



Mass Intentions

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 16, 2019

Saturday– Feb 16th –

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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

Monday – Feb 18th – St Simon of Jerusalem

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

Tuesday – Feb 19th – St Conrad of Piacenza

8:00AM – Tony Masucci
by Bill and Rose Stegemerten

Wednesday – Feb 20th – St Eucherius

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

Thursday – Feb 21st – St Peter Damian

8:00AM – Joseph Chabak
by Wife, Aggie

Friday – Feb 22nd – The Chair of St Peter

8:00AM – Margaret and Charles McCarty
by Peggy and Kathleen

Saturday– Feb 23rd – St Polycarp

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Vilma Koncz (B)
by Son, Gene
7:00PM – Donna McNally (A)
by Edie Stahlnecker

Sunday – Feb 24th –

8:30AM – Phyllis S. Roman
by Carole M. Houghton
10:30AM – David Sweeney
by Daughter, Lauren



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

PASTOR'S CORNER

Take Some Quiet Time...

Fr. Angelo Comastri, as a young priest in 1969, desired to meet Mother Teresa of Calcutta. He recalled the encounter in his book *Dio Scrive Dritto*:

I telephoned the general house of the Missionaries of Charity so as to be able to meet Mother Teresa of Calcutta, but their answer was categorical: "It is not possible to meet Mother; her engagements do not allow it." I went there anyway. The Sister who came to open the door for me very politely asked me, "What do you want?" "I would just like to meet Mother Teresa for a few moments." Surprised, the Sister replied, "I am sorry! That is not possible!" I did not budge and thus made the Sister understand that I would not leave without having met Mother Teresa. The Sister went away for a few moments and came back in the company of Mother Teresa...

I was startled and speechless. Mother had me sit down in a little room near the chapel. Meanwhile I had recovered a bit and managed to say: "Mother, I am a very young priest: I'm taking my first steps! I came to ask you to accompany me with your prayers." Mother looked tenderly and kindly at me, then, smiling, she replied: "I always pray for priests. I will pray for you also." Then she gave me a Miraculous Medal, put it in my hand, and asked me, "For how much time do you pray each day?" I was astonished and a little embarrassed. Then, gathering my thoughts, I replied, "Mother, I celebrate Holy Mass each day, I pray the Breviary each day; you know that these days that is a proof of heroism! I pray the rosary each day also and very gladly, because I learned it from my mother." Mother Teresa, with her rough hands, clasped the rosary that she always had with her. Then she fixed on me her eyes, which were filled with light and love, and said: "That is not enough, my son! That is not enough, because love cannot be reduced to the indispensable minimum; love demands the maximum!" I did not understand Mother Teresa's words right away, and as though to justify myself, I replied, "Mother, I expected from you instead this question: What acts of charity do you do?" Suddenly Mother Teresa's face became very serious again, and she said in a stern tone of voice: "Do you think that I could practice charity if I did not ask Jesus every day to fill my heart with his love? Do you think that I could go through the streets looking for the

poor if Jesus did not communicate the fire of his charity to my heart?" I then felt very small....

I looked at Mother Teresa with profound admiration and the sincere desire to enter into the mystery of her soul, which was so filled with the presence of God. Enunciating each word, she added: "Read the Gospel attentively, and you will see that Jesus sacrificed even charity for prayer. And do you know why? To teach us that, without God, we are too poor to help the poor!" At that time we saw so many priests and religious abandoning prayer in order to immerse themselves – as they said – in social work. Mother Teresa's words seemed to me like a ray of sunshine, and I repeated slowly in my heart of hearts: "Without God, we are too poor to be able to help the poor!"

Take time, quiet time, to be with the Lord. The busier our lives, the more time with Him we need.
Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection	\$3,709.00
Slovak Collection	\$ 85.00



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	D.Gorr A.Banoza	J.McAllister	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	L.Ruda N.Ruda	J.Englert	Deacon Jack
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	B.Molchany	C.Molchany
10:30AM	D.Gair K.Gair	J.DeLong	J.Marhefka



CONFIRMATION

Our Sacramental Class is preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which they will receive on **Tuesday, March 12th at 4:30pm, at Queenship of Mary Church.** Please keep our students in your prayers.

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.

St. Peter's Church

Fifth and Coplay Streets, Coplay

We are hosting a Parish Mission on **Sunday, March 10th, Monday, March 11th, and Tuesday, March 12th, at 6:30pm.** Father Vincent Fortunato, a Franciscan Capuchin Friar, an inspiring and engaging preacher, will conduct the Mission. All are Welcome.



Flowers were placed on the altar last weekend in memory of **Gabriel Genovese, by Vince and Stephanie Genovese.**



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, April 7th**, via the collection basket. Cost is \$16.00 a roll, and available in the flavors listed below. Delivery is **Wednesday, April 17th, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm** 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: \$ _____

Saint Peter Damian



As a young professor, Peter Damian joined the followers of Saint Romuald at the foundation of Fonte Avellana, distinguishing himself by his austerities and his ardent love of the cross. In 1057 Peter left the silence of the hermitage to serve as Cardinal Bishop of Ostia. He tirelessly countered clerical abuses. His diverse writings extolled the primacy of the spiritual order over the secular. After ten years, Peter received permission to return to Fonte Avellana, although the pope continued to enlist him for important diplomatic missions. He died on one of these trips in 1072.

~ Magnificat, February, 2019

Saint Polycarp



As the Bishop of Smyrna, present-day Izmir, Turkey, Polycarp faithfully transmitted all that he had learned from the Apostle John. Around the year 155, a persecution erupted in Smyrna. Polycarp willingly accepted his arrest and was led to the funeral pyre. In the midst of the flames, he proclaimed a final priestly prayer: "God of angels, of powers, of all creation, of all the race of saints who live in your sight, I bless you for judging me worthy of this day, this hour, so that in the company of the martyrs I may share the cup of Christ, your anointed one, and so rise again to eternal life in soul and body, immortal through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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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**.