

Mass Intentions

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 19, 2015

Saturday – April 18th – St Apollonius

- 4:00PM – Steven Steffie
by Arthur and Mary Jane Steffie
- 7:00PM – Tracy Mertz
by Bob and Barb Kennedy

Sunday – April 19th – Third Sunday of Easter

- 8:30AM – Poor Souls in Purgatory
by Irene Vomero
- 10:30AM – Scott A McCloskey
by Family

Monday – April 20th – St Agnes/Montepulciano

- 8:00AM – Frances Burda
by Sister, Agnes Chabak

Tuesday – April 21st – St Anselm

- 8:00AM – Margaret Skvoretz
by Nin Snyder and Family
- Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass**

Wednesday – April 22nd – St Opportuna

- 6:00PM – Charles J McCarty, Jr
by Kathleen and Peggy

Thursday – April 23rd – St George

- 8:00AM – Richard Pontician, Sr
by Wife, Angie

Friday – April 24th – St Fidelis of Sigmaringen

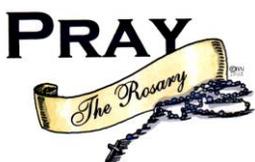
- 8:00AM – Gerry Stafford
by Mary Ann Hauser

Saturday – April 25th – St Mark

- 8:00AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners
- 4:00PM – Mary Cerulli
by Eugene Christman
- 7:00PM – James Doyle
by Family

Sunday – April 26th – Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 8:30AM – Mary E Kalamar
by Kozell and Signavitz Families
- 10:30AM – Leo and Virginia O'Connell
by Jack and Joanne O'Connell



Sunday

8:15AM and 10:15AM

PASTOR'S CORNER

The Church is Alive

As the Body of Christ moving in, acting in and consecrating the world and all of its' stuffs to the Triune God, the Church is a living and growing communion of disciples of Jesus. G.K. Chesterton in one of his classics, Orthodoxy, writes,

The Christian Church in its practical relation to my soul is a living teacher, not a dead one. It not only certainly taught me yesterday, but will almost certainly teach me tomorrow. Once I saw suddenly the meaning of the shape of the cross; some day I may see suddenly the meaning of the shape of the mitre. One fine morning I saw why windows were pointed; some fine morning I may see why priests were shaven. ...The man who lives in contact with what he believes to be a living Church is a man always expecting...to see some truth that he has never seen before.

If Chesterton is correct in his assertions, then one who remains a disciple of Jesus in the Communion of the Church, open to Christ's teaching in the present moment and circumstances of the world, will never be bored. Rather, such a disciple will forever wonder at falling stars, storm-following rainbows, a child's laughter and the touch of a loved one, and their mind and heart will be the place for new ideas and new perspectives on old and true ideas to land and bear fruit. On the other hand, if one chooses to be a church unto him or herself, and dwell in the murky stagnant waters of the pretend-self, one would not only be bored, but also boring.

The Church is alive because the Spirit of the Living God is her Spirit. The human members of the Church fail often and sometimes tragically. That's only because the Church is not a clubhouse for the saints-on-earth wherein they can congratulate themselves. No, the Church is a healing house for sinners who know they need Christ. Chesterton famously said, "The Saints are people who know they are sinners." Only the boring and the bored quasi-disciple, he implies, will tell him or herself that there is no need for a living Savior, let alone a living Church in which and through which the Savior still teaches.

Teach us your ways, O Lord.
Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection

\$ 3,346.75



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

| | Servers | Lectors | E.Ministers |
|----------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 4:00PM | J. Shaul A. Muschko | B. Petro | C. Molchany |
| 7:00PM | A. Gorr D. Gorr | J. Englert | J. Yanek |
| 8:30AM | D. Popovic M. Popovic | J. McAllister | C. Hetzel |
| 10:30AM | H. Heffner S. DeLong | K. McCloskey | J. O'Connell |

CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS

Members of Catholic War Veterans Post 454, Northampton, will conduct their **Annual Poppy Drive at all Masses this weekend, April 18th and 19th.** Your donations benefit hospitalized veterans at the VA Center in Wilkes-Barre and other locally sponsored community functions. These include poster contests, a spelling bee, and tuition assistance for elementary school children attending Diocesan Catholic Schools. We thank you for your generosity! Any Catholic Veteran (men and women) interested in joining *Catholic War Veterans Post 454* may request a membership application from any of our members during the Poppy Drive, or call the Post Commander, Joan Glover at 610-349-7791.



New Deacons are coming to the Diocese

As we look forward to Jack O'Connell's ordination to the Permanent Diaconate next **Saturday, April 25th**, we take this opportunity to remind us to pray for him and his 43 classmates to be ordained that day for our diocese. Next **Sunday, April 26th**, Deacon Jack will be serving at the 10:30am liturgy for the very first time as Deacon. A congratulatory reception follows the 10:30am Mass in the parish hall. Finger foods and munchies will be provided. All are welcome!

