



# PASTOR'S CORNER

## Lent IV

## Mass Intentions

Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 10, 2018

**Saturday – Mar 10<sup>th</sup> –**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Rita DiLiberto (A)  
by Jim and Carmela Meyer  
7:00PM – Donna McNally  
by Edie Stahlnecker

**Sunday – Mar 11<sup>th</sup> –**

8:30AM – Joseph Tomasic (B)  
by Wife, Mary and Family  
10:30AM – Poor Souls in Purgatory  
by Irene Vomero

**Monday – Mar 12<sup>th</sup> – St Theophanes**

8:00AM – Veronica Ann Heckman  
by Joyce and Peter Wlodek

**Tuesday – Mar 13<sup>th</sup> – St Roderic Salomon**

8:00AM – Deacon Bill Pitts  
by Frances McSpedon

***Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass***

**Wednesday – Mar 14<sup>th</sup> – St Matilda**

6:00PM – Peter P. Garber, Sr.  
by Dottie and Hank Wolfe

**Thursday – Mar 15<sup>th</sup> – St Louis de Marillac**

8:00AM – Melanie Smith (L-Health)  
by Regina Marhefka

**Friday – Mar 16<sup>th</sup> – St Heribert of Cologne**

8:00AM – John “Jack” McCarty  
by Kathleen and Peggy

**Saturday – Mar 17<sup>th</sup> – St Patrick**

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Julie Superka  
by Carolyn and Nick Pontician  
7:00PM – Rose M. Todaro  
by Janet and Doug Wallace

**Sunday – Mar 18<sup>th</sup> –**

8:30AM – Daniel Leo Lynch, Sr.  
by Bill and Bobbie Columbo  
10:30AM – Scott A. McCloskey (A)  
by Family

**Pray the Rosary each Sunday**

8:15AM and 10:15AM



He was a teacher,  
a very learned teacher.  
He was so respected by his peers  
that he was chosen to serve  
in their governing body.  
Nicodemus was a good man, too.  
He searched each day  
in prayer, study and charity  
for the true will of God.  
He searched to know God's will  
and to follow it.  
But once one is seated in a comfortable place,  
it is hard to move one's self.

So, he came to Jesus at night, in darkness.  
In the dark of a faith  
barely breaking the seed wall,  
he sought a meeting  
with the wonder-worker and wonder-preacher.  
As in the dark,  
he walked hesitantly among His followers,  
and tip-toed up to Jesus.  
“Master, help me to understand,” he searched.

“Unless a man be born again, Nicodemus,  
he cannot enter the Kingdom of God,”  
Jesus said plainly.  
The words swirled and dizzied the seeker,  
his mind blindly stretched  
for any branch or anchor  
in the stream into which he had been plunged –  
“born AGAIN?”  
He found a familiar rock,  
“Can a man return to his mother's womb?”  
“The Spirit moves, Nicodemus,  
the Spirit moves.”  
Off of your tiptoes, seeker, and into the air.  
Leave your fear behind,  
it's weighing you down:  
the light of faith, indeed,  
makes you light too.

Fr. Eric.

# OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$4,351.00  
Rice Bowl Collection \$1,206.00

The **Second** Collection this weekend, **March 10<sup>th</sup>** and **11<sup>th</sup>**, is the **Self Denial Collection**.

The **Second** Collection next weekend, **March 17<sup>th</sup>** and **18<sup>th</sup>**, will be the **Easter Flower Collection**.



## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
<b>4:00PM</b>	L.Ruda N.Ruda	J.Strohl	J.McAllister
<b>7:00PM</b>	A.Muschko K.Segan	J.Englert	P.McCarty
<b>8:30AM</b>	D.Popovic M.Popovic	B.Molchany	Deacon Jack
<b>10:30AM</b>	A.Gorr D.Gorr	B.Petro	Deacon Jack



## EASTER CONFESSIONS

Saturday, March 17, 2:00pm-3:45pm

Sunday, March 18, Noon-1:30pm

Wednesday, March 21, after the 6pm mass until 8:00pm

Monday, March 26, 6:30pm-8:00pm



# Lent



**Abstinence** from meat is observed on 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 meal a day. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.



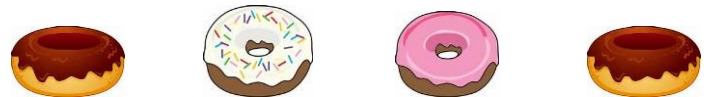
## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

## Triduum



Please plan to take part in the Sacred Triduum starting on **Holy Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:00pm for the Mass of the Lord's Supper, on **Good Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**, at 3:00pm for the Celebration for the Lord's Passion, and on **Holy Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**, at 8:00pm for the Solemn Easter Vigil where we will receive one person into the Faith. Mark your calendars now to join us!



## DONUT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, **March 18<sup>th</sup>**, is **Donut Sunday**. Thank you to **Robert and Jean Strohl**, who are sponsoring this month's event, in honor of Jean's birthday. Please stop by after the **8:30AM and 10:30AM Masses** for some coffee, tea, and some donuts!

There is a correction to the January Donut Sunday. It was sponsored by **Michael Kish and family** in honor of **Joseph and Anna Kish**. I apologize for the omission.

## 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 21<sup>st</sup>**, at the St. Michael Center on Main Street in Northampton. Parking is available in the church parking lot. **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.

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### PARISH RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

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

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

# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

The 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign started on **Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**, and continues through **March 25<sup>th</sup>**, at the Allentown Planned Parenthood (abortion facility), 29 N. 9th St., Allentown, PA. **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 Marianne at 610-570-2347.

## PILGRIM VIRGIN OF FATIMA



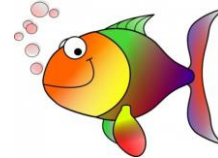
The **Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima Statue** is dedicated to all the people of the North Catasauqua Area in order to foster the worship of the Most Holy Trinity through a true devotion to our Blessed Lady. The Statue "travels" into any homes which wish to host it for a time (usually a week), and is treasured there by a family or group of friends who pray the rosary together. There have been several such traveling statues in our area over the years dating back to the 1960's, blessed by several different pastors who have served in the region. If you wish to participate in this beautiful tradition and devotion and open your home to Our Lady so concretely, please contact Pauline

Albert, 610-264-3473, or Jean Marhefka, 610-264-5038. Thank you.



## St. Mary's Church, Catty

Their **Basket Social** will be held on **Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm; **Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**, from 9:00am to 6:00pm; and, **Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**, from 9:00am to 1:00pm in their **Parish Center**. Tickets are on sale at the door and you do not need to be present to win. Proceeds benefit their C.C.D. program. Call 610-264-0332 with questions.



## Knights of Columbus Fish Dinner

Knights of Columbus Council 4050 Fish Bake will be held on **March 16<sup>th</sup> and March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00pm to 7:00pm** at Ruffenach Hall on the corner of Center and Ruch Streets in Coplay. The price is \$9.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children. They will also have pierogie dinners at \$6.00 each.

## St. Elizabeth's Fish Dinner

Their First Annual Lenten Fish Dinner will be held on **Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm in our Parish Hall, 435 Pershing Blvd., Whitehall. The menu includes breaded fish, coleslaw, roll, beverage and dessert with a choice of two (2) sides: Roasted potatoes, halushki, mac and cheese, stewed tomatoes or corn. Cost is: Adults: \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door; Kids: \$5 in advance; \$7 at the door (under 5 – free). Call the office at 610-266-0695 for advanced tickets.