



## Mass Intentions Fifth Sunday of Easter April 23, 2016

### **Saturday – April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Sandra O. Eisenhart  
by McCloskey Family

7:00PM – Edward J. Danko  
by Bill and Connie Molchany

### **Sunday – April 24<sup>th</sup>**

8:30AM – John and Margaret Nicholas  
by Family

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

### **Monday – April 25<sup>th</sup> – St Mark**

8:00AM – Frances Burda  
by Sister, Agnes Chabak

### **Tuesday – April 26<sup>th</sup> – St Marcellinus**

8:00AM – John Rogers  
by Ann Spengler and Dale Wehr

*Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass*

### **Wednesday – April 27<sup>th</sup> – St Zita of Lucca**

6:00PM – Frances Figura  
by Margaret Skears

### **Thursday – April 28<sup>th</sup> –**

**St Louis Grignon de Montfort**

8:00AM – All Memorial Fund Members  
by Memorial Fund

### **Friday – April 29<sup>th</sup> – St Catherine of Siena**

8:00AM – Rev. John H. McNamara  
by Rev. Eric J. Gruber

### **Saturday – April 30<sup>th</sup> – St Pius V**

8:00AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Joseph Kroboth  
by Kroboth Family

7:00PM – Lawrence A. Schmidt, Sr.  
by Herbert and Magdalen Garrison

### **Sunday – May 1<sup>st</sup>**

8:30AM – Frank Snyder and Mike Brosky Families  
By Nin Snyder and Family

10:30AM – Patricia Koestner (L) – Health  
by Barry and Peggy Bozzone



**Pray the Rosary each Sunday:**

8:15AM and 10:15AM

# PASTOR'S CORNER

## Teach Your Children Well

St. Faustina Kowalska, the Polish mystic and visionary who received and first communicated the devotion to the Divine Mercy of Jesus, writes in her Diary:

“...I saw two roads. One was broad, covered with sand and flowers, full of joy, music and all sorts of pleasures. People were walking along it, dancing and enjoying themselves. They reached the end without realizing it.

And at the end of the road there was a horrible precipice; that is, the abyss of hell. The souls fell blindly into it; as they walked, so they fell. And their number was so great that it was impossible to count them. And I saw the other road, or rather, a path, for it was narrow and strewn with thorns and rocks; and the people who walked along it had tears in their eyes, and all kinds of suffering befell them. Some fell down upon the rocks, but stood up immediately and went on. At the end of the road there was a magnificent garden filled with all sorts of happiness and all these souls entered there. At the very first instant they forgot all their sufferings”(153).

If you are awake to what is happening in the nation, the culture, the world, politics, economics and religion, then you probably have been “storming heaven” with your prayers and good works to deliver your children and grandchildren (let alone your own self) from what seems a “higher priced” future than they can afford. Corruption on all levels of hearts and minds, born of loose foundations in relativism (look it up!) and half-formed notions of the faith, have undermined the family and the tried-and-true

visions of what it is to be human. Once this decline happens in individual persons, the organizations, workplaces, schools, stages, labs and arenas in which they work and perform also become corrupted. We are witnessing a precipitous fall at the end of a broad, flowery, entertaining road filled with distractions. What are practicing Catholics, disciples of Jesus, to do?

We are to walk the path strewn with thorns and rocks. That is to say, the path of following God's express will in the Sacred Tradition (Scripture and the Magisterial Teachings of the Church) is the goal of our lives. This will "single us out" for persecution – like being called bigots and haters, even when we don't hate anyone. It will challenge us to toughen up our young ones so they can, with God's help, come to the magnificent garden seen by St. Faustina, and have their tears dried and forgotten. We are not made ONLY for this world.

Remember that. Teach that.

Fr. Eric.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION



**Plate Collection** **\$3,755.00**

The **Second Collection** next weekend, **April 30<sup>th</sup>** and **May 1<sup>st</sup>**, will be the **Mother's Day Collection**.



## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	<b>Servers</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>E.Ministers</b>
<b>4:00PM</b>	A.Gorr D.Gorr	J.Englert	J. McAllister Deacon Jack
<b>7:00PM</b>	C.Gair D.Gair	P.McCarty	C.Molchany Deacon Jack
<b>8:30AM</b>	D.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder	C.Hetzel Deacon Jack
<b>10:30AM</b>	J.Drummer H.Heffner	J.DeLong	J.Behum Deacon Jack



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our Sacramental Class will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on **Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**, at **10:00am**. Please keep our students in your prayers.



Please remember in your prayers our parishioner, **Regina E. Kapustic**, who passed away and was buried this week.

We pray that her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS



Members of Catholic War Veterans Post 454, Northampton, will conduct their **Annual Poppy Drive** at all Masses **this weekend, April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**. Your donations benefit hospitalized veterans at the VA Center in Wilkes-Barre and the five state-operated Veterans Home in PA.

We thank you for your generosity!

## Young at Heart

The next meeting of St John Fisher's Young at Heart will be held on **Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**, at **1:00pm** in the Parish Hall. **A luncheon will be served.**

The next Casino trip to the Mohegan Sun will be on **Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**. The bus leaves the Church Parking Lot at 10:00am. The price is \$22.00 per person.

For more information, call Bill Molchany, 610-264-0920.



Flowers were placed on the altar on the weekend of April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> for the **40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Mike and Louise Seng**, and this past weekend, April 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> by **Louise Oswald** in remembrance of her parents, **Ann and Glen Oswald's wedding anniversary**.



## ANIMAL SHELTER

The animal shelter is in need of food and supplies for cats and dogs. Please place your donation in the Food Bank basket located at both entrances to church by **today**. Any questions, call Nicole Lane at 610-264-4712.

# NEW ALTAR SERVERS



Any student that is receiving their First Holy Communion this year, or any student that has already received their First Holy Communion and would like to become an altar server, please call Deacon Jack at 610-266-0689.

## HOLY HOUR

There will be a Holy Hour and recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at **Queenship of Mary Church** on **Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, at 3:00pm**. Msgr. Albert Byrne, Pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, Whitehall, will give the reflection. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. All are welcome!

## Charismatic Mass of Healing and Anointing

A Mass of Healing and Anointing will be held at Holy Ghost Church, 417 Carlton Avenue in South Bethlehem on **Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00pm**. Rev. Clifton E. Bishop, Jr., the Bishop's Liaison for Charismatic Renewal, will be the Celebrant and Homilist. Confessions will be from 6:00pm to 6:55pm. Healing Masses are held every first Monday of the month at Holy Ghost Church.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Women's Retreat

The Second Annual Women's Retreat will be held on **Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm** in Good Shepherd Catholic School gym. The Keynote Speaker will be **Sister Lisa Valentini**, who is a Missionary Sister of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and is a well-known and respected inspirational speaker. To attend, please call 610-262-9171.

## Saint Mark



Tradition holds that Mark, the author of the second Gospel, is the "John-Mark" of the Acts of the Apostles, Barnabas' cousin, and a co-worker with Peter in Rome. According to Saint Clement of Alexandria, Mark wrote his account "at the insistence of the Christians of Rome." Many early Church Fathers believed that Mark "signed" his Gospel with the account of the mysterious young man who fled the

Garden of Gethsemane when Jesus was arrested, leaving his linen cloth behind (14:51-52). Mark is believed to have been martyred in Alexandria, Egypt.

## St. Catherine of Siena

At sixteen, Catherine took the habit as a Dominican tertiary. She lived a monastic life in her home in Siena until Christ called her to work in the world. Catherine was a spiritual mother to persons both high and low. According to Blessed Raymond of Capua, her confessor, great crowds came down from the mountains to hear her ardent preaching, "and when they heard her or even had sight of her, their hearts were pierced." Her heartfelt appeals influenced Pope Gregory XI to return to Rome from Avignon. Catherine composed the *Dialogue*, an exchange between God and the soul. She died in 1370 and is a Doctor of the Church.



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