



**SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**  
 ~ January 17, 2021 ~

*Proclaim His Glory... All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!*

Ps 66 (65): 4

*Sunday (17)*

8:00 AM John Rotunno by Family  
 10:00 AM Theresa Steigler-Vegh by Sylvia and Mark Hahn

*Monday (18)*

7:30 AM Health and Welfare of Mrs. Pat Beckage  
 by The Fitzpatrick Family

*Tuesday (19)*

7:30 AM Kathy Caragher by Gary and Sandi Mayrosh

*Wednesday (20)*

7:30 AM For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

*Thursday (21)*

7:30 AM Helen Price

*Friday (22)*

7:30 AM Sylvia Spirk and Welfare of Spirk Family  
 by The Fitzpatrick Family

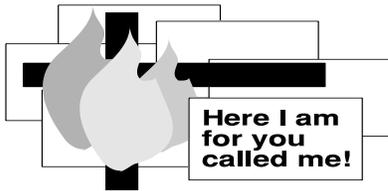
*Saturday (23)*

7:30 AM Skip Kipp by Bob and Deb Boyer  
 5:00 PM Carmen Bianco by Charlotte and George Gazzana

*Sunday (24)*

8:00 AM John Capuano by brother Nick  
 10:00 AM Erin Pindris by Joleen and Family

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Sunday, January 17, Readings:

➤ **First Reading:** 1 Sm 3: 3b-10, 19... (Answering God's Call)  
 The Lord called Samuel, but he did not recognize him. Samuel receives advice from Eli, who is already a prophet for the Lord. Following instructions from Eli, Samuel listens to the Lord.

➤ **Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 40... (Doing God's Will)  
 "Here am I Lord; I come to do your will."

➤ **Second Reading:** 1 Cor 6: 13c-15a, 17-20... (The Spirit in Us)  
 The body is made for the Lord. With the price of the Cross, Jesus redeemed all humanity. The Holy Spirit dwells within each person.

➤ **Gospel:** Jn 1: 35-42... (Encountering Christ)  
 It was John the Baptist's purpose to point out Jesus, the Messiah. Andrew and his companion followed Jesus. Andrew summons Peter. Jesus identifies Peter and gives him a new name.

- ▶ (18) **Monday: Weekday**
  - Heb 5: 1-10... Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered.
  - Ps 110: 1-4... You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.
  - Mk 2: 18-22... The bridegroom is with them.
- ▶ (19) **Tuesday: Weekday**
  - Heb 6: 10-20... This hope we have as an anchor sure and firm.
  - Ps 111: 1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c... The Lord will remember his covenant forever.
  - Mk 2: 23-28... The sabbath was made for people, not people for the sabbath.
- ▶ (20) **Wednesday: Weekday; St. Fabian, Pope, Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr**
  - Heb 7: 1-3, 15-17... You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.
  - Ps 110: 1-4... You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.
  - Mk 3: 1-6... Is it lawful on the sabbath to save life rather than to destroy it?
- ▶ (21) **Thursday: St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr**
  - Heb 7: 25-8: 6... He offered sacrifice once for all when he offered himself.
  - Ps 40: 7-10, 17... Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.
  - Mk 3: 7-12... The unclean spirits shouted, "You are the Son of God," but Jesus warned them sternly not to make him known.
- ▶ (22) **Friday: Weekday; Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children (USA)**
  - Heb 8: 6-13... He is mediator of a better covenant.
  - Ps 85: 8, 10, 11-14... Kindness and truth shall meet.
  - Mk 3: 13-19... Jesus summoned those whom he wanted and they came to him.
- ▶ (23) **Saturday: Weekday; St. Vincent, Deacon, Martyr, (USA); (perpetually transferred from 22 to 23 January); St. Marianne Cope, Virgin, (USA); BVM on Saturday**
  - Heb 9: 2-3, 11-14... He entered once for all into the Sanctuary with his own Blood.
  - Ps 47: 2-3, 6-9... God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.
  - Mk 3: 20-21... They said, "He is out of his mind."

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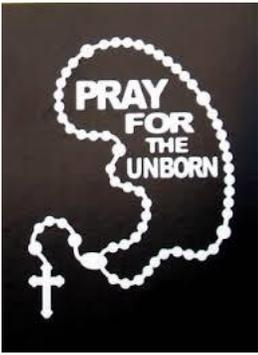
**Diocese of Allentown Protection of Youth Policy:**  
[www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org)

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**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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 1-800-276-1562.



**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.



*A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.* Pope Saint John Paul II (*Evangelium Vitae*)

The over 60 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a “throwaway culture.” However, we have great trust in God’s providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord’s help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.

