



Mass Intentions

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2016

Saturday – March 12th – 5th Sunday of Lent

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Rita DiLiberto (A)
by Jim and Carmela Meyer
7:00PM – Sean Hart
by McCarty Family

Sunday – March 13th

8:30AM – Joseph Tomasic (B)
by Wife and Family
10:30AM – Scott A. McCloskey (A)
by Family

Monday – March 14th – St Matilda

8:00AM – Rev. Michael J. Briggman
by Rev. Eric J. Gruber

Tuesday – March 15th – St Louise de Marillac

8:00AM – Patricia Dopsovic
by Agnes Chabak

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – March 16th – St Herbert of Cologne

6:00PM – John J. Mikula
by Choir

Thursday – March 17th – St Patrick

8:00AM – Jack McCarty
by Kathleen and Peggy

Friday – March 18th – St Cyril of Jerusalem

8:00AM – Rev. Msgr. James J. Mulligan
by Rev. Eric J. Gruber

Saturday – March 19th – St Joseph

8:00AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Mary Gerny (A)
by Joe and Terri Gerny
7:00PM – Darlene Steiner (L) Health
by Fred and Carol Hutterer

Sunday – March 20th

8:30AM – Lynne Cardace
by John and JoAnne Lynch
10:30AM – Harold Bryan (B)
by Family



Pray the Rosary each Sunday:

8:15AM and 10:15AM

PASTOR'S CORNER

Are You Weary?

T. S. Eliot wrote:

When the Stranger says:
“What is the meaning of this city?”

Do you huddle close together because you love each other?

What will you answer? “We all dwell together to make money from each other”? or “This is community”?

And the Stranger will depart and return to the desert.

O my soul, be prepared for the coming of the Stranger,

Be prepared for him who knows how to ask questions.

O weariness of those who turn from GOD

To the grandeur of your mind and the glory of your action,

To arts and inventions and daring enterprises,

To schemes of human greatness thoroughly discredited,

Binding the earth and the water to your service,
Exploiting the seas and developing the mountains,

Dividing the stars into common and preferred,

Engaged in devising the perfect refrigerator,

Engaged in working out a rational morality,

Engaged in printing as many books as possible,

Plotting of happiness and flinging empty bottles,

Turning from your vacancy to fevered enthusiasm

For nation or race or what you call humanity;

Though you forget the way to the Temple,

There is one who remembers the way to your door:

Life you may evade, but Death you shall not.

You shall not deny the Stranger.

Are you on a “treadmill” in your mind before you even get out of bed? Are your “down” moments – while driving, walking, waiting, re-creating – filled with an ever-growing “to-do” list or a re-imagining of how things past “should have gone”? Are you weary at the start of things and not just after completing tasks? Then, stop the treadmill with a serious thought and ask, “what will matter to me most in my last breaths in this world”? Be specific in your answers to that question. Now is the time to focus and re-focus on those things. And remember, you and I are here in this world because God *already* loves us. So, we can live our lives as if we are already eternally loved – because, in fact, we are.

Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$4,416.45
Self Denial Collection \$1,438.00

The Second Collection this weekend, March 12th and 13th, is the **Easter Flower Collection**.

The Second Collection next weekend, March 19th and 20th, will be the **Palm Sunday Collection**.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	A.Urban J.Shaul	B.Molchany J.McAllister	C.Molchany
7:00PM	A.Gorr D.Gorr	J.Englert J.Englert	P.McCarty
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder Deacon Jack	Deacon Jack
10:30AM	J.Drummer N.Ruda	M.Ottinger Deacon Jack	Deacon Jack



Please remember in your prayers **Antone Zukowski, Donald Paul Piper, and John P. Cavanaugh**, who recently passed away and were buried in our cemeteries.

We pray that their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



CONFIRMATION

Our Sacramental Class is preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which they will receive on **Tuesday, March 15th at 4:30pm, at Queenship of Mary Church**. Please keep our students in your prayers.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 7:00PM
followed by Evening Prayers
with Benediction



EASTER CONFESSIONS

Monday, March 14th, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm
Sunday, March 20th, from 12:30pm to 2:00pm
Monday, March 21st, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Triduum



Please plan to take part in the Sacred Triduum starting on **Holy Thursday, March 24th** at 7:00pm for the Mass of the Lord's Supper, on **Good Friday, March 25th** at 3:00pm for the Celebration for the Lord's Passion, and on **Holy Saturday, March 26th** at 8:00pm for the Solemn Easter Vigil where we will receive one person into the Faith. Mark your calendars now to join us!



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 14th**) until Trinity Sunday (**May 22nd**).

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



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 all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday for all Catholics 14 years of age and older. **Fasting** is observed on 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, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.



Young at Heart

The next meeting of St John Fisher's Young at Heart will be held on **Wednesday, March 16th**, at **1:00pm** in the Parish Hall.

The next Casino trip to the Mohegan Sun will be on **Friday, March 18th**. The bus leaves the Church Parking Lot at 10:00am. The price is \$22.00 per person.

For more information, call Bill Molchany, 610-264-0920.



The 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign will continue until March 20th, at the Allentown Women's Center. Join us Monday through Saturday, 7:00am to 6:00pm. When prayer volunteers are praying the no show rate for abortions can jump as high as 75%! For more information, call Theresa at 610-704-6935.

Good Shepherd Catholic School New Principal Needed

The position of principal at Good Shepherd Catholic School is open and the process for selecting a new principal has begun. It will be made in accordance with standards set by the Board of Education, the Secretary for Education of the Diocese of Allentown and with the cooperation of a Search Committee will choose the new principal. To guide those interested in this position, please submit a resume and background clearances, appropriate certifications, salary history with a cover letter by March 29th, to Principal GSCS, P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538, or resume@allentowndiocese.org. No phone calls please. EOE/M/F/D. Applicants who are accepted as candidates for principal will be required to participate in initial and continuing in-service programs.



ATTENTION GRADUATES

We will be having our Graduation Mass for all graduates from high school and college **on Sunday, May 29th, 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.

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 **\$157.35**. Thank you!

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

The School Association will be having their 23rd Annual Tricky Tray on **Friday, March 18th, from 5:00pm to 9:00pm, Saturday, March 19th, from 1:00pm to 8:00pm and Sunday, March 20th, 8:00am to 2:00pm** at 3221 Santee Road in Bethlehem. Drawings begin at 2:15pm on Sunday and winners do not have to be present to win. Delicious food will be available for purchase!

St. Elizabeth Parish, Fullerton

A Parish Mission will be held at **7:00pm** each evening from **Sunday, March 13th to Wednesday, March 16th** with Rev. **Angelus Shaughnessy, OFM, Cap** as the guest speaker. His theme throughout these four days will be **"When the Lord comes again, will He find any faith on earth?"** Please consider joining us and don't forget to bring a friend. Any questions, call 610-266-0695.

