



## Mass Intentions

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 25, 2017**

**Saturday–Feb 25<sup>th</sup> –**

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Donald N. Knarr  
by Ferenchak Family  
7:00PM – Petie Muschko (B)  
by Mom and Dad

**Sunday – Feb 26<sup>th</sup> –**

8:30AM – William J. Molchany, Sr.  
by Paul and Dorothy Holaska  
10:30AM – Joseph J. Holena  
by Deacon and Mrs. Jack O'Connell

**Monday – Feb 27<sup>th</sup> – St Gabriel**

8:00AM – Pauline Mayer (A)  
by Pauline Albert

**Tuesday – Feb 28<sup>th</sup> – St Hilary**

8:00AM – Parents, Brothers and Sisters  
by Daughter and Sister Agnes Chabak

***Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass***

**Wednesday – Mar 1<sup>st</sup> – Ash Wednesday**

8:00AM – Margaret S. McCarty  
by Angie Pontician  
12:05PM – Connie Marth  
by Mary Lou Wert  
6:00PM – Scott McCloskey/Al Marhefka, 60<sup>th</sup> WA  
by Kathy and Jean

**Thursday – Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> – St Agnes of Prague**

8:00AM – Rev. James J. Mulligan  
by Rev. Eric J. Gruber

**Friday – Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> – St Katharine Drexel**

8:00AM – The Poor Souls in Purgatory  
by Irene Vomero

***Sacred Heart Novena after Mass***

**Saturday–Mar 4<sup>th</sup> – St Casimir**

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners  
**First Sunday of Lent**  
Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Antone Zukowski  
by Wife, Frances  
7:00PM – James Horvath  
by McCarty Family

**Sunday – Mar 5<sup>th</sup> –**

8:30AM – Mike, Emma and Jackie Brosky  
by Nin Snyder and Family  
10:30AM – Magdeline, Frances and Helen  
by Sister, Agnes Chabak

# PASTOR'S CORNER

## A Time for Praising God

Arriving “home” in the repainted church of St. John Fisher, it is most appropriate to praise the living God with the words of Psalm 84.

How lovely your dwelling,  
O LORD of hosts!

My soul yearns and pines  
for the courts of the LORD.  
My heart and flesh cry out  
for the living God.

As the sparrow finds a home  
and the swallow a nest to settle her young,  
My home is by your altars,  
LORD of hosts, my king and my God!  
Blessed are those who dwell in your house!  
They never cease to praise you.

Blessed the man who finds refuge in you,  
in their hearts are pilgrim roads.  
As they pass through the Baca valley,  
they find spring water to drink.

The early rain covers it with blessings.  
They will go from strength to strength  
and see the God of gods on Zion.  
LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
listen, God of Jacob.

O God, watch over our shield;  
look upon the face of your anointed.  
Better one day in your courts  
than a thousand elsewhere.

Better the threshold of the house of my God  
than a home in the tents of the wicked.  
For a sun and shield is the LORD God,  
bestowing all grace and glory.  
The LORD withholds no good thing  
from those who walk without reproach.  
O LORD of hosts,  
blessed the man who trusts in you!

Lent begins this Wednesday – let's renovate  
the temples of our souls.  
Fr. Eric.

# OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$3,841.00

The **Second Collection** next weekend, **March 4<sup>th</sup>** and **5<sup>th</sup>**, will be for the **Catholic Home Missions**.



## ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
<b>8:00AM</b>	No One	P.McCarty	J.Behum
<b>12:05PM</b>	No One	B.Petro	Deacon Jack
<b>6:00PM</b>	C.Gair D.Gair	K.McCloskey	Deacon Jack

## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
<b>4:00PM</b>	A.Urban A.Muschko	J.Englert	Deacon Jack
<b>7:00PM</b>	J.Shaul M.Hosni	J.Yanek	Deacon Jack
<b>8:30AM</b>	K.Segan J.Drummer	B.Molchany	Deacon Jack
<b>10:30AM</b>	D.Sullivan M.Druckenmiller	J.DeLong	Deacon Jack



Please remember in your prayers **Mary Ann Faust and Catherine A. Mink**, who passed away and were buried this past week. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## Strudel Roll Sale

Once again we are sponsoring an Easter Strudel Sale. The strudels are made by *Country Cottage Bake Shop* in Tamaqua. Orders are due by **Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**, via the collection basket. Cost is \$15.00 a roll, and available in the flavors listed below. Delivery is **Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm** in the church hall. Any questions, call Mary Beth at 610-264-4494 or Peggy at 610-264-0307.

