



Mass Intentions

Easter Sunday
March 31, 2018

Saturday– Mar 31st –

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of Our Lord

8:00PM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

Sunday – Apr 1st –

8:30AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

10:30AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

Monday – Apr 2nd –

Monday within the Octave of Easter

8:00AM – Helen Galgon (A)

by Robert and Jean Strohl

Tuesday – Apr 3rd –

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

8:00AM – Memorial Fund Members

by Memorial Fund

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Apr 4th –

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

6:00PM – David J. Sweeney

by Richard and Gay Maron

Thursday – Apr 5th –

Thursday within the Octave of Easter

8:00AM – Mary Delores Kocis

by McCloskey Family

Friday – Apr 6th –

Friday within the Octave of Easter

8:00AM – Bob Spengler and Bernadine Wehr

by Ann and Dale

Sacred Heart Novena after Mass

Saturday– Apr 7th –

Saturday within the Octave of Easter

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Ruth Zoeller (A)

by Jim and Carmela Meyer

7:00PM – Rose Marie Schmidt

by Family

Sunday – Apr 8th –

8:30AM – Edward J. Ferenchak

by Paul and Doris Behum

10:30AM – Catherine Holena

by McCloskey Family



Pray the Rosary each Sunday

8:15AM and 10:15AM

PASTOR'S CORNER

Easter Necessity

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!

Jesus is LORD!

A blessed Easter day and season to you and all those in your circles!

The good news – that this world's end, i.e. death, is not *THE* end, but that we are created by God and redeemed by his Son to share in his resurrected life forever, is the central truth for each and every one of us to believe and to digest. It is also the most necessary truth for our day and time.

Twenty-some years ago I had the privilege of attending Franciscan University's young-adult conference in Steubenville, OH. Around 2,000 young men and women shifted through the campus for two and a half days attending to speakers of very high spiritual and personal significance. One of those speakers was the late, great, Fr. Benedict Groeschel, CFR. Being a clinical and licensed psychologist, a theologian, and a founder of Friars for the Renewal, he spoke bravely and insightfully to the younger generation gathered (no older than 30yo). He described with vivid examples the "state of the world" in all its' fallen-ness. Then, referring to the then-recent fall of the Soviet Union, the subsequent distressing situation for the world's economic crisis just beginning, Fr. Groeschel warned the young people, "Stay close to the Church. The Church that Jesus Christ founded. Hold its' Truth close to your minds and hearts. For, mark my words, as quickly as the end came for the Soviet Union, it may come for America." The young listeners rustled in their seats. He continued, "The day may come, and it may come sooner than you think, in which the ONLY organization you "belong to" will be the Catholic Church."

Even a casual observation of the “state of affairs” in our personal, social, civic and national lives leaves one with a rather queasy feeling these days. And into this queasiness steps the risen Lord Jesus. It is soon time to choose – do I and my life have real and lasting meaning as Jesus reveals? Or, does my life only mean what I make it mean? Am I beholden to the Conqueror of sin and death? Or, am I enslaved by my own little self? Choose the path of true love. Now.

Happy Easter,
Fr. Eric.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, April 6th
Adoration begins after morning Mass,
and continues throughout the day.

“A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.” St. Padre Pio



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, **February 18th**, until Trinity Sunday (**May 27th**).

Those conscious of serious sin are reminded of the obligation to confess their sins at least once a year during this time.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



Any student of our parish that is in the third grade or higher, who has received their First Holy Communion, and would like to become an altar server for our church please call Deacon Jack O’Connell at 610-266-0689. Our first practice will be on **Saturday, May 5th**, at **10:00am** in the church.



PARISH RETREAT

The theme for this year’s retreat is *Planted By God*. This is your chance to enhance your spiritual life with your fellow parishioners. The retreat will take place on **Saturday, April 21st**, at the St. Michael Center on Main Street in Northampton. **Registration begins at 8:00am and will conclude with Exposition and Benediction 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. **All registrations are due by Sunday, April 15th.**

PARISH RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Attending: _____ Total Enclosed: \$ _____

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection **\$3,404.00**
Palm Sunday Collection **\$2,263.00**

The **Second Collection** this weekend, **March 31st**, and **April 1st**, is the **Easter Sunday Collection**.



NEXT WEEK’S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	K.Segan A.Banoza	B.Molchany	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	L.Ruda N.Ruda	J.Englert	Deacon Jack
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	B.Petro	Deacon Jack
10:30AM	D.Sullivan K.Gair	J.DeLong	Deacon Jack



Please remember in your prayers **Eugene Yadush**, who passed away and was recently buried. We pray his souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

Our Parish Office will reopen on Easter Wednesday, April 4th.

ST. JOHN PAUL II FOUNDATION

Together in Holiness

The St. John Paul II Foundation, in collaboration with the Diocese of Allentown, presents *Together in Holiness*, a marriage enrichment conference on **Saturday, April 14th**, from 8:30am to 3:00pm at **St. Ignatius Loyola Parish in Reading**. This one-day event includes dynamic presentations, Mass, Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, and a catered lunch. Limited childcare is available for six months to twelve years, pre-registration required. The cost is \$49.00 a couple or \$29.00 an individual. For more information please visit togetherinholiness.org.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Bishop Schlert will celebrate the **Noon Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 20th**, 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 your local pastor to discuss registration details.

Notre Dame of Bethlehem Parish

1861 Catasauqua Road, Bethlehem

A Women's Retreat, "*Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*", is being sponsored and held at Notre Dame of Bethlehem Parish Women's Group on **Saturday, May 5th**, from 8:30am to 3:00pm. The Retreat will include three speaker sessions, Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and lunch. The cost, including lunch, is \$20.00. To obtain a registration form, please visit our parish website at www.ndbeth.org and click on *Donna Cori Gibson Women's Retreat* tab. You may call Rosemary, 610-390-4049 or email: ndwomensgroup@gmail.com for more info.



Thank You



We would like to thank the members of St. John Fisher Church for your many donations for the animal shelter at Haafsville. We and our many cats and dogs greatly appreciate your kindness and generosity.

Kind regards, The Sanctuary at Haafsville

NIGHT AT THE RACES

Come one, come all to **St. Elizabeth's** 10th Annual Night at the Races on **Saturday, April 7th**, doors open at 5:30pm, and races begin at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$15.00 and \$20.00 at the door. Call St. Elizabeth Regional School, 610-264-0143 for advanced tickets.

St. E's Drive Thru Chicken Dinner

Their dinner will be held on **Friday, April 13th**, from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. Ticket cost is \$12.00. **Advanced tickets are a must!** Tickets are sold at the parish office or call Mary Spieker or e-mail for an advance ticket form: 610-266-0695 or dirreled@sercc.org. Easy pick-up! Drive into the parking lot and we will hand you your order! *Proceeds benefit St. Elizabeth's Youth Ministry.*

SERRA CLUB PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Will be held on **Saturday, April 7th**, at **St. John the Baptist Church**, American Parkway and Front Street in Allentown. The day begins with Mass at 8:00am followed by registration and a continental breakfast. Speakers are: Vicar General Msgr. David James and Very Rev. Dr. Robert Kozek CRSP. There will be Benediction, Rosary for Vocations, chanting of Divine Mercy Chaplet, and an opportunity for confession. Come and experience the joy and peace of the Risen Lord that awaits in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament! Join us in asking the Lord of the Harvest to bless our Diocese with many more vocations. The event will conclude with a light lunch. Offering for the day is just \$10.00. Please call to add your name to the reservation list. If you have any questions on the day, contact Marie by email m.mazzini@att.net or phone 610-285-2002.