



Mass Intentions

The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 31, 2016

Saturday – Jan 30th – St Hyacintha of Marescotti

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

Monday – Feb 1st – St Bridgid of Ireland

8:00AM – Rose Tassie
by The Bartholomew Family

Tuesday – Feb 2nd – Presentation of Our Lord

8:00AM – Mary E Kalamar
by Bill and Mary Molchany
Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Feb 3rd – St Blaise

6:00PM – Marilyn C Genovese
by Greg and Christine Kish

Thursday – Feb 4th – St Joseph of Leonessa

8:00AM – Marion Bowen
by The Kalnas Family

Friday – Feb 5th – St Agatha

8:00AM – Bob Spengler and Bernardine Wehr
by Ann and Dale

Sacred Heart Novena after Mass

Saturday – Feb 6th – St Paul Miki/Companions

8:00AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners
4:00PM – Gene and Jeannette Koncz (L)
60th Wedding Anniversary
7:00PM – Vincent Rivetti
by Diane Groller, Pauline Kiss and Family

Sunday – Feb 7th – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM – The Poor Souls in Purgatory
by Irene Vomero
10:30AM – Joseph J Holena (A)
by Regina Marhefka and Family



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

PASTOR’S CORNER

Lenten Adult Faith Classes

Lent will be here in “two shakes of a lamb’s tail,” so plan now to join us for Father (now Bishop) Robert Barron’s **Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues**. It is an adult class in the spiritual/moral life regarding not only the foundations of sin in our lives, but also a practical help and foundation to following Jesus Christ while coping with our weaknesses (and everyone else’s weaknesses too!).

The Sessions (only 4 in number) will be conducted on Wednesday evenings, February 24th, March 2nd and 9th and 16th, beginning at 6:45pm in the Church Hall (after the 6pm weekday mass of Wednesdays). This “course” will involve us in some of the most clear and life-changing realizations concerning the love of God for each of us and our duties of love toward one another. Trust me, folks – this is REALLY GOOOOOOOOOOOD “stuff”! So, please register for this series by signing up at the doors over the next two weekends. The suggested donation for this program is \$10 for the necessary materials. Please sign up now and plan to have a happy, holy Lent.

In Jesus’ Peace,
Fr. Eric.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Please remember to mark your calendar to spend some time with our Lord in **Adoration** this **First Friday, February 5th**.

Adoration begins at the end of morning Mass and continues throughout the day until Holy Hour beginning at 7:00pm.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



The **Second Collection** this week, **January 30th and 31st**, will be for the **Catholic Relief Services**. The **Second Collection** next weekend, **February 6th and 7th**, will be the **Fuel Collection**.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	J.Shaul D.Sullivan	J.Englert	J.McAllister Deacon Jack
7:00PM	A.Muschko A.Urban	J.Yanek	P.McCarty Deacon Jack
8:30AM	M.Popovic S.Popovic	E.Snyder	C.Molchany Deacon Jack
10:30AM	J.Drummer H.Heffner	M.Ottinger	J.Ottinger Deacon Jack



Flowers were placed on the altar last week for **Andrew and Helen Hazlinsky** by Dennis and Theresa Beak.

Forty Days for Life

The 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign will start on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10th and continue through Lent, until March 20th, at the Allentown Women's Center (abortion facility), 31 S. Commerce Way, Bethlehem, PA. Join us, Monday through Saturday, 7:00am to 6:00pm. When prayer volunteers are praying the no show rate for abortions can jump as high as 75%! For more information, or to be paired with a prayer partner, call Theresa at 610-704-6935.

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: \$ _____

SAINT BLAISE

Throats will be blessed on the feast of Saint Blaise, on **Wednesday, February 3rd**, at the **6:00pm Mass**, and after all Masses next weekend, **Saturday, February 6th and Sunday, February 7th**.



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.

OPEN HOUSE

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

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. Please fill out the below form and place in the collection basket by **Sunday, February 28th**. **** Must be 18 or older to attend.**

PARISH RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Suggested Donation - \$20.00

Attending: _____ Total Enclosed: \$ _____

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.

Save The Dates!

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

Friday, February 26th – St. John Fisher Fish Dinner
Saturday, March 5th – School Hall Pierogies

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.

VIKETTES BASKETBALL CAMP

Any current 6th, 7th and 8th grade girl interested in attending Allentown Central Catholic's Girls Basketball Camp should email mkoppcchs@gmail.com. Camp will be held **June 13th to the 16th, from 9:30am to 2:30pm** at St Joseph the Worker Gymnasium, Orefield.

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

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: Call 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**.

St John the Baptist, 924 Front St, Allentown

Their Breakfast Buffet will be held on **Sunday, February 7th from 8:00am to 11:00am**. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Call Bill Drost at 610.432.3505.

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.

St Mary's, 122 Union Street, Catty

Their Lenten Fish Dinner will be on **Friday, February 12th from 4:00pm to 7:00pm**. The cost for the dinner is \$10.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. Menu: a cup of soup, fried breaded Icelandic haddock, corn, coleslaw, stewed tomatoes, roll, dessert, beverage and choice of baked potato, mac & cheese or cabbage & noodles. Take out available. Any questions, call the office at 610-264-0332.

St John the Baptist, 3120 Chestnut St, Stiles

Their 10th Annual Tricky Trays/Basket Social will be held on **Saturday, February 13th, from 9:00am to 7:00pm, and Sunday, February 14th, from 9:00am to 4:00pm**. You can purchase tickets at the door, you don't have to be present to win, and the kitchen will be open. Winning baskets can be picked up **Monday, February 15th, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm** at the hall.