



Mass Intentions

The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 24, 2016

Saturday – Jan 23rd – St Vincent Pallotti

4:00PM – Richard Columbo
by William and Barbara Columbo
7:00PM – Richard J Longenhagen, Sr. (A)
by Wife and Children

Sunday – Jan 24th – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM – Rose Tassie
by Susie Apostolico
10:30AM – Ann and Glen Oswald
by Daughter, Louise

Monday – Jan 25th – The Conversion of St Paul

8:00AM – Memorial Fund Members
by The Memorial Fund

Tuesday – Jan 26th – Saints Timothy and Titus

8:00AM – Ellen Lynch
by Catherine and Francis Pirog

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Jan 27th – St Angela Merici

6:00PM – Edward J Ferenchak
by Joe and Aggie Szilezy

Thursday – Jan 28th – St Thomas Aquinas

8:00AM – Edward F Kish
by Mr and Mrs Dennis Kish

Friday – Jan 29th – St Gildas the Wise

8:00AM – Charles B O'Donnell (A)
by The McCloskey Family

Saturday – Jan 30th – St Hyacintha of Marescotti

8:00AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners
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 31st – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM – Peggy Wright
by The Choir
10:30AM – Jack Newhall (A)
by Kathy and Family

PASTOR'S CORNER

Undeniable Pro-Human-Person

“[M]an has been accustomed, ever since he was a boy, to having a dozen incompatible philosophies dancing about together inside his head. He doesn't think of doctrines as primarily "true" or "false," but as "academic" or "practical," "outworn" or "contemporary," "conventional" or "ruthless." Jargon, not argument, is your best ally in keeping him from the Church. Don't waste time trying to make him think that materialism is true! Make him think it is strong or stark or courageous—that it is the philosophy of the future. That's the sort of thing he cares about.”

— C.S. Lewis, The Screwtape Letters

Or, in the words of too many “Catholic” politicians, media-types, and celebrities, “I’m personally pro-life, but it’s only fairness and justice to recognize a woman’s right to choose.” Two incompatible realities co-exist in such a schizophrenic position: one believes that abortion is the ending of a human life AND that same one believes that it’s a pregnant woman’s right to deliberately end that life. So which of these is true? Can I have the right to take an innocent life when my life is not truly in jeopardy because of that innocent life?

Enough! Enough of this false dualism and unclear thinking! If the child in the womb is a human life (and no human mother has yet given birth to a guppy), and if that human life has “done” nothing but exist and grow through its’ earliest stages, then who arrogates to themselves the right to end that life as an unintended consequence for any other reason than the absolute survival of the mother? Or, are human beings only as valuable or important as the “amount” they are wanted in this world? If the last sentiment is true, then we are all in very big trouble.



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

Let us renew our prayer for our politicians, media-types and out-spoken celebrities as well as ourselves. Pray that we may give a more courageous witness to a culture of death – that, in the end, life with God will always be victorious. Do not be silent any more about the evils of abortion and the dignity of every human person – wanted or not.

Alive to choose the abundant life of Jesus, Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$ 3,745.30
The **Second Collection** next week will be for the **Catholic Relief Services**.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	L.Ruda N.Ruda	M.Ottinger	J.Ottinger
7:00PM	A.Gorr D.Gorr	J.DeLong	P.McCarty
8:30AM	S.Popovic D.Popovic	J.Strohl	B.Molchany
10:30AM	C.Ritter M.Ritter	L.Bolmer	J.Heffner



The **ALTAR FLOWER LIST FOR 2016** is at the parking lot entrance of church. Honor a loved one by placing flowers on the altar. Simply sign up on the list, and then call your florist for delivery.

Strudel for Your Easter Table

The Social Committee is once again sponsoring an Easter Strudel Sale as a fundraiser. The strudels are made by *Country Cottage Bake Shop* in Tamaqua. Orders are due by **Sunday, March 6th**, via the weekend collection basket, and delivery is **Wednesday, March 23rd, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm** in the church hall. Cost is \$15.00 per roll and available in the flavors listed below. Any questions, call Mary Beth at 610-264-4494 or Peggy at 610-264-0307.