World Apostolate of Fatima Blue Army Shrine

On **Saturday, May 2nd**, please join The World Apostolate of Fatima, Our Lady's Blue Army Shrine, in Washington, NJ, to honor the plea from Our Lady on December 10, 1925. Schedule: 10:00am Confessions; 10:15am Children's video, 11:00am Special Guest Speaker; 11:30am Rosary; 12:00pm Holy Mass; 1:00 Benediction; 1:30pm Brown Scapular enrollment; 2:00pm Confessions at Holy House, Family Outdoor Rosary; 2:30pm Children's video at Retreat Center and explanation of "Last Vision" sculpture in Holy House. Day ends with Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm in the Holy House. Bring your family and friends to answer the call of the Child Jesus: "*And have you spread through the world what our heavenly Mother requested of you?*" For information, call 908-689-1700 or bluearmy.com.



That the Author of Life may turn the minds of His people to a greater respect for all human life, we pray.

In our culture, we've lost the basic truth stated in Job (12:10) that every life is made and allowed to live by God's sovereign authority. We are a people who pride ourselves on our independence, so we have a hard time acknowledging our dependence on God. Worse yet, we have assumed the role of God, deciding whose God-created life continues and whose ends.

GRILL FEST AND POT LUCK

Join us on **Sunday, May 17th, at 4:00pm** – the men will be grilling dinner! The meat menu will include steak sandwiches, sausage sandwiches, hot dogs and chicken. A Cheer Raffle will be held that night to offset the cost of the meat. Our parish family will provide the rest of the meal. In order to ensure that all areas will be covered, we ask that you follow the chart listed below. If your **last name** begins with:

A to F – dessert

G to M – appetizers

N to S – salad or vegetable (garden, cole slaw, potato, pasta or macaroni or vegetable)

T to Z – rolls and condiments (hot dog or steak rolls, ketchup, mustard, relish or chopped onions)

Please fill out the reservation form below and place in the collection basket by **Sunday, May 10th**. Any questions, please call Mary Beth McGinley at 610-264-4494, or Peggy McCarty at 610-264-0307.

NAME _____

ADULTS: _____ # CHILDREN: _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

FOOD ITEM _____



1st ANNUAL ALUMNI SOCIAL!

Did you attend any of these schools: St Lawrence, St John the Baptist, Assumption BVM, Our Lady of Hungary, St Peter, Christ the King or Good Shepherd? If yes, you are invited to the 1st Alumni Social on **Sunday, April 26th, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm in the Good Shepherd Catholic School Gym.** There will be music, refreshments and lots of time to get reacquainted with friends. Call the school at 610-262-9171 or email Mrs Linda Poccia at mrspoccia@ptd.net by Monday, April 20th.

Young at Heart

The next meeting of St John Fisher's Young at Heart will be held on **Wednesday, April 22nd, at 1:00PM** in the Parish Hall.

The next Casino trip to Mount Airy will be on **Friday, April 24th.** The bus leaves Church Parking Lot at 10:00AM. The price is \$22.00 per person. For more information, call Bill Molchany, 610-264-0920.



Please remember in your prayers **Edward Kish, Jane L. Snyder, Charles Gallagher, Elizabeth Dunbar, and Anna Harakal** who had been associated with our

parish and for whom burial rites were celebrated in the last three months. We pray that their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

SUBURBAN NORTH YMCA GOLF OUTING

The 21st Annual Russell Miller/Danny Danko Memorial Golf Outing will be held on **Saturday, May 2nd,** at Willow Brook Golf Course. The tournament format will be a four man scramble and will also include a senior division, (60+



and all four players must be seniors). The day begins at 7:00am with registration and is a shotgun start at 8:00am. The \$85.00 entry fee includes golf with cart, a continental breakfast, lunch, fruit, beverages, and buffet dinner. There will be awards for low score foursomes; longest drive for men, seniors & women; and closest to the pins. Also available will be a putting contest, Mulligans and a raffle. All proceeds will benefit Suburban North Family YMCA's scholarship fund. If interested, call the Y at 610-264-5221 or download an application at greatervalleyymca.org.

ALTAR FLOWERS



Honor a loved one by placing flowers on the altar. Simply sign up on the chart at the side entrance, and then call your florist for delivery. If you have any questions, call Peggy McCarty at 610-264-0307.

Good Shepherd Golf!

Good Shepherd Catholic School is holding their 4th Annual Golf Outing on **Saturday, May 9th 2015,** at Willow Brook Golf Course. If you have any questions contact Joe Heberling at 610-261-4864.