



## Mass Intentions

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2019

**Saturday – May 11<sup>th</sup> –**

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – All Mother's Day Intentions  
7:00PM – All Mother's Day Intentions

**Sunday – May 12<sup>th</sup> –**

8:30AM – All Mother's Day Intentions  
10:30AM – All Mother's Day Intentions

**Monday – May 13<sup>th</sup> – Our Lady of Fatima**

8:00AM – Rev. Joseph J. Morrell  
by Jean Marhefka and Family

**Tuesday – May 14<sup>th</sup> – St Matthias**

8:00AM – Stephen Ewanev  
by Dolores O'Mara

**Wednesday – May 15<sup>th</sup> – St Isidore the Farmer**

6:00PM – Rosa Cunningham  
by Fred and Carol Hutterer

**Thursday – May 16<sup>th</sup> – St Simon Stock**

8:00AM – Rachael Stair (L – Health)  
by Kellyann Firmstone

**Friday – May 17<sup>th</sup> – St Paschal Baylon**

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

**Saturday – May 18<sup>th</sup> – St John I**

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Vilma Koncz (A)  
by Son, Gene  
7:00PM – Charles H. Albert (B)  
by Family

**Sunday – May 19<sup>th</sup> –**

8:30AM – Deceased Brothers and Sisters  
by John and Marge Druckenmiller  
10:30AM – Kathy McCloskey  
by Deacon and Mrs. Jack O'Connell

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### Does the Church have a Right to Defend Herself?

I ask this question before I comment on two current events – lest I be accused of being political rather than allowing people to believe that their faith **MUST** impact their choices in the public square.

This week state rep. Brian Sims became the center of a controversy for posting videos of himself protesting the “protester” at a Planned Parenthood in Philadelphia. He’s posted several such videos, in fact, leading to Archbishop Chaput of Philadelphia making the following statements:

These videos, which Representative Sims took himself, have rightly sparked broad outrage and garnered much attention in the press. His actions were unbecoming of an elected official. There is much bitter irony that he claims to be a champion for the rights of all women yet he trampled on the rights of others and disgracefully shamed them in public. It was particularly disdainful that he offered a bounty for the identity and home addresses of three young ladies in order to encourage protests at their homes.

Our country is one founded on democratic principles and civil discourse in the public square. Our elected officials represent all of their constituents—not just the ones with whom they agree. Representative Sims spoke often of shame and there was plenty of that to be found in his actions, which demonstrated a complete disregard for civility and basic human decency.

I’m calling on all people of good will to channel their indignation into right action and prayerful witness.

Live Action has organized a prayerful rally... I’m encouraging broad participation in this peaceful initiative. Let us meet the hateful actions of Representative Sims with the love of Christ and let us fervently pray for respect for life from conception to natural death.”

In addition, Bishop Barron, auxiliary of Los Angeles, has started rallying religious people of good will in California to resist and protest SB360 in the California legislature. This proposed law would remove the exemption for any and all clergy to keep secret “penitential communications” involving abuse of a



**Pray the Rosary Sundays**

8:15AM and 10:15AM

minor. If passed and made law, a priest who hears the confession of an abuser **MUST** report the offender or be subject to a jail sentence himself. Writes Bishop Barron:

What I hope is clear – not only to Catholics, but to any American committed to the First Amendment – is that we are dealing here with an egregious violation of the principle of religious liberty. ...The framers of the Bill of Rights were legitimately alarmed at the prospect of the government meddling in the affairs of a religious community, monitoring its beliefs and policing its behavior. But such meddling and monitoring is precisely what SB 360 involves.

The culture is closing in on a point-of-no-return. Our response? – Love.  
Fr. Eric.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection

\$3,926.00



## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
<b>4:00PM</b>	D.Gorr J.Drummer	J. Englert	J.Ottinger
<b>7:00PM</b>	L.Ruda N.Ruda	P.McCarty	J.Behum
<b>8:30AM</b>	D.Popovic M.Popovic	B. Molchany	J.Druckenmiller
<b>10:30AM</b>	M.Ritter A.Banoza	P.McCloskey	J.Marhefka

## MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS



At all Masses **this weekend, May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>**, the **Pennsylvanians for Human Life** will be selling live flowers for their annual fundraiser.



## ATTENTION GRADUATES

We will be having our yearly Graduation Mass for all graduates from high school and college **on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the 8:30am Mass**, with light refreshments to follow in the church hall. If you will be graduating, please contact Annette Englert at 610-264-5748 for further information.

# C.C.D. CLOSING

Last Sunday, **May 5<sup>th</sup>** was the closing of our C.C.D. year.