NAME _____ PHONE # _____

Nut: _____ Poppyseed: _____ Lekvar: _____

Apricot: _____ Raspberry: _____ **Total: \$** _____



PILGRIM VIRGIN OF FATIMA

The **Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima Statue** is dedicated to all the people of the North Catasauqua Area in order to foster the worship of the Most Holy Trinity through a true devotion to our Blessed Lady. The Statue "travels" into any homes which wish to host it for a time (usually a week), and is treasured there by a family or group of friends who pray the rosary together. There have been several such traveling statues in our area over the years dating back to the 1960's, blessed by several different pastors who have served in the region. If you wish to participate in this beautiful tradition and devotion and open your home to Our Lady so concretely, please contact Pauline Albert, 610-264-3473, or Jean Marhefka, 610-264-5038. Thank you.

NOTICE

Due to the emphasis on privacy and the sharing of information, the hospital patient information systems are unreliable. Therefore, as a precaution, please do not presume that St John Fisher Rectory knows your loved one is in the hospital. If you would like a loved one visited, please call the rectory, 610-264-1972, and leave a message as to the name of your loved one, which hospital (be specific), and a room number if it is known at the time. Thank you for your help in this matter.

PARISH RETREAT



My God, My God, Why have you forsaken me? Have you ever felt you have lost your closeness to God in this modern world? You are invited to attend the St. John Fisher One-Day Parish Retreat on **Saturday, March 12th** at the St. Michael Center on Main Street in Northampton. The day will begin with Registration at 8:00am and

will conclude with a 4:00pm Mass. Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be provided. Come join your Parish Family and experience a closer relationship with God this Lenten Season.

2015 CONTRIBUTION FORMS

Please fill out this tear-off form to request your 2015 contribution form and place in the collection basket. All forms will be mailed out by the end of January.

NAME _____ ENV # _____

ADDRESS _____

OPEN HOUSE

Good Shepherd Catholic School Catholic Schools
Week Open House will be held next Sunday, January
31st, from 10:30am to 12:30pm.

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, and this year the 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.

SPAGHETTI DINNER



The School Board of **Saint Elizabeth Regional School** will be hosting their 12th Annual Spaghetti Dinner on **Saturday, January 30th, at 4:00pm; 5:30pm and 7:00pm.** Open seating is limited; reservations are recommended and can be made at time of ticket purchase. Advanced prices are: Adults, over age 12, \$8.00;

Children, ages 5-12, \$6.00; Children under age 5 free. For more information or tickets, please call the school office at 610-264-0143.

TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE

Junior and Senior accounting students from DeSales University will provide free tax preparation assistance to senior citizens and those with lower incomes beginning **Monday, January 25th, through Friday, April 1st.** To schedule an appointment, call 610-282-1100, ext. 1868.

Save The Dates!

Mark your calendars for these upcoming parish events and watch the bulletin for further details.

Friday, February 26th – Fish Dinner

Saturday, March 5th – School Hall Pierogies

Young at Heart

The next meeting of St John Fisher's Young at Heart will be held on **Wednesday, January 27th, at 1:00pm** in the Parish Hall.

The next Casino trip to the Mohegan Sun will be on **Friday, January 29th.** The bus leaves the Church Parking Lot at 10:00am. The price is \$22.00 per person.

For more information, call Bill Molchany, 610-264-0920.

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

Incarnation of Our Lord Church

Their Mardi Gras Bingo is being held on **Sunday, February 7th, 617 Pierce Street in Bethlehem.** 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.

Holy Trinity, 4th and Pine Streets, in Catty

Their "Sweets with your Sweeties Family Date Night" is being held on **Saturday, February 6th from 4:00pm to 6:00pm.** Advanced tickets only: \$6.00 for adults; \$4.00 for children 5 to 12. Contact Barb, 610-266-1160.

Salem UCC, 615 Third Street, Catty

Their Mardi Gras Flea Market will be held on **Saturday, February 6th, from 9:00am to 1:00pm.** Join us for food, flea market, basket raffle, fun and games. Any questions, call 610-264-4091.