



PASTOR'S CORNER

Real Horror [*Revised*]

Dorothy Sayers wrote,

It is curious that people who are filled with horrified indignation whenever a cat kills a sparrow can hear that story of the killing of God told Sunday after Sunday and not experience any shock at all.

Let us be horrified at a few things...

...babies are partially born and then killed, or born and left to die, or in the womb of their mother (the safest place on earth?) and they are chemically and surgically dissolved...

...men, women and children are completely unsure when and where their next food may come from, and they've never had clean water to drink...

...women and children are sold – that's right, SOLD to other human beings as “slaves” for all sorts of indignation and abuse... (not just a third-world problem)...

...chemical weapons are used on “rebellious” people in some areas of the world...

...families are being “broken up” at alarming rates throughout the world, especially in the West...

...drug addiction is rampant...

...violence is most often seen as a real solution...

...the Son of God was accused falsely, tortured cruelly and died a humiliating public death...

We have lost our true sense of horror. Life, of course, isn't a movie, and not everything comes out well in the end (because there is no real end). No, life requires a re-awakened sensitivity to the crucified Christ and so to all of suffering humanity.

This Lent, among our personal and communal penances we use to turn ourselves more resolutely toward Jesus, I suggest a tech-free

Mass Intentions

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 22, 2020

Saturday – Feb 22nd –

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

7:00PM – Richard Longenhagen (B)
by Family

Sunday – Feb 23rd –

8:30AM – Mary Louise Wert
by Carole Houghton and Choir

10:30AM – Agnes Collis (B)
by Children

Monday – Feb 24th – St Ethelbert of Kent

8:00AM – Evelyn Geiger
by McCloskey Family

Tuesday – Feb 25th – St Walburga

8:00AM – June Schlofer
by Frank and Juliann Harhart

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Feb 26th – Ash Wednesday

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

12:05PM – Robert L. Strohl
by Mr and Mrs Kevin Krautsack/Family

6:00PM – Francis Broderick
by Family

Thursday – Feb 27th – St Anne Line

8:00AM – Jean Johnson
by Connie Berner

Friday – Feb 28th – St Romanus of Condat

8:00AM – Poor Souls in Purgatory
by McCloskey Family

Saturday – Feb 29th – Pope Saint Hilary

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

The First Sunday of Lent

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Sandra Koerwitz
by Mike and Louise Seng

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

Sunday – Mar 1st –

8:30AM – Anthony and Elizabeth DeNardo
by Connie and Bill Molchany

10:30AM – David J. Sweeney
by Sister, Gail Sweeney

hour of quiet every day, an extra prayer time in which we seek from the Lord what we can DO to deepen our faith in Him, and a profound abstinence from what is comfortable. Thus, we might see more clearly the holy face of the suffering Christ and console Him.

Fr. Eric.



ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
8:00AM	No One	B.Petro	P.McCarty
12:05PM	No One	J.Strohl	Deacon Jack
6:00PM	J.Drummer D.Gorr	J.Englert	Deacon Jack

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	N.Ruda L.Ruda	J.McAllister	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	D.Gorr L.McGinley	J.Englert	Deacon Jack
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	J.Strohl	Deacon Jack
10:30AM	A.Banoza Z.Bossos	B.Petro	Deacon Jack

BLESSED CANDLES



Blessed candles are now available for purchase. A box contains two blessed candles for a \$4.00 donation.

PARISH RETREAT

The theme for this year's retreat is *The Holy Spirit shows me the Path of Friendship*. This is your chance to enhance your spiritual life with your fellow parishioners. The retreat will take place on **Saturday, April 25th**, 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. **All registrations are due by Sunday, April 19th.**

PARISH RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Attending: _____ Total Enclosed: \$ _____



February 26th 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 at 7:00PM in Lent, followed by Evening Prayers with Benediction.

OUR 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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection

\$ 3,662.00

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, March 22nd**, via the collection basket.

Cost is \$16.00 a roll, and available in the flavors listed below. **Delivery is Tuesday, April 7th, from 4:30pm to 6:00pm in the church hall.** Any questions, call Mary Beth at 610-264-4494 or Peggy at 610-264-0307.

NAME _____ PHONE # _____

Nut: _____ Poppy seed: _____ Lekvar: _____ Apricot: _____

Raspberry: _____ Coconut Cream: _____ **Total: \$ _____**



FIRST PENANCE

Our Sacramental Class will receive **First Penance** this **Thursday, February 27th at 7:00pm**. Please keep our students in your prayers.



EASTER CONFESSIONS

Saturday, March 14 - 2:00pm to 3:45pm

Sunday, March 15 - 12:30pm to 2:00pm

Wednesday, April 1 - 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Monday, April 6 - 6:00pm to 8:00pm



EASTER DUTY

Catholics are obliged to fulfill their "**Easter Duty**" by **receiving Holy Communion between the First Sunday of Lent, March 1st, and Trinity Sunday, June 7th.**

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



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



CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation Class is preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which they will receive on **Thursday, March 5th at 4:30pm, at Queenship of Mary Church**. Please keep our students in your prayers.

Looking for Volunteers

We are interested in having volunteers for the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on **Holy Thursday April 9th at 7:00pm**.

If your toes are willing to volunteer for the symbolic washing of Christ, please check your calendar and sign up at the doors of the church.

ST. JOHN FISHER FISH DINNER

Our Fish Dinner is this **Friday, February 28th, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm**. Cost is Adults: \$10.00, Children (Ages 5-10) \$5.00. To purchase tickets before Friday, call Annette at 610-264-4758. Tickets at the door will be \$12.00.

Volunteer help is requested for **Thursday, February 27th, at 6:00pm** and on **Friday, February 28th, at 2:00pm**, and after **4:00pm**.

Parishioners are asked to bake desserts that can be dropped off in the church hall either on **Thursday, February 27th, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm** or on **Friday, February 28th, after 2:00pm**.