



PASTOR'S CORNER

Lent V

How far will its' branches reach?
How deep its' roots?
How fecund its' seasons?

The future is not ours to know –
it is in the hands of God. Always.

When shall we sow?
When will the soil be ready?
When will the wind and sun obey?

We have no power but to discern –
God will let us know when to act.

Why must we do this?
Why lay down to die?
Why let go?

“You were made for love” –
Jesus proves to us.
“Unless a grain of wheat falls to the earth
And dies,”
He says, “it remains just a grain of wheat.”
“But if it dies...”
if it lets go and gives itself away...

Oh! Now I see!
If He wants to show us *His* Power,
it will be one miracle after another.
But if He wants to show us the Power
He wants to share with us,
then the glory of the Son of Man
is in laying down His life.

Fr. Eric.



Mass Intentions

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2018

Saturday – Mar 17th –

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Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Julie Superka
by Carolyn and Nick Pontician
7:00PM – Rose M. Todaro
by Janet and Doug Wallace

Sunday – Mar 18th –

8:30AM – Daniel Leo Lynch, Sr.
by Bill and Bobbie Columbo
10:30AM – Scott A. McCloskey (A)
by Family

Monday – Mar 19th – St Joseph

8:00AM – Gerry Geiger
by Frances McSpedon

Tuesday – Mar 20th – St Herbert

8:00AM – Special Intention
by Friend

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – Mar 21st – St Nicholas of Five

6:00PM – Helen Sidor
by Phyllis Fischer

Thursday – Mar 22nd – BI Clemens von Galen

8:00AM – Rev. David W. Karns
by Rev. Eric J. Gruber

Friday – Mar 23rd – St Turibius

8:00AM – Susan M. Hertz
by Aggie Chabak

Saturday – Mar 24th – St Catherine of Sweden

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

Palm Sunday

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Marvin Wright
by Mary Louise Wert
7:00PM – Bernard T. Dougherty, Jr.
by Kathleen and Joe Billie

Sunday – Mar 25th –

8:30AM – Agnes M. Collis
by Andrew Figura and Family
10:30AM – Jean Loftus
by John Loftus, Jr. and Family



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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$3,603.00
Self-Denial Collection \$1,427.00

The **Second** Collection this weekend, **March 17th** and **18th**, is the **Easter Flower Collection**.

The **Second** Collection next weekend, **March 24th** and **25th**, will be the **Palm Sunday Collection**.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	J.Drummer A.Banoza	J.McAllister Deacon Jack	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	A.Muschko D.Gorr	P.McCarty Deacon Jack	Deacon Jack
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder J. Strohl	C.Hetzel
10:30AM	K.Gair M.Druckenmiller	B.Petro J.DeLong	L.Bolmer



EASTER CONFESSIONS

Sunday, March 18, Noon-1:30pm
 Wednesday, March 21, after the 6pm
 mass until 8:00pm
 Monday, March 26, 6:30pm-8:00pm



Lent



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.

My past, O Lord, to Your Mercy; my present, to Your Love; my future, to your Providence!
 ~ St. Padre Pio



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

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. Mark your calendars now to join us!



CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to our **Confirmation class** who were confirmed on March 8th, at Queenship of Mary Church. They are: Dane William **Sebastian** Birosik, Cole William **Joseph** Brown, MaKayla Rose **Elizabeth** Cunningham, Dominic Jon **Maximilian** Gorr, Ashley Turi **Mary** Ritter, Nora Marie **Anne** Ruda, Samantha Lynn **Caroline** Rutt, Nicholas Matthew **Lawrence** Souders, Daniel James **Sebastian** Sullivan, and Neko Dean **Sebastian** Weaver.

PARISH RETREAT

The theme for this year's retreat is *Planted By God*. This is your chance to enhance your spiritual life with your fellow parishioners. The retreat will take place on **Saturday, April 21st**, at the St. Michael Center on Main Street in Northampton. Parking is available in the church parking lot. **Registration begins at 8:00am and will conclude with Exposition and Benediction at 2:30pm.** A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please fill out the below form and place in the collection basket. A \$20.00 donation is suggested.

PARISH RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Attending: _____ Total Enclosed: \$ _____

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.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Bishop Schlert will celebrate the **Noon Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 20th, at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown,** within which he will confirm adults of our Diocese. *Those to be confirmed are those adults (eighteen years of age or older) who were baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, received their First Holy Communion, are catechized, but never confirmed.* Please contact your local pastor to discuss registration details.

Vikette Basketball Camp

Any current 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girl interested in attending Allentown Central Catholic's Girls Basketball Camp this summer should email Coach Kopp at mkoppccchs@gmail.com. **The camp will be held June 11th to the 14th, from 9:30am to 2:30pm at St. Joseph the Worker Gym in Orefield.**



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 Maryanne at 610-570-2347.

NIGHT AT THE RACES



Come one; come all to St. Elizabeth's 10th Annual Night at the Races at 435 Pershing Blvd, Fullerton **on Saturday, April 7th**, doors open at 5:30pm, and races begin at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$15.00 and \$20.00 at the door. Includes: Chicken Tenders, Pork BBQ sandwiches, Mac N Cheese, ring

bologna and cheese, chips, pretzels and adult refreshments, BYOB. Call St. Elizabeth Regional School, 610-264-0143 for advanced tickets.

St. E's Drive Thru Chicken Dinner

Their perfect dinner for you will be held on **Friday, April 13th, from 4:30pm to 6:30pm.**

The meal includes: a half chicken, vegetable, baked potato, coleslaw, roll, butter and dessert. Ticket cost is \$12.00. **Advanced tickets are a must!** Tickets are sold at the parish office, 618 Fullerton Avenue, or call Mary Spieker or e-mail for an advance ticket form: 610-266-0695 or

dirreled@sercc.org. Easy pick-up! Drive into the parking lot and we will hand you your order! *Proceeds benefit St. Elizabeth's Youth Ministry.*

