

# ST. JOHN FISHER CHURCH • JANUARY 14, 2018

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### PARISH EVENTS OF THE WEEK

#### Tuesday, January 16

Tuesdays @ 10

6:30 – 7:45 pm – Lector workshop

#### Wednesday, January 17

8:30 am – 11:30 am - Eucharistic Exposition

6:00 – 7:00 pm – Social Action Team meeting

#### Saturday, January 20

7:45 am – Catholic Men's Fellowship

Fair Trade Coffee Sale after Mass

#### Sunday, January 21

9:00 – 10:45 – Confirmation Prep

Fair Trade Coffee Sale after Masses



#### Readings for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** Jonah 3:1-5,10

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

**Gospel:** Mark 1:14-20

#### FAIR TRADE COFFEE SALE NEXT WEEKEND

Coffee, tea, cocoa, will be available for purchase next weekend January 20th and 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### ADULT PARISH PARTIES

There is still time to sign up for an Adult Parish Party to help support St. Vincent Mission in David, Kentucky. Sister Kathleen and Director Erin Bottomlee will be at the January 27<sup>th</sup> party at Domiano's. Greg Greiwe is hosting a Valentine Dinner on February 17<sup>th</sup>. California Wine Tasting at the Becker's is scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Special Spring Evening at the Rauen's on April 28<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds support our mission trip and the needs of the Eastern Appalachian poor. Cost is \$30.00 per person. Please email Marty Rauen at [mmrauen@gmail.com](mailto:mmrauen@gmail.com) if you would like to join this fun worthwhile cause. Thank you.

#### HOMELESS FAMILIES RETURN TO COMBONI FEBRUARY 4-10

With our partner, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, and under the direction of the Interfaith Hospitality Network, St. John Fisher will help host four homeless families overnight from February 4<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>. Families arrive at Comboni Mission on Nagel Road around 5:30 pm each night and we need volunteers to help serve dinner, prepare lunches, play with the children and set up and clean up at the start and end of their visit. This is an opportunity for you and your family (no age restrictions) to use a few hours one evening to help the needy in a direct hands-on way. If you are interested in showing hospitality to these families, please contact Marty Rauen at [mmrauen@gmail.com](mailto:mmrauen@gmail.com) or Jim Crosby at 561-9431 ext. 113. Thank you for sharing your time and talents with those less fortunate.

## Fr. Del... Points to Ponder, Part 17

*For the coming weeks I will be addressing some topics that people have raised about the Catholic faith, not dogmatic pronouncements, but approaches to lead to a deeper understanding of the riches we hold as followers of Christ.*

Father Greg Boyle, S.J. has a new book out. You may remember that he is the priest who ministers to former gang members in Los Angeles, starting Homeboy Industries in 1992. The group offers education, job training and a supportive community for those who want to get right with society — and God.

In his latest book, *Barking to the Choir*, Boyle has a compelling line: "God is too busy loving you to have any time left over to be disappointed." I love this line. However, I wonder if this is the image of God that most of us holds in the deepest part of our heart. It's so easy for us to get caught up in an idea of God that has little or no foundation with the love revealed to us in Jesus.

Years ago I read the work of a theologian who reminds us that "the church is two generations away from extinction." This thought continues to haunt me as I continue to think about the responsibility that I have — that we all have — in doing our part in handing on the Good News of Jesus to the next generation. If I don't, if we don't, how will the message that "God is too busy loving you to have any time left over to be disappointed" be told to those who long for meaning in their life?

You and I are each responsible for nurturing the life of Christ in ourselves, so that we can hand it on to others. We have to *know* Christ, not simply know *about* Christ. This is God's desire, God's thirst for us.

As one way of furthering our own growth in Christ's love for all of us, I would like you to consider joining in one of the Small Church Communities as an opportunity for you to further deepen your relationship with Christ. I suppose if I had a dream for every parish, it would be that every parishioner would belong to a Small Church Community. I'm sold on structuring a parish around the Sunday Mass and Small Communities. I'm also aware that not everybody will see the value of these gatherings, and many people have not prioritized their schedules to include another hour or so a week/every two weeks/each month, but I have come to believe that these meetings change individuals, small groups and parishes. And, to be fair, some parishioners are already meeting in groups that have simply not yet been designated as Small Church Communities. There's a lot of good already going on.

However you choose to do it, there's plenty of room for each of us, in our own lives, to come to a deeper awareness that "God is too busy loving you to have any time left over to be disappointed." — in you.

