



## Mass Intentions

### First Sunday in Lent

### March 4, 2017

**Saturday–Mar 4<sup>th</sup> –**

#### **First Sunday of Lent**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Antone Zukowski  
by Wife, Frances

7:00PM – James Horvath  
by McCarty Family

**Sunday – Mar 5<sup>th</sup> –**

8:30AM – Mike, Emma and Jackie Brosky  
by Nin Snyder and Family

10:30AM – Magdeline, Frances and Helen  
by Sister, Agnes Chabak

**Monday – Mar 6<sup>th</sup> – St Colette of Corbie**

8:00AM – Richard Pontician, Sr.  
by Ann Marie Anthony

**Tuesday – Mar 7<sup>th</sup> – Ss Perpetua and Felicity**

8:00AM – Martha Birtcher  
by Louisa Levine

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

**Wednesday – Mar 8<sup>th</sup> – St John of God**

6:00PM – Paul Levine  
by Mom and Dad

**Thursday – Mar 9<sup>th</sup> – St Frances of Rome**

8:00AM – Charles J. McCarty, Jr.  
by Kathleen and Peggy

**Friday – Mar 10<sup>th</sup> – Forty Martyrs of Sebaste**

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

**Saturday–Mar 11<sup>th</sup> – St Eulogius**

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

#### **Second Sunday of Lent**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Rita DiLiberto (A)  
by Jim and Carmela Meyer

7:00PM – Mary Ann Faust  
by Marilyn Eitner

**Sunday – Mar 12<sup>th</sup> –**

8:30AM – Joseph Tomasic (B)  
by Wife, Mary, and Family

10:30AM – Harold M. Bryan  
by Family

# PASTOR'S CORNER

## When Stumbling Blocks ARE Stepping Stones

There's plenty in the world to be wary of these days, let alone in our own personal daily lives. But a disciple of Jesus in a fully-tooled Catholicism must resist the temptation to despair, born of a lack of trust in God. In "The Joy of the Gospel" Pope Francis exhorts us to not yield to the pessimism of the prophets of doom. In paragraph 84 the Holy Father writes:

The joy of the Gospel is such that it cannot be taken away from us by anyone or anything (cf. *Jn* 16:22). The evils of our world – and those of the Church – must not be excuses for diminishing our commitment and our fervour. Let us look upon them as challenges which can help us to grow. With the eyes of faith, we can see the light which the Holy Spirit always radiates in the midst of darkness, never forgetting that "where sin increased, grace has abounded all the more" (*Rom* 5:20). Our faith is challenged to discern how wine can come from water and how wheat can grow in the midst of weeds. Fifty years after the Second Vatican Council, we are distressed by the troubles of our age and far from naive optimism; yet the fact that we are more realistic must not mean that we are any less trusting in the Spirit or less generous. In this sense, we can once again listen to the words of Blessed John XXIII on the memorable day of 11 October 1962: "At times we have to listen, much to our regret, to the voices of people who, though burning with zeal, lack a sense of discretion and measure. In this modern age they can see nothing but prevarication and ruin

... We feel that we must disagree with those prophets of doom who are always forecasting disaster, as though the end of the world were at hand. In our times, divine Providence is leading us to a new order of human relations which, by human effort and even beyond all expectations, are directed to the fulfilment of God's superior and inscrutable designs, in which everything, even human setbacks, leads to the greater good of the Church".

Do not give up, folks, Jesus has already fought and won the battle. Ours it is to trust in Him.  
Fr. Eric.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection	\$4,323.00
Ash Wednesday	\$1,582.00

The **Second Collection** this weekend, March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, is the **Catholic Home Missions**.

The **Second Collection** next weekend, March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, will be the **Self Denial Collection**.

Flowers were placed on the altar last weekend in loving memory of **Petie Muschko** by **Mom and Dad**.



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

## Strudel Roll Sale

Once again we are sponsoring an Easter Strudel Sale. The strudels are made by *Country Cottage Bake Shop* in Tamaqua. Orders are due by **Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**, via the collection basket. Cost is \$15.00 a roll, and available in the flavors listed below. Delivery is **Wednesday, April 12<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: \_\_\_\_\_ **Total: \$** \_\_\_\_\_



## CONFIRMATION

Our Sacramental Class is preparing for the **Sacrament of Confirmation**, which they will receive **this Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm, at Queenship of Mary Church**. Please keep our students in your prayers.



## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
<b>4:00PM</b>	L.Ruda N.Ruda	J.McAllister	Deacon Jack
<b>7:00PM</b>	A.Gorr D.Gorr	P.McCarty	Deacon Jack
<b>8:30AM</b>	D.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder	C.Hetzel
<b>10:30AM</b>	C.Ritter M.Ritter	K.McCloskey	L.Bolmer



## LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

## REDNER'S TAPES

We thank all our parishioners who faithfully do their food shopping at Redner's. By placing your tapes in the collection basket, we have received a check from Redner's in the amount of **\$91.37**. Thank you!

## PARISH RETREAT

Life is not perfect every day. Sometimes it feels as if life gives up lemons. Join your fellow parishioners for our second annual parish retreat where we will enrich our daily lives through the power of prayer during this Lenten Season. The retreat will take place on **Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**, at the St. Michael Center on Main Street in Northampton. **The day will begin with Registration at 8:00am and will conclude at 2:30pm**. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please fill out the below form and place in the collection basket. A \$20.00 donation is suggested.

### PARISH RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday for all Catholics 14 years of age and older. **Fasting** is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full, meatless meal a day. Two smaller, meatless, meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

## SCHOOL HALL PIEROGIES



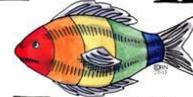
See you next **Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**, in the school hall for pierogie making. Help us to replenish our kitchen towels by donating some. Pierogies are only sold to the help and cost \$6.00 a dozen. All help is greatly appreciated.

## Charismatic Mass of Healing

Holy Ghost Church, 417 Carlton Avenue in Bethlehem will have a Charismatic Mass of Healing and Anointing of the Sick on **Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**. Rev. Clifton E. Bishop, Jr. will be the celebrant and homilist. Adoration and Confessions will begin at 6:00pm.

**Holy Trinity Church, 4<sup>th</sup> and Pine Sts, Catty** Their Baked Chicken Dinner will be held on **Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:15pm or 6:30pm**. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for ages 5 to 12, under 5 years of age is free. Contact Cheryl at: 610-262-0467.

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## ST. JOHN FISHER FISH DINNER

We will be hosting our Fish Dinner on **Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm**. The platter includes: breaded haddock, choice of parsley potatoes or halushkie, creamed cabbage, corn, applesauce, dessert and beverage. Cost is Adults: \$10.00, Children (Ages 5 to 10): \$5.00. Tickets will be sold before and after Masses, or call Annette at 610-264-4758. Tickets at the door will be \$12.00.

## Volunteers Needed



Volunteers are needed for the upcoming Fish Dinner. Help is requested for **Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:00pm** to assist with preparation of food, setting up tables, preparing take home containers, etc., and on **Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00pm** to start cooking, finishing set up, cutting baked goods, etc., and after **4:00pm** to assist with serving food, doing dishes, busing tables and end of night cleanup. Sign-up sheets can be found at both church entrances.

## Baked Goods

Parishioners are asked to bake desserts for the Annual Fish Dinner. Desserts can be dropped off in the church hall either on **Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm** or on **Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, after 2:00pm**.

