

Mass Intentions

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 26, 2019

Saturday– Jan 26th –

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Joseph Zoeller (A)
by Jim and Carmela Meyer
7:00PM – Clinton J. Hauser
by Colleen McCloskey

Sunday – Jan 27th –

8:30AM – Helen Hazlinsky (B)
by Dennis and Theresa Bieak
10:30AM – Kathy McCloskey
by Frank and Frances Tauber

Monday – Jan 28th – St Thomas Aquinas

8:00AM – Joseph Mahon (B)
by Daughter, Barbara Knarr

Tuesday – Jan 29th – St Gildas the Wise

8:00AM – Rose M. Todaro
by Anne Marie Grando

Wednesday – Jan 30th – St Hyacintha

6:00PM – Phyllis Roman (B)
by Group 10 Sokols

Thursday – Jan 31st – St John Bosco

8:00AM – Lawrence E. Hodge
by Susan Parent

Friday – Feb 1st – St Brigid of Ireland

8:00AM – Robert L. Strohl
by Barbara Petro

Sacred Heart Novena after Mass

Saturday– Feb 2nd – Presentation of Our Lord

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Memorial Fund Members
by The Memorial Fund
7:00PM – Christa Van Horn
by Eileen Henitz

Sunday – Feb 3rd –

8:30AM – Thomas V. Tomasic
by George Tomasic
10:30AM – Vincent Rivetti (A)
by Sister, Marie Jacoby



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

PASTOR'S CORNER

Find the High Ground, the Water's Rising!

Educating a young person through Catholic schools has become a dauntingly expensive task. Most parents who have opted out of Catholic education seem to cite the cost, especially for high school, as a pre-college “college” expense, as the main reason. Other reasons include yielding to their child’s request to be with their friends from local sports or other activities, or the sports development program itself. All of these are very understandable reasons for opting out of Catholic education, despite the grants and some local parish helps that might be there for those families who are truly strapped.

But, in light of the Covington Catholic school kids controversy this last week, and the horrific passage in the New York state senate of the most aggressive pro-abortion law in the country to date (to the standing ovation and applause of its’ supporters in the senate at its’ passing), I would invite all families to reconsider if Catholic education is not what is truly necessary for your child in the society in which we Catholics will all find ourselves soon.

I am not a Pollyanna as regards Catholic schools, folks, -- there is no way it is better for your child to go to a Catholic school unless there is at least one seriously Catholic parent or grandparent living with them in their home. If the faith is not being lived around them in the home, no religion classes in a Catholic school or 30 hours of CCD a year is gonna be of help to them in living the Catholic faith in an increasingly hostile environment in the public square. By my thinking, we are merely a few years away from being constrained in our hiring and firing practices based on Church teaching. We are years away from shutting down our healthcare outreach for not supporting euthanasia, abortion and some abortifacient fertility practices. Without a serious grounding in the faith, will your child be able to stand on solid ground of Christ’s teaching in the Church, when the waters rise all around them? Will you?

Please reconsider Catholic education for your child as a means of preserving their eternal life. Even if you can’t swing it, please re-double your efforts to live Catholic for your child to see – Sacraments, moral life (including controversial issues and charitable service to others), and prayer. Please talk to your child about the Church’s position on abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, etc..., because they will not hear it in a public school, at sports or other extra-curriculars, but they will

hear that these evils are “okay” and even “good” from the society in which we are living. It is better to live on an island than to drown in the sea, Fr. Eric.



Good Shepherd Catholic School

Catholic Schools Week Open House will be held on **Sunday, January 27th**, from **10:30am to 12:30pm**. All are invited to come and tour the school and see the wonderful things that are happening. Registrations will also be accepted for the 2019-2020 school year. Good Shepherd is accepting enrollment for students entering Preschool (age 3), up to and including 8th grade.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, February 1st

Adoration begins after morning Mass, and continues throughout the day.

7:00PM ~ HOLY HOUR

“A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.”

