

# PASTOR'S CORNER

## Update Your Faith!

### Mass Intentions Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 18, 2020

**Saturday – Jan 18<sup>th</sup> –**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

7:00PM – Gertrude L. McGinley  
by McCarty Family

**Sunday – Jan 19<sup>th</sup> –**

8:30AM – Francis Broderick  
by Family

10:30AM – Sandra Koerwitz  
by Isaac and Verra Jabbour

**Monday – Jan 20<sup>th</sup> – St Sebastian, Martyr**

8:00AM – Kathryn P. Fallon  
by Peggy Fallon Bozzone

**Tuesday – Jan 21<sup>st</sup> – St Agnes, Virgin/Martyr**

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

***Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass***

**Wednesday – Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> – Day of Prayer for the  
Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

6:00PM Vigil – Joanne Kulkusky  
by Cindy's Renew Group

**Thursday – Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> – St Marianne Cope**

8:00AM – Robert L. Strohl  
by Angel and Janice Acevedo Family

**Friday – Jan 24<sup>th</sup> – St Francis de Sales**

8:00AM – Kathy McCloskey  
by Diane Secara

**Saturday – Jan 25<sup>th</sup> – The Conversion of St Paul**

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Joseph Zoeller (A)  
by Jim and Carmela Meyer

7:00PM – David J. Sweeney  
by Son, Kyle Sweeney

**Sunday – Jan 26<sup>th</sup> –**

8:30AM – Homer and Agnes Collis (WA)  
by Children

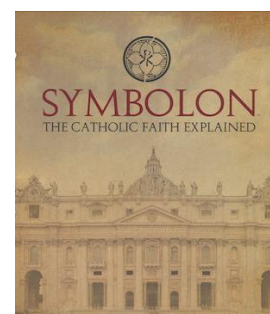
10:30AM – Kathleen M. Knecht (B)  
by Mary Beth and Bill McGinley

Monday evenings, January 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, from 6:30-8:00pm, in our Church Hall we will review the central mysteries of our faith – the sacraments and the gift of prayer with the Symbolon series. Please note that these dates include sessions in the first five weeks of Lent, and therefore can be part of your Lenten prep for Easter.

Register for this series by signing up at the doors of the Church this weekend and next. A donation of \$20 will gladly be accepted to defray the cost of materials for the course. You need not have attended any other courses before this one to share in its' benefits. Please join us – we always have a laugh together as well as prayer.

When was the last time you sought to learn more about your faith? Disciples of Jesus living in these days and times need to be deeply rooted in Christ and his Church to handle the blustery secular winds and the floods of relativism. Do it for yourself and your family. Do it for your kids and grandkids. Do it for your parish and local community. Do it for a real boost toward Heaven.

God's blessing on you and yours,  
Fr. Eric.



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

# OFFERTORY COLLECTION



**Plate Collection** \$ 4,182.00  
The **Second** Collection next weekend, **January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>**, will be the **Catholic Relief Services Collection**.



## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	<b>Servers</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>E.Ministers</b>
<b>4:00PM</b>	L.Ruda N.Ruda	J.McAllister	Deacon Jack
<b>7:00PM</b>	D.Gorr L.McGinley	P.McCarty	Deacon Jack
<b>8:30AM</b>	D.Popovic M.Popovic	B.Molchany	J.Ottinger
<b>10:30AM</b>	M.Ritter J.Martinez	P.McCloskey	J.Marhefka

# FLU NOTICE

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

## 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 **\$93.22**. Thank you!

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK OPEN HOUSE

**Good Shepherd Catholic School's Open House will be held next Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, from 10:30am to 12:30pm.**

Registrations are now being accepted for grades K through 8 for the 2020-2021 school year with a full day 3 and 4 year Preschool program.

### Turning Taxes into Scholarships

If you are paying Pennsylvania state income taxes, why not turn your tax dollars into need-based scholarships for schools? Pennsylvania provides a 90% tax credit to individuals who donate funds for Catholic School Education. The gift of a Catholic Education is an investment in our youth, our future, and our faith. To learn more, please inquire at your school or contact John Fierro, at 610- 866-0581, X-2344.



In all the dioceses of the United States of America, January 22<sup>nd</sup> shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

# March for Life

Bishop Alfred Schlert has announced that anyone in the Diocese of Allentown who attends the "March for Life" in Washington, D.C. on January 24<sup>th</sup> will receive a partial indulgence.

A partial indulgence also will be granted to people who are aged, sick or unable to leave their home for the March, but who spiritually unite themselves with those participating in the event.

The March for Life is an annual prayerful demonstration against abortion. It has taken place for the past 44 years. Several parishes are running buses.

What is an indulgence? After we go to Confession, temporal punishment still remains – not to be thought of as vengeance from God, but rather as a wound from the nature of sin itself. Think of temporal punishment as the time needed to heal the wound of sin. This healing can occur while we are still alive – through works of mercy and charity, prayer, and penance – or after death, in Purgatory. An indulgence helps heal the wound while we are still alive, reducing or eliminating the need for time in Purgatory before we go to Heaven.

To receive the partial indulgence for the March, those eligible also must go to Confession, receive Communion, and pray for the intentions of Pope Francis, all within a reasonable time before or after the event. The partial indulgence can be used by the person receiving it, or it can be applied to a deceased loved one.

## LOOKING FOR A RIDE

One of our parishioners is looking for a ride to Church. She lives in the Hokey Apartments, across the street from the football field at the light after the Hokey Bridge. If anyone is able to help, please call the rectory at 610.264.1972. Thank you.

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## 2019 CONTRIBUTION FORMS

**Please fill out this tear-off form to request your 2019 contribution form, and place in the collection basket. All forms will be mailed out by the end of January.**

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

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_



Please remember in your prayers **John Paul Schwoyer**, who passed away and was recently buried. We pray his soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## Employment Opportunity

A position is available for a part-time cook at St. Francis Center for Renewal, 395 Bridle Bath Road, Bethlehem. Some weekend hours required, no late nights, hours vary from 10 – 25 hours/week. Salary based on experience. The Applicant needs the ability to work independently to prepare and serve meals, and must be flexible and possess strong people skills. If interested, please contact Carol Devine at [carolwdevine@aol.com](mailto:carolwdevine@aol.com) for more information.

## TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE

Junior and Senior accounting students from DeSales University will provide free tax preparation assistance to senior citizens and those with lower incomes beginning **Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, through Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**. For an appointment, call 610-282-1100, ext. 1868.



In case of bad weather or last minute cancellations, please check our Parish Website at [www.stjohnfisherparish.com](http://www.stjohnfisherparish.com).

## St. Marianne Cope



Barbara Cope was an infant when her family immigrated to Utica, New York, from her native Heppenheim, West Germany. At the age of twenty-four, Barbara became Sister Marianne of the Sisters of Saint Francis, in Syracuse. After proving herself as a dedicated, selfless hospital administrator, she answered the call to serve lepers in Hawaii. "I am hungry for the work and I wish with all my heart to be one of the chosen ones, whose privilege it will be to sacrifice themselves for the salvation of the souls of the poor Islanders... I am not afraid of any disease." She died in 1918 after caring for the outcasts for over thirty years.

~ *Magnificat*, January, 2020

## Save the Date

Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> –  
Our Annual Fish Fry Dinner  
More information will follow.

## SLOVAK FOUNDATION

Once again our parishioners of Slovak heritage are invited to donate to the Slovak Foundation. Envelopes for this collection are at both church entrances and can be placed in any Sunday collection between now and **Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**.