



# PASTOR'S CORNER

## On Moving the World

### Mass Intentions Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 8, 2020

#### Saturday – Feb 8<sup>th</sup> –

##### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Delores Lukish  
by Connie Berner  
7:00PM – Thomas Vincent Tomasic  
by Deacon and Mrs. Jack O'Connell

#### Sunday – Feb 9<sup>th</sup> –

- 8:30AM – Larry Krautsack, Sr.  
by McCloskey Family  
10:30AM – Kathy McCloskey  
by Deacon and Mrs. Jack O'Connell

#### Monday – Feb 10<sup>th</sup> – St Scholastica

- 8:00AM – Ann and Glen Oswald  
by Daughter, Louise

#### Tuesday – Feb 11<sup>th</sup> – Our Lady of Lourdes

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

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

#### Wednesday – Feb 12<sup>th</sup> – St Saturninus

- 6:00PM Vigil – Mass of Thanksgiving  
by Albert Family

#### Thursday – Feb 13<sup>th</sup> – St Catherine de Ricci

- 8:00AM – Margaret Kondler (L – Health)  
by Kellyann Firmstone

#### Friday – Feb 14<sup>th</sup> – Ss Cyril and Methodius

- 8:00AM – Kathryn P. Fallon  
by Patricia Koestner

#### Saturday – Feb 15<sup>th</sup> – St Claude de la Colombiere

- 8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

##### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – William J. Molchany, Sr.  
by Wife, Mary  
7:00PM – Mark Faust and Mary Ann Faust (A)  
by Sister and Daughter, Mary Louise

#### Sunday – Feb 16<sup>th</sup> –

- 8:30AM – Phyllis S. Roman  
by Martha and Paul Schmidt  
10:30AM – Vilma Koncz (B)  
by Son, Eugene

St. Therese of Lisieux writes,

I feel that the more the fire of love burns up my heart, the more I say “Draw me to yourself,” the more will the souls who turn to me (who would be nothing but a poor little bit of scrap metal if I go away from the divine blaze)—the more those souls will run their fastest to the enchanting perfumes of their Beloved; because a soul that is all burning with love cannot remain inactive; necessarily, like St. Mary Magdalene, it will cling to Jesus’ feet, it will listen to his sweet, burning words. Seeming to give nothing, that soul will give much more than Martha who was agitated over many things and wanted her sister to imitate her. ...All the saints have understood this, and perhaps especially those who filled the universe with the light of the Gospel teachings. Was it not in prayer that Saints Paul, Augustine, John of the cross, Thomas Aquinas, Francis, Dominic, and so many other illustrious Friends of God, found that divine knowledge which enkindled the greatest minds? A wise man said, “Give me a lever and a fulcrum and I will lift the world.” What Archimedes could not obtain, because his plea was not addressed to God, and was only on the level of material things, the Saints have obtained in all fullness. The Almighty has given them as their fulcrum, their point of support, HIS OWN SELF and HIMSELF ALONE. For their lever, he has given them prayer which burns in a flame of love. And that is how they have lifted the world; that is how the saints who are still fighting here below lift it, and how the saints in the future will lift it too, until the end of the world.



Pray the Rosary Sundays  
8:15AM and 10:15AM

When we offer someone our thoughts and prayers, we should never take it lightly. For prayer to God can move the world and us. Please, don't stop praying. If you have stopped, start again – NOW.  
Fr. Eric.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$ 4,229.00  
Fuel Collection \$ 4,317.00



## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
<b>4:00PM</b>	J.Drummer D.Gorr	B.Molchany	C.Molchany
<b>7:00PM</b>	L.Ruda N.Ruda	J.Englert	J.Ottinger
<b>8:30AM</b>	D.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder	Deacon Jack
<b>10:30AM</b>	K.Gair M.Ritter	J.DeLong	Deacon Jack



Please remember in your prayers **Jean Bernadine (Lukish) Johnson**, 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.



## BLESSED CANDLES

**Blessed candles** are now available for purchase. A box contains two blessed candles and is available for a **\$4.00 donation**.

*Thank You*

Thank you to the **Catasauqua Area Showcase Theatre (CAST)** for their recent donation of **\$300.00**.

## Save the Date

Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> –  
Our Parish Retreat

Circle the date on your calendar and watch the bulletin for specific details!



## DONUT SUNDAY

**Next Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, is Donut Sunday.** Thank you to **Michael Kish**, who is sponsoring this month's event in honor of the ushers of our church, past and present. Please stop by after the **8:30AM and 10:30AM Masses** for coffee, tea, and some donuts!

## Saints Cyril and Methodius



Born in Thessalonica of a senatorial family, brothers Cyril and Methodius began a mission to Moravia (present-day Czech Republic) in response to the request of Prince Ratislav for "a bishop and teacher...able to explain to them the true Christian Faith in their own language." Accordingly, Cyril and

Methodius set about translating the Scriptures into the Old Slavonic language, using an alphabet devised by Cyril. After Cyril died in Rome in 869, Methodius carried on with the mission, for a time suffering imprisonment at the hands of a fellow bishop. Methodius spent his final years creating the Nomokanon, a manual of Byzantine ecclesiastical and civil law. He died in 885. ~ *Magnificat, February, 2020*

## Our Lady of Lourdes



On this date in 1858 a beautiful woman first appeared to fourteen-year-old Bernadette Soubirous, a poor French girl. Clothed in a dazzling white dress girded in blue, the woman appeared in a dirty, dank hole, a stone grotto known to locals as the "pigs' shelter." On March

25, she revealed her name: "I am the Immaculate Conception." Only four years earlier, Pius IX had declared the dogma that Mary had been immaculately conceived in the womb of her mother, receiving the saving graces of her Son in anticipation of her divine motherhood. Today, the grotto at Lourdes, France receives six million visitors each year. ~ *Magnificat, February, 2020*



## 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 22<sup>nd</sup>**, via the collection basket. Cost is \$16.00 a roll, and available in the flavors listed below. Delivery is **Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30pm to 6:00pm 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Coconut Cream: \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## ***SOUP SALE***

St. Mary's Church is holding a take-out Winter Soup Sale. The available homemade soups are sold by quart containers and are \$9.00 each. Choose from: Chicken Orzo, Sausage and Lentil and Winter Garden, a cream soup with cauliflower, broccoli, and carrots. Orders and payment can be mailed to St. Mary's Church, 122 Union Street, Catasauqua, and are **due no later than Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**. Pick up will be in our Parish Kitchen on **Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:30pm to 6:30pm**.

## **Queenship of Mary Church**

Their **Designer Purse and Gift Card Bingo** will be held on **Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, at Good Shepherd Catholic School Gym**. The doors open at 11:30am, and the games begin at 12:30pm. Advanced tickets are \$20.00, or, at the door they are \$25.00. For tickets, call Pete at 610-972.5407.

## **St John the Baptist, Stiles**

3120 Chestnut Street, Whitehall

Their 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Tricky Trays/Basket Social will be held on **Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00am to 7:00pm**. You can purchase tickets at the door, you don't have to be present to win, and the kitchen will be open.

## **SLOVAK FOUNDATION**

As a final reminder, our parishioners of Slovak heritage are invited to donate to the Slovak Foundation. Envelopes are at both church entrances and can be **placed in the Sunday collection this weekend**.



## **ST. JOHN FISHER FISH DINNER**

We will be hosting our Fish Dinner on **Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 27<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm** to assist with preparation of food, setting up tables, preparing take home containers, etc., and on **Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 27<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm** or on **Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, after 2:00pm**.