



## Mass Intentions

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 28, 2017

**Saturday—Jan 28<sup>th</sup> –**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Joseph Zoeller (A)  
by Kim and Carmella Meyer  
7:00PM – Delight M. Casciano  
by Rudolph and Donna Zastko

**Sunday – Jan 29<sup>th</sup> –**

8:30AM – Bernie and Tommy Dougherty  
by Ruthi and Kathleen  
10:30AM – Elsie Kroboth (L) Health  
by Daughters

**Monday – Jan 30<sup>th</sup> – St Hyacintha of Marescotti**

8:00AM – Connie Marth  
by Marvin Wright

**Tuesday – Jan 31<sup>st</sup> – St John Bosco**

8:00AM – Kurt W. Gerhard  
by Tiffany Shutta

**Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass**

**Wednesday – Feb 1<sup>st</sup> – St Bridgid of Ireland**

6:00PM – The Poor Souls in Purgatory  
by Irene Vomero

**Thursday – Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> – Presentation of Our Lord**

8:00AM – Sr. Eileen Kantz  
by Sister, Pauline Feichtl

**Friday – Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> – St Blaise**

8:00AM – Francis J. Broderick  
by Mrs. Fisher and Family

**Sacred Heart Novena after Mass**

**Saturday—Feb 4<sup>th</sup> – St Joseph of Leonessa**

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – William Columbo, Sr. (A)  
by William and Barbara Columbo  
7:00PM – Anna M. Milkovits  
by Peggy McCarty

**Sunday – Feb 5<sup>th</sup> –**

8:30AM – John Newhall  
by Kathy and Family  
10:30AM – Rev. Edward Ball  
by Deacon and Mrs. Jack O’Connell

# PASTOR’S CORNER

## Are You Happy?

It’s an “innocent enough” question, isn’t it? – are we happy? Yet, this question is a key to faith in Jesus, for it begs us to look closely at two things: 1) what is happiness to me? 2) how do I get happy?

If happiness is pleasure without pain, comfort without struggle, security without loss of freedom, honor without hard work and glory without sacrifice, then Jesus’ way to happiness is not going to work for us. But, if we acknowledge that pain, struggle, freedom’s challenges, hard work and sacrifice can grow virtue in us when taken on with a trust in God, then life’s very crosses become the way to happiness here and in the life to come.

Re-read this Sunday’s gospel several times this week, friends. Each time, ask the Holy Spirit to help us realize that these beatitudes are a blueprint to be as happy as Jesus Christ! At the end of the week, we should ask ourselves the question again, “Am I happy?”

Fr. Eric.

P.S. If you know someone who is in a sinful lifestyle or habit-of-life, ask them the question too. Don’t wait for an answer, just let the question cause some ripples.



## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>  
ADORATION begins after  
morning Mass, and continues  
throughout the day.  
7:00PM ~ HOLY HOUR



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

# OFFERTORY COLLECTION



**Plate Collection** **\$4,797.00**

The Second Collection **this weekend, January 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>**, is the **Catholic Relief Services** Collection.

The Second Collection **next weekend, February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>**, will be the **Fuel** Collection.



## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	<b>Servers</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>E.Ministers</b>
<b>4:00PM</b>	J.Shaul M.Hosni	J.Englert	J.McAllister Deacon Jack
<b>7:00PM</b>	C.Gair D.Gair	P.McCarty	J.Yanek Deacon Jack
<b>8:30AM</b>	D.Popovic M.Popovic	J.Strohl	C.Hetzel Deacon Jack
<b>10:30AM</b>	K.Segan G.Parise	J.DeLong	J.Marhefka Deacon Jack

## 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.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES

will hold its' Tenth Annual Gala, on **Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**, at **5:30pm** at The DeSales University Center, Center Valley. Reverend Monsignor Walter T. Scheaffer, pastor of St. Mary Church, Kutztown, and Anne Jandl and Jandl Family Farms, will be honored for their contributions in helping the poor in the Diocese of Allentown. To receive an invitation, become a sponsor or place an ad in the program book, please contact Julie Scheck at 610-871-5200, ext. 216 or [jscheck@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:jscheck@allentowndiocese.org). Information is posted on [www.catholiccharityAD.org](http://www.catholiccharityAD.org).

## Charismatic Mass of Healing

Holy Ghost Church, 417 Carlton Avenue in Bethlehem will have a Charismatic Mass of Healing and Anointing of the Sick on **Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**. Rev. Clifton E. Bishop, Jr. will be the celebrant and homilist. Adoration and Confessions will be held from 6:00pm to 6:55pm.

