



PASTOR'S CORNER

Evaluating Motives

I've been ever-so-slightly surprised these last weeks and months to hear versions of "the news" reporting not on actual, demonstrable, observable events, but rather on the motives of the people involved in the events. Often going so far as presuming to know someone's motives in saying what they say and doing what they do, and then reporting their own impressions as decisive facts of the situation – making their own subjective conclusions part of the stories themselves. To further confuse any listener or viewer of that "news," they bring in "talking heads" that debate their own specious conclusions. They become mind-readers of others (often projecting onto others their own prejudices and motives) while wrapping themselves in the first amendment to the Constitution and righteously asserting the freedom of the press. What I found slightly surprising about it all was not only their own lack of self-awareness in these regards, but also too many of the public's lapping up of their expositions as gospel truth!

All of this begs a more personal question for us, I believe. What are *our* motives in doing what *we* believe are the *right things* to do?

Well, hopefully, we are familiar with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and its' teachings, and the basic Catechism of the Catholic Faith, and possess a fairly well-formed and active conscience. But, who of us can say without any further questions that when we do the right or good thing set before us, we do it with only a purely "good" motivation and intention? Or, are our motivations often a mix of self and other benefits and consequences? For example, we're driving by someone who needs assistance at the side of the road...we go

Mass Intentions

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 15, 2020

Saturday – Feb 15th –

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – William J. Molchany, Sr.
by Wife, Mary

7:00PM – Mark Faust and Mary Ann Faust (A)
by Sister and Daughter, Mary Louise

Sunday – Feb 16th –

8:30AM – Phyllis S. Roman
by Martha and Paul Schmidt

10:30AM – Vilma Koncz (B)
by Son, Eugene

Monday – Feb 17th –

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8:00AM – Carol Maher
by McCloskey Family

Tuesday – Feb 18th – St Simon of Jerusalem

8:00AM – Father Robert A. Dressler (A)
by McCloskey Family

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Feb 19th – St Conrad of Piacenza

6:00PM – Alean McCloskey (B)
by Family

Thursday – Feb 20th – St Eucherius

8:00AM – Helen Mulligan
by Father Eric Gruber and Family

Friday – Feb 21st – St Peter Damian

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

Saturday – Feb 22nd – Chair of St Peter

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Edward Ferenchak (WA)
by Wife, Lucille

7:00PM – Richard Longenhagen (B)
by Family

Sunday – Feb 23rd –

8:30AM – Mary Louise Wert
by Carole Houghton and Choir

10:30AM – Agnes Collis (B)
by Children



Pray the Rosary Sundays

8:15AM and 10:15AM

through our list of things to do...then think of being stranded ourselves and how we would want someone to stop and help us...we remind ourselves that someone else might be of better help to the individual...but then we think how not stopping will eat at our righteous view of ourselves that we all like to have...then, we pull over with our mixed motives.

Sometimes, we might even know that our motives are not purely loving of another, but really more a sense of duty or even compulsion. Other times we know that our motives are quite good, but that we might struggle with a resulting mixed bag of consequences, such as genuine gratitude to God for allowing us to be a part of His plan while a sense of self-righteousness grows.

Sr. Irene in 3rd Grade taught us that when one finger is pointing out at someone else in accusation at least three other fingers are pointing back at ourselves. It's a shame that the press can't remember that often enough to stop becoming part of the stories they report on. It's an opportunity to consider for ourselves the fairly mixed motives we have in doing good, and the understanding way we should look upon others' motives too. Stay true, Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection	\$ 3,311.00
Slovak Collection	\$ 63.00



Please remember in your prayers **Rosemarie Ann (Almond) White**, who passed away and was recently buried. We pray her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

BLESSED CANDLES



Blessed candles are now available for purchase. A box contains two blessed candles and is available for a **\$4.00 donation**.



FIRST PENANCE

Our Sacramental Class is preparing for the Sacrament of Penance, which they will receive for the first time on **Thursday, February 27th at 7:00pm**. Please keep our students in your prayers as they continue their preparation and receive the Sacrament of Penance.

Looking for Volunteers

Even though it's not quite Lent, we're interested in having volunteers for the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy **Thursday April 9th at 7:00pm**. If your toes are willing to volunteer for the symbolic washing of Christ, please check your calendar and sign up at the doors of the church.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	S.Ruda L.Ruda	J.Englert	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	L.McGinley D.Gorr	P.McCarty	Deacon Jack
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	J.Strohl	J.Ottinger
10:30AM	J.Martinez J.Drummer	B.Bozzone	J.Marhefka

Save the Date

**Saturday, April 25th –
Our Parish Retreat**

Circle the date on your calendar and watch the bulletin for specific details!

Strudel Roll Sale



Once again we are sponsoring an Easter Strudel Sale. The strudels are made by *Country Cottage Bake Shop* in Tamaqua. Orders are due by **Sunday, March 22nd**, via the collection basket. Cost is \$16.00 a roll, and available in the flavors listed below. Delivery is **Tuesday, April 7th, from 4:30pm to 6:00pm in the church hall**. Any questions, call Mary Beth at 610-264-4494 or Peggy at 610-264-0307.

NAME _____ PHONE # _____

Nut: _____ Poppyseed: _____ Lekvar: _____ Apricot: _____

Raspberry: _____ Coconut Cream: _____ **Total: \$ _____**

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

435 Pershing Boulevard, Whitehall

Low Impact Aerobics Class

A ten week, 45-minute-long class on **Tuesday nights**, from **February 25th to April 28th**, starting at **6:00pm**. The cost is \$25.00.

Beginner Aerobics Class

An eight week, 30-minute class on **Wednesday nights**, from **March 4th to April 29th**, starting at **5:30pm**. The cost is \$15.00.

For either class, please contact Mary Spieker at 610-266-0695 or dirreled@sercc.org. **Bring a friend!**

Meat Bingo

A Meat Bingo will be held on **Sunday, February 23rd**. **Doors open at 11:30am and the games begin at 1:00pm. 8th**. Tickets are \$15.00 per person for thirty games and can be ordered in advance, and \$10.00 for each additional set of games will be sold at the door. You can mail payments to the attention of Joan Glover to the church.

CCHS OPEN HOUSE

Allentown Central Catholic High School's Open House will be held on **Sunday, February 23rd**, from **2:00pm to 4:00pm**. Come tour the school, meet the teachers and talk with current students. Stop by the school at 301 North Fourth Street in Allentown or visit the website at acchs.info for more details.



ST. JOHN FISHER FISH DINNER

We will be hosting our Fish Dinner on **Friday, February 28th**, 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, February 27th**, at **6:00pm** to assist with preparation of food, setting up tables, preparing take home containers, etc., and on **Friday, February 28th**, 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, February 27th**, from **6:00pm to 8:00pm** or on **Friday, February 28th**, after **2:00pm**.