



**LENT**  
**Mass Intentions**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**  
**March 1, 2015**

**Saturday – February 28<sup>th</sup> – St Hilary**

4:00PM – Donald Mulberger  
 by Pat Mulberger  
 7:00PM – Petie Muschko (B)  
 by Mom and Dad

**Sunday – March 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

8:30AM – Marlene Vaughn  
 by Arthur and Mary Jane Steffie  
 10:30AM – Mary Cerulli (A)  
 by Peggy McCarty

**Monday – March 2<sup>nd</sup> – St Agnes of Prague**

8:00AM – Scott A McCloskey  
 by Family

**Tuesday – March 3<sup>rd</sup> – St Katharine Drexel**

8:00AM – Magdeline Forgas  
 by Sister, Agnes Chabak

***Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass***

**Wednesday – March 4<sup>th</sup> – St Casimir**

6:00PM – Rev Robert C. Quinn  
 by Rev Eric J Gruber

**Thursday – March 5<sup>th</sup> – St John Joseph/Cross**

8:00AM – Ruth Wuchter  
 by Marie Keeney

**Friday – March 6<sup>th</sup> – St Colette of Corbie**

8:00AM – Margaret S McCarty  
 by Jon and Reggie DeLong

***Sacred Heart Novena after Mass***

**Saturday – March 7<sup>th</sup> – Ss Perpetua and Felicity**

8:00AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners  
 4:00PM – Mary E Kalamar  
 by Ed and Lucille Ferenchak  
 7:00PM – Dick Banach  
 by Peggy McCarty

**Sunday – March 8<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

8:30AM – Joseph J Holena  
 by Chuck and Sue Albert  
 10:30AM – Harold Bryan (B)  
 by Sheila Weider

**PRAY**



**Sundays**

8:15AM and 10:15AM

# PASTOR'S CORNER

## Dying to be Christian

In these last months, with occasional coverage of the major media, we've become increasingly aware of people who are dying for their faith and people who are killing for their faith. The Islamic terrorists of ISIS in the Middle East have been rousting Christians of all sorts and beheading them for an audience on the internet with a sign above the executions warning the "People of the Cross" that they are coming for us. In these months there have been eyewitness accounts of the raping of women and of children, the selling of captives as slaves, the crucifixion of children all because they are "people of the cross," that is, Christians.

Meanwhile, the global Christian community observes the penitential season of Lent in preparation of Easter. Perhaps, we should choose penances that would help us bear our "martyrdom" like our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. Perhaps we should make every effort to improve and strengthen our ability to control our own appetites, our passions, our minds to serve the One who's cross we venerate. Because if the doors of our homes were broken open, and a gang of militants should threaten us with death unless we deny Jesus and worship some other god or gods (even if those invaders wear dark suits with white shirts and ties), then would we face our martyrdom for Jesus' sake? Or, would we choose Barabbas over Jesus again.

Hard thoughts for harder times ahead for the people of the Cross,  
 Fr. Eric.



## OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$ 2,922.00  
Catholic Home Missions Appeal \$ 785.00

The **Second Collection** on **March 7<sup>th</sup>** and **8<sup>th</sup>** will be the **Rice Bowl Collection**.



## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	<b>Servers</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>E.Ministers</b>
<b>4:00PM</b>	J. Shaul D. Sullivan	J. McAllister	J. O'Connell
<b>7:00PM</b>	A. Muschko A. Urban	K. McCloskey	J. Ottinger
<b>8:30AM</b>	D. Popovic S. Popovic	J. Strohl	C. Molchany
<b>10:30AM</b>	J. Drummer H. Heffner	L. Bolmer	J. Marhefka



## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

To commemorate the First Friday on **March 6<sup>th</sup>**, please come to our Holy Hour, **beginning at 7:00pm** which will include **Stations of the Cross and Benediction**.

Since we are in Lent, there will be no exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during the day.

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

During Lent, join us, as over 300 cities worldwide take part in the 40 Days for Life Campaign, which brings people of faith together in prayer and fasting to end abortion. A large part of 40 Days for Life is the peaceful prayer vigil in front of the abortion facility located at 31 South Commerce Way, Bethlehem, from 7:00am to 6:00pm Mondays through Saturdays. Make a Lenten sacrifice of one hour of prayer! Contact Theresa, 610-704-6935, or, [Theresa4597@hotmail.com](mailto:Theresa4597@hotmail.com).

## Young at Heart

The next bus trip will be on **Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**, to the Rainbow Dinner Theatre to see "*Squabbles*". It features two live-in laws and a baby on the way. Dave and Cindy kick off the new season with this one. If you liked "*Weekend Comedy*", you'll love "*Squabbles*". The price is \$75.00 per person. A \$10.00 deposit is required. For more information, call Bill Molchany, 610-264-0920.

