



"His Hand is Stretched Out Still..."

SIXTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

~February 14, 2021~

Protector... Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name. Ps 31 (30): 3-4

Sunday (14)

8:00 AM **Marianne Williams** by Pat Warminsky

10:00 AM **Sacred Heart Holy Name Society**

Monday (15)

7:30 AM **Memory of Ruby Boyer** by Bob and Deb Boyer

Tuesday (16)

7:30 AM **Helen Mikita** by Mary Ann Thear and Family

Ash Wednesday (17)

7:30 AM **Marianne Williams** by Catholic Daughters of America Court #358

5:00 PM **Melissa Silooy- Harshman** by Becahi Class of 1961

Thursday (18)

7:30 AM **In Loving Memory on the 2nd Year Anniversary of Neal A. Lamana** ~ Rest in Peace, Our Love- Elaine and Family

Friday (19)

7:30 AM **Charles F. Schubert** by Bob and Deb Boyer

Saturday (20)

7:30 AM **Susan Tutolo**

5:00 PM **In Loving Memory of Mary Linsenbigler** by husband Robert and her Children

Sunday (21)

8:00 AM **Egon Dezubay** by Al and Laura Dezubay

10:00 AM **Geza Vegh** by Sylvia and Mark Hahn

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Sunday, February 14, Readings:

➤ **First Reading:** Lv 13: 1-2, 44-46... (Law of Leprosy)

The Lord instructs Moses and Aaron on the legal prescriptions that are to be followed by those who have leprosy.

➤ **Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 32... (Turning to God)

"I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

➤ **Second Reading:** 1 Cor 10: 31—11: 1... (All for God's Glory)

Paul directs that whatever is done should be for the glory of God. Since he is acting in imitation of Christ, the people should follow his example.

➤ **Gospel:** Mk 1: 40-45... (Gratitude)

Upon request, Jesus cured a leper, reminding him to follow the directions of the Mosaic law and to tell no one. Since the cured leper spread the news of his cure, Jesus could no longer openly enter a town.

▶ (15) **Monday: Weekday**

- Gn 4: 1-15, 25... Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.
- Ps 50: 1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21... Offer to God a sacrifice of praise.
- Mk 8: 11-13... Why does this generation seek a sign?

▶ (16) **Tuesday: Weekday**

- Gn 6: 5-8; 7: 1-5, 10... I will wipe out from the earth the men whom I have created.
- Ps 29: 1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10... The Lord will bless his people with peace.
- Mk 8: 14-21... Watch out, guard against the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod.

▶ (17) **Ash Wednesday**

- Jl 2: 12-18... Rend your hearts, not your garments.
- Ps 51: 3-6b, 12-14, 17... Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.
- 2 Cor 5: 20—6: 2... Be reconciled to God. Behold, now is the acceptable time.
- Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18... Your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

▶ (18) **Thursday: Thursday after Ash Wednesday**

- Dt 30: 15-20... Behold, I set before you the blessing and the curse.
- Ps 1: 1-4, 6... Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.
- Lk 9: 22-25... Whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.

▶ (19) **Friday: Friday after Ash Wednesday**

- Is 58: 1-9a... Is this the manner of fasting I wish?
- Ps 51: 3-6b, 18-19... A heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn.
- Mt 9: 14-15... When the bridegroom is taken from them, then they will fast.

▶ (20) **Saturday: Saturday after Ash Wednesday**

- Is 58: 9b-14... If you bestow your bread on the hungry, then light shall rise for you in the darkness.
- Ps 86: 1-6... Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth.
- Lk 5: 27-32... I have not come to call righteous to repentance but sinners.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Co-ordinator:

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Office of Safe Environment: Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS;
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Diocese of Allentown Protection of Youth Policy:

www.allentowndiocese.org

Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service:

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling 1-800-276-1562.

You are merciful to all, O Lord, and despise nothing that you have made. You overlook people's sins, to bring them to repentance, and you spare them, for you are the Lord our God. Wis 11: 24, 25, 27

Gospel Alleluia Verse... A great prophet has arisen in our midst, God has visited his people. Lk 7: 16

The Alleluia verse presents Jesus as a great prophet. This does not mean that he is not the Son of God, but rather that he is the one who most clearly communicates the word of God to us.



