



Mass Intentions

Third Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2017

Saturday–Apr 29th –

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Michelle P. Polchik
by Joanne Hudak and Daughters
7:00PM – Joseph J. Holena (B)
by Joseph Mazur and Mary Kraynick

Sunday – Apr 30th –

8:30AM – Frank “Jive” Snyder (WA)
by Wife, Nin
10:30AM – Richard J. Longenhagen, Sr.
by Louise Oswald

Monday – May 1st – St Joseph the Worker

8:00AM – Carl and Yvonne Rieker (L-63rd WA)
by Family

Tuesday – May 2nd – St Athanasius

8:00AM – Darlene M. Steiner
by Peggy McCarty

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – May 3rd – Ss Philip and James

6:00PM – Parents, Melichor and Emelia Dopsovic
by Daughter, Agnes Chabak

Thursday – May 4th – St Godehard of Hildesheim

8:00AM – Raymond Mondschein
by Pauline Albert

Friday – May 5th – St Hilary of Arles

8:00AM – Frank J. Sakasitz
by Kim McCloskey

Sacred Heart Novena after Mass

Saturday–May 6th – St Eadbert

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – The Poor Souls in Purgatory
by Irene Vomero
7:00PM – Jerome J. Bednar
by Mr. and Mrs. Roland Kratzer

Sunday – May 7th –

8:30AM – Peg and Steve Skvoretz (WA)
by Dave and Patti Skvoretz
10:30AM – Our C.C.D. Students
by Our C.C.D. Catechists

PASTOR'S CORNER

A Refresher on the Sacraments* (Part II)

Why are the sacraments important enough for disciples of Jesus, like ourselves, to celebrate? Bert Ghezzi, in *The Heart of Catholicism*, puts it this way,

Each of the seven sacraments plays an important life-giving role that empowers us for everyday living.

Baptism cleanses us spiritually and plunges us into God's life, creating a Father-child relationship that will last forever.

In **Confirmation**, we welcome the Holy Spirit Who brings us gifts and graces – practical tools [and capacities] that assist us on our journey.

The Lord continuously nourishes our souls with life-giving food, his own Body and Blood, in the **Eucharist**.

Matrimony provides continuous spiritual support for marriage relationships and family life. This sacrament makes husbands and wives partners of God in new human lives. It strengthens them to fulfill their obligations to one another, to their children, and to the wider society as a visible sign of God's love and fidelity.

In **Holy Orders** the Holy Spirit empowers deacons, priests, and bishops with a share in Christ's mediation, enabling them to perform the sacramental actions that give grace to sustain our lives in this world and prepare us for the next. And it gives them graces for their service of evangelizing, preaching, and teaching.

Sinful and broken, we meet Christ in the Sacrament of **Penance** (aka Reconciliation). There the Lord, who died for our sins, forgives us personally, as He did the woman caught in adultery (Jn 8:3-11), and He heals us, as He did the man born blind (Jn 9:1-4). The [healing touch of Jesus Christ] in the **Anointing of the Sick** brings physical and spiritual healing to us, restoring our health and preparing those near death for direct and personal union with God.

Each of these sacraments puts us in touch with most significant event in history –

the death and resurrection of Jesus. In a profound reality, they make it possible for us to be present at Calvary and the empty tomb, intimately joined to Christ in the mystery of his death and resurrection.

While these sacraments are “lined up” as above, it might be hard to see that the EUCHARIST is the goal and power of the other six sacraments. Bottom line? The ultimate goal of the sacraments is COMMUNION WITH GOD! I wonder if that isn't the most important reason to attend mass each Sunday...

God is with us,
Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection **\$3,750.00**
The **Second Collection** next weekend, **May 6th and 7th**, will be the **Mother's Day Collection**.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	A.Gorr D.Gorr	J.Englert	J.McAllister Deacon Jack
7:00PM	D.Sullivan J.Drummer	P.McCarty	J.Yanek Deacon Jack
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder	C.Hetzel Deacon Jack
10:30AM	C.Gair D.Gair	J.DeLong	J.Behum Deacon Jack



Please remember in your prayers **Edward Joseph Holaska, Darlene M. Steiner and John Stephen Benko**, 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.



