



Mass Intentions
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
April 12, 2015

Saturday – April 11th – Saturday Octave

4:00PM – Mary Cerulli

by Christine Mack

7:00PM – Peter P Garber, Sr

by Sheinkopf, Koukounas and Tracy Families

Sunday – April 12th – Divine Mercy Sunday

8:30AM – Margaret and John Nicholas

by Great Grand-daughter, Elizabeth Gontkosky

10:30AM – Ann and Glen Oswald

by Louise Oswald

Monday – April 13th – St Martin I

8:00AM – William J Albert

by North Catty Betterment Committee

Tuesday – April 14th – Sts Tiburtius/Valerian/Maximus

8:00AM – Jesse Michael Crossley (A)

by Family

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – April 15th – Sts Basilissa and Anastasia

6:00PM – All Memorial Fund Members

by Memorial Fund

Thursday – April 16th – St Bernadette Soubirous

8:00AM – Martha E Garber

by Aspasia/Eugenia Koukounas, Renna Tracy

Friday – April 17th – St Stephen Harding

8:00AM – Ellen Lynch

by Catherine and Francis Pirog

Saturday – April 18th – St Apollonius

8:00AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners

4:00PM – Steven Steffie

by Arthur and Mary Jane Steffie

7:00PM – Tracy Mertz

by Bob and Barb Kennedy

Sunday – April 19th – Third Sunday of Easter

8:30AM – Poor Souls in Purgatory

by Irene Vomero

10:30AM – Scott A McCloskey

by Family

PASTOR'S CORNER

Church

The Church is the Body of Christ in all of its' layers – here on earth we are the Church Militant (those presently empowered by the Holy Spirit to fight the good fight); in purgatory the Church Sufferant endures the purification and final growth in holiness (for which we are tasked to pray always); in heaven the Church Triumphant adores the Triune God in communion with the angels (from whom we seek the benefits of their love and intercession).

During this Easter Season, we not only renew our baptismal promises to God, but also to each other. For in the sixth question of the promises' renewal we were asked, "Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting?"

And each of us responded, "I do." But is our faith in the Holy Catholic Church just a personal agreement with the doctrines of the faith, a personal preference for the liturgy, the music, the ritual, or a personal connection with the family habit of "going to Mass?" Well, we hope at least some of the above are contributing factors to our attachment to Church, but the ultimate reasons are two-fold for the disciple of Jesus. First, Church is the place wherein AND the community wherewith we worship the Father, through the Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Second, the Church is the People of God in our local neighborhoods and zip codes. So while I connect to Christ in Church, I also find communion with my fellow "branches," that is "parishioners," through the Vine who is Christ Jesus.

This second reason has been underscored by some of the consequences of our parish merger. One difficult thing, as a pastor in the merger process, has been the attritions and departures of friends (parishioners) instead of making the personal changes necessary to adapt and adjust to the new reality. I write this not to blame or shame any one of them for leaving for whatever reasons they may have had, but rather to bemoan the lack of pastoral leadership in helping people realize that Church is not just about "me and Jesus" but also about "me and Jesus and all those likewise connected to Jesus." They didn't just leave a parish as an institution, but also a parish as a family united in Christ.

So, I ask myself, "What can I do to help my fellow parishioners to realize that we are to learn and trust in each other as well as in Christ?" What can we do?

Blessed to be among you,
 Fr. Eric.



Sunday

8:15AM and 10:15AM

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection	\$ 4,149.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 983.00
Good Friday	\$ 1,049.00
Easter Sunday	\$ 7,495.30



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	D.Sullivan A.Urban	K.McCloskey	J.McAllister
7:00PM	C.Gair D.Gair	P.McCarty	J.O'Connell
8:30AM	S.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder	M.Druckenmiller
10:30AM	C.Ritter M.Ritter	J.DeLong	J.Behum



Please remember in your prayers **Peter P Garber, Sr., and Margaret Skvoretz** who recently passed away. We pray that their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Mark your calendars for **Sunday, May 17th**, for our **Grill Fest and Pot Luck Dinner**. Details to follow!



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 22nd**) until Trinity Sunday (**May 31st**).

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.

World Apostolate of Fatima Blue Army Shrine

Join us on **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12th, at 1:00PM**. Celebrant is Rev. Ronan Murphy, who has given many missions, retreats and conferences. 1:00PM Confessions; 2:00PM Rosary; 3:00PM The Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass and Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image; 4:30PM Benediction and Veneration of the Sacred Relic of St Faustina. Shrine is located at 674 Mountain View Road, Washington, NJ, 07882. For more information, call 908-689-1700, or visit www.wafusa.org.



That those caught up in the web of abortion may turn to Christ for forgiveness and healing, we pray.

CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS

Members of Catholic War Veterans Post 454, Northampton, will conduct their **Annual Poppy Drive at all Masses next weekend on Saturday and Sunday, April 18th and 19th**. Your donations benefit hospitalized veterans at the VA Center in Wilkes-Barre and other local sponsored community functions. These include poster contests, a spelling bee, and tuition assistance for elementary school children attending Diocesan Catholic Schools. We thank you for your generosity! Any Catholic Veteran (men and women) interested in joining *Catholic War Veterans Post 454* may request a membership application from any of our members during the Poppy Drive, or call the Post Commander, Joan Glover at 610-349-7791.



Young at Heart

The next meeting of St John Fisher's Young at Heart will be held on **Wednesday, April 22nd**, at **1:00PM** in the Parish Hall.

The next Casino trip to Mount Airy will be on **Friday, April 24th**. The bus leaves Church Parking Lot at 10:00AM. The price is \$22.00 per person. For more information, call Bill Molchany, 610-264-0920.

VIKETTES BASKETBALL CAMP



Any current 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. Camp will be held **June 15th to the 18th**, from **9:30am to 2:30pm** at the St

Joseph the Worker Gymnasium, Orefield.

DONUT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, April 19th, is **Donut Sunday**. Thank you to **Bill and Mary Beth McGinley** who are sponsoring this month's event in honor of their **38th Wedding Anniversary**. Please stop by after the **8:30AM and 10:30AM Masses** for some coffee, tea, and some donuts!



REDNER'S TAPES

We thank all our parishioners who faithfully do their food shopping at Redner's. By placing your tapes in the collection basket, we have received a check from Redner's in the amount of **\$186.90**. Thank you!

ALTAR FLOWERS



Honor a loved one by placing flowers on the altar. Simply sign up on the chart at the side entrance, and then call your florist for delivery. If you have any questions, call Peggy McCarty at 610-264-0307.

PORK & SAUERKRAUT DINNER

Dinner to be held at St Paul's Lutheran Church's Fellowship Hall at 417 Howertown Road in Catasauqua on **Saturday, April 18th**, from **5:00pm to 7:00pm**. Adult tickets are \$10.00 and children, six and under, are \$5.00. For tickets, call 610-264-3221.

Good Shepherd Golf!

Good Shepherd Catholic School is holding their **4th Annual Golf Outing** on **Saturday, May 9th 2015**, at Willow Brook Golf Course. If you have any questions contact Joe Heberling at 610-261-4864.