



PASTOR'S CORNER

Violence, Abuse and Human Life

Mass Intentions

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 20, 2018

Saturday – Jan 20th –

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

7:00PM – Daniel Leo Lynch, Sr.
by McCarty Family

Sunday – Jan 21st –

8:30AM – Judith A. Krouse
by Debbie Elek and Family

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

**Monday – Jan 22nd – Day of Prayer for the Legal
Protection of Unborn Children**

8:00AM – Mary Finelli
by Chris, Carolyn, Danny, Brian Lloyd

Tuesday – Jan 23rd – St Marianne Cope

8:00AM – Delight M. Casciano
by John and Debra McDermott

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Jan 24th – St Francis de Sales

6:00PM – Richard J. Longenhagen, Sr. (A)
by Arlene Hussar

Thursday – Jan 25th – The Conversion of St Paul

8:00AM – Anne J. Hilt (B)
by Roma Fedor and Family

Friday – Jan 26th – Ss Timothy and Titus

8:00AM – Martha and Peter Garber
by Cindy, Michael and Kalli Koukounas

Saturday – Jan 27th – St Angela Merici

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

7:00PM – Bernard T. Dougherty, Jr.
by Deacon and Mrs. Jack O'Connell

Sunday – Jan 28th –

8:30AM – Margaret "Peggy" Funk
by James Emerick and Family

10:30AM – Frank Drummer
by Cindy, Keara and Jacob

The news of these last couple of months regarding prominent figures who have abused their status to gain sexual favors and to entertain themselves is beginning to wane. But, we dare not accept such things as a “new normal.”

Is there anyone who can seriously argue against the conclusion that over the last four or five decades violence against women and abuse of children has been increasing (at least statistically)? And yet we wonder how “educated” and independent young women can still become victims of such violence.

Fifty years ago, in *Humanae Vitae*, On Human Life, Pope Paul VI famously and controversially (from the modernist perspective) affirmed the Catholic Church's opposition to artificial birth control methods as they ignore the natural unity between the marital act and conception of human life, diminishing the moral responsibility we need to take for all our actions. And while volumes of ink have dealt with the “controversies” and their protagonists arguments since its' publication in 1968, it is section 17 that bears a much closer look these days. Pope Paul VI wrote:

Responsible men can become more deeply convinced of the truth of the doctrine laid down by the Church on this issue if they reflect on the consequences of methods and plans for artificial birth control. Let them first consider how easily this course of action could open wide the way for marital infidelity and a general lowering of moral standards. Not much experience is needed to be fully aware of human weakness and to understand that human beings—and especially the young, who are so exposed to temptation—need incentives to keep the moral law, and it is an evil thing to make it easy for them to break that law. Another effect that gives cause for alarm is that a man who grows accustomed to the use of contraceptive methods may forget the



Pray the Rosary each Sunday
8:15AM and 10:15AM

reverence due to a woman, and, disregarding her physical and emotional equilibrium, reduce her to being a mere instrument for the satisfaction of his own desires, no longer considering her as his partner whom he should surround with care and affection.

Finally, careful consideration should be given to the danger of this power passing into the hands of those public authorities who care little for the precepts of the moral law. Who will blame a government which in its attempt to resolve the problems affecting an entire country resorts to the same measures as are regarded as lawful by married people in the solution of a particular family difficulty? Who will prevent public authorities from favoring those contraceptive methods which they consider more effective? Should they regard this as necessary, they may even impose their use on everyone. It could well happen, therefore, that when people, either individually or in family or social life, experience the inherent difficulties of the divine law and are determined to avoid them, they may give into the hands of public authorities the power to intervene in the most personal and intimate responsibility of husband and wife.

Consequently, unless we are willing that the responsibility of procreating life should be left to the arbitrary decision of men, we must accept that there are certain limits, beyond which it is wrong to go, to the power of man over his own body and its natural functions—limits, let it be said, which no one, whether as a private individual or as a public authority, can lawfully exceed. These limits are expressly imposed because of the reverence due to the whole human organism and its natural functions, in the light of the principles We stated earlier, and in accordance with a correct understanding of the "principle of totality" enunciated by Our predecessor Pope Pius XII. (21)

Pope Paul VI was a prophet. Marital infidelity has become a relatively-speaking "accepted" thing, almost "presumed." Disrespect for women and nearly hatred for children has grown. Governments, including our own, have tried to mandate for their own purposes, the use of artificial

contraception, abortion as contraception, bypassing familial and individual moral choices for state prerogatives. Pro-life isn't merely an emotional posture, but first and foremost a moral argument in favor of all humanity, the Church and God Himself.

Live a good life, a moral life, a holy life,
Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection

\$3,551.00



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	K.Segan A.Banoza	J. McAllister	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	A.Muschko D.Gorr	P.McCarty	Deacon Jack
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder	J.Ottinger
10:30AM	J.Drummer M.Druckenmiller	J.DeLong	J.Marhefka

Good Shepherd Catholic School



Catholic Schools Week Open House will be held on Sunday, January 28th, from 10:30am to 12:30pm. All are invited to come and tour the school and see the wonderful things that are happening. Registrations will also be accepted for the 2018-2019 school year. Good Shepherd is also accepting enrollment for students entering Preschool (age 3), up to and including 8th grade.

2017 CONTRIBUTION FORMS

Please fill out this tear-off form to request your 2017 contribution form, and place in the collection basket. All forms will be mailed out by the end of January.

NAME _____ ENV # _____

ADDRESS _____

Save the Date

Friday, February 23rd – 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 Federation. Envelopes for this collection are at both church entrances and can be placed in any Sunday collection between now and **Sunday, February 11th**.



Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

February 11th is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Please join us at the Cathedral for an afternoon of **Adoration, praying the Rosary, and music for Our Lord and Our Blessed Mother**. To honor Our Lady and worship her Son, **the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after our Noon Mass** and silent Adoration will commence. Our priests will be available for confession during this time. At 2:30pm, the rosary will be recited. After the rosary, the choirs of the Cathedral will sing Eucharistic and Marian songs and hymns. The afternoon will end at 3:45pm with Benediction. Please join us for all or part of this afternoon. St. John Paul II's apostolic motto was *Totus Tuus* (Totally Yours) and this expressed his personal consecration to Our Lady. Let's give our hearts to Jesus through His Blessed Mother.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE FEBRUARY 2, 2018

(CELEBRATED IN PARISHES FEBRUARY 3-4)

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Thursday, February 2, 2018 and in parishes on the weekend of February 3-4, 2018. 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.



SAINT MARIANNE COPE

Marianne Cope was one of ten children in a German immigrant family that settle in upstate New York. She joined the Sisters of Saint Francis in Syracuse. At the age of forty-six she went to Hawaii, where leprosy was ravaging the native islanders. Marianne sought not only to relieve their physical sufferings, but also to surround them with touches of beauty. "My heart bled for the children," she said, "and I was anxious and hungry to help put a little more sunshine into their dreary lives." After visiting the leper colony, man of letters Robert Louis Stevenson lauded her in verse. Marianne died in 1918 after serving the lepers for over thirty years.
~ Magnificat, January, 2018