



# PASTOR'S CORNER

## Beware of God-lessness [revised]

Pope John Paul II, in 1986 in his papal encyclical, *Dominum et Vivificantem* [on the Holy Spirit], wrote:

For in spite of all the witness of creation and of the salvific economy inherent in it, the spirit of darkness is capable of showing God as an enemy of his own creature, and in the first place as an enemy of man, as a source of danger and threat to man. In this way Satan manages to sow in man's soul the seed of opposition to the one who "from the beginning" would be considered as man's enemy – and not as Father. Man is challenged to become the adversary of God!

The analysis of sin in its original dimension indicates that, through the influence of the "father of lies," throughout the history of humanity there will be a constant pressure on man to reject God, even to the point of hating Him: "Love of self to the point of contempt for God," as St. Augustine puts it. [*Dominum et Vivificantem*, 38]

Think on the ways you and I may be tempted to doubt God's power or his love for humanity – there are no few voices in the myriad media who echo Satan's prompt. There are forces which manifestly draw human beings away from the Commandments and the Gospel in our society in the guise of freedom. And yet, the human person/soul yearns for ultimate meaning and purpose, even while the devil tries to convince us of the purposelessness of our existence, the randomness of events, and the lack of God's will or power to do anything about our problems. In the face of the corruption around us and sometimes within us, what are we to do? First, go to confession regularly – when we are cultivating a deeper relationship with Jesus in such a proactive way it is easier to deal with temptations of all kinds. Second, cut back on paying the corrupt things too much attention (recognizing and naming the sins in the world

## Mass Intentions

The Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 30, 2019

**Saturday– Mar 30<sup>th</sup> –**

**The Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – James Koncz (B)  
by Son, Gene

7:00PM – Mary and Robert Doyle  
by Frank and Carol Weber

**Sunday – Mar 31<sup>st</sup> –**

8:30AM – Agnes and Homer Collis  
by Family

10:30AM – Jane Croslis  
by Kim McCloskey

**Monday – Apr 1<sup>st</sup> – St Hugh of Grenoble**

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

**Tuesday – Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> – St Francis of Paola**

8:00AM – Helen E. Galgon (A)  
by Sister, Jean Strohl

**Wednesday – Apr 3<sup>rd</sup> – St Richard**

6:00PM – Patricia A. Procak  
by F.C.S.L.A. Branch 230

**Thursday – Apr 4<sup>th</sup> – St Isidore of Seville**

8:00AM – Irene Vomero  
by Bernie Tarullo

**Friday–Apr 5<sup>th</sup> – St Vincent Ferrer**

8:00AM – Robert L. Strohl  
by Carole M. Houghton

**Sacred Heart Novena after Mass**

**Saturday– Apr 6<sup>th</sup> – St William of Eskilsoe**

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

**The Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Ruth Zoeller (A)  
by Jim and Carmela Meyer

7:00PM – Nicole Bieak Kreidler (L-Health)  
by Mom and Dad

**Sunday – Apr 7<sup>th</sup> –**

8:30AM – Stanley and Anna Stascinsky  
by Estate

10:30AM – Agnes and Homer Collis  
by Family



**Pray the Rosary Sundays**  
8:15AM and 10:15AM

and ourselves is one thing, paying them nearly constant/obsessive attention is dwelling on the storm that interrupts a day full of sunshine). Third, do something for someone else who cannot repay you for the kindness save with a 'thank you'. Fourth, pray and read the Sacred Scripture to the degree that the Lord's word comes to mind in conversations and daily activities. [this can require not just a commitment of so many minutes a day, but a constant parade of days in which we pray] Fifth, resist every temptation to give up on yourself, your spouse, your kids, your parents, your friends, by handing them all over to Jesus again and again as necessary. Discipleship is a full-time way of life, Fr. Eric.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION



**Plate Collection** \$3,767.00  
**Rice Bowl Collection** \$1,017.00  
 The **Second** Collection next weekend, **April 6<sup>th</sup>**, and **7<sup>th</sup>**, will be the **Easter Flowers Collection**.



## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
<b>4:00PM</b>	L.Ruda N.Ruda	J.Englert	J.McAllister
<b>7:00PM</b>	A.Muschko L.McGinley	P.McCarty	J.Behum
<b>8:30AM</b>	D.Popovic M.Popovic	J.Strohl	C.Molchany
<b>10:30AM</b>	D.Gorr M.Ritter	P.McCloskey	J.Marhefka

## ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

1879 Applewood Drive, Orefield

### AN EVENING OF DIVINE MERCY

✠ Exposition ✠ Adoration ✠ Chaplet of Divine Mercy ✠

All are welcome to join us for this free event on **Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00pm to 9:00pm**. A Lenten Reflection by **Sister Gaudia Skass, OLM**, who was born and raised in Poland, and made her perpetual profession of vows with the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. No registration is required.

## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

Adoration begins after morning Mass, and continues throughout the day. 7:00PM ~ HOLY HOUR



*"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament."*  
 St. Padre Pio

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS



On April 5<sup>th</sup>, Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at 7:00pm, followed by the Stations of the Cross and then Benediction.

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

Bishop Schlert will celebrate the **Noon Mass on Pentecost Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**, at the **Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena**, Allentown, within which he will confirm adults of our Diocese. *Those to be confirmed are adults who were baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, received their First Holy Communion, are catechized, but never confirmed.* Please contact the rectory to discuss registration details.

## LENTEN OBLIGATIONS

Our Lenten obligations include abstinence and fasting. **Abstinence** from meat is observed on all Fridays in Lent for all Catholics 14 years of age and older.

## AVAILABLE MASSES

We currently have weekday masses available for 2019. If you would like a mass said for a loved one, please call the rectory at 610-264-1972, to have one scheduled.

## Strudel Roll Sale

Time is running out! Orders for the Easter Strudels from *Country Cottage Bake Shop* in Tamaqua are due by **next Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**, via the collection basket. Cost is \$16.00 a roll, and available in the flavors listed below. Pick-up is **Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm** in the church hall. Any questions, call Mary Beth at 610-264-4494 or Peggy at 610-264-0307.

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 NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

Nut: \_\_\_\_\_ Poppyseed: \_\_\_\_\_ Lekvar: \_\_\_\_\_ Apricot: \_\_\_\_\_

Raspberry: \_\_\_\_\_ Coconut Cream: \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## EASTER CONFESSIONS

Sunday, March 31 + 12:30pm to 2:00pm

Thursday, April 11 + 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Monday, April 15 + 6:00pm to 8:00pm



## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

The 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign started on **Ash Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, and continues through April 14<sup>th</sup>**, at the Allentown Planned Parenthood, 29 N. 9th St., Allentown, PA. **Join us, Monday through Saturday, 7:00am to 7:00pm.** When prayer volunteers are praying the no show rate for abortions can jump as high as 75%! For more information, or to be paired with a prayer partner, call Maryanne at 610-570-2347.

### St. Elizabeth's Church

435 Pershing Blvd, Fullerton

Tickets are available for their **Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner** which will be held on **Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30pm to 6:30pm.** The dinners are fully prepared by Fairview House Catering. Advanced tickets are a must and the **price is \$12.00 per meal.** Call Mary at 610-266-0695.

### St Mary's Church

122 Union Street, Catty

They will be having **TWO Lenten Dinners on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and April 12<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30pm to 7:00pm.** For advanced tickets please send payment payable to St. Mary's along with a self-addressed stamped envelope. Please feel free to call 610-264-0332 with questions.

## St. Ursula's Church

1300 Broadway, Bethlehem

### The Vatican Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition

will be on display on **Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**, from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.



**Annamae Hein** will be the speaker on **Sunday** explaining the 85 Eucharistic miracles displayed.



**Sister Rose Mulligan** from Immaculata College will speak on **Monday** on the Shroud of Turin.



On **Tuesday** there will be Adoration and Benediction, along with the CCD program's dramatic Stations of the Cross.