



# PASTOR'S CORNER

## What Are You "Doing" for Lent?

### Mass Intentions

The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 7, 2016

**Saturday – Feb 6<sup>th</sup> – St Paul Miki/Companions**

4:00PM – Gene and Jeannette Koncz (L)  
60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
7:00PM – Vincent Rivetti  
by Diane Groller, Pauline Kiss and Family

**Sunday – Feb 7<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30AM – The Poor Souls in Purgatory  
by Irene Vomero  
10:30AM – Joseph J Holena (A)  
by Regina Marhefka and Family

**Monday – Feb 8<sup>th</sup> – St Josephine Bakhita**

8:00AM – Donald N. Knarr (B)  
by Irene O'Donnell and Helen Sweeney

**Tuesday–Feb 9<sup>th</sup>–St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin**

8:00AM – Richard J. "Bud" Nash, Jr.  
by Irene O'Donnell and Family

***Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass***

**Wednesday – Feb 10<sup>th</sup> – St Scholastica**

8:00AM – Margaret S. McCarty  
by Mary Kay Riegel  
12:05PM – Edward J. Danko  
by Jean Marhefka and Family  
6:00PM – Mass of Thanksgiving  
by Pauline Albert

**Thursday – Feb 11<sup>th</sup> – Our Lady of Lourdes**

8:00AM – Peter P. Garber, Sr.  
by Sheinkopf, Koukounas and Tracy Families

**Friday – Feb 12<sup>th</sup> – St Saturninus/Companions**

8:00AM – David J. Cunningham  
by Mary Kay and Tim Riegel

**Saturday – Feb 13<sup>th</sup> – St Catherine de Ricci**

8:00AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners  
4:00PM – Edward J. Ferenchak  
by Mark, Robyn and Megan Berner  
7:00PM – Jerry Boyle  
by Mary Ann Hauser

**Sunday – Feb 14<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

8:30AM – Kurt W. Gerhard  
by Kathleen and Joe Billie  
10:30AM – Richard J. Lloyd  
by Barry and Peggy Bozzone

Besides the obvious penances, fasting and abstaining from meat, what are we doing for Lent this year? Well, how 'bout coming to Adult Faith Class on Wednesday's, February 24<sup>th</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. We're using Fr. Barron's Seven Deadly Sins/Seven Lively Virtues series to get to the real heart of our spiritual lives. Please sign up after mass on the sign-up sheets at the doors, or call the rectory to register. Donation for the class is \$10.

Perhaps you want to do something for service and charity for Lent, so don't hesitate to practically start next door at a neighbor's and help them out, or call the Ecumenical Soup Kitchen (sponsored by Catholic Charities) at 610-435-1541 to volunteer or offer support.

Read the Bible. Pray the Bible. I'd suggest you start with Luke's gospel, and, in particular, the passion narrative in Luke (which we will proclaim on Palm Sunday this year). Take it a few verses at a time and just let it seep into your mind and heart; place yourself in the action or events of the story – as Jesus, as the crowd, as another person and then ask yourself questions. What was I feeling when that happened in front of my own eyes, at my own hands? Why would I keep following Jesus, why, if I were Jesus, would I keep going to the cross? Etc...

Pray a daily rosary with special emphasis on how Mary responds to God's will in her life and in her son's life.

Offer your forgiveness to someone who has wronged you – whether they have asked for it or not. Forgiveness, after all, is what Jesus proclaims and demonstrates even from the cross.

Make room in your life (on your calendar, in your home, in your mind and heart) for daily prayer and make the commitment to it, especially in the presence of the Most Blessed Sacrament.



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

Be a truly happy repentant sinner by trusting that God's love and mercy are far stronger and powerful than our sins (even all of them piled together).

Happy Lent,  
Fr. Eric.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$6,052.75  
Catholic Relief Collection \$ 936.00

The **Second Collection** this weekend, February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, is for the **Fuel Collection**.

The **Second Collection** next weekend, February 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, will be for the **Catholic Home Missions**.



## ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
<b>8:00AM</b>	No One	P.McCarty	J.Marhefka
<b>12:05PM</b>	No One	B.Petro	Deacon Jack
<b>6:00PM</b>	H.Heffner G.Parise	K.McCloskey	Deacon Jack

## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
<b>4:00PM</b>	A.Urban J.Shaul	J.Englert	Deacon Jack
<b>7:00PM</b>	C.Gair D.Gair	J.Yanek	Deacon Jack
<b>8:30AM</b>	D.Popovic M.Popovic	B.Molchany	C.Molchany
<b>10:30AM</b>	J.Drummer S.DeLong	L.Bolmer	J.Marhefka

## Strudel for Your Easter Table

The Social Committee is once again sponsoring an Easter Strudel Sale as a fundraiser. The strudels are made by *Country Cottage Bake Shop* in Tamaqua. Orders are due by **Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>** via the weekend collection basket, and delivery is **Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm** in the church hall. Cost is \$15.00 per roll and available in the flavors listed below. 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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

February 10<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday. Masses will be celebrated at **8:00am, 12:05pm, and 6:00pm**. Blessed Ashes will be distributed at all the masses that day.



**LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
Will be held every Friday in Lent, followed by Evening Prayers with Benediction at 7:00PM.

## 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, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

## PARISH RETREAT

My God, My God, Why have you forsaken me? Have you ever felt you have lost your closeness to God in this modern world? You are invited to attend the St. John Fisher One-Day Parish Retreat on **Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>** at the St. Michael Center on Main Street in Northampton. **The day will begin with Registration at 8:00am and will conclude with a 4:00pm Mass.** Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be provided. Come join your Parish Family and experience a closer relationship with God this Lenten Season. Please fill out the below form and place in the collection basket by **Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**. **\*\* Must be 18 or older to attend.**

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## PARISH RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

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

Suggested Donation - \$20.00

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



## FIRST PENANCE

Our Sacramental Class is preparing for the Sacrament of Penance, which they will receive for the first time on **Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM**. Please keep our students in your prayers as they continue their preparation and receive the Sacrament of Penance.

## Queenship of Mary Church

Join them for their **Lenten Morning for Men** on **Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am to 12:00pm**. Reflections will be by Rev. Patrick Lamb; Msgr. Michael Chaback and Msgr. John Martin. Please call to register: 610.262.2227.

## Forty Days for Life

The 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign will start on **Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>**, and continue through Lent, until March 20<sup>th</sup>, 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, or to be paired with a prayer partner, call Theresa at 610-704-6935.

## SLOVAK FOUNDATION

Envelopes are available at the church entrances to use for donations to the Slovak Foundation, which benefits the unifying and promotion of Slovak ethnic identity for second, third, fourth generations and beyond. Please deposit your donation in the collection basket by **Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**.



## St. John Fisher Fish Dinner

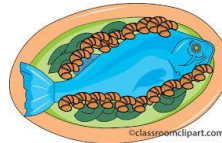
We will be hosting our Fish Dinner on **Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm**. The platter includes: breaded haddock, choice of parsley potatoes or halushkie, corn, creamed cabbage, applesauce, dessert and beverage. Cost is Adults: \$10.00, Children (Ages 5 to 10): \$5.00. Tickets will be sold before and after Masses, or call 610-264-3384. Tickets will be available at the door.

## SCHOOL HALL PIEROGIES

Pierogies will be made on **Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:30am**. Any amount of time you can spend with us will be gratefully appreciated. Cost is \$6.00 a dozen.



## St Mary's Church, Catty



Their Lenten Fish Dinner will be on **Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm to 7:00pm**. The cost for the dinner is \$10.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. Take out available. Any questions, call the office at 610-264-0332.

## St John the Baptist, Stiles

Their 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Tricky Trays/Basket Social will be held on **Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00am to 7:00pm, and Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00am to 4:00pm**. You can purchase tickets at the door, you don't have to be present to win, and the kitchen will be open.

