



Mass Intentions

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2018

Saturday– Apr 21st –

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Jeanette S. Koncz (A)
by Husband, Gene

7:00PM – Michelle Polchik
by Glen Edwards and Family

Sunday – Apr 22nd –

8:30AM – Anna M. Milkovits
by Diane and Bernard Cesanek

10:30AM – Agnes M. Collis
by Moats Family

Monday – Apr 23rd – St. George

8:00AM – Margaret and Charles McCarty
by Kathleen and Peggy

Tuesday – Apr 24th – St Fidelis of Sigmaringen

8:00AM – Rose M. Todaro (B)
by Deacon and Mrs. Jack O’Connell

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Apr 25th – St Mark

6:00PM – James M. Hodrick
by Kim McCloskey

Thursday – Apr 26th – St Marcellinus

8:00AM – Margaret Galloway
by Carol Nederostek

Friday – Apr 27th – St Zita of Lucca

8:00AM – Daniel Leo Lynch, Sr.
by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kovalchick

Saturday– Apr 28th – St Louis de Montfort

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Mary Cerulli
by Rosemary Barna

7:00PM – Francis J. Broderick
by Family

Sunday – Apr 29th –

8:30AM – John and Margaret Nicholas
by Family

10:30AM – Hattie E. O’Donnell (A)
by McCloskey Family



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

PASTOR’S CORNER

Taking Account

It’s the resistance to see the doctor when we know something isn’t quite right. It’s the refusal to accept help when we know we need it. It’s the failure to stop talking when we know we’ve already said too much. It’s a denial of the apology we owe someone. What is it? Is it pride? Is it slothfulness in combination with pride? Whatever *it* is, it’s nothing new to our human existence, is it? No, it isn’t new at all.

In the Garden of Eden, according to the Sacred Scripture, God forbade the man and woman to eat of the one tree. But when God came to “walk with them” in the garden, they were not where they should have been. God concludes, “...you have eaten of the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat!” Adam ducks responsibility for his own choice in taking of the fruit, “The woman You put here, she gave it to me, so I ate it.” Eve, thrown under the bus with the Almighty, deflects, “The serpent made me do it.” And ever since then, we might say, human beings have had trouble being accountable for their own actions and their own well-being.

Such are the effects of sin, of disobedience to God. We focused on what we told ourselves “would be okay/better for us” than what God commands. Therein we fall into distrust of God’s *ONLY LOVING* and *TRUE* intentions for us, and learn to distrust our own selves and to “finger-point” at others (even at God) the rest of our lives. We fail to take account of our own choices and their consequences.

It’s worse than we often appreciate at first pondering. This failure, when unacknowledged and un-repented, gains a kind of momentum, if not privileged place, in our lives. It becomes a terrible, corrupting habit that touches almost all relationships (in family

and out of family). And one of its worst corollaries is the notion that God, or the world, or someone else is to blame for our own unhappiness, misfortune and suffering. Such an errant conclusion inevitably leads to bitterness, resentment, and even violence (just take a peek at the Columbine shooters' writings). After all, if everyone else is responsible for my life's travails, then somebody's going to have to "pay" for it.

Then what do we do to turn back this reluctance to be personally accountable? Whatever we can do to take personal responsibility for our own choices we should do – but start small and build from there. It is hard work to maintain that right behavior, obedience to God's commands, is for the ultimate good of ourselves and everyone else. But such a move toward accountability is life-changing and culturally revolutionary. Dr. Jordan B. Peterson puts it this way in his latest, 12 Rules for Life, "Set your house in perfect order, before you criticize the world."

As Catholics, we might start even more solidly in this work by doing a thorough examination of conscience and going to confession. Don't be afraid to ask and receive the Lord's help in these matters and all matters – He knows what He's doing!

Fr. Eric.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	A.Gorr D.Gorr	J.McAllister	M.Druckenmiller
7:00PM	A.Muschko A.Banoza	P.McCarty	J.Ottinger
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder	C.Molchany
10:30AM	C.Ritter M.Ritter	J.DeLong	J.Behum

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



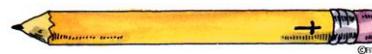
Plate Collection

\$3,489.00



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 18th**, until Trinity Sunday (**May 27th**). Those conscious of serious sin are reminded of the obligation to confess their sins at least once a year during this time.



