



PASTOR'S CORNER

From Where Does Spring Spring?

A poem by St. Robert Southwell [1561-1595AD] entitled, "A Child My Choice" answers the question this way.

Mass Intentions

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 9, 2019

Saturday– Feb 9th –

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Antone Zukowski (A)
by Wife, Frances Zukowski
7:00PM – Stanley and Anna Stascinsky
by Estate

Sunday – Feb 10th –

8:30AM – Gabriel Genovese (A)
by Vince and Stephanie Genovese
10:30AM – Rosa Cunningham
by Jean Marhefka

Monday – Feb 11th – Our Lady of Lourdes

8:00AM – Mass of Thanksgiving
by Albert Family

Tuesday – Feb 12th – St Saturninus

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

Wednesday – Feb 13th – St Catherine de Ricci

6:00PM – Kathy McCloskey
by Billie and McCarty Families

Thursday – Feb 14th – Ss Cyril and Methodius

8:00AM – Al Marhefka (A)
by Wife, Jean and Family

Friday – Feb 15th – St Claude de la Colombiere

8:00AM – Msgr. Dennis T. Hartgen
by Rev. Eric J. Gruber

Saturday– Feb 16th – St Onesimus

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Julia Superka
by Carolyn and Nik Pontician
7:00PM – Donnie Dinbokowitz
by Joan and Donna Dinbokowitz

Sunday – Feb 17th –

8:30AM – Ronald B. Flahart
by Dennis and Theresa Bieak
10:30AM – Richard J. Longenhagen, Sr. (B)
by Carol and Fred Hutterer



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

Let folly praise that fancy loves, I praise and
love that Child
Whose heart no thought, whose tongue no word,
whose hand no deed defiled.
I praise him most, I love him best,
all praise and love is his,
While him I love, in him I live, and cannot
live amiss.
Love's sweetest mark, laud's highest theme,
man's most desired light.
To love him life, to leave him death,
to live in him delight.
He mine by gift, I his by debt, thus each
to other due,
First friend he was, best friend he is,
all times will try him true.

Though young, yet wise; though small, yet
strong; though man, yet God he is:
As wise he knows; as strong he can;
as God he loves to bliss.
His knowledge rules; his strength defends;
his love doth cherish all;
His birth our Joy; his life our light; his death
our end of thrall.
Alas, he weeps, he sighs, he pants,
yet do his Angels sing;
Out of his tears, his sighs and throbs,
doth bud a joyful spring.
Almighty babe, whose tender arms can force
all foes to fly,
Correct my faults, protect my life,
direct me when I die.

The tease of spring we've enjoyed this last week was a very enjoyable moment for most of us. Just imagine the joy to be found in the return of Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

The hope for spring begins in the choice for Jesus Christ,
Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$4,109.00
 Fuel Collection \$4,221.00



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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

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

REDNER'S TAPES

Thank you to 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 \$108.10.

Saints Cyril and Methodius



Cyril and Methodius evangelized the peoples of Moravia (present-day Czech Republic) in the 9th century. The brothers translated the Scriptures into the Old Slavonic language and celebrated Mass in Slavonic, a move that riled many Church leaders. After Cyril's death in 869, Methodius was named Papal Delegate *ad gentes* for the Slavs and Archbishop of Moravia

and Pannonia, a ministry he carried out amidst hardship and imprisonment. Of Cyril and Methodius, Saint John Paul II wrote, "their pastoral attitude of concern to bring the revealed truth to new peoples while respecting their cultural originality remains a living model for the Church and the missionaries of all ages" (Slavorum Apostoli 7).

~ Magnificat, February, 2019



Healing Our Church

Discussion Groups Coming in Lent

Catholics throughout the Diocese of Allentown are invited to attend small-group discussions, moderated by fellow parishioners, and designed to encourage reflection and conversation about the clergy abuse crisis. Healing Our Church is a program from RENEW International, a Catholic nonprofit organization. Bishop Alfred Schlert has called the parish-based small-group discussions "an opportunity for all of us to prayerfully reflect on scripture, on the abuse crisis, and on our path forward as a Roman Catholic Family of Faith." Discussions will take place during the six weeks of Lent. Watch for information, including how to sign up, soon.



FIRST PENANCE

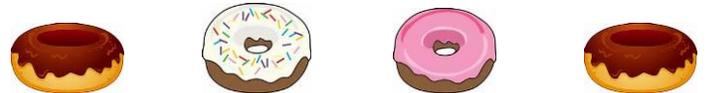
Our Sacramental Class is preparing for the Sacrament of Penance, which they will receive for the first time on **Thursday, February 28th at 7:00PM**. Please keep our students in your prayers as they continue their preparation and receive the Sacrament of Penance.

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.



DONUT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, February 17th, is Donut Sunday. Thank you to **Peggy McCarty** and **Kathleen Billie**, who are sponsoring this month's event in memory of **Marge, Charles and Jack McCarty**. Please stop by after the **8:30AM and 10:30AM Masses** for some coffee, tea, and some donuts!

Flowers for the Altar

There are still spaces available to sign up to decorate our church altar with flowers. 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.



Our Lady of Lourdes



This feast commemorates the first of eighteen appearances of Mary to a poor girl, Bernadette Soubirous, at the grotto of Massabielle in Lourdes, France, in 1858. Mary asked Bernadette to do penance, to pray for sinners, and to drink of the spring which erupted in the grotto. Today, more than six million people journey to Lourdes each year seeking physical and spiritual solace. ~ Magnificat, February, 2019

St John the Baptist, Stiles

3120 Chestnut Street, Whitehall

Their 13th Annual Tricky Trays/Basket Social will be held on **Saturday, February 16th, 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.

St. John the Baptist Church

924 N. Front Street, Allentown

Their **Meat Bingo** will be held on **Sunday, February 17th 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.

Soup Sale

St. Mary's Church is holding a take-out Winter Soup Sale. Each quart is \$8.00. Choose from: Winter Garden (a creamy soup with cauliflower, broccoli, and carrots), Chicken Noodle, Beef Barley, Ham & Navy Been or just a good ole' container of Cabbage and Noodles. Orders and payment can be mailed to St. Mary's Church, 122 Union Street, Catty 18032 and are **due no later than Sunday, February 17th.**

F I S H



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ST. JOHN FISHER FISH DINNER

We will be hosting our Fish Dinner on **Friday, March 8th, 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, March 7th, at 6:00pm** to assist with preparation of food, setting up tables, preparing take home containers, etc., and on **Friday, March 8th, 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, March 7th, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm** or on **Friday, March 8th, after 2:00pm.**