



## Mass Intentions

### Fifth Sunday in Lent

### April 1, 2017

**Saturday–Apr 1<sup>st</sup> –**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – JoAnn Recker (B)  
by Kroboth Family

7:00PM – Jeff Greb and Mark Moser (A)  
by Friend

**Sunday – Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> –**

8:30AM – Anna M. Milkovits  
by Barbara Petro

10:30AM – Bill and Mary Beth McGinley (40<sup>th</sup> WA)  
by Family

**Monday – Apr 3<sup>rd</sup> – St Richard**

8:00AM – Rev. Msgr. Raymond F. Merman  
by Rev. Eric J. Gruber

**Tuesday – Apr 4<sup>th</sup> – St Isidore of Seville**

8:00AM – Martha Bolmer (L – Health)  
by Agnes Chabak

***Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass***

**Wednesday – Apr 5<sup>th</sup> – St Vincent Ferrer**

6:00PM – Russell N. Beale, Jr.  
by Anna and Joe Furst

**Thursday – Apr 6<sup>th</sup> – St William of Eskilsoe**

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

**Friday – Apr 7<sup>th</sup> – St John Baptist de la Salle**

8:00AM – Margaret S. McCarty  
by Carolyn Seifert

***Sacred Heart Novena after Mass***

**Saturday–Apr 8<sup>th</sup> – St Julia Billiard**

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Ruth Zoeller (A)  
by Jim and Carmela Meyer

7:00PM – Bertha Nagy Ference  
by Maria and Michael Cornish

**Sunday – Apr 9<sup>th</sup> –**

8:30AM – Margaret and John Nicholas  
by Family

10:30AM – Ann and Glen Oswald  
by Daughter, Louise

# PASTOR'S CORNER

## How to Prepare to Have a Truly Holy Week

1. Recommit oneself to the community disciplines of Lent – prayer, fasting and almsgiving. E.g., no meat from a warm-blooded animal on every Friday of Lent, and a true fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. [Don't freak out if you've not paid much attention to the discipline thus far, start now.]
2. Recommit ones' self to the personal penances (sacrifices) we set for ourselves at the beginning of the season. [Don't worry if you've failed in the attempt, just start over.]
3. Plan to come earlier to Mass on Palm Sunday and Easter for a chance to be with the Lord (and not just to get a better seat).
4. Plan to come to the Sacred Triduum liturgy beginning Holy Thursday evening, continuing on Good Friday, continuing on Holy Saturday, concluding on Easter Sunday. [Yes, even to the point of taking off from work where it is possible and necessary.]
5. Read and pray with a portion of the Passion narrative from St. Matthew or St. John each day.
6. Personally do acts of service for the people who cross your path with a renewed joy as you join your personal sacrifice to the Cross of Jesus.
7. Practice the ancient custom of the Paschal Fast. This is a personal restriction to less than regular-sized, meatless meals, no snacking, mostly water to drink from the Eucharistic Fast for the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday night through Good Friday, through Holy Saturday,

until after the Solemn Easter Vigil on Saturday night. [There are medical cautions here for folks who must follow a strict regimen, but for most of us it's not too difficult to make it a regular practice.]

8. Start planning as to how we will celebrate all fifty days of the Easter Season, relying on the Lord's Resurrection as the source of all our hope and joy.
9. Make sure that the sacrament of Penance (confession) is a planned-for, regular thing in our lives.
10. Praise God.

Love one another,  
Fr. Eric.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$4,054.00

The **Second Collection** this weekend, **April 1<sup>st</sup>** and **2<sup>nd</sup>**, is the **Easter Flowers Collection**.

The **Second Collection** next weekend, **April 8<sup>th</sup>** and **9<sup>th</sup>**, will be the **Palm Sunday Collection**.



## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
<b>4:00PM</b>	J.Drummer A.Muschko	J. McAllister Deacon Jack	Deacon Jack
<b>7:00PM</b>	J.Shaul M.Hosni	J.Englert Deacon Jack	Deacon Jack
<b>8:30AM</b>	D.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder J.Strohl	C.Hetzel
<b>10:30AM</b>	A.Urban S.DeLong	K.McCloskey J.DeLong	F.Hutterer

## EASTER CONFESSIONS

Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 12:30pm to 2:00pm

Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> – 12:30pm to 2:00pm

Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm to 8:00pm

## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

**FRIDAY, APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>**  
**ADORATION** begins after  
 morning Mass, and  
 continues throughout the  
 day.



**7:00PM ~ HOLY HOUR**

## 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.



## LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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



## BAPTISM

We welcome **Luke Francis Broderick**, son of Andrew Ryan and Alexandria Rose (Ginter) Broderick, who was baptized last weekend, and is the newest member of our family of God at St John Fisher Parish.



Tickets have been mailed to all parishioners for our Spring Raffle. Returns should be made via the collection basket or by mail by **Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**. The drawing will take place during our Chicken Paprikas Dinner on **Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets for the dinner will be available after all masses starting, April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children from age five to ten. Tickets sold at the door will be \$12.00.



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

# NOTICE

Due to Easter Sunday on April 16<sup>th</sup>, our Donut Sunday for the month of April will be held on **Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

The 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign started on **Ash Wednesday, and will continue through Lent, until April 8<sup>th</sup>**, at the Allentown Women's Center in Bethlehem. Join us Monday through Saturday, 7:00am to 7:00pm. When volunteers are praying the no show rate for abortions can jump as high as 75%!

### St. Mary's Church, Catty

Their **Lenten Fish Dinner** will be held on **Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm**. Adults are \$10.00, and children, 12 and under, are \$6.00. Meal includes: Fried, breaded Icelandic Haddock, vegetable, roll, coleslaw, stewed tomatoes, and choice of: baked potato, cabbage & noodles or mac and cheese. Tickets sold at the door.

Advanced Ticket Sales are available for their **Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner** which will be held on **Friday May 12<sup>th</sup>**. Ticket orders must be received by **Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**. Price is \$11.00 per dinner. Mail payment and self-addressed, stamped envelope to St. Mary's Church. On May 12<sup>th</sup>, just drive up to our parking lot on Union Street, give us your tickets and we'll hand you your meals. Meal includes 1/2 chicken, corn on the cob, baked potato, coleslaw, roll & butter. Call 610-264-0332 or email [kim.stmarys122@gmail.com](mailto:kim.stmarys122@gmail.com) with any questions.

### Presbyterian Church

210 Pine Street, Catty

Their **Vendor Flea and Craft Sale** will be held on **Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am to 2:00pm**. There will be a bake sale, Chinese auction and breakfast and lunch.

## SCHOOL HALL PIEROGIES



Thank you all who participated in and made our school hall pierogie a success. We have received a profit of **\$933.00**.

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

3221 Santee Road, Bethlehem

The Home School Association will be having their 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Tricky Tray on **Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00pm to 9:00pm; Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00am to 8:00pm; and Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 am to 2:00pm**.

Drawings begin at 2:15pm on Sunday, and you need not be present to win. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$5.00 per sheet of 25, including one Door Prize Ticket. Delicious food will be sold throughout the weekend.

### Holy Ghost Church

417 Carlton Avenue, Bethlehem

#### Poor Man's Supper and Mary's Station

Their Poor Man's Supper and Mary's Stations will be held on **Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Dinner will be at 6:00pm** for a free will offering, followed by **Mary's Stations with Benediction in the Church at 7:00pm**.

#### Charismatic Mass of Healing

Holy Ghost Church, 417 Carlton Avenue in Bethlehem will have a Charismatic Mass of Healing and Anointing of the Sick on **Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**. Rev. Clifton E. Bishop, Jr. will be the celebrant and homilist. Adoration and Confessions will begin at 6:00pm.

#### Good Friday Fish Dinner

Their Good Friday Fish Dinner will be held on **Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00pm to 5:30pm**. Cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Take out available from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.