Our First Communicants brought roses to our Blessed Mother, and our May Queen, **Jaylianna Rae Martinez**, carried a basket of flowers and **Nathaniel Cannon Kovach** carried a treasure box with prayers and petitions from our parishioners, which was placed on Mary's altar.

Our **Kindergarten graduate** was: **Arthur Flynn Bossons**, whom we wish well as he ventures into first grade!

Our **8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates** were: **Antony Alexander Banoza, Conlan Stephen Gair, and Nathaniel Peter Seagreaves**, whom we wish well as they begin high school!

Our students who received a **perfect attendance certificate** were: **Keira Rose Gair, Rynne Margaret Gair and Liam Sean McGinley**.

A special thanks to Fr. Eric for all of his support throughout the year.

Thank you to all students and parents for being part of our program. We'll see you in Church until classes resume in September.

Mrs. Jean Marhefka, D.R.E.



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our Sacramental Class received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion last **Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**. They are: **Zackary Aidan Bossons, Jocelyn Fiona DeLabar, Bryton Scholl Kovach, Nathaniel Cannon Kovach, Jaylianna Rae Martinez, and, Sarah Jane Ruda**. Please congratulate them and their parents on their very joyous and holy occasion!



## BAPTISM

We welcome **Penny Mae Martucci, and Beckett Gregory Martucci**, daughter and son of **Matthew and Laura Marie (Mallard) Martucci**, who were baptized last week, and are the newest members of our family of God at St John Fisher Parish.



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Flowers were placed on the altar last Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, by **Zackary Aidan Bossons** for his First Holy Communion in memory of his great-grandparents, **Roseliese and Bernard John Cunningham, Jr.**

# Our Lady of Lourdes



On February 11, 1858, while Bernadette Soubirous, a 14 year old peasant girl, was out collecting wood, she heard what she described as a roar. Later she reported: "I raised my head and looked towards the grotto. I saw a Lady dressed in white, wearing a white dress, a blue girdle and a yellow rose on each foot, the same color as the chain of her Rosary: the beads of her

Rosary were white." The vision was praying the Rosary. Bernadette took out her beads and did the same. The Lady beckoned but, when the girl dared not approach, she vanished.

On February 14<sup>th</sup>, a Sunday, Bernadette took a bottle of holy water to the grotto and knelt down to say her Rosary. The Lady appeared again. The vision smiled and bowed her head and as Bernadette was frightened, Our Lady disappeared. On the 18<sup>th</sup>, Bernadette returned once more. The Lady appeared, and asked Bernadette if she would come each day for a fortnight. Bernadette began to refer to the vision as Aquero, which means simply, 'It', and said that the Lady spoke in the Lourdes dialect, 'sweet and gentle', and not in French. On this third visit Aquero said, "I do not promise to make you happy in this world, but in the other." According to Bernadette, from February 19<sup>th</sup>, and March 4<sup>th</sup>, "The vision appeared every day except one Monday and one Friday. She told me several times that I should tell the priests that a chapel should be built there and . . . I should pray for the conversion of sinners. She gave me three secrets which she forbade me to tell anyone."

At five o'clock on the morning of March 25<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary, Bernadette felt compelled to go again to the grotto. The Lady was already there. "With her two arms hanging down, she raised her eyes and looked up at the sky, and it was then that she told me, joining her hands together now at the height of her breast, that she was the Immaculate Conception. Those were the last words she ever said to me."



## DONUT SUNDAY

**Next Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, is Donut Sunday.** Thank you to **Brian and Melissa Anthony**, who is sponsoring this month's event. Please stop by after the **8:30AM and 10:30AM Masses** for some coffee, tea, and some donuts!

## SS SIMON AND JUDE

730 West Broad St, Bethlehem

Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am to 2:30pm

Their 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Treasures and Treats Food Fest: This summer festival consists of craft items, baked goods, raffle baskets, money raffle and parish made noodles. Specialty foods include Vicki's tacos, cabbage and noodles, pizza, Stromboli, BBQ, hot dogs and more!

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

924 N. Front Street, Allentown

They will be having a Chicken Dinner on **Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm to 6:30pm.** Tickets are only \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under ten. Ticket purchases can be made by calling the rectory, 610-432-0034, or Bill Drost 610-432-3505. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Their **Meat Bingo** will be held on **Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.** Doors and kitchen open at 12:00 Noon.

**A Polka Mass** will be held **Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00pm.** Come and celebrate the Holy Mass with the ethnic tradition of East European music.

## HOLY TRINITY MEMORIAL CHURCH

4<sup>th</sup> and Pine Streets, Catty

Their **Taco and Baked Potato Bar** will be held on **Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm.** This includes all the trimming, homemade desserts and beverages. This is a free will offering and benefits the **Catty Public Library.**