Wife and Children

7:00PM – Rosemarie Schmidt  
by Schmidt Family

**Sunday – January 25<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday/Ordinary Time**

8:30AM – Mary Kalamar  
by Altar and Rosary Society

10:30AM – Mary Lane  
by John, Connie and Nicole



**Pray the Rosary each Sunday:**

8:15AM and 10:15AM

# OFFERTORY COLLECTION



**Plate Collection** **\$ 3,516.75**

The Second Collection **next weekend** will be for **The Catholic Relief Services** Collection.



## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	<b>Servers</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>E.Ministers</b>
<b>4:00PM</b>	A.Urban D.Sullivan	B.Petro	E.Ferenchak
<b>7:00PM</b>	C.Gair D.Gair	B.Molchany	C.Molchany
<b>8:30AM</b>	D.Popovic S.Popovic	J.Strohl	C.Hetzel
<b>10:30AM</b>	J.Drummer M.Ritter	J.DeLong	J.O'Connell

## 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.



Honor a loved one by placing flowers on the altar. Simply sign up on the chart at the side entrance and then call your florist for delivery. If you have any questions, call Peggy McCarty at 610-264-0307.

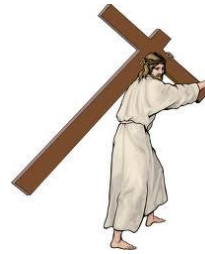
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## 2014 CONTRIBUTION FORMS

Please fill out this tear-off form to request your 2014 contribution form and place in the collection basket. All forms will be mailed out by the end of January.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ENV # \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_



## The Living Stations are BACK!

The Christmas season is past, and before we know it (Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>), LENT will begin. With all the devotions and projects of Lent comes the Living Stations performed by **children of our**

**parish between the ages of 6 and 18 years old.** This year, the Living Stations will be performed *twice* at St. John Fisher Parish – Palm Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm to help us all enter Holy Week, and on Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm to help us pray this most solemn day of the year. Rehearsals will be held on Sunday nights from 6 - 7:30 PM in the church starting this Sunday, 1/11/15. So all you thespians (that's "actors," you know) ages 6 to 18 in our parish come and help us make the Stations come to life – help our parish to draw closer to Jesus in His Passion. Parents, we also give a shout out to you as well – we need your help with the props, the costumes, lighting, etc.... All adult help is WELCOMED! So one and all come on 1/11/15 to pick roles, find props and costumes and start the performance of our Living Stations. Any questions? Call Louise Oswald 610-264-2495, Jen Delong 610-762-4380, Jane Rucci 610-264-7312.

## REDNER'S TAPES

We thank all our parishioners who faithfully do their food shopping at Redner's. By placing your tapes in the collection basket, we have received a check from Redner's in the amount of \$179.72. Thank you!

## ICF COURSE OFFERING



**The Institute for Catechesis and Formation (ICF) is offering Course ICF 105 on Christian Morality**, which provides an introduction to the fundamental teachings of Catholic morality and its foundations in Sacred Scripture, Tradition and Natural Law. Participants will examine virtue, conscience formation and make application to contemporary moral

issues in the areas of health care, sexuality and social justice. One great course offered at three locations!

Tuesdays at Berks Catholic High School

January 27, February 3, 10 & 17  
7 PM - 9 PM

Saturdays at Bethlehem Catholic High School

January 31, February 7, 14 & 21  
9 AM - 11 AM

Saturdays at Marian High School

January 31, February 7, 14 & 21  
9 AM - 11 AM

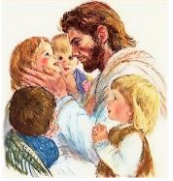
The cost is \$30.00, and registration forms are available at [www.allentowndiocese.org/icf](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/icf), or call 610-289-8900 Ext 221, or email: [adultformation@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:adultformation@allentowndiocese.org) \* ICF Courses are meant for any adult Catholic looking to grow deeper and learn more about the Faith. There are no prerequisites for these courses.\*

# Young at Heart

The next meeting of St John Fisher's Young at Heart will be held **January 28<sup>th</sup>**, at 1:00PM in the Church Social Hall.

The next Casino trip will be **January 30<sup>th</sup>**. Bus leaves Church Parking Lot at 10:00AM. The price is \$22.00 per person. For more information, call Bill Molchany, 610-264-0920.

## GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS



Please join Father Keith Laskowski and the Helpers of God's Precious Infants at the Prayer Pilgrimage for the unborn, and all those involved in abortion on **Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**. The pilgrimage begins with Mass at 8:00AM

at Notre Dame Church of Bethlehem, 1861 Catasauqua Road, and continues with The Rosary at the abortion facility located at 31 South Commerce Way in the Bethlehem Industrial Park. Come and be part of the call to let your prayers and presence bring God's everlasting, unconditional love to all those involved in abortion. Contact Info: 610-674-4624, or hogpi@hotmail.com.

## ***IN THE WORDS OF...***

"If the heart wanders or is distracted, bring it back to the point quite gently and replace it tenderly in its Master's presence. And even if you did nothing during the whole of your hour but bring your heart back and place it again in Our Lord's presence, though it went away every time you brought it back, your hour would be very well employed." ~St Francis De Sales



## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK OPEN HOUSE

All are invited to the **Open House** at **Good Shepherd Catholic School** on **Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**, from 10:30am to 12:30pm.

Good Shepherd Catholic School offers 3 and 4 year old preschool, full day Kindergarten and 1st through 8th grade. Our students excel in academics and we have an outstanding arts program. We also offer a full program of extracurricular activities, and we provide before and after care.

Our Good Shepherd Catholic School family welcomes you to our wonderful school where we *shepherd our students in faith, inspire our students in education and teach them for life.*

## 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 2015*