



PASTOR'S CORNER

A Mind, A Heart, A Will to Pray

Dorothy Day, co-founder of the Catholic Worker Movement, and convert to the Catholic Faith, was a very busy person – even by today's "busy-ness" standards. She wrote,

Because I am a woman involved in practical cares, I cannot give the first half of the day to these things (that is, prayer) but must meditate when I can, early in the morning and on the fly during the day. Not in the privacy of a study – but here, there and everywhere – at the kitchen table, on the train, on the ferry, on my way to and from appointments and even while making supper or putting (her daughter) Teresa to bed.

Most of us, even retirees, find ourselves in the same situation as Dorothy Day. Life is busy and so are we. But while her solution seems easy enough – pray all day long, whenever we have the chance, it is just as challenging as carving out a set time for prayer every day.

The hinge of the matter seems to be our WILL to pray, more than our time schedules. Have we made up our minds and hearts that we will pray every day? Have we committed ourselves to prayer? If that commitment is firmly made, we will either be able to carve out daily prayer times or we will be able to pray in the checkout line, at the doctor's office, at the red light, before and after meals (at home or out). Anywhere there is a time for waiting, there is time for prayer. Anywhere.

The author Madeleine L'Engle once wrote, "There is nothing so secular that it cannot be sacred." Here's to making all of our lives sacred through prayer.
Fr. Eric.

Mass Intentions

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 6, 2016

Saturday – March 5th –

St John Joseph of the Cross

4:00PM – Donald N. Knarr

by Ron and Rosie Klipple

7:00PM – Ruth A. Wuchter

by Tom Gaughan and Pattie DeFazio

Sunday – March 6th – 4th Sunday of Lent

8:30AM – Rita Roman

by Nin Snyder

10:30AM – Pauline Feichtl (L) 90th Birthday

by Family

Monday – March 7th – Ss Perpetua and Felicity

8:00AM – The Poor Souls in Purgatory

by Irene Vomero

Tuesday – March 8th – St John of God

8:00AM – Charles J. McCarty, Jr.

by Kathleen and Peggy

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – March 9th – St Frances of Rome

6:00PM – Edward Marth

by Mary Lou and Greg Schlegel

Thursday – March 10th – 40 Martyrs of Sebaste

8:00AM – Margaret Skvoretz

by Veronica Pavlik

Friday – March 11th – St Eulogius

8:00AM – Bob Spengler and Bernadine Wehr

by Ann and Dale

Saturday – March 12th –

St Theophanes the Chronicler

8:00AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners

4:00PM – Rita DiLiberto (A)

by Jim and Carmela Meyer

7:00PM – Sean Hart

by McCarty Family

Sunday – March 13th – 5th Sunday of Lent

8:30AM – Joseph Tomasic (B)

by Wife and Family

10:30AM – Scott A. McCloskey (A)

by Family



Pray the Rosary each Sunday:

8:15AM and 10:15AM

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$4,025.00
Rice Bowl Collection \$1,228.00

The Second Collection **this weekend, March 5th and 6th**, is the **Self Denial Collection**.

The Second Collection **next weekend, March 12th and 13th**, will be the **Easter Flower Collection**.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	D.Sullivan S.DeLong	B.Petro	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	A.Muschko D.Gorr	J.Yanek	Deacon Jack
8:30AM	M.Popovic S.Popovic	E.Snyder	J.Ottinger
10:30AM	H.Heffner G.Parise	K.McCloskey	F.Hutterer



CONFIRMATION

Our Sacramental Class is preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which they will receive on **Tuesday, March 15th at 4:30pm, at Queenship of Mary Church**. Please keep our students in your prayers.



EASTER CONFESSIONS

Monday, March 14th, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm
Sunday, March 20th, from 12:30pm to 2:00pm
Monday, March 21st, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm



EASTER DUTY

Catholics are obliged to fulfill what has been called their **"Easter Duty"**. Catholics are required to receive Holy Communion in between the First Sunday of Lent (**February 14th**) until Trinity Sunday (**May 22nd**).

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

THE SHOULDER WOUND OF JESUS

It is related in the annals of Clairvaux that St. Bernard asked Our Lord which was His greatest unrecorded suffering and Our Lord answered: "I had on My Shoulder, while I bore My Cross on the Way of Sorrows, a grievous Wound, which was more painful than the others and which is not recorded by men. Honor this Wound with thy devotion and I will grant thee whatsoever thou dost ask through Its virtue and merit. And in regard to all those who shall venerate this Wound, I will remit to them all their venial sins and will no longer remember their mortal sins."

