



Mass Intentions

Third Sunday in Lent
March 3, 2018

Saturday – Mar 3rd –

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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

Monday – Mar 5th – St John Joseph of the Cross

8:00AM – Memorial Fund Members
by Memorial Fund

Tuesday – Mar 6th – St Colette of Corbie

8:00AM – Mary Delores Kocis
by Deacon and Mrs. Jack O'Connell

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Mar 7th – Ss Perpetua and Felicity

6:00PM – Caroline E. Rennig
by McCloskey Family

Thursday – Mar 8th – St John of God

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

Friday – Mar 9th – St Frances of Rome

8:00AM – Bob Spengler and Bernardine Wehr
by Ann and Dale

Saturday – Mar 10th – Forty Martyrs of Sebaste

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

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 11th –

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



Pray the Rosary each Sunday

8:15AM and 10:15AM

PASTOR'S CORNER

Lent III

He led his disciples into Jerusalem,
the smell of the Temple sacrifices
filled them with a dreadful excitement,
and a sense of justice done.

They wound their way through the crowds,
chatting of sights and sounds
and childhood memories.

Jesus was silent
and drawing a crowd after Him.

The outer courtyard of the Temple
bustled with transactions – not unusual,
but such an atmosphere
insinuated itself further into the space,
as if saying,

“Lord, I’ll strike You a deal.

I give you two lambs and a calf,
You give me what I want,”
or something of the kind.

The smoke of the fires
was especially acrid there.

Jesus wove together ropes and cords
with a purpose.

They did not know what to make of his making.
Then the zeal for his Father’s house
could no longer be lidded.

Thieves! Robbers!

No contracts in the House of the Covenant!
No deals with the God to Whom we owe all!

Tables, scales, coins, livestock upturned –
a rush of wind through the Temple.

Fresh, biting air.

“Destroy this Temple,
and I will raise it in three days,” He says.

The scoffing begins which will not end...

“You do not understand” He states.

No, Jesus,
 we still don't understand sometimes.
 Or, at least, we often forget.
 You are the place
 where God and humanity meet;
 You are the Temple.
 And we certainly ignore, too,
 that we are members of your Body;
 each of us a temple
 where your Spirit dwells.

Make a new cord today, Lord,
 cleanse my temple.

Extra confession times start soon –
 get ready. Fr. Eric.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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



CONFIRMATION

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$3,742.00

The **Second** Collection this weekend, **March 3rd and 4th**, is the **Rice Bowl Offering**.

The **Second** Collection next weekend, **March 10th and 11th**, will be the **Self Denial Collection**.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	J.Drummer A.Banoza	J.Strohl	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	L.Ruda N.Ruda	P.McCarty	Deacon Jack
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	B.Molchany	Deacon Jack
10:30AM	C.Gair D.Gair	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



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.

Triduum



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

Strudel Roll Sale

Time is running out! Orders for the Easter Strudels from *Country Cottage Bake Shop* in Tamaqua are due **next Sunday, March 11th**, via the collection basket. Cost is \$15.00 a roll, and available in the flavors listed below. Pick up is **Wednesday, March 28th, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm** in the church hall.



NAME _____ PHONE # _____

Nut: _____ Poppyseed: _____ Lekvar: _____

Apricot: _____ Raspberry: _____ Total: \$ _____

LENTEN FISH DINNER

Thank you to all who participated in and made our fish dinner a great success this year! We have received a profit of **\$1,835.00**.

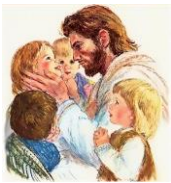
SCHOOL HALL PIEROGIES

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.



The 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign started on **Ash Wednesday, February 14th**, and continues 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.

GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS



Please join the Helpers of God's Precious Infants at the Prayer Pilgrimage for the unborn, and all those involved in abortion on **Saturday, March 10th**. The pilgrimage begins with Mass at 8:00AM at Notre Dame Church, 1861 Catasauqua Road, and

continues with The Rosary at the abortion facility located at 31 South Commerce Way. Come and be part of the call to let your prayers and presence bring God's everlasting, unconditional love to all those involved in abortion. Contact Info: 610-674-4624.

Save the Date

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

ST. JOHN PAUL II FOUNDATION

Together in Holiness

The St. John Paul II Foundation, in collaboration with the Diocese of Allentown, presents *Together in Holiness*, a marriage enrichment conference on **Saturday, April 14th**, **from 8:30am to 3:00pm at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish in Reading**. This one-day event includes dynamic presentations, Mass, Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, and a catered lunch. Keynote speakers include renowned national speaker Joy Pinto; Deacon Joseph Nines, Ph.D., LMFT; Dr. Joshua and Mrs. Christine Schulz; and Dr. Roland Millare of the St. John Paul II Foundation. Limited childcare is available for six months to twelve years, pre-registration required. The cost is \$49.00 a couple or \$29.00 an individual. For more information please visit togetherinholiness.org.

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 16th and March 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.