When you can't make it to Mass and are stuck at home, send your guardian angel to Church to intercede for you!

Ash Wednesday is February 17, and the familiar ritual of receiving ashes will be a little different this year because of the pandemic. The Congregation of Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments in Vatican City has set forth the following guidelines for the ***Distribution of Ashes in Time of Pandemic***:

- The Priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything.
- Then he addresses all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: *“Repent, and believe in the Gospel”* before the distribution of ashes, and does not say it over each recipient.
- The Priest then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask and distributes the ashes to those who come forward by sprinkling them on the head of each person.

These changes minimize the necessity of physical contact between the minister and recipient and remove the need for the minister to speak while in close proximity to the recipient.

Sprinkling ashes on the tops of slightly bowed heads, rather than using them to mark foreheads, is not a new practice; it is the norm in many countries of the world.

O HOLY ANGEL at my side, go to Church for me. Kneel in my place, at Holy Mass, where I desire to be. At Offertory, in my stead, take all I am and own, and place it as a sacrifice upon the Altar Throne. At Holy Consecration's Bell, adore with Seraph's love, my Jesus hidden in the Host, come down from Heaven above. Then pray for those I dearly love, and those who cause me grief, that Jesus' Blood may cleanse all hearts, and suffering souls relieve. When the priest Communion takes, bring my Lord to me, that His sweet Heart may rest on mine, and I His temple be. Pray that this Sacrifice Divine, may mankind's sins efface; then bring me Jesus' blessing home, the pledge of every grace. Amen.

May God bless us with patience and peace as we seek to live in harmony with one another and with all creation, through Jesus, our brother. Amen.

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Please pray for our sick, for all those homebound, in the hospital or nursing homes and especially those who care for them. We also ask prayers for those not listed and those we are not aware of that are ill.



Donna Miller, Joan Szemenyei, Joseph Ludrof, Susan G. Tinschmidt, David Cap, Lisa Dreher, A.J. Shuck, M. and D. Shuck, J.A. Rutkowski, Anthony Viera, Bev Russell, Hank Straub, Albina DaSilva, Andrew Filbert, Christopher Brennan, Bill White, Jessica Hewitt, Joan Raymond, John and Charlotte Rzepiela, Lori Watts, Jacob Jarvis, James and Janet DeVaney, Beth Coleman, Mary Saraceno-Wright, Dorothea Saraceno-Atherholt, Mary Lou Schuler, Joe Field, Louis A. Gray, Gail Schneider, Molly Weidemoyer, James Lankford, Karen Hegedus, Patrick McBride, Jane Schreiber, Ron Rutkowski, Jamie Heston, Terry Macripo, Patrice Schwartzman, Leona Oberholtzer, Colleen Pinzon, Sanford Kravett, Jack Herczeg, Grandson, Sheri Radzelovage, Janet Zambo, Loretta Scurato, Theresa Mitchell, Emerson Davenport, Gina Teel, Nonna Frances, Charlotte Gazzana, Russell Gazzana, Rebecca Wasniewski, Larry Muzyka, Teresa Yatko, Pat Warminsky, Carmela Azzolina, JoAnn Connors, Frank Donchez, Carol Jacob, Manny Martinez, Ann Lester, Dorothy Fekula, Irene Nagy, Jackie Swartley, Bobby Ricks, George Treisner, Paul Micci, Janice Mitchell, John Witmer, Neal McNulty, Marion Gombocz, William Balliet, Lorraine Parton, Michael Stern, III, Eileen J. Kokosky, T. & E. Moskella, Julius Balogh, Kevin Jung, Al Nuckols, Gloria Negrete, Anna Mae Stern, Josephine Snow

Lenten Schedule:

• Daily Mass
Monday through Saturday at 7:30 AM

• Tuesday Holy Hour
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Exposition
Stations of the Cross
Benediction

• Friday Holy Hour
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Exposition
Stations of the Cross
Benediction

• Confessions
Tuesday: 12:15 PM
Friday: 5:15 PM
Saturday: 1:00 PM

• Rosary
Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 4:30 PM

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Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



***Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
to his wisdom there is no limit.
The Lord sustains the lowly;
the wicked he casts to the ground.***

Ps 147

Prayer for Our Priests

Eternal God, please bless our priests, who represent you on this earth. Make them more greatly aware of the grace that you pour out through them when they minister the sacraments and help them to fall more deeply in love with you after each and every Mass that they celebrate. Please strengthen our priests, who shepherd your flock, when they are in doubt of their faith, that they may be examples of your Truth and guide us always on the path to you. We ask these things of you our Eternal Priest. Amen.

