



## Mass Intentions

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 19, 2019

**Saturday– Jan 19<sup>th</sup> –**

**The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Michael Nagle

by Bob and Maryann Cavallucci

7:00PM – Mary and Robert Doyle

by Maderic Family

**Sunday – Jan 20<sup>th</sup> –**

8:30AM – Michael E. Voice (A)

by Joann and Mary Yurconic

10:30AM – Richard J. Longenhagen, Sr. (A)

by Mary Molchany

**Monday – Jan 21<sup>st</sup> – St Agnes**

8:00AM – Memorial Fund Members

by the Memorial Fund

**Tuesday – Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> – Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

8:00AM – Living and Dec'd Members of Seng Family

by Mike and Louise Seng

**Wednesday – Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> – St Marianne Cope**

6:00PM – Margaret M. Yellen

by Colleen McCloskey

**Thursday – Jan 24<sup>th</sup> – St Francis de Sales**

8:00AM – Thelma E. Naugle

by Kim McCloskey

**Friday – Jan 25<sup>th</sup> – The Conversion of St Paul**

8:00AM – Bob Spengler and Bernardine Wehr

by Ann and Dale

**Saturday– Jan 26<sup>th</sup> – Ss Timothy and Titus**

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

**The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Joseph Zoeller (A)

by Jim and Carmela Meyer

7:00PM – Clinton J. Hauser

by Colleen McCloskey

**Sunday – Jan 27<sup>th</sup> –**

8:30AM – Helen Hazlinsky (B)

by Dennis and Theresa Bieak

10:30AM – Kathy McCloskey

by Frank and Frances Tauber



**Pray the Rosary Sundays**

8:15AM and 10:15AM

# PASTOR'S CORNER

It's Our Time [*Reprise*]

When we look around at the culture in which we navigate, a follower of Jesus can become disillusioned, if not near despairing.

Yes, there are terrific improvements in technology which helps medicine, science, communication and people in general, but – that same technology is used for the most selfish, narcissistic, abusive and even violent ends.

Yes, there have been great strides in knowledge-gathering and distribution, in the cultivation of the arts, and in sharing of “best practices” (i.e. the better qualities) of business, cultures, and standards of living. But that same gathering, distribution and sharing has resulted in the dilution of the “bests” of traditions, customs and threads of wisdom in most long-standing and hard-fought experience – making one good thing as good as the next good thing, therefore leading us to the new and trendy as if it were “the same” as the tried and true; the false as if it were true.

Yes, in each of the opportunities that modern times offer, there are both improvements/advancements and destruction/precipitous faults. It is as if we have discovered fire for the first time every day – wondering at all its' benefits, benefitting self-centeredly from its' destructive properties.

So, what do we do about it? We follow Jesus Christ.

What? Follow someone who never used a smart phone, dishwasher or mp3 player? Someone who never played baseball, googled something, or even wrote a book? Yes, Jesus Christ. Why? Because Jesus reveals to us (present tense) what it means to be truly human, truly humble, truly happy, and truly holy. Jesus reveals us to ourselves – what we really need to be happy, healthy and holy. After all, who but God could know what we really need?

The problems in our modern world may be quite different in scale and intensity when compared to generations before, but their solutions are still found in the Divine Word Who is Jesus Christ because humans still need above all to love and be loved. This love is not the love of marketplace, promiscuity or personal freedom, but rather the love of God which perfectly “casts out fear” from our hearts and minds. This is our time to shine. The message of Jesus Christ has never been more necessary or more powerful than in our own lives!!!  
Fr. Eric.

## Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

In all the dioceses of the United States of America, Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. ~ Magnificat, January, 2019

Our prayers make a difference, friends. God takes our few fishes and loaves, and works wonders! Stay away and mindful of the “encouraged” evil of abortion. No response to stressful and fearful circumstances should ever include the taking of innocent human life.

## FLU NOTICE

Due to flu concerns in Pennsylvania, Bishop Schlert has suspended the Sign of Peace and the distribution of the Eucharist from the Cup until further notice. Thank you for your understanding.

## 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 10<sup>th</sup>**.

## WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE FEBRUARY 2, 2019

(CELEBRATED IN PARISHES FEBRUARY 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>)

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, and in parishes on the weekend of February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</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.*

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## 2018 CONTRIBUTION FORMS

Please fill out this tear-off form to request your 2018 contribution form, and place in the collection basket. All forms will be mailed out by the end of January.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ENV # \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION



**Plate Collection** **\$3,424.00**  
The **Second** Collection next weekend, **January 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>**, will be the **Catholic Relief Services Collection**.



## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	<b>Servers</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>E.Ministers</b>
<b>4:00PM</b>	J.Drummer A.Banoza	J.Englert	Deacon Jack
<b>7:00PM</b>	L.Ruda N.Ruda	P.McCarty	Deacon Jack
<b>8:30AM</b>	D.Popovic M.Popovic	J.Strohl	C.Hetzel
<b>10:30AM</b>	D.Gair K.Gair	J.DeLong	J.Marhefka



Please remember in your prayers **Terese M. Galm**, who was buried this past week. We pray that her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## Save the Date

**Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Annual Fish Fry Dinner**  
More information will follow.

## Saint Agnes



Agnes was a virgin martyred during the Diocletian persecutions around the year 304. She has been hailed throughout Church history as one of the holy virgin martyrs who gave up their lives out of love for Christ, the Bridegroom. In Greek, her name means “pure, chaste.” In Latin, Agnes suggests agnus, meaning “lamb.” Since the 6<sup>th</sup> century, artists have depicted Agnes with a lamb in her arms, evoking her humility, purity, and innocence. On the feast of Saint Agnes, two lambs are presented in Rome. From their wool are woven the pallia sent to newly consecrated archbishops “from the body of Blessed Peter,” a sign of their communion with the pope.

~ Magnificat, January, 2019

## Saints Timothy and Titus

Timothy and Titus were both collaborators with Paul in his ministry to the Gentiles. Tradition holds that they were the recipients of Paul’s “pastoral epistles,” letters replete with practical advice for the two pastors. Above all, Paul encourages Timothy and Titus to remain faithful to Christ, “nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound teaching you have followed” (1Tim 4:6). Timothy is believed to have been the first Bishop of Ephesus. Titus served as Bishop of Crete. Timothy’s relics are preserved at the Cathedral of Termoli in Molise, Italy; Titus’ remains are in Venice.

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

## Saint Francis de Sales



Born of aristocrats, Francis overcame his father’s resistance to take orders. He served as Bishop of Geneva, in exile at Annecy at the height of the Reformation. A much sought out spiritual director, his tender yet wise letters to a young woman, Madame de Chamoisy, formed the basis of his *Introduction to the Devout Life*, which proposes God’s merciful love as the goal and motive of every human life.

“Man is the perfection of the universe; the spirit is the perfection of man; love, that of the spirit; and charity, that of love.” Francis was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1877.

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## Young at Heart

The Young at Heart of BVM Church in Northampton will be having an overnight bus trip to Atlantic City on **Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**. The cost is \$125.00 per person. We are also having a trip to Mohegan Sun on **Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**. You do not have to be a member to come along with us. For information and tickets call Louise at 610.262.6308 or Bella at 610.262.2673.

## Salem U.C.C.

615 Third Street, Catty

Their **Free Community Lunch** will be held on **Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00am.**

Their **All You Can Eat Soup, Salad and Sweets** will be held on **Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00am to 2:00pm.** The price is \$10.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children five to twelve. Come for a variety of soups, salad or coleslaw, rolls or crackers, and a variety of sweets and beverages.