



PASTOR'S CORNER

Seeking the Leadership of Christ

Mass Intentions

The Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 6, 2019

Saturday– Apr 6th –

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Ruth Zoeller (A)
by Jim and Carmela Meyer
7:00PM – Nicole Bieak Kreidler (L-Health)
by Mom and Dad

Sunday – Apr 7th –

8:30AM – Stanley and Anna Stascinsky
by Estate
10:30AM – Agnes and Homer Collis
by Family

Monday – Apr 8th – St Julia Billiard

8:00AM – Marion Kulhamer
by F.C.S.L.A. Branch 230

Tuesday – Apr 9th – St Mary Cleophas

8:00AM – Leonard Dopsovic
by Sister, Agnes Chabak

Wednesday – Apr 10th – St Fulbert

6:00PM – Kathy McCloskey
by Fred and Carol Hutterer

Thursday – Apr 11th – St Stanislaus

8:00AM – Rosemarie Schimpf
by Gruber Family

Friday – Apr 12th – St Julius I

8:00AM – Bob Spengler and Bernardine Wehr
by Ann and Dale

Saturday – Apr 13th – St Martin I

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Theodore DeLucia
by Frances Rupinski
7:00PM – Mary and Robert Doyle
by Cousin, Frank Solga

Sunday – Apr 14th –

8:30AM – Phyllis Roman
by Johanna Fabik
10:30AM – Ronald B. Flahart
by Kim McCloskey



Pray the Rosary Sundays
8:15AM and 10:15AM

A Hymn

O God of earth and altar,
bow down and hear our cry,
Our earthly rulers falter,
Our people drift and die;
The walls of gold entomb us,
The swords of scorn divide,
Take not thy thunder from us
But take away our pride.

From all that terror teaches,
From lies of tongue and pen,
From all the easy speeches
That comfort cruel men,
For sale and profanation
Of honour and the sword,
From sleep and from damnation,
Deliver us, good Lord.

Tie in a living tether
The prince and priest and thrall,
Bind all our lives together,
Smite us and save us all;
In ire and exultation
Aflame with faith, and free,
Lift up a living nation,
A single sword to thee.
~ G. K. Chesterton

In an era of some rather disappointing, if not scandalous, leaders in virtually every institution and organization, we can only marvel at the insidious corruption of morals throughout our society and world. But, of course, we can't fix all that without tending to our own immorality (no matter how innocuous it seems). Chesterton's poem points us all in the right direction – it is ONLY God Who can save us from our sins in Christ Jesus, Who can save us from our own lack of self-leadership. Remember, now is the time given us to choose whether or not we want to be saints, Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection **\$3,932.00**

The **Second** Collection this weekend, **April 6th**, and **7th**, is the **Easter Flowers Collection**.

The **Second** Collection next weekend, **April 13th**, and **14th**, will be the **Palm Sunday Collection**.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	J.Drummer D.Gorr	J.McAllister Deacon Jack	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	L.Ruda N.Ruda	P.McCarty Deacon Jack	Deacon Jack
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder J. Strohl	J.Ottinger
10:30AM	M.Ritter A.Banoza	B.Bozzone J.DeLong	J.Marhefka

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

1879 Applewood Drive, Orefield

AN EVENING OF DIVINE MERCY



All are welcome to join us for this free event on **Thursday, April 11th**, from **7:00pm to 9:00pm**. A Lenten Reflection by **Sister Gaudia Skass, OLM**, who was born and raised in Poland, and made her perpetual profession of vows with the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. No registration is required.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Bishop Schlert will celebrate the **Noon Mass on Pentecost Sunday, June 9th**, at the **Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena**, Allentown, within which he will confirm adults of our Diocese. *Those to be confirmed are adults who were baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, received their First Holy Communion, are catechized, but never confirmed.* Please contact the rectory to discuss registration details.

LENTEN OBLIGATIONS

Our Lenten obligations include abstinence and fasting. **Abstinence** from meat is observed on all Fridays in Lent for all Catholics 14 years of age and older.

