



Mass Intentions

Second Sunday in Lent
February 24, 2018

Saturday – Feb 24th –

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Edward J. Ferenchak (WA)
by Agnes R. Breiner
7:00PM – Veronica Ann Heckman
by Pauline Albert and Family

Sunday – Feb 25th –

8:30AM – Agnes M. Collis (B)
by Andrew Figura and Family
10:30AM – Memorial Fund Members
by Memorial Fund

Monday – Feb 26th – St Porphyrius

8:00AM – Roberta M. Seifert
by Ann T. Spengler

Tuesday – Feb 27th –

St Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrow

8:00AM – Pauline Mayer (A)
by Daughter, Pauline Albert

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Feb 28th – St Hilary

6:00PM – Anna M. Milkovits
by Anna Matika

Thursday – Mar 1st – St Suithbert

8:00AM – Magdeline, Frances, and Helen
by Sister, Agnes Chabak

Friday – Mar 2nd – St Agnes of Prague

8:00AM – Scott and Kathy McCloskey (WA)
by Family

Sacred Heart Novena after Mass

Saturday – Mar 3rd – St Katharine Drexel

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

Third Sunday in Lent

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Jeanette S. Koncz
by Mrs. Helen Voice
7:00PM – Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Loeper
by Rev. Eric J. Gruber

Sunday – Mar 4th –

8:30AM – Kathleen A. McCloskey
by Nin Snyder and Family
10:30AM – David J. Sweeney
by Edward and Connie Maron



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

PASTOR'S CORNER

Lent II

Jesus, with his friends, climbs onto Tabor,
up a beaten trail, toward a rest on top.
Their conversation dwindles
as they focus on each footfall.

On the crest of the hill their shoulders relax,
Jesus pulls a bit ahead of them; paces slow.
Did they first believe it
to be the sun ascending anew?

Hands over eyes –
as when escaping a dark cave,
Have you ever seen anything so bright?
They acknowledge themselves as wide-awake.

Though they have pictured their faces
since childhood,
Moses and Elijah seem younger than imagined.
This is life-changing.

It is good to be here, Lord, oh, so good.
Let me build a shrine to this awesome vision,
let us worship here forever more.

The Shadow of a cloud comes up like a storm,
the Lord shone like a lightning bolt
frozen in time,
and then a Voice broke through to every cell.

On the ground with their heads bowed,
they cannot but listen to Him.
They raise their eyes.
Only Jesus.

Down the mountainside
with breathless conversation,
the Lord stills their waves,
Tell no one of the vision –
until the resurrection of the Son of Man.

The vision will be remembered
until the betraying kiss.
Fr. Eric.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$3,840.00
 Catholic Home Missions Collection \$ 805.00
 Slovak Foundation Collection \$ 105.00

The **Second** Collection next weekend, **March 3rd** and **4th**, will be the **Rice Bowl Offering**.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	A.Gorr D.Gorr	J.McAllister	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	A.Banoza A.Muschko	J.Englert	Deacon Jack
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder	Deacon Jack
10:30AM	C.Ritter M.Ritter	J.DeLong	Deacon Jack



BAPTISM

We welcome **Edison James DeLabar**, son of **Eric Matthew and Karen Elizabeth (Wukitch) DeLabar**, who was baptized last week, and is the newest member of our family of God at St John Fisher Parish.



Please remember in your prayers **Carolyn E. (Check) Rennig, and Mary Delores Kocis**, who passed away and were buried last week. We pray their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

SCHOOL HALL PIEROGIES

Pierogie making has been **cancelled** for **March 10th**, due to water problems in the school hall kitchen. Our next session will be held in the fall. Watch the bulletin for updates.

40 Days for Life

The 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign will start on **Ash Wednesday, February 14th**, and continue through **March 25th**, 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.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION



Friday, March 2nd
 Adoration begins after morning Mass, and continues throughout the day.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On **March 2nd**, Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at **7:00pm**, followed by Stations of the Cross and then Benediction.



FIRST PENANCE

On **February 22nd**, three of our students celebrated the **Sacrament of Penance**. They are **Lydia Dawn Broderick, Connell Leh Crossin and Liam Sean McGinley**. We congratulate them, their parents and families, and ask you to continue to keep them in your prayers as they go on toward First Holy Communion in April.



CONFIRMATION

Our Sacramental Class is preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which they will receive on **Wednesday, March 8th at 4:30pm**, at **Queenship of Mary Church**. Please keep our students in your prayers.

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 11th**, via the collection basket. Cost is \$15.00 a roll, and available in the flavors listed below. Delivery is **Wednesday, March 28th**, from **5:00pm to 7:00pm** in the church hall. Any questions, call Mary Beth at 610-264-4494 or Peggy at 610-264-0307.



NAME _____ PHONE # _____
 Nut: _____ Poppyseed: _____ Lekvar: _____
 Apricot: _____ Raspberry: _____ Total: \$ _____

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.

CYO Spring Sports Signups:

Track – 5th to 8th grade; **Volleyball** – 5th to 8th grade are both \$50.00. **Registration is open until February 28th.** Please visit their website:

<http://tshq.bluesombrero.com/default.aspx?portalid=21527> for registration and payment. CYO is available for all the children of our parishes. Any questions, call Dave at 610-502-1950.

Salem UCC, 615 Third St., Catty

Their Winter Blast Flea Market will be held on **Saturday, March 3rd, from 9:00am to 1:00pm.** They have a fantastic basket raffle with great prizes, plus a bake sale, pickled red beets and lots of great food available for eat in or take out. Call 610-264-4091 for any questions.

Save the Date

Saturday, April 21st – Our 3rd Annual Parish Retreat.
More information will follow.

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 **\$94.88.** Thank you!

Queenship of Mary Designer Purse Bingo

Will be held on **Sunday, March 4th, at Good Shepherd School Gym. Doors open at 11:30am and games begin at 12:30pm.** Advanced Ticket Sales are \$20.00; at the door is \$25.00. Extra Games are \$5.00 each, and special games are \$2.00 each. Also, there is food and drinks, 50/50 Raffle and a Bake Sale. For Tickets Call Pete: 610.972.5407.

St. Mary's Church, Catty

Their **Lenten Fish Dinner** will be held on **Friday, March 9th, from 4:30pm to 7:00pm in their Parish Center.** Adults are \$10.00, and children are \$7.00, and will be sold at the door. Meal includes: Fried, breaded Icelandic Haddock, vegetable, homemade coleslaw, stewed tomatoes, roll, dessert and beverage. Plus, a choice of: baked potato, mac and cheese or halushki. Take out is available.

Knights of Columbus Fish Dinner

Knights of Columbus Council 4050 Fish Bake will be held on **March 2nd, the 16th, and the 23rd, 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.