Prayer for Putting On A Mask

Loving God, as I prepare to go into the world today, help me to see the wearing of this piece of cloth as a tangible and visible way of loving my neighbors as I love myself. Since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart, that people may see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes. Since my voice may be muffled, help me to speak clearly, not only with my words, but especially with my actions. As the elastic touches my ears, remind me to listen carefully to all those I meet. May this simple mask be shield and banner, and each breath that it holds be filled with your love. Amen.



"A time of war, and a time of peace": We pray for those that serve in our military: Michael O'Donnell; Jarrett Buchanan; Blair Holva; Nick Massari; John Flannigan; Joe Owens; Rob McGuire; Joseph Salmento; David

Principato; David Colarusso, Jr.; Paul K. Browne, II; Anthony T. Browne; LCpl Timothy F. Cassidy; Mark McNulty, Jr.; Master Sgt. Scotty W. Hasenecz; Josh Brueningsen; Sgt. Jared Steirer; Senior Chief Ian Hudak

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care all the men and women in uniform that serve our communities and nation at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Home of the Free because of the Brave... Thank you!!

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Sacred Heart Church Rectory Office... Due to COVID-19, access to the rectory office will be extremely limited!

▶▶▶ As much as possible, all necessary secretarial business will be conducted by:

➤ phone ➤ email ➤ US mail

▶ For all necessary secretarial business available via phone, email, US mail:

- Mass Intentions
- Sanctuaries Candles
- Sacramental Records
- Memorials
- Sponsor Forms
- Contribution Information
- Bulletin Information to Add/Delete

- 1) Phone: 610-865-5042 ext. 2 or
- 2) Email: sacredheartrectory1936@gmail.com or
- 3) US mail: Sacred Heart Church Rectory
1817 First St.
Bethlehem PA, 18020

Joanne will be in the office Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM, to answer the phone, return phone calls and respond to emails.

● Please **DO NOT** come to the rectory unless you first call and speak to someone. Most business transactions will not require anyone to enter the rectory!

▶ Drop-off and pick-up of items will be done with non-contact at the rectory front door.

➤ **Sunday Bulletins** are available before/after Saturday/Sunday Mass in the Church vestibules.

➤ The **Sunday Bulletin** is also available on the parish webpage:

www.sacredheartbethlehem.com

Father Bob can be reached at:
sacredheartbethlehem@gmail.com

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God's Food... They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them they were not disappointed in what they craved. Ps 78 (77): 29-30

IMPORTANT:

2021 SACRAMENT UPDATES:

- **Confirmation: Thursday, March 11th, 4:30 PM**
- **First Penance: Saturday, May 1st, 10:00 AM**
(First Communion Practice: Thursday, June 3rd, 6:30 PM)
- **First Communion: Saturday, June 5th, 10:00 AM**

▶ *St. Francis Retreat House; 3918 Chipman Road, Easton, PA 18045; 610-258-3053 ext. 10... Monday Night Mini-Retreats:*

➤ *February 15: Fr. Kevin Nadolski, OSFS, PhD: "The Spirit in the Church".* The Sacraments invite us to attend to the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the experience of the Church. How we understand, name and claim the action of the Spirit can lead us to see opportunities for growth, challenge, and prayer to encounter new life in Christ.

➤ *March 29: Patricia Kane, M.Ed: "From Control to Freedom in God"...* This mini-retreat will take a fresh look at how we as individuals and as a faith community can breathe the healing of Christ into our wounded Church. As the Body of Christ, each of us carries a special key to unlock the bondage of fear, anger and grief that is the fallout of the pain of scandal, disillusionment, and even despair. Some practical tools will be presented to identify our unique charisms to help renew our Church. The goal of this mini-retreat is to be Good News.

