



PASTOR'S CORNER

Prayer of Blessing for the Home with the Magi's Initials

By the Main Entry Door of the home the family gathered together prays:

Leader (*Priest, if present, or head of the family*):
Peace be to this house.

All: And to all who dwell herein.

All: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

Leader: Our Father. . . And lead us not into temptation . . .

All: . . . But deliver us from evil.

Leader: All they from Sheba and the East shall come . . .

All: . . . Bringing gold and frankincense.

Leader: O Lord, hear my prayer...

All: . . . And let my cry come to You.

Leader: Let us pray. O God, who by the guidance of a star didst on this day manifest Thine only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who know Thee by faith may also attain the vision of Thy glorious majesty. Through Christ our Lord. **All:** Amen.

Leader: Be enlightened, be enlightened, O Jerusalem, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee—Jesus Christ born of the Virgin Mary.

All: And the Gentiles shall walk in thy light and kings in the splendor of thy rising, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee.

Leader: Let us pray. Bless, + O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord. **All:** Amen.

20 + C + M + B + 15 is written with the blessed chalk above the doorway.

Mass Intentions

The Epiphany of Our Lord January 4, 2015

Saturday – January 3rd – Most Holy Name of Jesus

4:00PM – James Cerulli
by Daughter, Rosemary Barna

7:00PM – Clara Christians
by Stella and Emma

Sunday – January 4th – The Epiphany of Our Lord

8:30AM – Homer Collis
by Wife and Children

10:30AM – Patti Heffner
by Marge Heffner

Monday – January 5th – St John Neumann

8:00AM – Bob Spengler and Bernadine Wehr
by Ann and Dale

Tuesday – January 6th – St Andre Bessett

8:00AM – Donald N Knarr
by Mr and Mrs William Bencsics

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – January 7th – St Raymond Penyafort

6:00PM – Margaret and John Nicholas
by Great Grand-daughter, Elizabeth Gontkosky

Thursday – January 8th – St Apollinaris

8:00AM – Richard Pontician, Sr
by Grace Pavlik

Friday – January 9th – St Adrian of Canterbury

8:00AM – Margaret S McCarty
by Kathleen and Yvonne Knecht

Saturday – January 10th – St William of Bourges

8:00AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners

4:00PM – Joseph Mahon (B)
by Daughter, Barbara Knarr

7:00PM – Clara Christians
by Mrs Veronica Pavlik

Sunday – January 11th – The Baptism of the Lord

8:30AM – Steven Steffie
by Gene and Joan O'Donnell and Family

10:30AM – Charles B O'Donnell (A)
by McCloskey Family



Pray the Rosary each Sunday:

8:15AM and 10:15AM

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$ 3,524.25
Christmas Collection \$11,225.50



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	D.Sullivan J.Shaul	B.Petro	E.Ferenchak
7:00PM	C.Gair D.Gair	J.Englert	J.Yanek
8:30AM	M.Popovic S.Popovic	M.Ottinger	J.Ottinger
10:30AM	A.Gorr D.Gorr	J.DeLong	J.O'Connell

SLOVAK FOUNDATION

It is our privilege to continue to offer St. John Fisher parishioners of Slovak ethnic backgrounds the opportunity to give to the Slovak Federation. It had been the annual custom to hold a collection at St. Andrew's on the feasts of Ss. Cyril and Methodius in February, but this year envelopes for this collection -- benefitting the unifying and promotion of Slovak ethnic identity for second, third, fourth generations and beyond, -- can be picked up at the doors of the Church and deposited in any Sunday collection of January or February.

Thank You

A special thank you goes to the **Pluchinsky Family** for the donation of the wonderful tree to help our decorations look great!

2014 CONTRIBUTION FORMS

Please fill out this tear-off form to request your 2014 contribution form and place in the collection basket. All forms will be mailed out by the end of January.

NAME _____ ENV # _____

ADDRESS _____



Epiphany

For many, Christmas is over by December 26th and life has resumed its normal activities. The Church, on the other hand, observes an Octave of Christmas until January 1 (after the Jewish practice of an 8 day celebration)

and an extended Christmastime until January 6th, the Feast of the Epiphany. (It is now celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8.) The popular Christmas song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas," is rooted in the festive celebration of Christmastime and a celebration of the Catholic faith, from a time in England and Ireland when Catholics had to disguise their Catholic beliefs.