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 NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nut: \_\_\_\_\_ Poppyseed: \_\_\_\_\_ Lekvar: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Apricot: \_\_\_\_\_ Raspberry: \_\_\_\_\_ **Total: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

# FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

FRIDAY, MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>  
 ADORATION begins after  
 morning Mass, and continues  
 throughout the day.  
 7:00PM ~ HOLY HOUR



**March 1<sup>st</sup>** is Ash Wednesday. Masses will be celebrated at **8:00am, 12:05pm, and 6:00pm**. Blessed Ashes will be distributed at all the masses that day.



## LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be held every Friday in Lent, followed by Evening Prayers with Benediction at **7:00PM**.

## LENTEN OBLIGATIONS

Church law considers every Friday in the season of Lent as penitential days and times. The practice of penance is a part of our faith and Catholic life. When we do penance, we imitate Jesus, who Himself recommended it as necessary to His followers, and gave them the example of His prayer and fasting. Our Lenten obligations include abstinence and fasting. **Abstinence** from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday for all Catholics 14 years of age and older. **Fasting** is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full, meatless meal a day. Two smaller, meatless, meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

## PARISH RETREAT

Life is not perfect every day. Sometimes it feels as if life gives up lemons. Join your fellow parishioners for our second annual parish retreat where we will enrich our daily lives through the power of prayer during this Lenten Season. The retreat will take place on **Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**, at the St. Michael Center on Main Street in Northampton. **The day will begin with Registration at 8:00am and will conclude at 2:30pm**. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please fill out the below form and place in the collection basket. A \$20.00 donation is suggested.

### PARISH RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 # Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# CCD NEWS!

On **February 23<sup>rd</sup>**, ten of our students celebrated the **Sacrament of Penance**. They are **Antony Alexander Banoza, Lilian Stefania DeLabar, Keira Rose Gair, Eva Ann Gomes, Mia Ivy Gomes, Shannon Gail Light, Lucinda Jean Loftus, Molly Elizabeth Petruno, Sophia Kate Titano, and Hailey Michele Welsh**. We congratulate them, their parents and families, and ask you to continue to keep them in your prayers as they go on toward First Holy Communion in April.



## CONFIRMATION

Our Sacramental Class is preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which they will receive on **Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm, at Queenship of Mary Church**. Please keep our students in your prayers.

## SCHOOL HALL PIEROGIES



Meet your fellow parishioners on Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup>, for a fun filled morning making our Lenten pierogies. Pierogies are only sold to the help and cost \$6.00 a dozen.

## 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. The envelopes for this collection should be deposited in the collection basket by **next weekend, March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>**.

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# ST. JOHN FISHER FISH DINNER

We will be hosting our Fish Dinner on **Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm**. The platter includes: breaded haddock, choice of parsley potatoes or halushkie, creamed cabbage, corn, applesauce, dessert and beverage. Cost is Adults: \$10.00, Children (Ages 5 to 10): \$5.00. Tickets will be sold before and after Masses, or call Annette at 610-264-4758. Tickets at the door will be \$12.00.

## Volunteers Needed



Volunteers are needed for the upcoming Fish Dinner. Help is requested for **Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:00pm** to assist with preparation of food, setting up tables, preparing take home containers, etc., and on **Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00pm** to start cooking, finishing set up, cutting baked goods, etc., and after **4:00pm** to assist with serving food, doing dishes, busing tables and end of night cleanup. Sign-up sheets can be found at both church entrances.

## Baked Goods

Parishioners are asked to bake desserts for the Annual Fish Dinner. Desserts can be dropped off in the church hall either on **Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm** or on **Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, after 2:00pm**.

