



Mass Intentions

**Easter Sunday
of the Resurrection of Our Lord
April 20, 2019**

Saturday– Apr 20th –

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of Our Lord
8:00PM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

Sunday – Apr 21st –

8:30AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners
10:30AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

Monday – Apr 22nd –

Monday within the Octave of Easter
8:00AM – Rosa Cunningham (B)
by Bossons Family

Tuesday – Apr 23rd –

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
8:00AM – Margaret and Charles McCarty
by Kathleen and Peggy

Wednesday – Apr 24th –

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
6:00PM – Joseph Szilezy (L – Health)
by Wife, Aggie

Thursday – Apr 25th –

Thursday within the Octave of Easter
8:00AM – Gary Beugler
by Charles and Annita Hetzel

Friday – Apr 26th –

Friday within the Octave of Easter
8:00AM – Hattie O'Donnell (A)
by McCloskey Family

Saturday– Apr 27th –

Saturday within the Octave of Easter
8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners
Divine Mercy Sunday

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Valeria and Paul Koons
by Carolyn and Nik Pontician
7:00PM – John and Margaret Nicholas
by Family

Sunday – Apr 28th –

8:30AM – Thomas V. Tomasic (A)
by Deacon and Mrs. Jack O'Connell
10:30AM – Michael Dundon (B)
by Family

PASTOR'S CORNER

Valuables

Reading of the heroic efforts undertaken to save sacred relics from the fire at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, reminds us all to take stock of what is truly of value in our lives. That is to say, when our life's treadmill has us moving from one task to another, from one brush fire to another, from one challenge to another, the stuffs of life – many of which are genuinely valuable, generally drown us in a sea of places-to-go, people-to-see and things-to-do. So the attics and the basements and the cubby holes of our lives accumulate stuffs and things that make our grandparents' attics look positively spartan by comparison.

So we wonder, -- when our lives are burning down through tragedy, long-suffering, or just the erosion of time, which of our many things are truly valuable?

I witness so often the absolute dedication of so many parents to their children that it “goes without saying” that our families, each other, are the most valuable “things” in our lives. But, what about those who do not have families, or other families for that matter – are they valuable to us too? What about the stranger, the homebound, the sick, the unborn, the foreigner – are they valuable too?

Yes, of course, our own families are our priority since we also have the most responsibility to them, but how can I value other human lives other than those whose lives impact mine? Well, if I want to have more than a momentary zeal to value others, I need the Catholic Faith. That's right, I said it! We need the Catholic Faith because it preserves, celebrates and lives the fullness of the Christian faith (imperfectly, of course, but faithfully). We need the tradition that proclaims the dignity of every human being and of all creation. We need the faith that

professes Jesus is Lord, the Son of God, the Crucified and Risen One, and all that that means for humanity – ALL of humanity. We need the faith that celebrates Christ’s presence in Word and in Sacrament. After all, human beings are not just thinking beings we are feeling and experiencing beings.

Very well, Fr. Eric, we get that, but what’s that got to do with us? Well, I submit to you that while I am happy to know that the people of France will rebuild Notre Dame over these next years, I really wonder if their faith in God and in his Church will be rebuilt as well. Coming to Church two or three times a year is not really valuing the faith for all it offers. In fact, it might mean that we don’t really know what is valuable in life.

Christ is risen! Fr. Eric.



EASTER DUTY

Catholics are obliged to fulfill what has been called their “**Easter Duty**”. Catholics are required to receive Holy Communion between the First Sunday of Lent, **February 18th**, and Trinity Sunday (**June 16th**).

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



Plenary Indulgence for Divine Mercy Sunday

In a decree dated August 3, 2002, the Apostolic Penitentiary announced that in order “to ensure that the faithful would observe this day (Divine Mercy Sunday) with intense devotion, the Supreme Pontiff himself established that this Sunday be enriched by a plenary indulgence...so that the faithful might receive in great abundance the gift of the consolation of the Holy Spirit. In this way, they can foster a growing love for God and for their neighbor, and after they have obtained God’s pardon, they in turn might be persuaded to show a prompt pardon to their brothers and sisters.”

The plenary indulgence is granted (under the usual conditions of a sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and a prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on Divine Mercy Sunday, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, recite the *Our Father and the Creed*, and also adding a devout prayer (e.g. *Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!*).

Additional provisions are offered for those who are impeded from fulfilling these requirements, but who wish to acquire a plenary indulgence. The full text of the decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary may be found at: www.mercysunday.com.

From the Feb. 2003 edition of the BCL (Bishops Committee on the Liturgy) NewsLetter by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

STRUDEL ROLL SALE

Thank you to all who participated in and made our strudel roll sale a great success this year! We have received a profit of **\$572.00**.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection **\$3,837.00**
Palm Sunday Collection **\$2,063.00**

The **Second Collection** this weekend, **April 20th** and **21st**, is the **Easter Sunday Collection**.



NEXT WEEK’S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	J.Drummer D.Gorr	J. McAllister	Deacon Jack
7:00PM	L.Ruda N.Ruda	P.McCarty	Deacon Jack
8:30AM	D.Popovic M.Popovic	B.Molchany	C.Molchany
10:30AM	K.Gair L.McGinley	J.DeLong	F.Hutterer

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

Our Parish Office will reopen on Easter Wednesday, April 24th, at 10:00am.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



Deacon Jack will start altar server trainer for any student of our parish that is in the third grade or higher, who has received their First Holy Communion. Please call Deacon Jack O'Connell at 610-266-0689. Our first practice will be on **Saturday, May 11th, at 10:00am** in the church.



ADULT CONFIRMATION

Bishop Schlerf will celebrate the **Noon Mass on Pentecost Sunday, June 9th, at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena**, Allentown, within which he will confirm adults of our Diocese. *Those to be confirmed are adults who were baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, received their First Holy Communion, are catechized, but never confirmed.* Please contact the rectory to discuss registration details.

Life in the Spirit Seminar

Experience the love of God and set your heart and life on fire with the power of the Holy Spirit at a life and the Spirit Seminar on **Friday, May 3rd, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm, and Saturday, May 4th, from 8:00am to 3:30pm, at St. Michael's Retreat Center in Northampton. Lunch will be provided.** For more information and to register, contact Alberto DePaula at adp480@ptd.net or call 610-509-5605.

EASTER FLOWERS

Thank you for the Easter Flower remembrances, a list of which can be found on the bulletin board at both entrances.



DONUT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, April 28th, is Donut Sunday. We thank **Dorothy Dundon**, who is sponsoring this month's event in memory of her husband, **Michael's, birthday.** Please stop by after the **8:30AM and 10:30AM Masses** for some coffee, tea, and some donuts!

St. Elizabeth Church

435 Pershing Boulevard, Fullerton

They will be having a Purse Bingo on **Sunday, May 5th. Doors open at 5:30pm and Bingo begins at 6:30pm.** Games are \$20.00 for advance tickets and \$25.00 at the door. Tickets include 12 games of Bingo. Bring your family and friends for a fun evening of Bingo, Chinese Auction, Raffle prizes and more! Featured purses include: Coach, Michael Kors and Vera Bradley! Call or email Jen at beefly4@gmail.com or 484-241-5179. Call the school for tickets at: 610-264-0143.



On behalf of Fr. Eric, Deacon Jack, and our Parish Staff, we wish all our parishioners of St John Fisher, a very happy and Blessed Easter.