## SAINT BLAISE

Throats will be blessed on the feast of Saint Blaise, on **Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**, at the **8:00am Mass**, and after all Masses next weekend, **Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**.



## Save the Dates

**Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>** – Will be St. John Fisher's second annual **Parish Retreat**, and will be held at the St. Michael's Retreat Center on Main Street in Northampton. This retreat is for anyone 18 years and older.

**Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>** – Our **Annual Fish Fry Dinner**. More information will follow.

## Four Chaplains Commemoration

**St. Paul's Church, 417 Howertown Road**

The Four Chaplains were United States Army chaplains who gave their lives to save other civilian and military personnel as the troop ship *SS Dorchester* sank on February 3, 1943, during World War II. They helped other soldiers board lifeboats and gave up their own life jackets when the supply ran out. The chaplains joined arms, said prayers, and sang hymns as they went down with the ship. A service will be held on **Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00pm**, in partnership with the Catty American Legion Post 215. A light reception will follow. To learn more, email [stpaulschurch@rcn.com](mailto:stpaulschurch@rcn.com).

## Children's Eucharistic Celebration

The next monthly Eucharistic Adoration for children will be hosted at **St. John the Baptist, (Stiles) in Whitehall, on the First Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00pm to 8:00pm**. We will be praying the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Rosary, which has been approved by the Catholic Church, including an Apostolic blessing from Pope Francis and a special Blessing from Pope John Paul II. We hope to see you there! Parents are also welcome.

## World Day for Consecrated Life

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated on **Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**, and in parishes on the **weekend of February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>**. 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.



In case of bad weather or last minute cancellations, please check our Parish Website at [www.stjohnfisherparish.com](http://www.stjohnfisherparish.com).

## GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS

**Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** – Please join **The Reverend Keith Mathur**, and the Helpers of God's Precious Infants at the Prayer Pilgrimage for the unborn and all those involved in abortion. The pilgrimage begins with **Mass at 8:00am** at Notre Dame Church of Bethlehem, and continues with The Rosary at the abortion facility. **The Mission:** That through prayer, peaceful presence, and fasting we may be God's instruments in the salvation of souls, so that innocent lives will be saved from abortion. Be part of the call to bring God's everlasting, unconditional love to those involved in abortion that their hearts may be converted and receive God's gift of life with joy. Contact Info: 610-674-4624.

### St. John the Baptist in Stiles

**3120 Chestnut Street, Whitehall**

Their Tricky Trays/Basket Social will be held on **Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00am to 7:00pm** and **Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00am to 4:00pm**. You can purchase tickets at the door. There will be a special raffle for big-ticket items. You do not have to be present to win. Kitchen will be open. Winners will be called.

## LOW IMPACT AEROBIC CLASS



Looking for a night out with friends? Karen Hoff is offering 8 weeks of aerobics on **Tuesday nights, from March 7<sup>th</sup> to April 25<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6:00pm, in St Elizabeth's parish hall.** The cost is only \$20.00 per person **for the entire 8 weeks.** Just bring a towel or mat for the floor exercises. Feel free

to bring light weights as well. **Registration deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>.** Please contact Mary Spieker at 610-266-0695 or [dirreled@sercc.org](mailto:dirreled@sercc.org). **Bring a friend!**

## Saint John Bosco



Industrialization and rapid growth characterized life in 19<sup>th</sup> century Turin, Italy. Moved by the needs of indigent boys in the city, the young priest John Bosco founded the "Oratory". His "total dedication" program brought the boys together for Mass, games, and nature study on Sundays. He founded night classes to give them work. With the help of his mother, he took in six homeless boys in 1857. By 1862, he was providing accommodations for 600. He

raised funds tirelessly, and promoted dedication to the Sacred Heart. By the time of his death in 1888, the order he founded to continue his work, the Salesians, had 768 members. Today, it is a worldwide congregation.

## FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

### St. John the Baptist Church

**924 N. Front Street, Allentown**

Their Valentine's Sweetheart Dance will be held on **Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm to 10:00pm.** Tickets are \$5.00 a person, and the kitchen will be open.

Their Meat Bingo will be held on **Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.** Doors and kitchen open at 12:00 Noon. Questions, call Bill Drost at 610-432-3505.

### Incarnation of Our Lord Church

**617 Pierce Street, Bethlehem**

Their Mardi Gras Bingo is being held on **Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. The doors open at 12:00pm and bingo starts at 2:00pm.** This fundraiser benefits the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Ticket donation is \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 at the door, and includes 15 games. Call 610-866-3391.