➤ *April 26: Sr. Kathy Duffy, SSJ, PhD: "Teilhard's Mystical Path"...* In his essay, "The Mystical Milieu," Jesuit paleontologist Pierre Teilhard de Chardin provides a road map into the intensely mystical environment in which he lived and moved. He describes the stages of his mystical growth in terms of five concentric circles. These circles provided him with a sacred path into an ever-deepening reality, a reality that is informed as much by the science of his time as by his religious tradition. They help us trace Teilhard's growth and development as he plunged ever more deeply into the heart of matter and into the heart of God, where he found a loving, cosmic 2 Person – the God for evolution. During this presentation, we will walk with Teilhard along these circles, allowing experience to open our contemplative hearts to the wonders of our universe and to the Divine Presence that dwells there.

Our Monday night mini-retreats are three-hour sessions that include a full meal (6:00 p.m.), presentation, prayer, and discussion (7:00 p.m.) and night prayer and blessing (9:00 p.m.)

If you choose to join us virtually, you will be sent a follow-up letter with the Zoom link, passcode, and instructions. (See below)

The donation for these mini-retreats is \$30.00 per person (includes supper) / Virtual participation: \$15.

Please register for these mini-retreats at least one week before the event so that we can arrange the needed space, produce the necessary hand-outs, and prepare the special meals for all who come. All are welcome! Zoom instructions: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-Meeting>

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Those Who Mourn... Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be consoled. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill. Mt 5: 5-6

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I Would like to re-introduce Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers at Mass. If you have done either in the past or would like to begin

doing either, please email Fr. Bob at: sacredheartbethlehem@gmail.com



Sanctuary Lights... Candles can be lit for 7 days (Saturday to Saturday) on the High Altar of the Tabernacle, Blessed Mother Altar, St. Joseph Altar, St. Anthony, St. Jude, and Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Sanctuary Candles can be lit for any intention, death remembrance or anniversary, birthday, wedding anniversary, thanksgiving for blessings from God, for those who are ill or having surgery, or any special intentions which someone would like

special prayers for. To have one of these Sanctuary Lights lit, drop a little note in the collection basket marked "Sanctuary Lights". A donation of \$12.00 is asked. The intention will appear in the bulletin, unless directed not to.

January 31:

Blessed Mother Altar:

† In Memory of Alexander P. Radchuk
By: daughter Tanya and son-in-law Dave

Prayer for More Vocations

O Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and divine love, impart your knowledge, understanding, and counsel to youth that they may know the vocation wherein they can best serve God. Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will. Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their resolutions, shield their chastity, fashion their minds, conquer their hearts, and lead them to the vineyards where they will labor in God's holy service. Amen.

May God bless us with patience and peace as we seek to live in harmony with one another and with all creation, through Jesus, our brother. Amen.

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"Chance of A Lifetime" (C.O.A.L.) Sweepstakes Tickets, donation: \$5 per ticket, sponsored by Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus. There is 16 Great **CASH PRIZES** totaling \$65,000. Drawing: Friday, April 30, 2021 – 8:00 PM at Mater Dei Hall, 327 Newton Street Road (Route 252); Newton Square PA

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| 1 st Prize: \$15,000 | 2 nd Prize: \$10,000 |
| 3 rd Prize: \$7,500 | 4 th Prize: \$5,000 |
| 5 th Prize: \$5,000 | 6 th Prize: \$5,000 |
| 7 th Prize: \$2,500 | 8 th Prize: \$2,500 |
| 9 th Prize: \$2,500 | 10 th Prize: \$2,000 |
| 11 th Prize: \$2,000 | 12 th Prize: \$2,000 |
| 13 th Prize: \$1,000 | 14 th Prize: \$1,000 |
| 15 th Prize: \$1,000 | 16 th Prize: \$1,000 |

For any questions, contact Bob Boyer 610-428-8314. If paying by check, please make it payable to: Sacred Heart K of C Council 15682.