All ministers may check their future schedules at:  
[www.ministryschedulerpro.com?user=stjfvolunteer](http://www.ministryschedulerpro.com?user=stjfvolunteer)

### SERVER SCHEDULE

January 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018

**Saturday, 4:30 pm – Michael & Maria Taylor**

**Sunday, 9:00 am – Grayson Moellering, Please**

**volunteer, we need 2 more servers**

**Sunday, 11:00 am – Francesca Damiano, Andrew & Stephen Kroeger**

### PRESIDER SCHEDULE

January 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018

**St. John Fisher**

Saturday

4:30 pm – Fr. Del

9:00 am -- Fr. Pat

11:00 am – Fr. Pat

**St. Veronica**

Saturday

4:00 pm -- Fr. David

8:00 am -- Fr. Del

9:30 am – Fr. Del

11:30 am – Fr. David

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT LETTERS FOR 2017 DONATIONS

Please note if your 2017 donations to St. John Fisher totaled \$250 or more, an itemized acknowledge letter will be mailed to you no later than January 31, 2018. ***We would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your financial contributions. Our parish could not thrive without your continued generosity!!!***

### SUNG SOLEMN VESPERS

Solemn Vespers will be held on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Chapel of Mount St. Mary's Seminary, 6616 Beechmont Ave. In honor of the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, the Mount St. Mary's Latin Schola and Athenaeum chorale will perform choral settings of a number of hymns and liturgical texts written by St. Thomas himself. There is no admission charge. All are welcome.

**NEW YEAR/NEW GOALS. IS GOD CALLING YOU?** Have you resolved to grow in faith this year? The Athenaeum of Ohio Lay Pastoral Ministry Program is sponsored by the Archdiocese and equips men and women to serve families, communities and workplaces more effectively. Our graduates work and catechists, advocates for life, permanent deacons, staff members in parishes and non-profit agencies and volunteers in a variety of settings. We offer Graduate and Non-degreed options with classes at the main campus in Mt. Washington and at Good Shepherd in Montgomery. Isn't it time you discover how lay formation can transform your life? Call 513-231-1200 for information or to set up an interview.

### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...

...our parishioners who are sick and in need of your prayers:

Also, please continue to pray for those parishioners who are homebound, in nursing care facilities, or have chronic illnesses.

**PRAY**  
FOR THEM 

**NOW EMERGENCY! There will be NO WEEKDAY MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE on any day that Forest Hills Schools are closed because of snow or inclement weather!**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, January 15

8:00 am – The Athenaeum of Ohio (Fran Holthaus)

### Tuesday, January 16

8:00 am - Communion Service

### Wednesday, January 17

8:00 am – Margie Heinzelman

### Thursday, January 18

8:00 am – The Athenaeum of Ohio (Fran Holthaus)

### Friday, January 19

8:00 am – Tom Rohling (Ted & Mary Ann Rohling)

### Saturday, January 20

4:30 pm – Lucy Infante (Ann Kelley and Family)

### Sunday, January 21

9:00 am – St. John Fisher Community

11:00 am – Kathy Steinmetz (Bob & Sue Winstel)

### ST URSULA VILLA OPEN HOUSE

St. Ursula Villa invites you to an All-School Open House on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:00 – 2:00 pm. Bring the family, tour the campus, and meet Villa teachers. Conveniently located in Cincinnati's Mt. Lookout neighborhood, St. Ursula is a coeducational, independent Catholic school educating students in preschool through 8th grade. For more information or to register, contact 533-7373 or [stursulavilla.org](http://stursulavilla.org).

### VOCATION VIEWS

"We have found the Messiah!" After his encounter with Jesus, St. Andrew goes first to find his brother Peter to also bring him to Christ. Do not be afraid to bring others to Christ as well! (John 1:41)

### OPEN AUDITIONS FOR THE ATHENAEUM CHORALE

**The Athenaeum Chorale is holding open auditions for all voice parts for the remainder of the 2017-2018 season.** All singers over 18 years of age are welcome to audition.

The Chorale sings for approximately eight liturgical events per year, including a Solemn Vespers series and the beloved Advent Lessons & Carols ceremony, in the beautiful Italian Remanesque Chapel of St. Gregory the Great at the Athenaeum. Each liturgy includes choral repertoire from a variety of periods and traditions. All auditions will be held, by appointment, at the Athenaeum of Ohio, 6616 Beechmont Ave. If you would like to schedule an audition or have questions about the Chorale, please contact the music director: Dr. Mary Catherine Levri at [mlevri@athenaeum.edu](mailto:mlevri@athenaeum.edu) or 513-233-6138.

### **FEATURED ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK**

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