



Mass Intentions

The Second Sunday of Lent
March 16, 2019

Saturday– Mar 16th –

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Stanley and Anna Stascinsky
by Estate

7:00PM – Mary Cerulli
by Daughter, Rosemary Barna

Sunday – Mar 17th –

8:30AM – Julia Bieak (A)
by Dennis and Theresa Bieak

10:30AM – Scott McCloskey (A)
by Family

Monday – Mar 18th – St Cyril of Jerusalem

8:00AM – Jack McCarty
by Kathleen and Peggy

Tuesday – Mar 19th – St Joseph

8:00AM – Stephen Ewanev
by Jean Marhefka and Family

Wednesday – Mar 20th – St Herbert

6:00PM – Paul Houghton (A)
by Sister, Carole

Thursday – Mar 21st – St Nicholas of Five

8:00AM – Scott and Kathy McCloskey (WA)
by Family

Friday–Mar 22nd – Bl Clemens August von Galen

8:00AM – Bob Spengler and Bernadine Wehr
by Ann and Dale

Saturday– Mar 23rd – St Turibius of Mogrovejo

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

The Third Sunday of Lent

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Robert L. Strohl
by Jean Marhefka

7:00PM – Rosemarie Schmidt (A)
by Family

Sunday – Mar 24th –

8:30AM – Phyllis S. Roman
by Bernie and Dorothy Madeja

10:30AM – Rev. Joseph J. Campion
by Jean Marhefka and Family



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

PASTOR'S CORNER

Why Should I Know *MY OWN* Sins?

St. Augustine preaches:

The passion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is the hope of glory and a lesson in patience.

What may not the hearts of believers promise themselves as the gift of God's grace, when for their sake God's only Son, co-eternal with the Father, was not content only to be born as man from human stock but even died at the hands of the men he had created?

It is a great thing that we are promised by the Lord; but far greater is what has already been done for us, and which we now commemorate. Where were the sinners, what were they, when Christ died for them? When Christ has already given us the gift of his death, who is to doubt that He will give the Saints the gift of his own life? Why does our human frailty hesitate to believe that mankind will one day live with God?

Who is Christ if not the Word of God: *in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God?* This Word of God *was made flesh and dwelt among us.* He had no power of himself to die for us: he had to take from us our mortal flesh. This was the way in which, though immortal, he was able to die; the way in which He chose to give life to mortal men: he would first share with us, and then enable us to share with Him. Of ourselves we had no power to live, nor did He of himself have the power to die.

Accordingly, He affected a wonderful exchange with us, through mutual sharing: we gave Him the power to die, He will give us the power to live.

The death of the Lord our God should not be a cause of shame for us; rather, it should be our greatest hope, our greatest glory. In taking upon himself the death that He found in us, He has most faithfully promised to give us life in Him, such as we cannot have of ourselves.

He loved us so much that, sinless himself, He suffered for us sinners the punishment we deserved for our sins. How then can He fail to give us the reward we deserve for our righteousness, for He is the source of righteousness? How can He, whose promises are true, fail to reward the saints when He bore the punishment of sinners, though without sin himself?

Brethren, let us then fearlessly acknowledge, and even openly proclaim, that Christ was crucified for us; let us confess it, not in fear but in joy, not in shame but in glory.

The apostle Paul saw Christ, and extolled his claim to glory. He had many great and inspired things to say about Christ, but he did not say that he boasted in Christ's wonderful works: in creating the world, since He was God with the Father, or in ruling the world, though He was also a man like us. Rather, he said: *Let me not boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Friends, each one of us needs to become more aware of our own personal sinfulness – able to name them one and all. Why? Not just for guilt in conscience so that we repent, confess our sins, and do penance for them, but most of all because each of us needs to know why the following statement is true: Jesus Christ died for *my* sins. Fr. Eric.



LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

- I. Jesus is condemned to death
- II. Jesus accepts His cross
- III. Jesus falls the first time
- IV. Jesus meets His mother
- V. Simon helps Jesus to carry His cross
- VI. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus
- VII. Jesus falls the second time
- VIII. Jesus meets the women and children
- IX. Jesus falls the third time
- X. Jesus is stripped of His garments
- XI. Jesus is nailed to the cross
- XII. Jesus dies on the cross
- XIII. Jesus is taken down from the cross
- XIV. Jesus is laid in the tomb

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$3,202.00
Catholic Home Missions \$ 739.00

The **Second** Collection this weekend, **March 16th** and **17th**, is the **Self Denial** Collection.

The **Second** Collection next weekend, **March 23rd** and **24th**, will be the **Rice Bowl** Collection.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	L.Ruda N.Ruda	B.Molchany	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	L.McGinley A.Muschko	P.McCarty	Deacon Jack
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder	C.Hetzel
10:30AM	C.Gair D.Gair	J.DeLong	J.Ottinger



CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to our **Confirmation class** who were confirmed on March 12th at Queenship of Mary Church.

Antony Alexander **Michael** Banoza
Conlan Stephen **Luke** Gair
Nathaniel Peter **Lawrence** Seagreaves

LENTEN FISH DINNER

Thank you to all who participated in and made our fish dinner a great success this year! We have received a profit of **\$1,712.00**.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Bishop Schlert will celebrate the **Noon Mass on Pentecost Sunday, June 9th**, 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.

Strudel Roll Sale

We are sponsoring an Easter Strudel Sale. The strudels are made by *Country Cottage Bake Shop* in Tamaqua. Orders are due by **Sunday, April 7th**, via the collection basket. Cost is \$16.00 a roll, and available in the flavors listed below. Delivery is **Wednesday, April 17th**, 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.

NAME _____ PHONE # _____

Nut: _____ Poppyseed: _____ Lekvar: _____ Apricot: _____

Raspberry: _____ Coconut Cream: _____ **Total: \$** _____

ST. JOHN FISHER ANNUAL RETREAT

The Parish Retreat will be held in the Fall this year instead of during Lent. Check the bulletin for further information in late summer. Any questions contact Peggy McCarty at 610-264-0307.

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 all Fridays in Lent for all Catholics 14 years of age and older.



EASTER CONFESSIONS

Saturday, March 30 + 2:00pm to 3:45pm

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

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

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

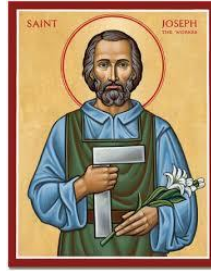


IN THE WORDS OF ...

The weight of the cross is burdensome for those carrying it, but not for those who embrace it.

~ St. Maria Natividad

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



The Angel Gabriel brought Joseph astonishing news: his wife, Mary, was with child by the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph gave his entire self to serve Jesus and Mary. His character was proven in repeated difficulties – the journey to Bethlehem, the sojourn into Egypt, the loss and then the finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple at Jerusalem.

Joseph and Mary's self-giving love for each other formed the true and original "domestic church" that protected and nurtured Jesus. Together, they form the model for the Christian family. Having died in the company of Mary and Jesus, Joseph is considered the patron saint of a happy death.

~ Magnificat, March, 2019

St. John the Baptist Church

924 N. Front Street, Allentown

Their **Breakfast Buffet** will be held on **Sunday, March 24th from 8:00am to 11:00am**. The menu is bacon, sausage, creamed beef, eggs, home fries, pancakes, French toast, fruit, juice, coffee, tea, pastries and more. Questions, call Bill Drost at 610-432-3505.

St. Elizabeth's Fish Dinner

435 Pershing Blvd, Whitehall

Their Second Annual Lenten Fish Dinner will be held on **Friday, March 22nd, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm** in our Parish Hall. The menu includes breaded fish, (fish sticks for kids), coleslaw, roll, beverage and dessert with a choice of two (2) sides: roasted potatoes, mac and cheese, stewed tomatoes or corn. Cost is: Adults: \$11.00 in advance; \$13.00 at the door; Kids: \$5.00 in advance; \$7.00 at the door, under 5 is free. Call the office at 610-266-0695 for advanced tickets.