



Mass Intentions

Third Sunday of Lent
February 28, 2016

Saturday – Feb 27th –

St Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows

4:00PM – Delight M. Casciano
by Ed and Maria Kutz
7:00PM – Petie Muschko (B)
by Mom and Dad

Sunday – Feb 28th – 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:30AM – Edward J. Ferencak
by Barbara Petro
10:30AM – Margaret “Peggy” Harris
by Kathy McCloskey

Monday – Feb 29th – Monday/3rd Week of Lent

8:00AM – Edward J. Hillanbrand
by Christopher Lloyd

Tuesday – March 1st – St Suithbert

8:00AM – Magdeline Forgas
by Sister, Agnes Chabak

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – March 2nd – St Agnes of Prague

6:00PM – Scott A. McCloskey (B)
by Family

Thursday – March 3rd – St Katharine Drexel

8:00AM – Margaret Tepes
by Jean Marhefka

Friday – March 4th – St Casmir

8:00AM – Margaret S. McCarty
by Bobby Folland

Saturday – March 5th –

St John Joseph of the Cross

8:00AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners
4:00PM – Donald N. Knarr
by Ron and Rosie Klipple
7:00PM – Ruth A. Wuchter
by Tom Gaughan and Pattie DeFazio

Sunday – March 6th – 4th Sunday of Lent

8:30AM – Rita Roman
by Nin Snyder
10:30AM – Pauline Feichtl (L) 90th Birthday
by Family



Pray the Rosary each Sunday:

8:15AM and 10:15AM

PASTOR'S CORNER

Choosing Among Battles

An old tale, “*The Two Travelers and the Oyster*,” gives us something to ponder these days...

As two men were walking by the seaside at low water they saw an oyster, and they both stooped at the same time to pick it up. One pushed the other away, and a dispute ensued.

A traveler was coming along at the time, and they determined to ask him which of the two had the better right to the oyster.

While each was telling his story, the traveler gravely took out his knife, opened the shell, and loosened the oyster. When they had finished, and were listening for his decision, he just as gravely swallowed the oyster, and offered them each a shell.

“The Court,” said he, “awards you each a shell. The oyster will cover the costs.”

Battling over two insignificances, within rivalries of teams, leagues or political parties may bear some small fruit, but the real winners are those who eat the oyster and hand us the shell. As regards our lives, our work, our families, our communities, and our teams, wouldn't we be better served by asking ourselves, “What does God want of me for my life, work, family, community, team?” As regards our politics, shouldn't we be asking ourselves, “What do we think God wants for America?”

Now, the hard part; shouldn't we then ask God directly? And earnestly, diligently seek the answer?

I think God wants to give his children more than a shell and an oyster, don't you?
Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$3,952.00

The Second Collection **this weekend, February 27th and 28th**, will be the **Rice Bowl Collection**.

The Second Collection **next weekend, March 5th and 6th**, will be the **Self Denial Collection**.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	J. Shaul L. Ruda	J. McAllister	C. Molchany Deacon Jack
7:00PM	C. Gair D. Gair	J. Englert	P. McCarty Deacon Jack
8:30AM	S. Popovic D. Popovic	J. Strohl	C. Hetzel Deacon Jack
10:30AM	C. Ritter M. Ritter	J. DeLong	J. Behum Deacon Jack

Lenten Adult Faith Classes



The classes have begun on Father (now Bishop) Robert Barron's **Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues**, an adult class in the spiritual/moral life regarding not only the foundations of sin in our lives, but also a practical help

and foundation to following Jesus Christ while coping with our weaknesses. **Remaining classes will be held on the next three Wednesday evenings, March 2nd and 9th and 16th, beginning at 6:45pm** in the Church Hall.

SLOVAK FOUNDATION

Please deposit your envelope donation in the collection basket by **today, Sunday, February 28th**. The Slovak Foundation benefits the unifying and promotion of Slovak ethnic identity for generations and beyond.

Strudel for Your Easter Table



Easter Strudels are for sale and are made by *Country Cottage Bake Shop* in Tamaqua. Orders are due by **Sunday, March 6th**, via the weekend collection basket, and delivery is **Wednesday,**

March 23rd, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm in the church hall. Cost is \$15.00 per roll. Any questions, call Mary Beth at 610-264-4494 or Peggy at 610-264-0307.

