

Mass Intentions Fourth Sunday of Lent March 15, 2015

Saturday – March 14th – St Matilda

4:00PM – Mary Cerulli
by Bill, Dee and the Knerr Family
7:00PM – Bernard Cunningham (A)
by Margaret Bossons and Family

Sunday – March 15th – 4th Sunday of Lent

8:30AM – Joseph Tomasic
by Wife and Family
10:30AM – Scott A McCloskey (A)
by Family

Monday – March 16th – St Heribert of Cologne

8:00AM – All Memorial Fund Members
by Memorial Fund

Tuesday – March 17th – St Patrick

8:00AM – John “Jack” McCarty
by Marilyn Dougherty

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – March 18th – St Cyril of Jerusalem

6:00PM – Isabell K. Dopsovic
by Sister-in-Law, Agnes Chabak

Thursday – March 19th – St Joseph

8:00AM – Kurt W Gerhard
by Ann and Dale

Friday – March 20th – St Herbert

8:00AM – Ellen Lynch
by Catherine and Francis Pierog

Saturday – March 21st – St Nicholas of Flue

8:00AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners
4:00PM – James Doyle
by Kim Morrow
7:00PM – Martha E Garber
by Aspacia/Eugenia Koukounas, Renna Tracy/Family

Sunday – March 22nd – 5th Sunday of Lent

8:30AM – Evelyn Figura
by Family
10:30AM – Peter H Krall
by Colleen McCloskey

PASTOR'S CORNER

Have we Been Made New Yet?

There is no doubt about the mind of Christ here as the gospels reveal it: We must not think the service of God can be subordinated to worldly purposes. If we seek first the kingdom of God and God's justice, the new earth will be added to us; if we give the earth and its fullness pride of place in our lives and our hearts, we are idolaters and turn the house of God into a den of thieves.

But it remains true that to live the life of God is, in fact, to find a new earth, to see the earth as the habitation of glory, to see all things in God and God in all things. We know the power that things have to hurt us or give us joy because of their association with people we love: You love this place because one you love made it heaven for you, you cannot go into this room without pain because one you loved once lived in it. To the eye of faith all the things that God has made have this richness of association, and it should always be a cause for rejoicing, because the presence within them is an abiding presence and glory.

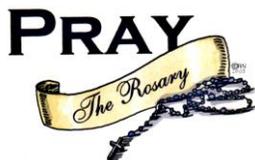
...So baptism affects more than our way of seeing the world; it gives us not just a new vision of the earth but a new earth.

~ Gerald Vann

How are our Lenten penances going? We're half-way through, have our eyes been opened to see God more clearly in our everyday lives, in our own selves? Have we come to deeper recognition of the new heaven and new earth already breaking through to those who look with the eyes of faith?

Please remember that daily mass is highly recommended to all the faithful, especially those whose lives are exceptionally busy. Please remember that the Stations of the Cross devotions are an excellent way to connect our trials and challenges in life with Christ's saving death and resurrection. (and we pray it twice a week here at St. John Fisher parish). Please remember that going to confession is a great way to be renewed in body, mind and spirit – for we carry our sins and their consequences in every part of our lives.

See you in Church,
Fr. Eric.



Sundays
8:15AM and 10:15AM

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection	\$ 4,078.75
Rice Bowl Collection	\$ 1,112.00

The **Second Collection** this weekend, **March 14th and 15th**, is for the **Easter Flowers**.

The **Second Collection** on **March 21st and 22nd** is the **Self Denial Collection**.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	A.Urban A.Muschko	J.Strohl	J.O'Connell
7:00PM	S.DeLong D.Sullivan	J.Englert	J.Yanek
8:30AM	M.Popovic D.Popovic	B.Molchany	C.Molchany
10:30AM	C.Ritter M.Ritter	J.DeLong	J.Behum

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

Join us, as over 300 cities worldwide take part in the 40 Days for Life Campaign, which brings people of faith together in prayer and fasting to end abortion. It coincides with Lent from February 18th to March 29th. A large part of 40 Days for Life is the peaceful prayer vigil in front of the abortion facility located at 31 South Commerce Way, Bethlehem, from 7:00am to 6:00pm Mondays through Saturdays. Make a Lenten sacrifice of one hour of prayer! If you are unable to stand witness, there are other ways to help. Contact Theresa at 610-704-6935, or Theresa4597@hotmail.com for information.

The Living Stations



This year, the Living Stations will be performed **twice** at St. John Fisher Parish – **Palm Sunday, March 29th at 7:00pm** to help us all enter Holy Week, and on **Good Friday, April 3rd at 7:00pm** to

help us pray this most solemn day of the year.

“THE WAY OF THE CROSS” FREE CONCERT

Notre Dame Catholic Church, 1861 Catasauqua Road in Bethlehem is sponsoring a **FREE** concert, **tonight, Sunday, March 15, 2015, at 7:00pm** in the Church. The concert, a video/concert experience – “*The Way of the Cross*” is a meditation accompanied by a powerful video for each of the 14 Stations of the Cross. (*There will be a free-will offering at the concert*). **Please note the correct time is 7:00PM.**

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS



**Wednesdays following 6:00PM
Mass**

**Fridays with Benediction, at
7:00PM**

SHORT MEDITATIONS ON THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

by Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman

I. Jesus condemned to Death

The Holy, Just, and True was judged by sinners, and put to death. Yet, while they judged, they were compelled to acquit Him. Judas, who betrayed Him, said, "I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood." Pilate, who sentenced Him, said, "I am innocent of the blood of this just person," and threw the guilt upon the Jews. The Centurion who saw Him crucified said, "Indeed this was a just man."