EASTER FLOWERS

Thank you for the Easter Flower remembrances, a list of which can be found on the bulletin board at both entrances.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

FRIDAY, MAY 5TH
ADORATION begins after morning Mass, and continues throughout the day.

7:00PM ~ HOLY HOUR



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our Sacramental Class received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend, **Saturday, April 30th**, at **10:00am**. They are: **Antony Alexander Banoza, Lilian Stefania DeLabar, Keira Rose Gair, Eva Ann Gomes, Mia Ivy Gomes, Shannon Gail Light, Lucinda Jean Loftus, Molly Elizabeth Petruno, Sophia Kate Titano, and Hailey Michele Walsh**. Please congratulate them and their parents on this very joyous and holy occasion.



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.

CHICKEN PAPRIKAS DINNER

Please join us for our Chicken Paprikas dinner **today, Sunday, April 30th**, from **4:00pm to 7:00pm**. Tickets will be sold after the masses **this weekend**. 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. **Volunteers are always welcomed and no experience is required.**

CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS

Members of Catholic War Veterans Post 454, Northampton, are conducting their **Annual Poppy Drive** at all Masses **this weekend**. The donations benefit hospitalized veterans at the six VA facilities in the state. Thank you for your generosity!

ALTAR FLOWERS

The **ALTAR FLOWER LIST FOR 2017** is now at the parking lot entrance of church. Honor a loved one by placing flowers on the altar. Simply sign up on the list, and then call your florist for delivery.



Good Shepherd School Open House and Golf

On **Wednesday, May 17th**, the Night of the Arts will begin at **6:00pm** in front of the Main Office. Artwork created by our students will be on display. Musical Presentations by our school choir and instrumental band begin at 6:30pm in the School Gym. All are welcome!

It's time to put your foursome together, round up your friends, family and co-workers. **Good Shepherd Catholic School** will be holding their **6th Annual Golf Outing** on **Saturday, May 6th**, Willow Brook Golf Course.

DAY OF PRAYER

The Serra Club of the Allentown Diocese will host an Annual Day of Prayer for Vocations on **Saturday, May 6th at Saint Mary's in Kutztown**. The day begins with registration and continental breakfast from 8:15am to 9:00am, followed by a Holy Hour with the Rosary for Vocations and chanted Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction with **Monsignor Scheaffer**. Come and experience the joy and peace of the Risen Lord that waits in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament!

The two speakers will be **Rev. Lucien Longtin, S.J.**, who celebrated his 50th Jubilee as a priest in 2015, will share his vocation story with us, and **Rev. Jose Kumbolickal, M.S.F.S.**, who has served as a Provincial Superior, and is currently a visiting professor of theology at DeSales University will reflect on his experiences. This is a wonderful opportunity for all to "put out into deeper water" and learn more about our faith. A catered lunch is provided and after a period for personal prayer and reflection, **Monsignor Schlert** will celebrate Mass at 1:15pm. The offering for the day is just \$20.00. If you have any questions on the day, contact Steve Hahn by stephenchahn@yahoo.com.

C.C.D. Parents' Meeting

There will be a short parents' meeting following the 10:30am Mass, next Sunday, May 7th. Registrations will be handed out for the 2017 – 2018 school year.

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER



In 1955, Pope Pius XII, moved the feast of Joseph's patronage of the universal Church to May 1st, and renamed it in honor of Joseph "the Worker." Joseph watches over the entire Church just as he protected the original "domestic Church," the Holy Family. Through the work of his hands, Joseph provided for the

material needs of Mary and Jesus. He educated Jesus and patiently schooled him in the trade of carpentry. "Work was the daily expression of love in the life of the Family of Nazareth" (Redemptoris Custos 22).

~ *Magnificat* May, 2017

GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS

Please join Father Ha and the Helpers of God's Precious Infants at the Prayer Pilgrimage for the unborn, and all those involved in abortion on **Saturday, May 13th**. The pilgrimage begins with Mass at 8:00AM at Notre Dame Church of Bethlehem, 1861 Catasauqua Road, and continues with The Rosary at the abortion facility located at 31 South Commerce Way in the Bethlehem Industrial Park. 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](tel:610-674-4624), or hogpi@hotmail.com.