CCD Registration

Registrations have been sent out for the 2018 – 2019 C.C.D. year. **The registration form and money are due by June 6th or a \$20.00 late fee will be added.** We need to place our book orders earlier so as to avoid the increased fees for ordering late. If your child attends public school, is home-schooled, or will be starting pre-school this year, and you have not received a registration form, please call the Rectory, 610-264-1972, and one will be sent.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



Any student of our parish that is in the third grade or higher, who has received their First Holy Communion, and would like to become an altar server for our church please call Deacon Jack O'Connell at 610-266-0689. Our first practice will be on **Saturday, May 5th, at 10:00am** in the church.



CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS



Members of Catholic War Veterans Post 454, Northampton, will conduct their **Annual Poppy Drive at all Masses next weekend, Saturday and Sunday, April 28th and 29th.** Your donations benefit hospitalized veterans at the six VA Medical Centers and Assisted Living Facilities in the state. If you are a Catholic Veteran and wish to join, please ask one of the members for an application form.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Bishop Schlert will celebrate the **Noon Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 20th, at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena**, Allentown, within which he will confirm adults of our Diocese. *Those to be confirmed are those adults (eighteen years of age or older) who were baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, received their First Holy Communion, are catechized, but never confirmed.* Please contact your local pastor to discuss registration details.



St. Mary's Church, Catty

Advanced Ticket Sales are available for their **Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner** which will be held on **Friday May 11th**, **from 4:30pm to 6:30pm**. The dinners are fully prepared by Fairview House Catering and tickets must be purchased in advanced. Ticket orders must be received by **Friday, April 27th**. Price is \$11.00 per dinner. Pick up is easy, simply drive up to our parking lot on Union Street from Front Street, hand us your ticket and we'll give you your dinners. Mail payment and self-addressed, stamped envelope to St. Mary's Church. Call Kim at 610-264-0332 with any questions.

Notre Dame of Bethlehem Parish

1861 Catasauqua Road, Bethlehem

A **Woman's Retreat**, "*Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*", is being sponsored and held at Notre Dame of Bethlehem Parish Women's Group on **Saturday, May 5th**, **from 8:30am to 3:00pm**. The Retreat will include three speaker sessions, Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and lunch. The cost, including lunch, is \$20.00. To obtain a registration form, please visit our parish website at www.ndbeth.org.

St. Elizabeth's School

Their **Purse Bingo** will be held on **Friday, April 27th**. The doors open at 5:30pm, and first bingo called at 6:30pm. There will be a Chinese Auction, raffle prizes, and more. Tickets include 12 games and are \$20.00 in advance or \$25.00 at the door. Cash only. Contact Jenn at 484-241-5179 for questions.

St. John the Baptist Church

924 N. Front Street, Allentown

Their **April Shower Power Dance** will be held on **Saturday, April 28th from 7:00pm to 10:00pm**. Tickets are \$5.00 a person, and the kitchen will be open. Call Bill at 610-432-3505.

St George



A dragon-slayer and rescuer of maidens in the popular imagination, George was a Christian soldier martyred for the Faith in Lydda, (present-day Israel). Some scholars hold that the "dragon" associated with George first symbolized the Roman Emperor Diocletian, who instigated the bloody 4th-century persecutions in which George perished.

By the Middle Ages, George had become associated with the best of chivalry: valor in war and charity to neighbor. Around 1348, King Edward III named him patron of the Order of the Garter, the most illustrious order of English knights. The martyr's symbol, a red cross on white background, became the standard of the British armies, and George was made England's principal patron.

~ *Magnificat*, April, 2018

St Fidelis of Sigmaringen

Mark Rey was born in Sigmaringen, Prussia, (modern Germany), to a devout Catholic family. He studied both civil and canon law, but his career as a lawyer was brief. Corruption among his colleagues led him to join the Capuchins. Among them, Mark became known as "Fidelis" because of the text from Revelation: "Remain faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (2:10). Sent to Protestants in the tempestuous region of Pratingau (Switzerland), he preached with joyful enthusiasm amid constant threats to his life. In a letter written at this time he signed himself "Brother Fidelis, who will soon be the food of worms." He was killed by enraged heretics on April 23, 1622.



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