During Christmastime, there are feasts of three martyrs: St. Stephen on December 26th, who represents those who went to their death willingly; St. John the Evangelist on December 27th, who represents those who were willing to die but were not put to death, and the Holy Innocents on December 28th, representing those who were put to death without their choice.

Epiphany closes the Christmas season with the celebration of the visit of the Magi to the manger. The Messiah is thus shown to have come to all people, not just the Jews. The three kings represent the three major races: Melchior, an old white man with a long white beard, bearing the gift of gold for Christ's royalty; Caspar, young and of darker hue, carrying incenses for Christ's divinity; and Balthasar, a black man, offering myrrh for Christ's suffering and death. The names of the wise men are not given in the Bible, but were supplied by later story tellers to enrich the meaning and celebration of the Epiphany.

ST JOHN NEUMANN



John came to the United States in 1836 to serve as a priest in western New York. He joined the Redemptorists and was their superior in Baltimore when he was elected bishop of Philadelphia in 1852. The stocky, unrefined prelate with a thick

Bohemian accent failed to impress Philadelphia's high society. Yet, under his leadership, the Catholic schools in Philadelphia increased from two to one hundred. He established the first system of diocesan schools in the United States. On average, John founded a new church once a month. After eight years of intense pastoral activity he collapsed on a Philadelphia street. John was canonized in 1977, the first American male saint.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Next weekend, all Christmas Flower Memorials will be listed on the bulletin board at both entrances to church. Thank you for all of the Memorials for our loved ones and the special ones in our lives.



GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS



Please join Father Eric Arnout and the Helpers of God's Precious Infants at the Prayer Pilgrimage for the unborn, and all those involved in abortion on **Saturday, January 10th**. The pilgrimage begins with Mass at 8:00AM at Notre Dame

Church of Bethlehem, 1861 Catasauqua Road, and continues with The Rosary at the abortion facility located at 31 South Commerce Way in the Bethlehem Industrial Park. Come and be part of the call to let your prayers and presence bring God's everlasting, unconditional love to all those involved in abortion. Contact Info: 610-674-4624, or hogpi@hotmail.com

CAT'S MEOW OF ST ANDREW

North Catasauqua's Community Chorus and Betterment Committee present a Limited Edition of The Cat's Meow® Village replica of the former St. Andrew Roman Catholic Church. The St. Andrew Church Cat's Meow replica includes a history of the church on the back. **ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER IS AVAILABLE! Order forms are available at both church entrances or call 610-264-1225 to order.**

The Cat's Meow replicas make a special keepsake to remember St. Andrew Church.

FREE~THROW CHAMPIONSHIP



The Knights of Columbus, Council 4050 is sponsoring a basketball free-throw championship for boys and girls, ages 9 to 14. It will be held at Good Shepherd Catholic School Gym on **Saturday, January 10th, beginning at 9:00am.** For

entry form and any questions, contact Bruce Wermann at 610-905-7817.



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

100TH ANNIVERSARY ORNAMENT

Good Shepherd Catholic School is celebrating 100 continuous years of Catholic Education! Although the name has changed over the years, our school has been in continuous operation, providing quality Catholic education to the surrounding communities since 1914.



Each ornament is 2.5" wide, made of brass and etched with a picture of the school on the front and the names of all of the legacy schools on the back.

Price per ornament is \$12.50. Checks may be made payable and mailed to Good Shepherd Catholic School, 1300 Newport Avenue, Northampton, PA 18067.

CENTRAL CATHOLIC VIKETTES MIDDLE SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Girls in 7th and 8th grade who attend one of the parish schools are invited to participate in the 2015 Vikettes Middle School Softball program. By PIAA rule, only girls attending one of the parish grade schools are eligible.



Meet and play with your future high school teammates in a highly competitive league. If you are interested or if you have any questions, please contact Coach Lou Stalsitz at loustalsitz@aol.com or call 610-432-9930 (Home) or 484-661-9424 (Cell).