Triduum



Please plan to take part in the Sacred Triduum starting on **Holy Thursday, April 18th**, at **7:00pm** for the Mass of the Lord's Supper, on **Good Friday, April 19th**, at **3:00pm** for the Celebration for the Lord's Passion, and on **Holy Saturday, April 20th**, at **8:00pm** for the Solemn Easter Vigil where we will receive one person into the Faith. Mark your calendars now to join us!



EASTER CONFESSIONS

Thursday, April 11 + 6:30pm to 8:00pm
Monday, April 15 + 6:00pm to 8:00pm



LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



Deacon Jack will start altar server trainer for any student of our parish that is in the third grade or higher, who has received their First Holy Communion. Please call Deacon Jack O'Connell at 610-266-0689. Our first practice will be on **Saturday, May 11th**, at **10:00am** in the church.



Strudel Roll Sale

Time is running out! Orders for the Easter Strudels from *Country Cottage Bake Shop* in Tamaqua are due **TODAY, Sunday, April 7th**, via the collection basket. Cost is \$16.00 a roll, and available in the flavors listed below. Pick-up is **Wednesday, April 17th**, 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.

NAME _____ PHONE # _____

Nut: _____ Poppyseed: _____ Lekvar: _____ Apricot: _____

Raspberry: _____ Coconut Cream: _____ **Total: \$** _____



GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS

Please join **Bishop Alfred Schlert** and the Helpers of God's Precious Infants at the Prayer Pilgrimage for the unborn, and all those involved in abortion on **Saturday, April 13th**. The pilgrimage begins with Mass at 8:00am at Notre Dame Church, 1861 Catasauqua Road, and continues with The Rosary at the abortion facility located at 31 South Commerce Way.



The 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign **continues through April 14th**, at the Allentown Planned Parenthood, 29 N. 9th St., Allentown, PA. **Join us, Monday through Saturday, 7:00am to 7:00pm.** For more information, call Maryanne at 610-570-2347.

Good Shepherd Catholic School

Their Senior Drama Club is presenting "Mary Poppins, Jr." on **Friday, April 12th, at 7:00pm, and Saturday, April 13th, at 1:00pm, in the school gym.** Tickets are only \$5.00 per person. For more information, call the school office at 610-262-9171.

St Mary's Church

122 Union Street, Catty

They will be having their Lenten Dinner on **Friday, April 12th, from 4:30pm to 7:00pm.**

St. John the Baptist Church

924 N. Front Street, Allentown

Their **Meat Bingo** will be held on **Sunday, April 14th at 1:00pm.** Doors and kitchen open at 12:00 Noon. Bingo begins at 1:00pm, and it is only \$11.00 for 15 games.

Saints Who Made Mistakes

Saint Zélie Martin

Zélie Guerin was born in Gandelain, Normandy, France, to good-hearted parents. She desired to enter religious life, but the mother superior of the Daughters of Charity kindly, but firmly, refused her. Zélie met her husband, Louis Martin, while studying to make lace. She was to bear him nine children. Five daughters would mature to adulthood, including the future Saint Thérèse of Lisieux. Yet her middle child Leonie was a difficult case. Leonie had health problems. She was thrown out of school two times. Zélie offered repeated prayers and sufferings for her most difficult daughter, and for a time, Leonie's behavior improved. But in her early teens she began to act out again. Zélie visited her sister who was dying and begged her to obtain a miracle. A month later, Zélie's eldest daughter, Marie Louise, noticed a strange exchange between the housemaid and Leonie. Upon investigation, Zélie discovered that the maid had been physically and psychologically abusing Leonie. She immediately forbade the maid from any contact with Leonie. Weakened by illness and preoccupied by her work, Zélie had missed the signs of the abuse. She considered the discovery a miracle. Shortly after this, Zélie succumbed to a malignant breast tumor. Leonie continued to mature. She entered religious life and became a disciple of her little sister Thérèse. In 2015, Leonie's own cause for canonization was introduced.

Father of mercies, through the intercession of Saint Zélie Martin, grant me faith that moves mountains.

~ Magnificat, April, 2019

St. Ursula's Church

1300 Broadway, Bethlehem

The Vatican Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition will be on display on **Sunday, April 14th, Monday, April 15th, and Tuesday, April 16th, from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.**