



## Mass Intentions

### Divine Mercy Sunday

### April 22, 2017

#### **Saturday–Apr 22<sup>nd</sup> –**

##### **Divine Mercy Sunday**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Helen Sidor  
by George and Frances Rupinski  
7:00PM – Mary Ann Faust  
by Lucetta Frank

#### **Sunday – Apr 23<sup>rd</sup> –**

8:30AM – Stephen Slahta  
by Edward and Michael Staffieri  
10:30AM – Hattie E. O'Donnell (A)  
by McCloskey Family

#### **Monday – Apr 24<sup>th</sup> – St Fidelis of Sigmaringen**

8:00AM – Rev. Msgr. Francis X. Barrett  
by Rev. Eric J. Gruber

#### **Tuesday – Apr 25<sup>th</sup> – St Mark**

8:00AM – William J. Molchany  
by George Kurtz

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

#### **Wednesday – Apr 26<sup>th</sup> – St Marcellinus**

6:00PM – Sheila Schofield (B)  
by John and Gracie

#### **Thursday – Apr 27<sup>th</sup> – St Zita of Lucca**

8:00AM – Margaret “Peggy” Funk  
by Aloysius and Theresa Emerick

#### **Friday – Apr 28<sup>th</sup> – St Louis Grignion de Montfort**

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

#### **Saturday–Apr 29<sup>th</sup> – St Catherine of Siena**

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

##### **Third Sunday of Easter**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Michelle P. Polchik  
by Joanne Hudak and Daughters  
7:00PM – Joseph J. Holena (B)  
by Joseph Mazur and Mary Kraynick

#### **Sunday – Apr 30<sup>th</sup> –**

8:30AM – Frank “Jive” Snyder (WA)  
by Wife, Nin  
10:30AM – Richard J. Longenhagen, Sr.  
by Louise Oswald

# PASTOR'S CORNER

## A Refresher on the Sacraments\* (Part I)

We begin a renewal of our sacramental life this Easter Season here at St. John Fisher Parish.

In following Jesus Christ as the Son of God and our Savior from sin and death, we must realize that His mission is only fulfilled for each of us when we surrender in trust of the Father so as to have communion with God. In such a way we might describe that our faith is not merely to be understood, but to be *lived* in the concrete circumstances of our lives, bringing the salt and light of the good news into our hyper, yet flavorless and dark, world. God wants “in” our lives, “in” our hearts, “in” our minds, “in” our desires – like a Lover Who captures his beloved even as He is “captured.” All of this we know because of Jesus – the goal of the Christian Life is UNION WITH GOD! Toward that end, the incarnation of God in the womb of the Virgin Mary has endowed all of creation – all matter, space, energy and time, with the ministry of relating God’s eternal desire to be in intimate communion with his creatures. Jesus’ own words and actions, indeed his human and divine natures, therefore serve as the source for the seven sacraments. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (1983/2000) puts it this way in paragraphs 1210 and 1211:

Christ instituted the sacraments of the new law. There are seven; Baptism, Confirmation, the Eucharist, Penance, the Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders and Matrimony. The seven sacraments touch all the stages and all the important moments of Christian life: they give birth and increase, healing and mission to the Christian’s life of faith. There is thus a certain resemblance between the stages of

natural life and the stages of the spiritual life.

Following this analogy, [we] will expound the three sacraments of Christian initiation; ...the sacraments of healing; and...the sacraments at the service of communion and the mission of the faithful. This order, while not the only one possible, does allow one to see that the sacraments form an organic whole, the Eucharist occupies a unique place as the "Sacrament of sacraments": "all the other sacraments are ordered to it as to their end."

We'll pick up there next week.  
Fr. Eric

\*Before we go a step further in our refresher, please ask yourself when was the last time you ever "studied" or "learned" about the sacraments? Was it 5<sup>th</sup> grade, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade? Maybe, High School? If it's been so long since we last gave the sacraments a serious thinking, is it possible that our *practice* of the sacraments has become less than lively and life-changing?

