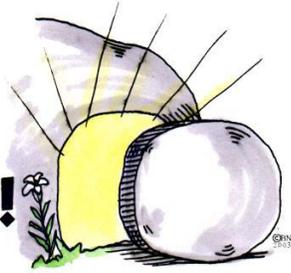


**He is
Risen!**



Mass Intentions
Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of Our Lord
April 15, 2017

Saturday–Apr 15th –

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of Our Lord

8:00PM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

Sunday – Apr 16th –

8:30AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

10:30AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

Monday – Apr 17th –

Monday within the Octave of Easter

8:00AM – Jesse Michael Crossley (A)

by Courtney and Alec Rone

Tuesday – Apr 18th –

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

8:00AM – Darlene Steiner (L – Health)

by Fred and Carol Hutterer

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Apr 19th –

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

6:00PM – Paul James Houghton

by McCloskey Family

Thursday – Apr 20th –

Thursday within the Octave of Easter

8:00AM – Jerry Sullivan

by Kathleen and Joe Billie

Friday – Apr 21st –

Friday within the Octave of Easter

8:00AM – Charles J. McCarty, Jr.

by Kathleen and Peggy

Saturday–Apr 22nd –

Saturday within the Octave of Easter

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Helen Sidor

by George and Frances Rupinski

7:00PM – Mary Ann Faust

by Lucetta Frank

Sunday – Apr 23rd –

8:30AM – Stephen Slahta

by Edward and Michael Staffieri

10:30AM – Hattie E. O'Donnell (A)

by McCloskey Family

PASTOR'S CORNER

Got Joy?

In John's gospel, chapter 16, verses 20-22, Jesus says,

Amen, amen, I say to you, you will weep and mourn, while the world rejoices; you will grieve, but your grief will become joy. When a woman is in labor, she is in anguish because her hour has arrived; but when she has given birth to a child, she no longer remembers the pain because of her joy that a child has been born into the world. So you also are now in anguish. But I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you.

Also in John 15:11,

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.

So, this Easter, I invite us to reflect deeply – and for the whole of the 50-day season, on these questions, “Am I a joy-filled person?” and, “Am I joyful in good things?”

To help us to begin answering these questions, I borrow the following words of wisdom from the late Fr. Benedict Groeschel, C.F.R as he wrote in *Stumbling Blocks of Stepping Stones*,

Just as there are all kinds of suffering, so are there all kinds of joy. Joy finds an echo in the animal kingdom when we see puppies frolic or kittens purr. Human joy comes from the fulfillment of needs and

desires for security and pleasure, or from the end of pain. ...there is a whole gamut of passing or ephemeral joys, some of which are good, like the joy of celebrating with friends. Some passing joys may be indifferent, like the joy of seeing your team win a game, and some may be sinful, like the joy of a thief. ...The greatest joys are the things of the spirit and those that pertain to the desire for fulfillment that cannot fail. Everyone knows that true joy cannot tarnish or be taken away. Those who do not believe in the everlasting deny that such joy is actually possible. Thus they are ultimately pessimistic because they believe they can never find the joy that they seek the most.

For those blessed with some awareness of the work of the Spirit, great joy is possible. ...Unfortunately most of us – even the most devout Christians – are not attentive to this great joy. We go perfunctorily about our duties, we live in close proximity to things that gave the saints the greatest joy, i.e., the Eucharistic Presence, the word of God, the knowledge of salvation, the joy of serving Christ in the poor, and we go among these things with little joy. ...Why is this? The question is not why Christ's followers suffer. They should. The question is why they have so little joy. Not only can joy co-exist with sorrow and suffering, it should make them enduring and holy. Who has not witnessed the rare joy and peace of a believer who faces a terminal illness with faith and hope? This

joy, which is a gift of the Holy Spirit, is founded on the hope of eternal life. It can have an amazing effect on the healthy who have ears to hear and eyes to see. ...Perhaps most unusual is the radiant joy of the martyrs.

There are, of course, great sufferings in this world. But these are not the last word. In the resurrection of Jesus from the dead we have learned that death is NOT the end it portends to be. It becomes clear in light of the Risen Jesus that death and suffering are not permanent, but temporary. How utterly frightening?! – I guess that means we need to live our lives focused not on its' ending, but rather on *living eternally with Him!*

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!
Easter Season blessings,
Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection **\$3,851.00**

Palm Sunday Collection **\$2,429.00**

The **Second Collection** this weekend, **April 15th and 16th**, is the **Easter Sunday Collection**.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	D.Gorr M.Druckenmiller	J.McAllister	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	C.Gair D.Gair	P.McCarty	Deacon Jack
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	J.Strohl	J.Druckenmiller
10:30AM	S.DeLong K.Segan	K.McCloskey	J.Ottinger

Church Office

Our Parish Office will reopen on Easter Tuesday, April 18th.



Please remember in your prayers
**Grace Mary Hart and Elizabeth
T. Hartman**, who passed away
and were buried this past week.
May their souls, and all the souls

of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in
peace. Amen.

REDNER'S TAPES

We thank all our parishioners who faithfully do their food
shopping at Redner's. By placing your tapes in the
collection basket, we have received a check from
Redner's in the amount of **\$102.45**. Thank you!

LENTEN FISH DINNER

Thank you to all who participated in and made our fish
dinner a great success this year. We have received a
profit of **\$1,576.00**.

CHICKEN PAPRIKAS DINNER

Our Chicken Paprikas dinner will be held on **Sunday,
April 30th, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm**. Tickets will be sold
after the masses on **April 22nd and 23rd, and April 29th
and 30th**. The menu is: chicken paprikas, salad, rice or
noodles, green beans, roll, dessert and beverage. Cost
is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children from ages five
to ten. Tickets sold at the door will be \$12.00.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Set up for the chicken paprikas dinner will be on
Sunday, April 30th. For more information, contact Fred
Hutterer or Peggy McCarty.

CHURCH RAFFLE RETURNS

Returns should be made either via the collection basket
or mailed to the church. **All returns are due by
Sunday, April 23rd**.



EASTER DUTY

Catholics are obliged to fulfill what has been called their
"**Easter Duty**". Catholics are required to receive Holy
Communion in between the First Sunday of Lent, **March
5th**, until Trinity Sunday (**June 11th**).

Those conscious of serious sin are reminded of the
obligation to confess their sins at least once a year during
this time.

THE SECRETS OF FATIMA

Join us as **David Carollo**, Executive Director of the World
Apostolate of Fatima USA, discusses the questions: What
are the Secrets of Fatima? Have the Secret Predictions
come to pass? What does Our Lady want us to do? This
free event will be on **Monday, April 24th, from 6:30pm to
8:30pm at the Allentown Brew Works**, 812 Hamilton
Street, Allentown. Allentown Brew Works will have menus
available for ordering food and drink at your expense.
Seating is first-come, first served.

MARRIAGE, DIVORCE, ANNULMENTS

What does the Church really teach? Is an annulment just
"Catholic Divorce"? Can divorced people receive the
Eucharist? Join us as **Rev. Msgr. Victor Finelli, J.C.L.**
discusses how to answer these and other common
questions about the Catholic understanding of marriage!
This **free event** will be on **Tuesday, April 25th, from
7:00pm to 9:00pm at Monocacy Manor** at 395 Bridle
Path Rd., Bethlehem. For questions about both, email
adultformation@allentowndiocese.org or call 610-289-
8900 ext. 21.