II. Jesus accepts His Cross

Jesus supports the whole world by His divine power, for He is God; but the weight was less heavy than was the Cross which our sins hewed out for Him. Our sins cost Him this humiliation. He had to take on Him our nature, and to appear among us as a man, and to offer up for us a great sacrifice. He had to pass a life in penance, and to endure His passion and death at the end of it.

III. Jesus falls the first time

Satan fell from heaven in the beginning; by the just sentence of his Creator he fell, against whom he had rebelled. And when he had succeeded in gaining man to join him in his rebellion, and his Maker came to save him, then his brief hour of triumph came, and he made the most of it. When the Holiest had taken flesh, and was in his power, then in his revenge and malice he determined, as he himself had been struck down by the Almighty arm, to strike in turn a heavy blow at Him who struck him. Therefore it was that Jesus fell down so suddenly.

IV. Jesus meets His Mother

There is no part of the history of Jesus but Mary has her part in it. There are those who profess to be His servants, who think that her work was ended when she bore Him, and after that she had nothing to do but disappear and be forgotten. But we, O Lord, Thy children of the Catholic Church, do not so think of Thy Mother. She brought the tender infant into the Temple, she lifted Him up in her arms when the wise men came to adore Him. She fled with Him to Egypt, she took Him up to Jerusalem when He was twelve years old. He lived with her at Nazareth for thirty years. She was with Him at the marriage-feast. Even when He had left her to preach, she hovered about Him. And now she shows herself as He toils along the Sacred Way with His cross on His shoulders.

V. Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus carry the Cross

Jesus could bear His Cross alone, did He so will; but He permits Simon to help Him, in order to remind us that we must take part in His sufferings, and have a fellowship in His work. His merit is infinite, yet He condescends to let His people add their merit to it. The sanctity of the Blessed Virgin, the blood of the Martyrs, the prayers and penances of the Saints, the good deeds of all the faithful, take part in that work which, nevertheless, is perfect without them. He saves us by His blood, but it is through and with ourselves that He saves us.



SOUP SALE

The Social Committee is sponsoring a homemade soup sale on **Palm Sunday weekend, March 28th and March 29th**. Four varieties will be available: Ham and Bean, Potato, Chicken Noodle, and Vegetable. Anyone wishing to help make the soups should come to the **School Hall on Friday, March 27th**, beginning at 4:00pm and/or **Saturday, March 28th**, starting at 8:00am.

Good Shepherd Golf!

Good Shepherd Catholic School is holding their **4th Annual Golf Outing on Saturday, May 9th 2015**, at Willow Brook Golf Course. It is an 8:00am shotgun start with a scramble format. The day includes Continental Breakfast, refreshments on the course, and luncheon, plus awards. If you have any questions contact Joe Heberling at 610-261-4864.

Young at Heart

The next bus trip will be on **Wednesday, March 18th**, to the Rainbow Dinner Theatre to see "*Squabbles*". The price is \$75.00 per person. A \$10.00 deposit is required. For more information, call Bill Molchany, 610-264-0920.

The next meeting of St John Fisher's Young at Heart will be held on **Wednesday, March 25th**, at 1:00PM in the Church Social Hall.

The next Casino trip to Mount Airy will be **Friday, March 28th**. The bus leaves the Church Parking Lot at 10:00AM. The price is \$22.00 per person. For more information, call Bill Molchany, 610-264-0920.

CAT'S MEOW OF ST ANDREW

Order forms are available at both church entrances or call 610-264-1225 to order. The Cat's Meow replicas make a great gift for anniversaries and birthdays, or as a special keepsake.

DONUT SUNDAY

Today, March 15th, is **Donut Sunday**. Thank you to the **Daub Family** who is sponsoring this month's event. Please stop by after the **8:30am and 10:30am Masses** for some coffee, tea, and some donuts!



Congratulations!



Congratulations to everyone for a successful basketball season at Good Shepherd Catholic School. Our 5th and 6th grade boys and girls teams each made playoff appearances, and the 7th and 8th girls and boys each won their District Championship!

Ladies' Night Out

The Social Committee is sponsoring a **Ladies' Night Out, Friday, April 10th** beginning at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall. **Registration forms that detail the evening are available at the church entrances.** Reservations **must be made by next Sunday, March 22nd**.

Nut Roll for Your Easter Table?

Today, March 15th, is the last chance to place your order. Cost for each strudel roll is \$15 payable with the order. **Order forms with the available flavors are available at the church entrances.**

MOHEGAN SUN CASINO

There is a bus trip on **Thursday, March 26th**. The bus departs at **9:30am** from the former St Joseph's on Newport Avenue in Northampton, arriving at the casino at 11:00am. Departure for home is at 4:00pm with arrival around 5:30pm. Price per person is \$25.00 and includes motor coach transportation, \$20 slot play and \$5 food voucher. Call Marge Heffner at 610-262-3174 or Elsie at 610-349-6998 for more information.