NAME _____ PHONE # _____

Nut: _____ Poppyseed: _____ Lekvar: _____

Apricot: _____ Raspberry: _____ **Total: \$** _____



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Please plan to spend some time with Jesus during the day on **Friday, March 4th**. Adoration will conclude with Benediction at **7:00pm**, followed by **The Stations of the Cross**.



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, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.



CCD NEWS!

On **February 25th**, six students celebrated the **Sacrament of Penance**. They are **Braden Mark Bartholomew, Kendall Ann Billie, Camryn Paige Birosik, Morgan Elizabeth Druckenmiller, Isabella Rose Hogg, and Marley-Paige Mina Hosni**. We congratulate them, their parents and families, and ask you to "double" your prayers as they go on toward First Holy Communion in April.

PARISH RETREAT

You are invited to attend the St. John Fisher One-Day Parish Retreat on **Saturday, March 12th** at the St. Michael Center on Main Street in Northampton. **The day will begin with registration at 8:00am and will conclude with the 4:00pm Mass at St. John Fisher.** Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be provided. Come join your Parish Family and experience a closer relationship with God this Lenten Season. Fill out the below form and place in the collection basket by **Sunday, February 28th**.

PARISH RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

Suggested Donation - \$20.00

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Attending: _____ **Total Enclosed: \$** _____

SCHOOL HALL PIEROGIES



Come to the school hall this **Saturday, March 5th**, to help make our delicious pierogies. We know your time is precious, but please come and have a fun time with your fellow parishioners. Pierogies will only be sold to help. Cost is \$6.00 a dozen.

Good Shepherd Catholic School

Early Childhood Education Preview on **Saturday, March 5th**, from **10:00am to 11:00am** for parents and children entering preschool, Pre-K, and Kindergarten. Call 610.262.9171.

Charismatic Mass of Healing and Anointing

Join **Rev. Clifton E. Bishop, Jr.**, on **Monday, March 7th** at **7:00pm** at Holy Ghost Church, 417 Carlton Avenue in Bethlehem. Confessions will be held from 6:00pm to 6:45pm. Any questions call 610-867-9382, extension 4.

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE

The 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign will continue until March 20th, at the Allentown Women's Center. Join us Monday through Saturday, 7:00am to 6:00pm. When prayer volunteers are praying the no show rate for abortions can jump as high as 75%! For more information, call Theresa at 610-704-6935.

IN THE WORDS OF...

"Therefore the Eucharistic Celebration is much more than simple banquet: it is exactly the memorial of Jesus' Pascal Sacrifice, the mystery at the centre of salvation. Memorial does not simply mean a remembrance, a mere memory; it means that every time we celebrate this Sacrament we participate in the mystery of the passion, death and resurrection of Christ."

~Pope Francis, February 5, 2014



DONUT SUNDAY

Donut Sunday for March will be on **March 13th** due to the third Sunday being Palm Sunday.

St Mary's Church, Catty

Their Lenten Fish Dinner will be on **Friday, March 4th** from **4:00pm to 7:00pm**. The menu consists of a cup of soup, fried, breaded haddock, corn, coleslaw, stewed tomatoes, roll, dessert and beverage with a choice of a baked potato, mac and cheese or halushki. The cost for the dinner is \$10.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. Take-out is available. Any questions, call the office at 610-264-0332.

St. Elizabeth Parish, Fullerton

A Parish Mission will be held at **7:00pm** each evening from **Sunday, March 13th to Wednesday, March 16th** with **Rev. Angelus Shaughnessy, OFM, Cap** as the guest speaker. His theme throughout these four days will be **"When the Lord comes again, will He find any faith on earth?"** Fr. Angelus' messages include:

Sunday – *"If somebody asks you to prove to them there is a God – can you answer that question?"*

Monday – *"The most used, overused, misused, abused word in the English language: LOVE".*

Tuesday – *"The only thing Christ asks of us – cultivate the humble heart."*

Wednesday – Mass will begin at 7:00pm with Father's homily topic: *"The greatest and best thing about any woman is that she's a good mother!"*

Please consider joining us and don't forget to bring a friend. If you have any questions, call 610-266-0695.