



Mass Intentions

Second Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2016

Saturday – Feb 20th – St Eucherius

4:00PM – Donna L. McNally (A)
by Scott and Edie Stahlnecker
7:00PM – Msgr. Edward W. Sarzynski
by Rev. Eric J. Gruber

Sunday – Feb 21st – 2nd Sunday of Lent

8:30AM – Jane Kleckner Snyder/Dougherty Family
by Kathleen and Marirose
10:30AM – Ann and Glen Oswald
by Daughter, Louise

Monday – Feb 22nd –

The Chair of St Peter the Apostle

8:00AM – Paul, Thomas, Michael, Daniel Dopsovic
by Sister, Agnes Chabak

Tuesday – Feb 23rd – St Polycarp

8:00AM – Edward Marth
by Mary Lou and Greg Schlegel
Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Feb 24th – St Ethelbert

6:00PM – All Memorial Fund Members
by The Memorial Fund

Thursday – Feb 25th – St Tarasius

8:00AM – Joseph Chabak
by Wife, Agnes

Friday – Feb 26th – St Porphyrius

8:00AM – Pauline Mayer
by Daughter, Pauline Albert

Saturday – Feb 27th –

St Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners
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. Ferenchak
by Barbara Petro
10:30AM – Margaret “Peggy” Harris
by Kathy McCloskey



Pray the Rosary each Sunday:
8:15AM and 10:15AM

PASTOR'S CORNER

Real Horror

Dorothy Sayers wrote,

It is curious that people who are filled with horrified indignation whenever a cat kills a sparrow can hear that story of the killing of God told Sunday after Sunday and not experience any shock at all.

Let us be horrified at a few things...

...babies are partially born and then killed, or born and left to die, or in the womb of their mother (the safest place on earth?) and they are chemically and surgically dissolved...

...men, women and children are completely unsure when and where their next food may come from, and they've never had clean water to drink...

...women and children are sold – that's right, SOLD to other human beings as “slaves” for all sorts of indignation and abuse...(not just a third-world problem)...

...chemical weapons are used on “rebellious” people in some areas of the world...

...families are being “broken up” at alarming rates throughout the world, especially in the West...

...drug addiction is rampant...

...violence is most often seen as a real solution...

...the Son of God was accused falsely, tortured cruelly and died a humiliating public death...

We have lost our true sense of horror. Life, of course, isn't a movie, and not everything comes out well in the end (because there is no real end). No, life requires a re-awakened sensitivity to the crucified Christ and so to all of suffering humanity.

Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$3,661.00
Ash Wednesday \$1,232.00
Catholic Home Missions \$ 781.00

At all the Masses this weekend, **February 20th and 21st**, there will be representatives from the **Knights of Columbus** accepting donations for their **Pro-Life Campaign**.

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



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	A.Gorr D.Gorr	J.Englert	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	C.Gair D.Gair	J.Yanek	Deacon Jack
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	J.Strohl	C.Reily
10:30AM	S.DeLong J.Drummer	L.Bolmer	J.Heffner



FIRST PENANCE

Our Sacramental Class is preparing for the Sacrament of Penance, which they will receive for the first time on **Thursday, February 25th at 7:00PM**. Please keep our students in your prayers as they continue their preparation and receive the Sacrament of Penance.

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: \$** _____



LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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



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.

Young at Heart

The next meeting of St John Fisher's Young at Heart will be held on **Wednesday, February 24th**, at 1:00PM in the Church Social Hall.

The next Casino trip to the Mohegan Sun will be on **Friday, February 26th**. The price is \$22.00 per person. For more information, call Bill Molchany, 610-264-0920.

SLOVAK FOUNDATION

Envelopes are available at the church entrances to use for donations to the Slovak Foundation, which benefits the unifying and promotion of Slovak ethnic identity for second, third, fourth generations and beyond. Please deposit your donation in the collection basket by **Sunday, February 28th**.

PARISH RETREAT

Have you ever felt you have lost your closeness to God in this modern world? 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



Don't forget to save time on **Saturday, March 5th**, to help make our scrumptious pierogies. This is the only time we are making them this Lent. Pierogies will only be sold to help.

Good Shepherd CYO

Join them for their Spaghetti Dinner and Chinese Auction on **Saturday, February 27th, from 5:00pm to 8:00pm**. Any questions, call Dave at 610.502.1950.

Good Shepherd Catholic School

Early Childhood Education Preview ~ Saturday, March 5th, from 10:00am to 11:00am for parents and children entering preschool, Pre-K, and Kindergarten. Learn about our programs and meet our accredited faculty. 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.

VIKETTES BASKETBALL CAMP

Any current 6th, 7th and 8th grade girl interested in attending Allentown Central Catholic's Girls Basketball Camp should email mkoppccchs@gmail.com. Camp will be held **June 13th to the 16th, from 9:30am to 2:30pm** at St Joseph the Worker Gymnasium, Orefield.

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St. John Fisher Fish Dinner

We will be hosting our Fish Dinner on **Friday, February 26th, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm**. The platter includes: breaded haddock, choice of parsley potatoes or halushkie, corn, creamed cabbage, applesauce, dessert and beverage. Cost is Adults: \$10.00, Children (Ages 5 to 10): \$5.00. Tickets will be sold before and after Masses, or call 610-264-3384. Tickets at the door will be \$10.50.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the upcoming Fish Dinner. Help is requested for **Thursday, February 25th, at 6:00pm** to assist with preparation of food, setting up tables, preparing take home containers, etc., and on **Friday, February 26th, at 2:00pm** to start cooking, finishing set up, cutting baked goods, etc., and after 4:00pm to assist with serving food, doing dishes, busing tables and end of night cleanup.



BAKED GOODS

Parishioners are asked to bake desserts for the Annual Fish Dinner. Desserts can be dropped off in the church hall either on **Thursday, February 25th, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm** or on **Friday, February 26th, after 2:00pm**.