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection	\$3,476.00
Holy Thursday Collection	\$1,021.00
Good Friday Collection	\$1,084.50
Easter Sunday Collection	\$8,422.00



**Welcome to our RCIA Parishioner**  
At the Easter Vigil, **Katherine Mae Grace Gehringer** was initiated into the Catholic Church with the reception of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. We congratulate and welcome Katie to our parish family!

## 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).

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## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
<b>4:00PM</b>	A.Urban A.Muschko	J.Englert	J.McAllister
<b>7:00PM</b>	J.Shaul M.Hosni	J.Yanek	P.McCarty
<b>8:30AM</b>	D.Popovic M.Popovic	B.Molchany	M.Druckenmiller
<b>10:30AM</b>	D.Sullivan M.Druckenmiller	J.DeLong	F.Hutterer



## EASTER DUTY

Catholics are obliged to fulfill what has been called their "Easter Duty". Catholics are required to receive Holy Communion in between the First Sunday of Lent, **March 5<sup>th</sup>**, until Trinity Sunday (**June 11<sup>th</sup>**). Those conscious of serious sin are reminded of the obligation to confess their sins at least once a year during this time.



## 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.

## THE SECRETS OF FATIMA

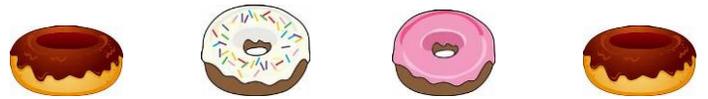
Join us as **David Carollo**, Executive Director of the World Apostolate of Fatima USA, discusses the questions: What are the Secrets of Fatima? Have the Secret Predictions come to pass? What does Our Lady want us to do? This **free event** will be on **Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Allentown Brew Works**, 812 Hamilton Street, Allentown. Allentown Brew Works will have menus available for ordering food and drink at your expense. Seating is first-come, first served.

## MARRIAGE, DIVORCE, ANNULMENTS

What does the Church really teach? Is an annulment just "Catholic Divorce"? Can divorced people receive the Eucharist? Join us as **Rev. Msgr. Victor Finelli, J.C.L.** discusses how to answer these and other common questions about the Catholic understanding of marriage! This **free event** will be on **Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at Monocacy Manor** at 395 Bridle Path Rd., Bethlehem. For questions about both, email [adultformation@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:adultformation@allentowndiocese.org).

## St. Mary's Church, Catty

Advanced Ticket Sales are available for their **Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner** which will be held on **Friday May 12<sup>th</sup>**. Ticket orders must be received by **Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**. Price is \$11.00 per dinner. Mail payment and self-addressed, stamped envelope to St. Mary's Church.



## DONUT SUNDAY

**Today, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, is Donut Sunday.** Thank you to **Fran and Larry Williams**, who are sponsoring this month's event in honor of their **50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!** **Congratulations!** Please stop by after the **8:30AM and 10:30AM Masses** for some coffee, tea, and some donuts!

## CHICKEN PAPRIKAS DINNER

Our Chicken Paprikas dinner will be held on **Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm.** Tickets will be sold after the masses on **April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, and April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.** The menu is: chicken paprikas, salad, rice or noodles, green beans, roll, dessert and beverage. Cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children from ages five to ten. Tickets sold at the door will be \$12.00.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Set up for the chicken paprikas dinner will be on **Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.** For more information, contact Fred Hutterer or Peggy McCarty.

## CHURCH RAFFLE RETURNS

Returns should be made either via the collection basket or mailed to the church. **All returns are due by Sunday, April 23rd.**

## CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS



Members of Catholic War Veterans Post 454, Northampton, will conduct their **Annual Poppy Drive** at all Masses **next weekend, Saturday and Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.** Your donations benefit hospitalized veterans at the six VA Medical Centers and Assisted Living Facilities in the state. We thank you for your generosity!