**Pray for the Legal Protection of the Unborn...** We ask that you pray for the respect and protection of life at its earliest and most vulnerable stage, as Pope John Paul II once exhorted: *“Please God you may continue, closely united with one another, to be a force of renewal and hope in our society. May the Lord help you to work ceaselessly to enable all, believers and non-believers alike, to understand that protection of human life from conception is an essential condition for building a future worthy of the human being.”*

**The Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children – a Reflection**

*For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.  
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works;  
that I know very well.  
My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.  
– Psalm 139:13-15*

January 22 has been designated by the General Instruction of the Roman Missal 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.” Life is at the heart of the gospel – a beautiful gift from God. When that gift is destroyed rather than treasured, a violent act is committed not just against God, but all humanity. As Pope John Paul II remarked, *“The Gospel of God’s love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person, and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel.”*



**The Church’s Call to Defend Life...** Each and every human being is created in the image of God and possesses inherent dignity and value. As the Scriptures tell us:

*God created mankind in his image;  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.  
– Genesis 1:26-27*

The Church has a particular duty to care for each and every individual – born and unborn. Pope John Paul II observed: *“Every individual, precisely by reason of the mystery of the Word of God who was made flesh (cf. John 1:14), is entrusted to the maternal care of the Church. Therefore, every threat to human dignity and life must necessarily be felt in the Church’s very heart; it cannot but affect her at the core of her faith in the Redemptive Incarnation of the Son of God, and engage her in her mission of proclaiming the Gospel of life in all the world and to every creature.”* (cf. Mark 16:15)

On this day, we commit ourselves in prayer to the legal protection of the inherent dignity of each person, born and unborn.

**The Moral Imperative to Defend the Vulnerable and Uphold the Family...** Violating the right to life rejects the inherent value and dignity of the human person at a time when he or she is most defenseless and vulnerable. The mother’s womb, which should be the safest place in the world for a child, becomes a site of violence in this cruel infraction against the family. Pope John Paul II remarked: *“Such attacks strike human life at the time of its greatest frailty, when it lacks any means of self-defense. Even more serious is the fact that, most often, those attacks are carried out in the very heart of and with the complicity of the family – the family which by its nature is called to be the ‘sanctuary of life.’”*

The commitment to defend the weak and preserve the family is not just a Christian commitment – it should be one that all with a basic concern for humanity can stand behind. Saint Mother Teresa once remarked, *“If we let a mother kill the fruit of her womb, what is left to us? It is the principle of abortion that endangers peace in the world.”*

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

*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.*

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▶▶▶▶ **Once again, I remind you that I would not, nor would any priest send you an email requesting money or gift cards. All Christmas Season people have been getting fake emails. IGNORE!!**

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**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.

▶▶▶ *Holy Hour... Beginning Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, and every last Sunday of the month, a Holy Hour will be held following the 10:00 AM Mass.*

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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](mailto: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 now available before/after Saturday/Sunday Mass in the Church vestibules.
- The *Sunday Bulletin* has also been available on the parish webpage: [www.sacredheartbethlehem.com](http://www.sacredheartbethlehem.com)

Father Bob can be reached at:  
[sacredheartbethlehem@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartbethlehem@gmail.com)

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*"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. Hasencz; Josh Brueningen; Sgt. Jared Steirer; Senior Chief Ian Hudak

***For All Men and Women in the Armed Services***  
*Thank you with deepest gratitude, for your unselfish love and service to our country! With dedication and courage, you have put yourself in harms way in order to protect the freedom we hold so dear. For this, you have our admiration and heartfelt gratitude our admiration and heartfelt gratitude.*

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



Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, who has a personal devotion to St. Joseph and who frequently places scrips of paper with written pleadings under a statue of the sleeping St. Joseph, has proclaimed **2021 the Year of St. Joseph**. The chief pastor of the universal church recognizes the powerful intercession St. Joseph has for the welfare of the Church in these times and the welfare of our families. St. Joseph is able to help families navigate the gauntlet of struggle and challenge to live lives conformed to the message of Christ and model their children to value lives of faith and trust in God.

***Year of St. Joseph Prayer***

*O St. Joseph, at Fatima, you appeared as head of the Holy Family and with the Child Jesus, blessed the world and all its inhabitants. As the greatest consoler of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we beseech you to assist us in our devotion to your beloved spouse, especially in our First Saturday reparations, which console our heavenly Mother. As the faithful father and protector of Mary and Jesus, we implore your powerful intercession in helping us to restore marriage and family to right order with God. With your spiritual carpenter skills, rebuild our Church and guide those who have strayed back to our Eucharistic Lord. Assist us in spreading the message of Our Lady of Fatima, and help us to do our part in bringing about the triumph she promised. Amen*

***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.



***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 Szemeyei, 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

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***God our Creator, we give thanks to you, who alone have the power to impart the breath of life as you form each of us in our mother's womb; grant we pray, that we, whom you have made stewards of creation, may remain faithful to this sacred trust and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life.***



**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.

**Blessed Mother Altar:**

✠ In Loving Memory of Melanie

By: friends Mark and Laura

**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.



**Prayer for Front Line Workers...**

Heavenly and Almighty God, who has all power and might to heal and protect. We pray today for the health and safety of all those on the front line of our fight against COVID-19. In particular, we pray for the doctors, nurses and medical staff caring for the sick. Lord, protect them from exposure to this virus and

keep them safe. Give them the strength each day to carry on each day, comforting their tired and weary hearts. Lord, we pray also for the essential workers who didn't expect to be on the front lines. Protect our grocery workers, store clerks, truck drivers, those who produce our essential goods and all others serving our communities. Lord, support and encourage them and keep them safe from this virus.

