



## Mass Intentions Divine Mercy Sunday April 2, 2016

### **Saturday – April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Divine Mercy**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Ruth Zoellner (A)  
by Jim and Carmela Meyer  
7:00PM – Anna Spaitz  
by Sam McCarty

### **Sunday – April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

8:30AM – Mary E. Kalamar  
by Robert and Jean Strohl  
10:30AM – Alice Von Hildebrand (L) - Health  
by Barry and Peggy Bozzone

### **Monday – April 4<sup>th</sup> –**

#### **The Annunciation of Our Lord**

8:00AM – Donald Mulberger  
by Wife, Patricia

### **Tuesday – April 5<sup>th</sup> – St Vincent Ferrer**

8:00AM – The Poor Souls in Purgatory  
by Irene Vomero

#### **Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass**

### **Wednesday – April 6<sup>th</sup> – St William of Eskilsoe**

6:00PM – Richard J. Longenhagen, Sr.  
by Pauline Longenhagen

### **Thursday – April 7<sup>th</sup> – St John Baptist de la Salle**

8:00AM – Anna Harakal  
by Ann and Dale

### **Friday – April 8<sup>th</sup> – St Julia Billiard**

8:00AM – Dominic Pavlick, Jr.  
by Ron and Rosie Klipple

### **Saturday – April 9<sup>th</sup> – St Mary Cleophas**

8:00AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Mike and Louise Seng  
for their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
7:00PM – Living and Deceased Members  
by Holy Name Society

### **Sunday – April 10<sup>th</sup>**

8:30AM – Barbara Charles  
by Arthur Steffie Family  
10:30AM – Thomas Hudak  
by McCloskey Family



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

# PASTOR'S CORNER

## The Narrow Door (A Reminder)

...and, here I arrived, my corpulent self,  
at the kingdom for which I had been made.  
And what do I encounter but a wall as high as a great  
oak,  
and wider than an elephant!

“There’s got to be a way in,” I think and then say to  
myself  
while looking down the course of the kingdom wall –  
it hurt to look at it shining white in the sunlight. No  
entrance or break in the wall could be found.  
“Figures...” I mutter to myself, “I’d come all this way  
only to arrive on the wrong side of the place.”

Away from the trees and taller growth, there was no  
hiding from the beating light.  
I walked clockwise, to my left, hoping to round the  
corner and find an open door.  
No such fortune awaited; for the next right turn  
merely displayed what seemed an interminably long  
“side” to the place – just as high and bright as the first  
I encountered.

Frustration sets in...and nearly despair...but I think  
and then say to myself,  
“What other choice do I have?” I answer myself,  
“Just keep going.”  
The next turn yields some sort of opening in the  
center of the opposite wall.  
I approach with renewed vigor, until I get close  
enough to gauge the width and height of the entrance  
– a small blue door, no more than a foot and a half  
wide and three feet tall. “What?” I ask of my  
Host,...sweating and panting in self-importance,  
“Why such a small door? After all this time and  
effort...why?” The answer comes – was it thunder?  
“My grace is sufficient for thee.” The reply echoes  
down the long kingdom walls; it finds my ears again  
with exclamations.

I camp there for days and months out-of-time, until  
my fast allows me through.  
I enter through the narrow door.

*Please remember in the Easter Season to pray for  
those in purgatory awaiting the fullness of God’s life  
and love in heaven.*

Fr. Eric.

# OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection	\$3,436.00
Holy Thursday Collection	\$ 975.00
Good Friday Collection	\$ 922.00
Easter Sunday Collection	\$7,368.00

Thank you to all our parishioners for your continued generosity.



## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
<b>4:00PM</b>	D.Sullivan A.Muschko	B.Petro	Deacon Jack
<b>7:00PM</b>	A.Urban C.Gair	J.Englert	Deacon Jack
<b>8:30AM</b>	D.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder	J.Ottinger
<b>10:30AM</b>	H.Heffner L.Ruda	L.Bolmer	J.Heffner



## EASTER FLOWERS

Easter Flower remembrances can be found on the bulletin board at both entrances to church. We thank one and all for remembering their loved ones in a very special way.

## CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS



Members of Catholic War Veterans Post 454, Northampton, will conduct their **Annual Poppy Drive** at all Masses on the weekend on **Saturday and Sunday, 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! Any Catholic Veteran (men and women) interested in joining *Catholic War Veterans Post 454* can speak to one of our members or call the Post Commander, Dick Rice, at 610-264-3080.

## 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.



## Plenary Indulgence for Divine Mercy Sunday

In a decree dated August 3, 2002, the Apostolic Penitentiary announced that in order "to ensure that the faithful would observe this day (Divine Mercy Sunday) with intense devotion, the Supreme Pontiff himself established that this Sunday be enriched by a plenary indulgence...so that the faithful might receive in great abundance the gift of the consolation of the Holy Spirit. In this way, they can foster a growing love for God and for their neighbor, and after they have obtained God's pardon, they in turn might be persuaded to show a prompt pardon to their brothers and sisters."

*The plenary indulgence* is granted (under the usual conditions of a sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and a prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on Divine Mercy Sunday, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, recite the *Our Father and the Creed, and also adding a devout prayer (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!)*.

Additional provisions are offered for those who are impeded from fulfilling these requirements, but who wish to acquire a plenary indulgence. The full text of the decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary may be found at: [www.mercysunday.com](http://www.mercysunday.com).

From the Feb. 2003 edition of the BCL (Bishops Committee on the Liturgy) NewsLetter by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

## PILGRIM VIRGIN OF FATIMA

The **Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima Statue** is dedicated to all the people of the North Catasauqua Area in order to foster the worship of the Most Holy Trinity through a true devotion to our Blessed Lady. The Statue "travels" into any homes which wish to host it for a time (usually a week), and is treasured there by a family or group of friends who pray the rosary together. There have been several such traveling statues in our area over the years dating back to the 1960's, blessed by several different pastors who have served in the region. If you wish



to participate in this beautiful tradition and devotion and open your home to Our Lady so concretely, please contact Pauline Albert, 610-264-3473, or Jean Marhefka, 610-264-5038. Thank you.

# Animal Shelter Collection



The animal shelter is in need of food and supplies for cats and dogs. If you can help, please place your donation in the Food Bank basket located at both entrances to church by **April 24<sup>th</sup>**. The cats and dogs at the shelter thank you for your generosity!

Any questions, call Nicole Lane at 610-264-4712.

## NOTICE

Due to the emphasis on privacy and the sharing of information, the hospital patient information systems are unreliable. Therefore, as a precaution, please do not presume that St John Fisher Rectory knows your loved one is in the hospital. If you would like a loved one visited, please call the rectory, 610-264-1972, and leave a message as to the name of your loved one, which hospital (be specific), and a room number if it is known at the time. Thank you for your help in this matter.



## SUBURBAN NORTH YMCA GOLF OUTING

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Russell Miller/Danny Danko Memorial Golf Outing will be held on **Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**, at Willow Brook Golf Course. The \$85.00 entry fee includes golf with cart, a continental breakfast, lunch, fruit, beverages, and buffet dinner. Sponsorship opportunities are available, starting at \$50.00. 100% of your contribution remains in the Catasauqua community. For details, contact the Y at 610-264-5221.



## The Annunciation of Our Lord

*Whenever this Solemnity occurs during Holy Week, it is transferred to the Monday after the Second Sunday of Easter.*

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, April 2016*

## GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL ALUMNI SOCIAL

Second Annual Alumni Social will be held on **Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**. The celebration will begin with 9:30am Mass at Queenship of Mary Church. Light refreshments served in the school gym and school tours available. Legacy School alumni please RSVP by emailing [eventsrvgscs@gmail.com](mailto:eventsrvgscs@gmail.com).