St. Padre Pio



SAINT BLAISE

Throats will be blessed on the feast of Saint Blaise, after all Masses next weekend, **Saturday, February 2nd and 3rd**.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

FEBRUARY 2, 2019

(CELEBRATED IN PARISHES FEBRUARY 2nd and 3rd)
World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Saturday, February 2nd, and in parishes on the weekend of February 2nd and 3rd. 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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection **\$2,544.00**

The **Second** Collection this weekend, **January 26th and 27th**, is the **Catholic Relief Services Collection**.

The **Second** Collection next weekend, **February 2nd and 3rd**, will be the **Fuel Collection**.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	D.Gorr A.Banoza	B.Molchany	C.Molchany Deacon Jack
7:00PM	A.Muschko L.McGinley	J.Englert	J.Behum Deacon Jack
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder	J.Ottinger Deacon Jack
10:30AM	J.Drummer C.Gair	B.Petro	L.Bolmer Deacon Jack



Please remember in your prayers **Elizabeth A. (Churetta) Arnold**, who was buried this past week. We pray that her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

SLOVAK FOUNDATION

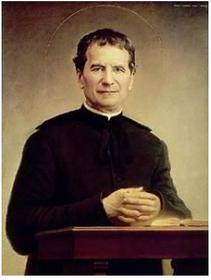
Once again our parishioners of Slovak heritage are invited to donate to the Slovak Federation. Envelopes for this collection are at both church entrances and can be placed in any Sunday collection between now and **Sunday, February 10th**.

Spiritual Training:

Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

The Diocesan Commission for Men is offering a men's Lenten morning of reflection on **Saturday, March 9th**, at the **Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena in Allentown**. Refreshments will be offered beginning at 8:30am in the Parish Activity Center. Presentations by the **Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert** and **Rev. Bernard Ezaki** will begin in the Cathedral at 9:15am, ending by 11:30am. In addition, the Sacrament of Confession will be offered. To register for this free offering visit www.allentowndiocese.org/cfm-spirituality.

Saint John Bosco



John Bosco responded to the needs of poor boys in 19th century Turin with creativity and endless energy. When the indigent boys needed homes, he founded them. When a cholera epidemic struck, he mobilized his army of young men to help. When a church was needed, he raised funds. In an era in which the anti-clerical Italian government was closing

convents, he managed to found a congregation, the Salesians, to continue his work. "We leave denunciation and political action to other more educated religious orders," he said. "We go straight to the poor." John Bosco died in 1888 and was canonized in 1934.

~ Magnificat, January, 2019

Soup Sale

St. Mary's Church is holding a take-out Winter Soup Sale. We have been blessed with a wonderful group of women who just want to "keep on cookin'". The available soups are sold by quart containers. Each quart is \$8.00. Choose from: Winter Garden (a creamy soup with cauliflower, broccoli, and carrots), Chicken Noodle, Beef Barley, Ham & Navy Bean or just a good ole' container of Cabbage and Noodles. Orders and payment can be mailed to St. Mary's Church, 122 Union Street, Catasauqua, PA 18032 and are **due no later than Sunday, February 17th**. Pick up will be in our Parish Kitchen (the school building across from the Church) on **Friday, March 1st from 4:00 to 6:30 PM**. If you have any questions, please email kim.stmarys122@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at 610-264-0332.

The Presentation of Our Lord



Mary and Joseph present their newborn Child in the Temple, even though Jesus, the Son of God, is already "consecrated to the Lord," and Mary has no need of purification: Their humble and obedient fulfillment of the law enables us to see our salvation, to encounter our long-awaited consolation and redemption. Jesus is shown to be the Messiah, and "the sword of sorrow predicted for Mary announces Christ's perfect and unique oblation on the cross" (CCC 529). And just as Mary carries her Baby to the Temple, she presents us to the Lord through her intercession.

~ Magnificat, February, 2019

Young at Heart

The Young at Heart of BVM Church in Northampton will be having an overnight bus trip to Atlantic City on **Thursday, February 14th, and Friday, February 15th**. The cost is \$125.00 per person. We are also having a trip to Mohegan Sun on **Thursday, February 28th**. You do not have to be a member to come along with us. For information and tickets call Louise at 610.262.6308 or Bella at 610.262.2673.

Save the Dates:

Annual Fish Fry Dinners

March 8th at St. John Fisher

March 22nd at St. Elizabeth in Fullerton

April 5th and 12th at St. Mary's in Catty