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► **"Chalking of the Doors"** An Epiphany tradition that may be better known in Europe than it is in the United States is easy to do, and easy to make part of your family's continuing celebration of the entire Christmas season.

The "chalking of the doors" is a way to dedicate our year to God and to ask his blessing on everyone who lives, works and visits in our homes.

Simply get some chalk and mark this above or near your front door: 20 + C + M + B + 21

To the uninitiated, it may seem like some sort of code, but here's what it means: The numbers 20 and 21 represent the year. The letters have two meanings. They are the initials of the Magi – Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar, – and they also abbreviate the Latin *Christus mansionem benedicat*, which means, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross.

The marking is traditionally done on the Feast of the Epiphany, or the Twelfth Day of Christmas, and is accompanied by a short prayer offered by a member of the family. Happy chalking!

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**Sacred Heart "Little Lot"**

December 2020

There were no winners in December ☹️

Winning Number is the Evening Draw of "Pick 4 PA Lottery" exact match ONLY!



**Sacred Heart Memorial Society...**

Those who are enrolled in the Memorial Society will have their names written in a special book. The Memorial Book will be on display by the St. Joseph Altar. An intention will also be included in the Sunday petitions for those enrolled in the Memorial Society. All donations from the Sacred Heart Memorial Society will be used for the

purchasing of items needed to celebrate the Sacraments. Suggested offering: \$20.

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► **Young adults of the Diocese of Allentown will participate in a one-of-a-kind event in February to ask the big questions about joy, peace, hope and salvation.**

Thursday, Feb. 4 through Sunday, Feb. 7, 2021, people will gather across the country in living rooms, campus centers and parishes for a live broadcast event encountering the heart of the Gospel.

"Seek21" is the annual conference of FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) and will be held virtually this time.

The Diocese of Allentown will participate in "Seek21" through its Catholic campus ministry at Lehigh University, Bethlehem; Kutztown University; and Lafayette College, Easton. Several young adult groups in the Diocese will also share the experience in parish halls and living rooms. (If restrictions do not allow in-person gatherings, they will participate on social media.) The Diocese will also invite the "Seek21" participants to an evening of Adoration and Confession Saturday, Feb. 6 at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown.

"Seek" reinvigorated my desire to continue walking the path of discipleship," said Bobby Rienzo, parishioner of St. John the Baptist Parish, Pottsville, about his experience with past "Seek" conferences.

"I'm looking forward to the virtual conference this year. I've seen a lot of success in our parish – more than I would have anticipated – with our virtual disciple-making small groups. When people are comfortable in their own homes, they are open to the transformative power of the Holy Spirit."

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► **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** Jan. 18 to Jan. 25, 2021 daily at 11:30AM – Noon; Freewill Offering; You are invited to join St. Francis Center for Renewal as we commemorate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021. Each day at 11:30 AM you may connect via ZOOM to our 20-25 minute celebration of the Word and join us as we join with Christian communities world-wide to pray that "all may be one."

During the eight days of the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2021*, our journey of prayer will be based on these themes and Scripture texts:

- Jan. 18: Called by God: "You did not choose me but I chose you" (Jn 15:16a)
- Jan. 19: Maturing internally: "Abide in me as I abide in you" (Jn 15:4a)
- Jan. 20: Forming one body: "Love one another as I have loved you" (Jn 15:12b)
- Jan. 21: Praying together: "I do not call you servants any longer ... but I have called you friends" (Jn 15:15)
- Jan. 22: Letting oneself be transformed by the Word: "You have already been pruned by the word..." (Jn 15:3)
- Jan. 23: Welcoming others: "Go and bear fruit, fruit that will last" (Jn 15:16b)
- Jan. 24: Growing in unity: "I am the vine, you are the branches" (Jn 15:5a)
- Jan. 25: Reconciling with all of creation: "So that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete" (Jn 15:11)

Divisions among Christians, moving away from one another, are a scandal because it is also moving further away from God. Many Christians, moved to sorrow by this situation, pray fervently to God for the restoration of that unity for which Jesus prayed. Christ's prayer for unity is an invitation to turn back to him and so come closer to one another, rejoicing in the richness of our diversity. As we learn from community life, efforts at reconciliation are costly and demand sacrifice. We are sustained by the prayer of Christ, who desires that we might be one, as he is one with the Father so that the world may believe (Jn 17:21). To register for this meeting, use the following link: <https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tjckf-ivrT8oH9yjoOAgxOZM9Oohf0gCG5nQ> After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.