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Saint Elizabeth SOUP SALE!

Warm your tummies with delicious homemade soup sold in quarts to start off the new year! You can choose from these soup favorites: Chicken Corn Chowder, Chicken Noodle, Beef Barley & Vegetable Soup! Each quart of soup is only \$10.00 and holds only the freshest ingredients. Payment is due with orders by Wednesday, February 24. Pick-up will be after the

weekend Masses on February 27 & 28 in the parish hall. Orders can be dropped off at the parish or school offices, in the collection basket or mailed to SOUP - St. Elizabeth's, 618 Fullerton Ave., Whitehall, PA 18052. Questions call Joan at: 610-349-7791. Thank you for your support!



The History of Valentine's Day, and Why We Celebrate Valentine's Day may be associated with romance, but the origin of the holiday isn't romantic. Who was Saint Valentine? (And what does he have to do with chocolate hearts?)... Not much, it turns out. Saint Valentine's Day was a feast day in the Catholic religion, added to the liturgical calendar around 500 AD. (Thanks, Pope Gelasius!) The day was commemorated

for martyred saints named—you guessed it—Valentine. Differing legends celebrate three different saints called Valentine or Valentinus, but since very little was known about these men and there were conflicting reports of the Saint Valentine Day story, the feast day was removed from the Christian liturgical calendar in 1969. But even though not much is known about the real history of the Saint Valentines on whom the holiday is based, the legend of Saint Valentine has several tellings. One legend says that Saint Valentine refused to convert to paganism and was executed by Roman Emperor Claudius II. Prior to his death, he was able to miraculously heal the daughter of his jailer, who then converted to Christianity along with his family. Another legend says a bishop called Saint Valentine of Terni is the true namesake of the holiday; this Saint Valentine was also executed. But according to others—and this is how Saint Valentine became affiliated with a love-focused holiday—Saint Valentine was a Roman priest who performed weddings for soldiers forbidden to marry, because of a Roman emperor edict decreeing married soldiers did not make good warriors and thus young men could not marry. This Saint Valentine wore a ring with a Cupid on it—a symbol of love—that helped soldiers recognize him. And, in a precursor to greeting cards, he handed out paper hearts to remind Christians of their love for God. Because of this legend, St. Valentine became known as the patron saint of love. The Saint Valentine prayer asks Saint Valentine to connect lovers together, so that two become one, and the couple remembers their devotion to God.

- **How 'X' Came to Mean 'Kiss'...** The idea of using a kiss to sign off on valentines also has a long history, according to the Washington Post. The use of "X" came to represent Christianity, or the cross, in the Middle Ages. During the same time, the symbol was used to sign off on documents. After marking with an X, the writer would often kiss the mark as a sign of their oath. As the gesture grew among kings and commoners to certify books, letters and paperwork, these records were described as having been "sealed with a kiss."

- **'Sweethearts' Candies Started Out as Lozenges...** The iconic chalky heart-shaped candies that have been passed out lovingly every Valentine's Day started out as lozenges. According to the Food Business News, pharmacist and inventor Oliver Chase created a machine that would quickly create the lozenges before switching to using the machine to create candy—later known as Necco Wafers. Chase's brother came up with the idea to print messages on the candy in 1866, and the candies got their heart shape in 1901, appealing specifically to Valentine's Day sweethearts. In 2019, the Sweetheart brand of conversation hearts was suspended for a year as the candy's new owner, Spangler Candy Co., needed time to make a supply of the hearts for Valentine's.

- **Box of Chocolates...** The Valentine's Day tradition of giving a box of candy was started in the 19th century by Richard Cadbury, a scion of a British chocolate manufacturing family. With a new technique recently established at the company to create more varieties of chocolate, Cadbury pounced on the opportunity to sell the chocolates as part of the beloved holiday.

- **First Valentine was Written from a Prison...** History's first valentine was written in perhaps one of the most unromantic places conceivable: a prison. Charles, Duke of Orleans wrote the love letter to his second wife at the age of 21 while captured at the Battle of Agincourt. As a prisoner for more than 20 years, he would never see his valentine's reaction to the poem he penned to her in the early 15th century.