The Prayer: *O Loving Jesus, meek Lamb of God, I a miserable sinner, salute and worship the most Sacred Wound of Thy Shoulder on which Thou didst bear Thy heavy Cross, which so tore Thy Flesh and laid bare Thy Bones as to inflict on Thee an anguish greater than any other Wound of Thy Most Blessed Body. I adore Thee, O Jesus most sorrowful; I praise and glorify Thee and give Thee thanks for this most sacred and painful Wound, beseeching Thee by that exceeding pain and by the crushing burden of Thy heavy Cross to be merciful to me, a sinner, to forgive me all my mortal and venial sins, and to lead me on towards Heaven along the Way of Thy Cross. Amen.*

Pope Eugenius III, at the earnest request of St. Bernard, has granted three thousand years Indulgence to all whom with a contrite heart; recite the Lord's Prayer and Hail Mary 3 times, in honor of the Wound on the Shoulder of Our Blessed Redeemer.



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, and 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, meatless meal a day. Two smaller, meatless, meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Strudel for Your Easter Table

Easter Strudels are for sale and are made by *Country Cottage Bake Shop* in Tamaqua. **Orders are due today.** Delivery is **Wednesday, March 23rd, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm** in the church hall. Cost is \$15.00 per roll. Any questions, call Mary Beth at 610-264-4494 or Peggy at 610-264-0307.

NAME _____ PHONE # _____

Nut: _____ Poppyseed: _____ Lekvar: _____

Apricot: _____ Raspberry: _____ **Total: \$** _____



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 7:00PM
followed by Evening Prayers
with Benediction

Young at Heart

The next meeting of St John Fisher's Young at Heart will be held on **Wednesday, March 16th**, at **1:00pm** in the Parish Hall.

The next Casino trip to the Mohegan Sun will be on **Friday, March 18th**. The bus leaves the Church Parking Lot at 10:00am. The price is \$22.00 per person.

For more information, call Bill Molchany, 610-264-0920.



The 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign will continue until March 20th, at the Allentown Women's Center. 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, call Theresa at 610-704-6935.

Good Shepherd Catholic School

Fifth Annual Golf Outing will be held on **Saturday, May 7th**, Willow Brook Golf Course in Catasauqua to benefit GSCS Technology Program. For additional information and to register, please go to the Golf Outing Website www.tjplegan.wix.com/GSCS-golf-tournament#!contact-us/ccbt.

Second Annual Alumni Social will be held on **Sunday, April 17th**. The celebration will begin with 9:30am Mass at Queenship of Mary Church. Light refreshments served in the school gym and school tours available. Legacy School alumni please RSVP by emailing eventsrvpgscs@gmail.com.



DONUT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, March 13th, is **Donut Sunday**. Thank you to **Robert and Jean Strohl** who are sponsoring this month's event for Jean's Birthday. Please stop by after the **8:30AM and 10:30AM Masses** for some coffee, tea, and some donuts!

Charismatic Mass of Healing and Anointing

Join **Rev. Clifton E. Bishop, Jr.**, on **Monday, March 7th at 7:00pm** at Holy Ghost Church, 417 Carlton Avenue in Bethlehem. Confessions will be held from 6:00pm to 6:45pm. Any questions call 610-867-9382, extension 4.

St. Elizabeth Parish, Fullerton

A Parish Mission will be held at **7:00pm** each evening from **Sunday, March 13th to Wednesday, March 16th** with **Rev. Angelus Shaughnessy, OFM, Cap** as the guest speaker. His theme throughout these four days will be **"When the Lord comes again, will He find any faith on earth?"** Fr. Angelus' messages include:

Sunday – *"If somebody asks you to prove to them there is a God – can you answer that question?"*

Monday – *"The most used, overused, misused, abused word in the English language: LOVE".*

Tuesday – *"The only thing Christ asks of us – cultivate the humble heart."*

Wednesday – Mass will begin at 7:00pm with Father's homily topic: *"The greatest and best thing about any woman is that she's a good mother!"*

Please consider joining us and don't forget to bring a friend. If you have any questions, call 610-266-0695.