



Mass Intentions

The First Sunday of Lent
March 9, 2019

Saturday– Mar 9th –

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Rita DiLiberto (A)
by Jim and Carmela Meyer
7:00PM – Memorial Fund Members
by The Memorial Fund

Sunday – Mar 10th –

8:30AM – Joseph Tomasic (B)
by Wife, Mary and Family
10:30AM – Irene Vomero
by Jean Marhefka

Monday – Mar 11th – St Eulogius

8:00AM – Robert Toth
by Carol Nederostek

Tuesday – Mar 12th – St Theophanes

8:00AM – Samuel Matthew Strohl (A)
by Mom, Jean

Wednesday – Mar 13th – St Roderic Salomon

6:00PM – Rosa Cunningham
by Mary Beth and Dave Arner

Thursday – Mar 14th – St Matilda

8:00AM – Joseph W. Kalamar
by Stephen Roman

Friday – Mar 15th – St Louise de Marillac

8:00AM – Kathy McCloskey
by Diane Secara

Saturday– Mar 16th – St Heribert of Cologne

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

The Second Sunday of Lent

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Stanley and Anna Stascinsky
by Estate
7:00PM – Mary Cerulli
by Daughter, Rosemary Barna

Sunday – Mar 17th –

8:30AM – Julia Bieak (A)
by Dennis and Theresa Bieak
10:30AM – Scott McCloskey (A)
by Family



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

PASTOR'S CORNER

How Not to Handle a Bully

There is usually a particular “solution” to dealing with a bully; but, there are many ways of how NOT to deal with a bully. And, of these many ways, we’ve witnessed one this week that is perhaps the “worst” possible way.

An elected official this week (the political party doesn’t matter for our purposes here) continued to make prejudiced remarks about Jewish people and the state of Israel. If it had been a momentary thoughtless remark, it could have been easily apologized for, and we all could have moved on. But, it was only one of a series of such comments, and not the most incendiary of them.

The other party, of course, “jumped” on the opportunity to seek a public apology and to “demand” some disciplinary action against the elected official. The official’s party weighed its’ options in addressing the prejudiced remarks of its’ member for several days (an eternity in politics), and then decided to address it with a collective resolution for the whole House of Representatives to take up against prejudice in every form. It seemed noble and heroic – “we are against every form of bigotry, hatred and prejudice manifest in the culture!” – of course we are. But, the bully got to vote for it, without taking personal responsibility for her own remarks. So, as an attempt to deal with those who abuse their personal position or power against others (ANY others), the House failed miserably.

What do I mean? Well...in order for Christ’s salvific death and resurrection to benefit the bullying individual and the bullied individual(s), each one must be personally accountable for his or her own actions, choices, words. When the bully’s prejudice was mixed in with all other prejudices, there was no specific moral accountability made, but rather, a general one. This is equivalent to saying to the neighbor next door, “Windows are broken every day in many places throughout the country. And, I’m very sorry that your window was broken this afternoon. You know, when I was young, someone broke my window too. So, let us all be sad for the times windows were broken!” “Yes,” says your neighbor, “but it was *your* child who picked up that rock and for some reason threw it through my window! And it is *you*, and not everyone whose ever had their window broken or broken a window, that will have to pay for its’ repair!”

Friends, we're in Lent. It's the season to remind ourselves to take personal responsibility for the use of our free will and every gift God has given us. It does not deepen our spiritual/personal life to take up a petition against all evil and sin, only to ignore our own. We ought not let the "bully" in each of us get away with it.

Fr. Eric.



LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

- I. Jesus is condemned to death
- II. Jesus accepts His cross
- III. Jesus falls the first time
- IV. Jesus meets His mother
- V. Simon helps Jesus to carry His cross
- VI. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus
- VII. Jesus falls the second time
- VIII. Jesus meets the women and children
- IX. Jesus falls the third time
- X. Jesus is stripped of His garments
- XI. Jesus is nailed to the cross
- XII. Jesus dies on the cross
- XIII. Jesus is taken down from the cross
- XIV. Jesus is laid in the tomb

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection **\$4,535.00**
Ash Wednesday Collection **\$1,463.00**

The **Second** Collection this weekend, **March 9th and 10th**, is the **Catholic Home Missions Collection**.

