



Mass Intentions

The Baptism of Our Lord
January 12, 2019

Saturday– Jan 12th –

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Robert L. Strohl
by McCloskey Family
7:00PM – Melchior and Emelia Dopsovic
by Daughter, Aggie Chabak

Sunday – Jan 13th –

8:30AM – Phyllis S. Roman
by Angie and Bugs Resh
10:30AM – Charles B. O'Donnell (A)
by McCloskey Family

Monday – Jan 14th – St Sava

8:00AM – Joseph and Sophie Kish
by Regina Marhefka

Tuesday – Jan 15th – St Ita

8:00AM – Margaret, Susanna and John Chuss
by Sister and Daughter, Catherine

Wednesday – Jan 16th – St Berard of Carbio

6:00PM – Gregory Levine (B)
by Mom and Dad

Thursday – Jan 17th – St Anthony the Abbot

8:00AM – Rev. Joseph M. Brandis
by Rev. Eric J. Gruber

Friday – Jan 18th – St Volusian

8:00AM – Jack McCarty
by Kathleen and Peggy

Saturday– Jan 19th – St Canute IV

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Michael Nagle
by Bob and Maryann Cavallucci
7:00PM – Mary and Robert Doyle
by Maderic Family

Sunday – Jan 20th –

8:30AM – Michael E. Voice (A)
by Joann and Mary Yurconic
10:30AM – Richard J. Longenhagen, Sr. (A)
by Mary Molchany



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

PASTOR'S CORNER

Undeniably Pro-Human-Person [Reprise]

“[M]an has been accustomed, ever since he was a boy, to having a dozen incompatible philosophies dancing about together inside his head. He doesn't think of doctrines as primarily "true" or "false," but as "academic" or "practical," "outworn" or "contemporary," "conventional" or "ruthless." Jargon, not argument, is your best ally in keeping him from the Church. Don't waste time trying to make him think that materialism is true! Make him think it is strong or stark or courageous—that it is the philosophy of the future. That's the sort of thing he cares about.”

— C.S. Lewis, The Screwtape Letters

Or, in the words of too many “Catholic” politicians, media-types, and celebrities, “I’m personally pro-life, but it’s only fairness and justice to recognize a woman’s right to choose.” Two incompatible realities co-exist in such a schizophrenic position: one believes that abortion is the ending of a human life AND that same one believes that it’s a pregnant woman’s right to deliberately end that life. So which of these is true? Can I have the right to take an innocent life when my life is not truly in jeopardy because of that innocent life?

Enough! Enough of this false dualism and unclear thinking! If the child in the womb is a human life (and no human mother has yet given birth to a guppy), and if that human life has “done” nothing but exist and grow through its’ earliest stages, then who arrogates to themselves the right to end that life as an unintended consequence for any other reason than the absolute survival of the mother? Or, are human beings only as valuable or important as the “amount” they are wanted in this world?

If the last sentiment is true, then we are all in very big trouble.

Let us renew our prayer for our politicians, media-types and out-spoken celebrities as well as ourselves. Pray that we may give a more courageous witness to a culture of death – that, in the end, life with God will always be victorious. Do not be silent any more about the evils of abortion and the dignity of every human person – wanted or not.

Alive, like you, to choose the abundant life of Jesus, Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection

\$5,037.00



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	D.Gorr A.Banoza	J.Strohl	J.McAllister
7:00PM	A.Muschko L.McGinley	P.McCarty	J.Ottinger
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder	Deacon Jack
10:30AM	M.Ritter C.Gair	B.Petro	Deacon Jack



Please remember in your prayers **Joseph W. Kalamar**, who was buried this past week. We pray that his 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, or celebrate a special event by placing flowers on the altar. Simply sign up on the list, and call your florist for delivery.

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.



DONUT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, January 20th, is Donut Sunday. Thank you to **Jean Strohl**, who is sponsoring this month's event in memory of her husband, **Robert Strohl**. Please stop by after the **8:30AM and 10:30AM Masses** for some coffee, tea, and some donuts!

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**.

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.

Save the Date

Friday, March 8th – Our Annual Fish Fry Dinner.
More information will follow.

2018 CONTRIBUTION FORMS

Please fill out this tear-off form to request your 2018 contribution form, and place in the collection basket. All forms will be mailed out by the end of January.

NAME _____ ENV # _____

ADDRESS _____

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



Jesus joins the people going out to John the Baptist in the gesture of repentance, not because there is sin in him, but in order to model for us the authentic way to approach the Father. He goes to the Baptist as a beggar because the Mystery is mercy. Jesus surrenders to mercy by submitting himself to baptism in order to invite us to share in his relationship with the Father, announced from the heavens.

The Lord Jesus lowers himself in his baptism and, as Nothingness, acknowledges his Father so that we will never hesitate to do the same.

~ Magnificat, January, 2018

Queenship of Mary Church

Their **Designer Purse Bingo** will be held on **Sunday, January 20th at 12:00pm**. Doors open at 11:30am, and the games begin at 12:30pm. Advanced ticket sales are \$20.00, at the door is \$25.00. Food, drinks, 50/50 raffle and a bake sale are also available. For tickets, call Pete at 610-972-5407.

St. John the Baptist Church

924 N. Front Street, Allentown

Their **Meat Bingo** will be held on **Sunday, January 20th at 1:00pm**. Doors and kitchen open at 12:00 Noon. Bingo begins at 1:00pm, and it is only \$11.00 for 15 games. Questions, call Bill Drost at 610-432-3505.



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

Saint Anthony the Abbot



Renowned as the father of monasticism, Anthony was the first Christian to lead an austere life of prayer and fasting in the solitude of the desert. Anthony's biography, written by Saint Athanasius, became a classic text for Western monasticism. Anthony's wisdom was collected into the sayings of the Desert Fathers. To a fellow abbot, he gave the advice: "Don't trust in your own righteousness; practice moderation in food and talk; and don't worry about things done in the past." Anthony died in 356 and was buried in a secret location by his fellow hermits.

~ Magnificat, January, 2019



Assistant Coaches Needed

Allentown Central Catholic High School is looking for assistant coaches in the girls' lacrosse and boys and girls track and field for Spring 2019. Anyone who is interested should contact the athletic director, Dennis Csensits at dcsensits@acch.info or, 610-437-4601 Ext 119.

IN THE WORDS OF ...

"What years of Purgatory will there be for those Christians who have no difficulty at all in deferring their prayers to another time on the excuse of having to do some pressing work! If we really desired the happiness of possessing God, we should avoid the little faults as well as the big ones, since separation from God is so frightful a torment to all these poor souls!"

~ St John Vianney