



PASTOR'S CORNER

Help the World, Catholics; Wake Up to Your Faith!!!

Mass Intentions

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 13, 2018

Saturday – Jan 13th –

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Antone Zukowski
by Wife, Frances

7:00PM – Mary Ann Faust (WA)
by Daughter, Mary Louise Faust

Sunday – Jan 14th –

8:30AM – Jane Cirignano
by John and JoAnne Lynch

10:30AM – Jeanette and Patricia Heinz
by Roma Fedor and Family

Monday – Jan 15th – St Ida

8:00AM – Richard J. Longenhagen, Sr.
by Carol Nederostek

Tuesday – Jan 16th – St Berard of Carbio

8:00AM – Jesse Michael Crossley
by Janet and Michael Macenka

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Jan 17th – St Anthony the Abbot

6:00PM – The Pour Souls in Purgatory
by Irene Vomera

Thursday – Jan 18th – St Volusian

8:00AM – Agnes M. Collis
by McCloskey Family

Friday – Jan 19th – St Canute IV

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

Saturday – Jan 20th – St Sebastian

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Joseph Kroboth (A)
by Kroboth Family

7:00PM – Daniel Leo Lynch, Sr.
by McCarty Family

Sunday – Jan 21st –

8:30AM – Judith A. Krouse
by Debbie Elek and Family

10:30AM – Charles B. O'Donnell (A)
by McCloskey Family

But, we are awake...we went to Catholic School for years and CCD until we were confirmed, ... we go to Sunday Mass fairly often, ... we go to Confession every time we know we have a mortal sin on our souls (which is seldom to never), ... we ask God for stuff all the time, ... we are registered at a parish, ... we know some good bible stories, ... we have a bible in our house, ... we still have a rosary somewhere, ... we are “good” people, ... we take care of some other people, ... we mean well most of the time, ... we still manage to “watch” our language around the children (for the most part), ... we hope to get to heaven and pretty much think we’re going there, ... we don’t have much time to think about death and pain, except to avoid them at all cost, so we don’t give much time to the day we meet Jesus face to face.

Is that as good as we can do for Him? – No, we can do better.

The Catholic Faith has many treasures to offer the challenging times we find ourselves in. If you want to refresh yourself in some of these treasures, plan now to participate in our Lenten Adult Formation course beginning Thursday, February 15 in our parish hall. We will begin at 6:45pm and conclude by 8:00pm, as we tour the major treasures of our faith in Jesus and his Church. Sign-up’s begin next weekend in Church.

There’s plenty of darkness in the world these days (as always), but the way to really address that is to tend to the flame of faith our baptism kindled within each of us.

Fr. Eric.



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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection

\$3,671.00



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	L.Ruda N.Ruda	J.Strohl	J.McAllister
7:00PM	A.Muschko A.Banoza	J.Englert	P.McCarty
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	B.Molchany	Deacon Jack
10:30AM	A.Gorr D.Gorr	B.Petro	Deacon Jack



Please remember in your prayers **Agnes M. (Figura) Collis**, who passed away and was recently buried. We pray her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Flowers for the Altar

The **ALTAR FLOWER LIST** is 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

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**.

Help from Our Retired People

I am looking for retired people from our parish to reach out to our homebound parishioners. We have people that need rides to doctor's appointments, grocery shopping, some minor house cleaning and just someone to visit them. Any help would be appreciated. Please call **Deacon Jack at 610-266-0689**, if you are interested in helping.



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

FLU NOTICE

Due to flu concerns in Pennsylvania, Bishop Schlert, like his predecessor, has suspended the Sign of Peace and the distribution of the Eucharist from the Cup until further notice. Thank you for your understanding.

Save the Date

Friday, February 23rd – Our Annual Fish Fry Dinner. More information will follow.



DONUT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, January 21st, is **Donut Sunday**. Thank you to **Michael Kish and Family**, who are sponsoring this month's event. Please stop by after the **8:30AM and 10:30AM Masses** for some coffee, tea, and some donuts!

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE FEBRUARY 2, 2018

(CELEBRATED IN PARISHES FEBRUARY 3-4)

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Thursday, February 2, 2018 and in parishes on the weekend of February 3-4, 2018. 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.

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.

2017 CONTRIBUTION FORMS

Please fill out this tear-off form to request your 2017 contribution form, and place in the collection basket. All forms will be mailed out by the end of January.

NAME _____ ENV # _____

ADDRESS _____

Low Impact Aerobics Sign-ups



Looking for a night out with friends? Our instructor, Karen Hoff, is offering **10 weeks** of aerobics on **Tuesday nights** (6:00 - 6:50 PM) from **February 27 to May 1, 2018** in St. Elizabeth's parish hall, 435 Pershing Blvd., Whitehall. The cost is only \$25.00 per person **for the entire 10 weeks** which includes 50 minutes of aerobic exercises followed by

30 additional minutes of toning and floor work exercises for all who wish to stay. (All that is needed is a towel or mat for the floor work exercises. Feel free to bring light weights, as well.) Registration deadline is February 21st or until the maximum number of participants is reached. Please contact Mary Spieker at the parish office to register 610-266-0695 or dirreled@sercc.org. **Bring a friend!**

New Beginner Low Impact Aerobics Class

EIGHT WEEKS ON WEDNESDAYS

March 7 – April 25, 2018 from 5:15-5:45 pm

Haven't exercised in a while but ready to ease your way back in? Other classes are not a fit for you?

This 1/2 hour class at Saint Elizabeth's Parish Hall, 435 Pershing Blvd., Whitehall will help you start the process of getting back to exercise while increasing your flexibility and move at a slower pace than our other class.

Come and check out the class and see if it is a fit for you! Bring a friend!

Registration is required. Only \$15.00 for all 8 weeks.

Call or e-mail for more information:

Mary Spieker at 610-266-0695 - dirreled@sercc.org.



SAINT PHILIP NERI

Born in Florence and educated by the Dominicans, Philip left behind a business career to go to Rome at the age of eighteen. He tutored students and then studied philosophy and theology. He gave long hours to prayer, with frequent visits to the catacombs. There, in 1544, God's love mystically enveloped him. The experience was not merely spiritual; after his death, an autopsy revealed how two ribs had given way for the expansion of his heart.

Philip began to preach on the streets of Rome as a layman. He founded the Confraternity of the Holy Trinity to serve poor, sick pilgrims, and promoted the Forty Hours devotion. At the age of thirty-eight, in obedience to his spiritual director, Philip was ordained. From that point, he spent much time hearing confessions. He freely gave spiritual advice: "We must not wish to do everything at once, or become a saint in four days." "Even in the midst of the crowd we can be going on to perfection."

Philip took his many regular followers on pilgrimage to the Seven Churches of Rome. In time, he brought them together in "the Oratory," regular meetings for reading Scripture, spiritual instruction, music, and friendship. Philip also founded an order of priests, the Oratorians. The "Second Apostle of Rome" died after a day spent in deep prayer, on May 29, 1595.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

924 N. Front Street, Allentown

Their Meat Bingo will be held on **Sunday, January 21st at 1:00pm**. Doors and kitchen open at 12:00 Noon. Call Bill Drost at 610.432.3505.