## ATTENTION:

The Rectory Office will be closed this week to all regular business.

## ST. JOHN FISHERS MENS PRAYER GROUP

Some of the men of the parish met as a group for the first time on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> to pray together and enrich our prayer life. We have decided to meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Our next prayer meeting will be on March 11<sup>th</sup> after Mass and Stations. All men of the parish are welcome! Any questions call Jack O'Connell 610-266-0689.

## LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS



**Wednesdays following 6:00PM Mass**

**Fridays with Benediction, at 7:00PM**

## LENTEN OBLIGATIONS

**Abstinence** from meat, including poultry, is observed on all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday for all Catholics 14 years of age and older.

All Catholics are obliged to fulfill their **Easter Duty**. They are required to receive Holy Communion during the Easter Season, which is from the first Sunday of Lent, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, until Trinity Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Those conscious of serious sin are reminded of the obligation to confess their sins at least once a year during this time.

## SCHOOL HALL PIEROGIES

Come to the school hall this **Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**, to help make our delicious pierogies. We know your time is precious, but please come and have a fun time with your fellow parishioners. Pierogies will only be sold to help. Cost is \$5.00 a dozen.

## Nut Roll for Your Easter Table?

Or something just as yummy? We are now accepting orders for **Strudel Rolls** from the *Country Cottage Bake Shop* in Tamaqua to be picked up **April 1<sup>st</sup>**. Cost for each strudel roll is \$15 payable with the order form which must be received by **March 15<sup>th</sup>**, by way of the Sunday collection basket. Any questions, call Mary Beth at 610-264-4494 or Peggy at 610-264-0307.

**Order forms with the available flavors are available at the church entrances.**

## CAT'S MEOW OF ST ANDREW

A **second shipment** of the former St Andrew Roman Catholic Church Cat's Meow has been ordered! **Order forms are available at both church entrances or call 610-264-1225 to order.** The Cat's Meow replicas make a great gift for anniversaries and birthdays, or as a special keepsake.

# Save The Date!

It's time to round up your friends, family and co-workers! **Good Shepherd Catholic School** will be holding their **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing** on **Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 2015**, at Willow Brook Golf Course. If you have any questions contact Joe Heberling at 610-261-4864.

## Ladies' Night Out

The Social Committee of our parish is sponsoring a **Ladies' Night Out, Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall. **Registration forms that detail the evening are available at the church entrances.** Reservations must be made by **March 22<sup>nd</sup>**, by filling out a registration form and making payment by way of the Sunday collection basket. Any questions? Please call Mary Beth McGinley at 610-264-4494 or Peggy McCarty at 610-264-0307.

We especially welcome the help of hearty gentlemen of the parish at the Ladies Night Out who would be willing to serve dinner and clean-up. If interested, call Mary Beth or Peggy at the numbers above. Thanks.

## "THE WAY OF THE CROSS" FREE CONCERT

Notre Dame Catholic Church, 1861 Catasauqua Road in Bethlehem is sponsoring a **FREE** concert, featuring world-renowned Catholic Singer, Donna Cori Gibson on **Sunday, March 15, 2015, at 8:00pm** in the Church. The concert, a video/concert experience – "*The Way of the Cross*" is a meditation accompanied by a powerful video for each of the 14 Stations of the Cross. (*There will be a free-will offering at the concert*).



**DON'T FORGET** – Daylight Savings Time **BEGINS** next Sunday! At 2:00AM Sunday, **March 8<sup>th</sup>**, we turn our clocks **AHEAD** 1 hour.

## LENTEN FISH DINNER



St. John Fisher Church' will be hosting a Fish Dinner on **Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm**. The platter includes: breaded haddock, choice of parsley potatoes or halushkie, corn, creamed cabbage, applesauce, dessert and beverage. Cost is Adults: \$10.00, (\$10.50 at the door), Children (Ages 5 to 10): \$5.00. Tickets will be sold before and after Masses or call 610-264-3384. Tickets will be available at the door.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the upcoming Fish Dinner. Help is requested for **Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm** to assist with preparation of food, setting up tables, preparing take home containers, etc. On **Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm** to start cooking, finishing set up, cutting baked goods, etc. and after 4:00pm to assist with serving food, doing dishes, busing tables and end of night clean up.

## BAKED GOODS

Parishioners are asked to bake desserts for the Annual Fish Dinner. Desserts can be dropped off in the Church Hall either on **Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> between 6:00pm and 8:00pm** or on **Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> after 2:00pm**.