



## Mass Intentions

### Easter Sunday

### March 26, 2016

#### Saturday – March 26<sup>th</sup> – Holy Saturday

##### Vigil of Easter

Sat Vigil: 8:00PM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

#### Sunday – March 27<sup>th</sup> – Resurrection of Our Lord

8:30AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

10:30AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

#### Monday – March 28<sup>th</sup> – Monday/Easter Octave

8:00AM – Lois Moll (L) - Health

by Fred and Carol Hutterer

#### Tuesday – March 29<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday/Easter Octave

8:00AM – Rev. John W. Bambrick

by Rev. Eric J. Gruber

##### *Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass*

#### Wednesday – March 30<sup>th</sup> – Wed/Easter Octave

6:00PM – Kellie Sue Spiegel

by Kim McCloskey

#### Thursday – March 31<sup>st</sup> – Thursday/Easter Octave

8:00AM – Joseph J. Holena

by Barbara Maitski

#### Friday – April 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday/Easter Octave

8:00AM – Margaret S. McCarty

by Gene and Marilyn Hartranft

##### *Sacred Heart Novena after Mass*

#### Saturday – April 2<sup>nd</sup> –

##### **Saturday/Easter Octave**

8:00AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners

##### **Divine Mercy Sunday**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Ruth Zoellner (A)

by Jim and Carmela Meyer

7:00PM – Anna Spaitz

by Sam McCarty

#### Sunday – April 3<sup>rd</sup>

8:30AM – Mary E. Kalamar

by Robert and Jean Strohl

10:30AM – Alice Von Hildebrand (L) - Health

by Barry and Peggy Bozzone



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

# PASTOR'S CORNER

## An Easter Prayer

Father, we love You too.

Grant in this Easter season

that the penances engaged in Lent

may burst forth in virtue and holiness of life.

Renew our hope in the power of your Son's resurrection.

May his rising lift us past the terror of violence and death,

and give us the courage to proclaim Him to all people as risen from the dead.

May his forgiving of his disciples continue to release us

from the obsession of perfecting ourselves.

May the love of the risen Jesus enfold us

with the comfort and the commissioning of the Holy Spirit

and give us the freedom to surrender all to You.

As the tomb is now empty, so open our hearts

and divest them of wayward attachments, restoring them to their "first love" of You.

We ask for your blessings of health

and the opportunity for each member of our families and parish

to serve You in our neighbor.

In the Holy Name of Jesus we offer this prayer. Amen. Alleluia!

Blessed Easter Season!

Fr. Eric.



## OFFERTORY COLLECTION



**Plate Collection** \$3,977.00  
**Palm Sunday Collection** \$2,299.00

The Second Collection **this weekend, March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>**, is the **Easter Sunday Collection**.



## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	<b>Servers</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>E.Ministers</b>
<b>4:00PM</b>	J.Shaul S.DeLong	J.McAllister	J.Druckenmiller Deacon Jack
<b>7:00PM</b>	A.Muschko L.Ruda	P.McCarty	J.Yanek Deacon Jack
<b>8:30AM</b>	M.Popovic S.Popovic	J.Strohl	C.Hetzel Deacon Jack
<b>10:30AM</b>	C.Ritter M.Ritter	J.DeLong	L.Bolmer Deacon Jack

## 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 (**February 14<sup>th</sup>**) until Trinity Sunday (**May 22<sup>nd</sup>**).

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



## HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

If you have a loved one who is homebound or in a care facility and unable to attend Mass, please call the rectory at 610-264-1972 to schedule a pastoral visit for Communion and a blessing.



## OFFERTORY GIFTS

Our parishioner, Robyn Berner, has volunteered her time to coordinate people for the offertory gifts for all Sunday masses. If you are having a mass said for someone and would like to take up the gifts, please call Robyn at 610-799-3297. If you do not wish to be contacted for masses you are offering, please inform the rectory by calling, 610-264-1972.



## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Mark your calendar to spend some time with our Lord in **Adoration** this **First Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**. Adoration begins at the end of morning Mass and continues throughout the day until Holy Hour beginning at 7:00pm.



## EASTER FLOWERS

Easter Flower remembrances can be found on the bulletin board at both entrances to church. We thank one and all for remembering their loved ones in a very special way.



## Plenary Indulgence for Divine Mercy Sunday

In a decree dated August 3, 2002, the Apostolic Penitentiary announced that in order "to ensure that the faithful would observe this day (Divine Mercy Sunday) with intense devotion, the Supreme Pontiff himself established that this Sunday be enriched by a plenary indulgence...so that the faithful might receive in great abundance the gift of the consolation of the Holy Spirit. In this way, they can foster a growing love for God and for their neighbor, and after they have obtained God's pardon, they in turn might be persuaded to show a prompt pardon to their brothers and sisters."

*The plenary indulgence* is granted (under the usual conditions of a sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and a prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on Divine Mercy Sunday, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, recite the *Our Father and the Creed, and also adding a devout prayer (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!)*.

Additional provisions are offered for those who are impeded from fulfilling these requirements, but who wish to acquire a plenary indulgence. The full text of the decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary may be found at: [www.mercysunday.com](http://www.mercysunday.com).

From the Feb. 2003 edition of the BCL (Bishops Committee on the Liturgy) NewsLetter by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

## PILGRIM VIRGIN OF FATIMA



The **Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima Statue** is dedicated to all the people of the North Catasauqua Area in order to foster the worship of the Most Holy Trinity through a true devotion to our Blessed Lady. The Statue "travels" into any homes which wish to host it for a time (usually a week), and is treasured there by a family or group of friends who pray the rosary together.

There have been several such traveling statues in our area over the years dating back to the 1960's, blessed by several different pastors who have served in the region. If you wish to participate in this beautiful tradition and devotion and open

your home to Our Lady so concretely, please contact Pauline Albert, 610-264-3473, or Jean Marhefka, 610-264-5038. Thank you.

## *Save the Dates*

### Good Shepherd Catholic School

Second Annual Alumni Social will be held on **Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**. The celebration will begin with 9:30am Mass at Queenship of Mary Church. Light refreshments served in the school gym and school tours available. Legacy School alumni please RSVP by emailing [eventsvpgscs@gmail.com](mailto:eventsvpgscs@gmail.com).

Fifth Annual Golf Outing will be held on **Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**, Willow Brook Golf Course in Catasauqua to benefit GSCS Technology Program. To register, please go to the Golf Outing Website [www.tjplegan.wix.com/GSCS-golf-tournament#!contact-us/ccbt](http://www.tjplegan.wix.com/GSCS-golf-tournament#!contact-us/ccbt).

## Church Office

**Our Parish Office will be closed on Easter Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.**



## Animal Shelter Collection

The animal shelter is in need of food and supplies for cats and dogs. If you can help, please place your donation in the Food Bank basket located at both entrances to church by **April 24<sup>th</sup>**. The cats and dogs at the shelter thank you for your generosity! Any questions, call Nicole Lane at 610-264-4712.



**On behalf of Fr. Eric, Fr. Robert, Fr. Paul and our Parish Staff, we wish all our parishioners of St John Fisher, a very happy and Blessed Easter.**