



Mass Intentions

Third Sunday in Lent

March 18, 2017

Saturday—Mar 18th —

Third Sunday of Lent

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Evelyn Figura (B)
by Family

7:00PM – Anna M. Milkovits
by Anna Harakal and Family

Sunday – Mar 19th –

8:30AM – Paul Houghton
by Choir

10:30AM – Mary Lizak
by Eileen Henitz

Monday – Mar 20th – St Joseph

8:00AM – William J. Molchany, Sr.
by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pflugler

Tuesday – Mar 21st – St Nicholas of Flue

8:00AM – Catherine Mink
by Mike and Louise Seng

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Mar 22nd – Bl Clemens

6:00PM – Joseph Cernobyl (A)
by Kim McCloskey

Thursday – Mar 23rd – St Turibius of Mogrovejo

8:00AM – Margaret Marakovits (L-Health)
by Barbara Petro

Friday – Mar 24th – St Catherine of Sweden

8:00AM – Helen Sidor
by Dorothy and Edward Motsko

Saturday—Mar 25th – Annunciation of our Lord

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Donna McNally
by Scott and Edie Stahlnecker

7:00PM – Marilyn C. Genovese
by Peggy McCarty

Sunday – Mar 26th –

8:30AM – Patricia A. Greitzer
by Clara Barton

10:30AM – Rev. Joseph James Campion
by Rev. Eric J. Gruber

PASTOR'S CORNER

The Living Water

Byzantine vespers (evening prayers) include this amazement:

Jesus met the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well.

The One who covers the earth with clouds

asks water of her.

Oh, what a wonder!

The One who suspended the earth on the waters

asks for water!

It is not a mystery as to why Jesus is thirsty. It's hot...He's been walking for a while in the late morning sun...of course He is thirsty! But, He reveals that He is the source for Living Water (not a stagnant collection vessel, but a spring rising up and flowing). So, what is He really thirsty for?

Ultimately, He thirsts for each of us. Like a vampire? No, He's like a raging river seeking an open course through which to flow. He wants our hearts, friends. He wants us to trust the Father, to trust Him, to entrust ourselves to the Holy Spirit. To be joined in communion with Him Who answers all our hungers and thirsts is to become vessels of his Living Water.

Karol Wojtyla (later St. John Paul II) writes in his poetry,

It joined us together, the well;
the well led me into you.

No one between us but light
deep in the well, the pupil of the eye
set in an orbit of stones.

Within your eyes, I,
drawn by the well,
am enclosed.

Let Him in.
Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection **\$3,794.00**
 Lenten Self Denial **\$1,447.00**

The **Second Collection** this weekend, **March 18th and 19th**, is the **Rice Bowl Collection**.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	J.Shaul A.Muschko	J.Strohl	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	L.Ruda N.Ruda	J.Englert	Deacon Jack
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	B.Molchany	J.Ottinger
10:30AM	D.Sullivan M.Druckenmiller	K.McCloskey	J.Heffner



LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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



Strudel Roll Sale

Time is running out! Orders for the Easter Strudels from *Country Cottage Bake Shop* in Tamaqua are due by **next Sunday, March 26th**, via the collection basket. Cost is \$15.00 a roll, and available in the flavors listed below. Pickup is **Wednesday, April 12th, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm** in the church hall.

NAME _____ PHONE # _____

Nut: _____ Poppyseed: _____ Lekvar: _____

Apricot: _____ Raspberry: _____ Total: \$ _____

Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Joseph, the "foster father of our Lord" (nutritor Domini), was the legal father of Jesus. Through his genealogical line Jesus is said to be of the house of David. Joseph's self-gift to Mary and Jesus "fully shares in authentic human fatherhood and the mission of a father in the family" (Saint John Paul II). In 1870 Pius IX declared Joseph the patron of the Universal Church. Many saints have

recommended his patronage, including Bernardine of Siena, Vincent Ferrer, and Teresa of Avila. According to Teresa, "To other saints our Lord has given power to help in one sort of need, but this glorious saint, as I know by experience, helps us in every need."

~ *Magnificat, March, 2017*

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

The Annunciation heralds the beginning of our salvation. By Mary's obedient *Fiat*, the earth has become heaven. "In Jesus, God has placed, in the midst of barren, despairing mankind, a new beginning which is not a product of human history but a gift from above" (Pope Benedict XVI). All that our heart cries out for became Flesh in Mary's womb. When we repeat the words of the angel by praying the Hail Mary, the Word of God germinates in our soul. Christianity is this never-ending event of encounter with God made present in the maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



~ *Magnificat, March, 2017*

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

PARISH RETREAT

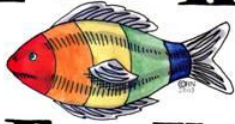
The final date to sign up for the retreat is **next Sunday, March 26th**. This is your chance to enhance your spiritual life during this Lenten Season. The retreat will take place on **Saturday, April 1st**, at the St. Michael Center on Main Street in Northampton. Parking is available in the church parking lot. **Registration begins at 8:00am and the retreat will conclude with Exposition and Benediction at 2:30pm.** A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please fill out the below form and place in the collection basket. A \$20.00 donation is suggested.

PARISH RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Attending: _____ Total Enclosed: \$ _____

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ST. JOHN FISHER FISH DINNER

We will be hosting our Fish Dinner on **this Friday, March 24th, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm**. The platter includes: breaded haddock, choice of parsley potatoes or halushkie, creamed cabbage, corn, 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 Annette at 610-264-4758. Tickets at the door will be \$12.00.

Volunteers Needed

Final Call for volunteers for the upcoming Fish Dinner! Help is requested for **this Thursday, March 23rd, at 6:00pm** to assist with preparation of food, setting up tables, preparing take home containers, etc., and on **this Friday, March 24th, 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 our Annual Fish Dinner **this Friday**. Desserts can be dropped off in the church hall either on **this Thursday, March 23rd, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm** or on **this Friday, March 24th, after 2:00pm**.

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. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.



The 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign started on **Ash Wednesday, and will continue through Lent, until April 8th**, at the Allentown Women's Center in Bethlehem. Join us Monday through Saturday, 7:00am to 7:00pm. When volunteers are praying the no show rate for abortions can jump as high as 75%!

St. Mary's Church, Catty

Their Basket Social will be held on **Friday, March 24th, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm; Saturday, March 25th, from 10:00am to 7:00pm; and Sunday, March 26th, from 9:00am to 1:00pm**. Tickets on sale at the door and you do not need to present to win.

St. John the Baptist Church

924 N. Front Street, Allentown

Their March into Spring Dance will be held on **Saturday, March 25th from 7:00pm to 10:00pm**. Tickets are \$5.00 a person, and the kitchen will be open.