



Mass Intentions

The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
March 2, 2019

Saturday– Mar 2nd –

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Edward Ferenchak (WA)
by Wife, Lucille

7:00PM – Petie Muschko (B)
by Mom and Dad

Sunday – Mar 3rd –

8:30AM – Nicole Bieak Kreidler (L-Health)
by Mom and Dad

10:30AM – Rev. Robert A. Dressler
by Jean Marhefka and Family

Monday – Mar 4th – St Casimir

8:00AM – Barbara Petro (L- Health)
by Barry and Peggy Bozzone

Tuesday – Mar 5th – St John Joseph

8:00AM – Joseph Tognoli
by Nin Snyder and Family

Wednesday – Mar 6th – St Colette of Corbie

8:00AM – Elizabeth Arnold
by Cheri Leinberger

12:05PM – David Sweeney
by Sister, Gail

6:00PM – Magdaline, Frances, and Helen
by Sister, Agnes Chabak

Thursday – Mar 7th – Ss Perpetua and Felicity

8:00AM – Alice Von Hildebrand (L- Health)
by Barry and Peggy Bozzone

Friday – Mar 8th – St John of God

8:00AM – Margaret and Charles McCarty
by Kathleen and Peggy

Saturday– Mar 9th – St Frances of Rome

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

The First Sunday of Lent

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

7:00PM – Memorial Fund Members
by The Memorial Fund

Sunday – Mar 10th –

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

10:30AM – Irene Vomero
by Jean Marhefka



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

PASTOR'S CORNER

Best Lent Ever!

Consider the Lenten season as Spring Cleaning for your lives (spiritual and physical). It's time to begin to let in some fresh air, and, in the brightening light, to rid ourselves of the dust, dirt and mold that settle into the "corners" of our lives during the dark time of the year. Christ has conquered sin and death and brings the healing of forgiveness and life eternal to all who will receive Him as Lord.

Here are a few suggestions to assist in the spring cleaning:

- 1) +consider joining your fellow parishioners in a Wednesday night session (after the 6:00pm mass) in the Church Hall for "Healing Our Church" – a six session process for facing honestly the scandals of the Church and making sure that Christ's healing light is turned on in us to prevent further damage and give us a renewed sense of purpose in the parish. We'll read together, pray together, talk together and renew our hope together too. Sessions will run from 6:45pm through 8:00pm on Wednesdays, March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10 and 17. There is no cost to this program, but the investment of your time.
- 2) +consider volunteering for some service in our schools, hospitals and communities – just because "that's who we are."
- 3) +consider extra daily prayer and devotions, rosaries, novenas, holy hours of adoration, and, of course, stations of the cross Friday evenings at our place at 7:00pm
- 4) +consider changing routines around in life – the route we take to work, the place we sit in Church, the amount of phone time or technology time.
- 5) +consider limiting the good things we enjoy much of the time for the Lenten season, e.g. love half a pizza? – just have two pieces, love a brand name soda? – just have a bargain

brand, love texting about nothing? – text only when the person we’re texting has real need of the information we’re sharing.

- 6) +consider reading a good book that challenges us to think more deeply.

There’s just something so fulfilling about a clean house for the warmth and growth of the coming seasons – Easter and beyond.

Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection

\$3,259.00



ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
8:00AM	No One	B.Molchany	C.Molchany
12:05PM	No One	J.Strohl	Deacon Jack
6:00PM	J.Drummer A.Banoza	J.Englert	Deacon Jack

NEXT WEEK’S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	L.Ruda N.Ruda	J.Strohl	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	A.Muschko L.McGinley	J.Englert	Deacon Jack
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder	C.Hetzel
10:30AM	D.Gair A.Banoza	B.Bozzone	F.Hutterer



CONFIRMATION

Our Sacramental Class is preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which they will receive on **Tuesday, March 12th at 4:30pm, at Queenship of Mary Church.** Please keep our students in your prayers.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are interested in helping a few hours a week at the **Catasauqua Thrift Shop**, please call Betty at 610-264-5386.

If you are interested in helping at the **Catty Food Bank**, please call, 610-264-8366, and leave a message.



March 6th is Ash Wednesday. Masses will be celebrated at **8:00am, 12:05pm, and 6:00pm.** Blessed Ashes will be distributed at all masses.



LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

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.



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, 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: \$ _____



FIRST PENANCE

On **February 28th**, six of our students celebrated the **Sacrament of Penance**. They are **Zachary Aiden Bossons, Jocelyn Fiona DeLabar, Bryton Scholl Kovach, Nathaniel Cannon Kovach, Jaylianna Rae Martinez, and Sarah Jane Ruda**. We congratulate them, their parents and families, and ask you to continue to keep them in your prayers as they go on toward their First Holy Communion in May.



BAPTISM

We welcome **Luke Gabriel Smith**, son of **Joshua Adam and Esther Frances (Miller) Smith**, who was baptized last week, and is the newest member of our family of God at St John Fisher Parish.



The 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign started on **Ash Wednesday, March 6th**, and continues through **April 14th**, at the Allentown Planned Parenthood (abortion facility), 29 N. 9th St., Allentown, PA. **Join us, Monday through Saturday, 7:00am to 7:00pm**. When prayer volunteers are praying the no show rate for abortions can jump as high as 75%! For more information, or to be paired with a prayer partner, call Maryanne at 610-570-2347.



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



ST. JOHN FISHER FISH DINNER

This Friday, March 8th, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm, is our **annual fish dinner**. Tickets will be \$12.00 at the door.

Help is requested for **Thursday, March 7th**, at 6:00pm and on **Friday, March 8th**, at 2:00pm.

Desserts can be dropped off in the church hall either on **Thursday, March 7th**, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm or on **Friday, March 8th**, after 2:00pm.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

Fifth and Coplay Streets, Coplay

We are hosting a Parish Mission on **Sunday, March 10th**, **Monday, March 11th**, and **Tuesday, March 12th**, at **6:30pm**. Father Vincent Fortunato, a Franciscan Capuchin Friar, an inspiring and engaging preacher, will conduct the Mission. All are welcome!



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, STILES

Their all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner will be held on **Saturday, March 16th**, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Tickets are available at the door and the price is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ages three to ten.