



# PASTOR'S CORNER

## A Citizen Has Rights!

St. Paul tells the Christian community at Ephesus:

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, he who made both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh, abolishing the law with its commandments and legal claims, that he might create in himself one new person in place of the two, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile both with God, in one body, through the cross, putting that enmity to death by it. He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone. Through him the whole structure is held together and grows into a temple sacred in the Lord; in him you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

We are no longer strangers to God, but members of God's household, citizens of the Kingdom founded by Christ for the glory of God the Father. It sounds wonderful, but what rights (responsibilities) does a citizen of the Kingdom have?

Well, a citizen of God's Kingdom has the responsibility (right) to love one's enemies, to forgive sins, to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, accompany the sick and imprisoned, teach the ignorant, admonish the sinner, bury the dead, and pray for the living and the dead. A citizen of Heaven has the right (responsibility) to present oneself in humble repentance for the forgiveness of sin, to receive the Precious Body and Blood of our Lord in the Eucharist in a most worthy state, to enjoy the daily blessings and graces poured out on us through the cross and resurrection of Jesus. A citizen of the Kingdom has a responsibility (right) to honor every human life

## Mass Intentions

### Third Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2019

#### Saturday– May 4<sup>th</sup> –

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

7:00PM – Russell N. Beale, Jr. (A)  
by Anna and Joe Furst

#### Sunday – May 5<sup>th</sup> –

8:30AM – Frank “Jive” Snyder (WA)  
by Nin Snyder and Family

10:30AM – C.C.D. Students  
by C.C.D. Staff

#### Monday – May 6<sup>th</sup> – St Eadbert

8:00AM – Dorothy Green  
by Regina Marhefka

#### Tuesday – May 7<sup>th</sup> – St John of Beverley

8:00AM – Patty Arey  
by Kim McCloskey

#### Wednesday – May 8<sup>th</sup> – St Peter of Tarantaise

6:00PM – Marie Mooney (A)  
by McCloskey Family

#### Thursday – May 9<sup>th</sup> – St Pachomius

8:00AM – Memorial Fund Members  
by Memorial Fund

#### Friday – May 10<sup>th</sup> – St Damien de Veuster

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

#### Saturday– May 11<sup>th</sup> – St Francis of Coirolamo

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

##### Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – All Mother's Day Intentions  
7:00PM – All Mother's Day Intentions

#### Sunday – May 12<sup>th</sup> –

8:30AM – All Mother's Day Intentions  
10:30AM – All Mother's Day Intentions



Pray the Rosary Sundays

8:15AM and 10:15AM

as a gift of God, including their own life. A member of God's household has the right (responsibility) to tell the good news of Christ's resurrection and to spread the hope He brings.

If someone observed us without knowing anything about us, really watched us go about our lives – to whose kingdom might they surmise we belong? We pray this week to take the resurrection of Jesus more seriously than Game of Thrones, Avenger's End Game, any sports' or artistic achievement, and every plan (however noble) which we are making or fulfilling. We, by our baptisms, have become citizens of Heaven – let's stand up for our rights!  
Fr. Eric.



## Our Lady of Fatima

The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, appeared six times to three shepherd children near the town of Fatima, Portugal between May 13 and October 13, 1917. Appearing to the children, the Blessed Virgin promised that Heaven would grant peace to all the world if Her requests for prayer, reparation and consecration were heard and obeyed.

In all Her appearances at Fatima, the Blessed Mother repeatedly emphasized the necessity of praying the Rosary daily, of wearing the Brown Scapular of Mount Carmel and of performing acts of reparation and sacrifice. She also asked that the Faithful practice a new devotion of reparation on the first Saturday of five consecutive months.

### "The Five First Saturdays"

The observance of the first Saturday in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is intended to make reparation to it for the sins of mankind. This devotion was revealed by the Blessed Virgin to three children, Francisco, Jacinta and Lucia to whom she appeared. On June 13, 1917, Our Lady specifically stated in speaking to Lucia: "Jesus wants to make use of you to make me known and loved. He wants to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart."

Our Lady repeated this in the July 13th apparition when, after the vision of Hell that was granted to the three children, she said: "You have seen Hell, where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace."

**"I promise to help at the hour of death, with the graces needed for salvation, whoever on the First Saturday of five consecutive months shall:**

Confess and Receive Holy Communion, Recite five decades of the Holy Rosary, and Keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."

## ATTENTION GRADUATES



We will be having our yearly Graduation Mass for all graduates from high school and college **on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the 8:30am Mass**, with light refreshments to follow in the church hall. If you will be graduating, please contact Annette Englert at 610-264-5748 for further information.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION



**Plate Collection** **\$4,179.00**  
The **Second** Collection this weekend, **May 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>**, is the **Mother's Day Remembrance Collection**.



## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	<b>Servers</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>E.Ministers</b>
<b>4:00PM</b>	L.Ruda N.Ruda	J.McAllister	Deacon Jack
<b>7:00PM</b>	A.Muschko L.McGinley	J.Englert	Deacon Jack
<b>8:30AM</b>	D.Popovic M.Popovic	J.Strohl	C.Molchany
<b>10:30AM</b>	C.Gair K.Gair	J.DeLong	F.Hutterer



## EASTER DUTY

Catholics are obliged to fulfill what has been called their "**Easter Duty**". Catholics are required to receive Holy Communion between the First Sunday of Lent, **February 18<sup>th</sup>**, and Trinity Sunday (**June 16<sup>th</sup>**).

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

## MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS



At all Masses next weekend, **May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>**, the **Pennsylvanians for Human Life** will be selling live flowers for their annual fundraiser. Please support their only fundraiser with a lovely gift for your Mom.

## 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 11<sup>th</sup>**, at **10:00am** in the church.



## SS SIMON AND JUDE

730 West Broad St, Bethlehem  
Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am to 2:30pm

Their 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Treasures and Treats Food Fest: This summer festival consists of craft items, baked goods, raffle baskets, money raffle and parish made noodles. Specialty foods include Vicki's tacos, cabbage and noodles, pizza, Stromboli, BBQ, hot dogs and more!

## DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed on **Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10.2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

## GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS



Please join the Helpers of God's Precious Infants at the Prayer Pilgrimage for the unborn, and all those involved in abortion on **Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**. 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. Come and be part of the call to let your prayers and presence bring God's everlasting, unconditional love to all those involved in abortion. Contact Info: 610-674-4624.

## St. John the Baptist Church

924 N. Front Street, Allentown

They will be having a Chicken Dinner on **Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm to 6:30pm**. Tickets are only \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under ten. Ticket purchases can be made by calling the rectory, 610-432-0034, or Bill Drost 610-432-3505. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Their **Meat Bingo** will be held on **Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm**. Doors and kitchen open at 12:00 Noon.

## Salem U.C.C.

615 Third Street, Catty

Their **Free Community Lunch** will be held on **Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**, at **11:00am**.

## Holy Trinity Memorial Church

4<sup>th</sup> and Pine Streets, Catty

Their **Taco and Baked Potato Bar** will be held on **Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**, from **4:00pm to 7:00pm**. This includes all the trimming, homemade desserts and beverages. This is a free will offering and benefits the **Catty Public Library**.