The **Second** Collection next weekend, **March 16th and 17th**, will be the **Self Denial Collection**.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	D.Gorr J.Drummer	J.McAllister	M.Druckenmiller
7:00PM	L.Ruda N.Ruda	J.Englert	J.Behum
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	J.Strohl	J.Ottinger
10:30AM	M.Ritter A.Banoza	P.McCloskey	Deacon Jack



CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, **this Tuesday, March 12th, at 4:30pm, at Queenship of Mary Church**. Please keep our students in your prayers.



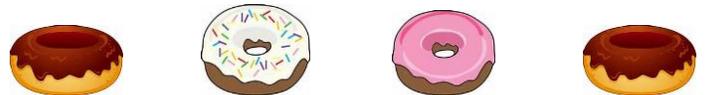
Please remember in your prayers **Helen Monica (Bednar) Polchik**, who passed away and was recently buried. We pray her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

A Heart Felt Thank You

Dear Parishioners of St. John Fisher Church:

Thank you so much for your cards and prayers and well-wishes. I am progressing well. Please continue to keep me in your prayers so that I can come back as soon as possible. God bless you.

~ Barbara Petro



DONUT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, March 17th, is Donut Sunday. Thank you to **Bill and Connie Molchany**, who are sponsoring this month's event in memory of **Elizabeth "Lee" DeNardo**. Please stop by after the **8:30AM and 10:30AM Masses** for some coffee, tea, and some donuts!

Strudel Roll Sale

We are sponsoring an Easter Strudel Sale. The strudels are made by *Country Cottage Bake Shop* in Tamaqua. Orders are due by **Sunday, April 7th**, via the collection basket. Cost is \$16.00 a roll, and available in the flavors listed below. Delivery is **Wednesday, April 17th, 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: _____ Coconut Cream: _____ Total: \$ _____

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

Fifth and Coplay Streets, Coplay

We are hosting a **Parish Mission** on **Sunday, March 10th, Monday, March 11th, and Tuesday, March 12th**, at **6:30pm**. Father Vincent Fortunato, a Franciscan Capuchin Friar, an inspiring and engaging preacher, will conduct the Mission. All are welcome!

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, STILES



Their all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner will be held on **Saturday, March 16th, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm**. Tickets are available at the door and the price is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children age three to ten.

St. John the Baptist Church

924 N. Front Street, Allentown

Their **Meat Bingo** will be held on **Sunday, March 17th at 1:00pm**. Doors and kitchen open at 12:00 Noon. Bingo begins at 1:00pm, and it is only \$11.00 for 15 games.

Their **Breakfast Buffet** will be held on **Sunday, March 24th from 8:00am to 11:00am**. The menu is bacon, sausage, creamed beef, eggs, home fries, pancakes, French toast, fruit, juice, coffee, tea, pastries and more. Questions, call Bill Drost at 610-432-3505.

St. Elizabeth's Fish Dinner

435 Pershing Blvd, Whitehall

Their First Annual Lenten Fish Dinner will be held on **Friday, March 23rd, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm** in our Parish Hall. 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.

ST. JOHN FISHER ANNUAL RETREAT

The Parish Retreat will be held in the Fall this year instead of during Lent. Check the bulletin for further information in late summer. Any questions contact Peggy McCarty at 610-264-0307.

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 for all Catholics 14 years of age and older.



EASTER CONFESSIONS

Saturday, March 30 + 2:00pm to 3:45pm

Sunday, March 31 + 12:30pm to 2:00pm

Thursday, April 11 + 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Monday, April 15 + 6:00pm to 8:00pm



IN THE WORDS OF ...

If God causes you to suffer much, it is a sign that He has great designs for you, and that He certainly intends to make you a saint.
~ St. Ignatius of Loyola