



Mass Intentions Fourth Sunday of Easter April 16, 2016

Saturday – April 16th – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Antone Zukowski
by Wife, Frances

7:00PM – Mamie Dougherty
by Marilyn Dougherty

Sunday – April 17th

8:30AM – Rosemarie Moats
by Collis Family

10:30AM – Ann and Glen Oswald
by Daughter, Louise

Monday – April 18th – St Apollonius/Apologist

8:00AM – Margaret V. Petriila
by Agnes Chabak

Tuesday–April 19th – St Leo IX

8:00AM – Rev. Thomas J. Kerestus
by Rev. Eric J. Gruber

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday – April 20th – St Agnes of Montepulciano

6:00PM – Martha E. Garber
by Aspasia Koukounas

Thursday – April 21st – St Anselm

8:00AM – Patricia A. Greitzer
by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Torba

Friday – April 22nd – St Opportuna

8:00AM – Charles J. McCarty
by Kathleen and Peggy

Saturday – April 23rd – St George

8:00AM – All St John Fisher Parishioners

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Sandra O. Eisenhart
by McCloskey Family

7:00PM – Edward J. Danko
by Bill and Connie Molchany

Sunday – April 24th

8:30AM – John and Margaret Nicholas
by Family

10:30AM – Hattie E. O'Donnell (A)
by McCloskey Family

PASTOR'S CORNER

It's Our Time

When we look around at the culture in which we navigate, a follower of Jesus can become disillusioned, if not near despairing.

Yes, there are terrific improvements in technology which helps medicine, science, communication and people in general, but – that same technology is used for the most selfish, narcissistic, abusive and even violent ends.

Yes, there have been great strides in knowledge-gathering and distribution, in the cultivation of the arts, and in sharing of “best practices” (i.e. the better qualities) of business, cultures, and standards of living. But that same gathering, distribution and sharing has resulted in the dilution of the “bests” of traditions, customs and threads of wisdom in most long-standing and hard-fought experience – making one good thing as good as the next good thing, therefore leading us to the new and trendy as if it were “the same” as the tried and true; the false as if it were true.

Yes, in each of the opportunities that modern times offer, there are both improvements/advancements and destruction/precipitous faults. It is as if we have discovered fire for the first time every day – wondering at all its' benefits, benefitting self-centeredly from its' destructive properties.

So, what do we do about it? We follow Jesus Christ.

What? Follow someone who never used a smart phone, dishwasher or mp3 player? Someone who never played baseball, googled something, or even wrote a book? Yes, Jesus Christ. Why? Because Jesus reveals to us (present tense) what it means to be truly human, truly humble, truly happy,



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

and truly holy. Jesus reveals us to ourselves – what we really need to be happy, healthy and holy. After all, who but God could know what we really need?

The problems in our modern world may be quite different in scale and intensity when compared to generations before, but their solutions are still found in the Divine Word Who is Jesus Christ because humans still need above all to love and be loved. This love is not the love of marketplace, promiscuity or personal freedom, but rather the love of God which perfectly “casts out fear” from our hearts and minds. This is our time to shine. The message of Jesus Christ has never been more necessary or more powerful than in our own lives!!!

Fr. Eric.



BAPTISM

We welcome **Ryan Matthew Broderick**, son of Matthew Thomas and Sarah Elizabeth (Wolf) Broderick, Jr, who was baptized, and is the newest member of our family of God at St John Fisher Parish. Ryan's name was listed incorrectly in last week's bulletin.

PARISH RETREAT

Thank you to all parishioners who attended our very successful First Annual Parish Retreat. We are looking forward to seeing you again next year, along with additional parishioners. Our Second Annual Parish Retreat is tentatively scheduled for **Saturday, March 25, 2017**. Save the date!



WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA OUR LADY'S BLUE ARMY SHRINE

674 Mountain View Road, Washington, NJ

All are invited on **Saturday, May 7th**, to hear Rev. Andrew Apostoli, C.F.R., explain the *Five First Fridays*. The day begins with Confessions at 10:30am; Recitation of the Rosary with 15 minutes of mediation as requested by Our Lord and Our Lady; Mass at 12:00pm; Benediction at 1:00pm; Confessions continue at the Holy House at 2:00pm; with a talk about the “Last Vision of Fatima” and the movie, “The Day the Sun Danced”, and ending with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 pm. Share in the graces received in consoling our Mother. For information, call 908-689-1700, or www.wafusa.org.

Young at Heart

The next meeting of St John Fisher's Young at Heart will be held on **Wednesday, April 27th**, at **1:00pm** in the Parish Hall. **A luncheon will be served.**

The next Casino trip to the Mohegan Sun will be on **Friday, April 29th**. 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.

ATTENTION GRADUATES

We will be having our Graduation Mass for all graduates from high school and college on **Sunday, May 29th**, at the **8:30am Mass** with light refreshments to follow in the church hall. If you will be graduating, please contact Annette Englert at 610-264-5748 for further information.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection

\$3,381.00



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
4:00PM	A.Gorr D.Gorr	J.McAllister	J.Ottinger
7:00PM	A.Muschko D.Gair	J.Englert	P.McCarty
8:30AM	M.Popovic S.Popovic	B.Petro	C.Hetzel
10:30AM	J.Drummer A.Urban	J.DeLong	J.Marhefka

CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS



Members of Catholic War Veterans Post 454, Northampton, will conduct their **Annual Poppy Drive** at all Masses **next weekend, Saturday and Sunday, April 23rd and 24th**.

Your donations benefit hospitalized veterans at the VA Center in Wilkes-Barre and the five state-operated Veterans Home in PA. We thank you for your generosity! Any Catholic Veteran (men and women) interested in joining *Catholic War Veterans Post 454* can speak to one of our members or call the Post Commander, Joan Glover, at 610-349-7791.

GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

Fifth Annual Golf Outing on **Saturday, May 7th**, at Willow Brook Golf Course in Catasauqua to benefit GSCS Technology Program. All are welcome! To register or for more information call 610-262-9171.

Save The Date for the **Second Annual Women's Retreat** on Tuesday, May 17th.

Now enrolling new students for the 2016 – 2017 school year. New Students Welcome! Full day Kindergarten through Grade 8, as well as, Preschool and Pre-K programs for 3 and 4 year old children are offered. Extended care is available. Call 610-262-9171 to schedule your family tour or email mrsppocchia@ptd.net today.

Shepherd Gift Cards can be purchased on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00am to 12:00pm, and Wednesday evenings from 5:00pm to 7:00pm in the lobby.



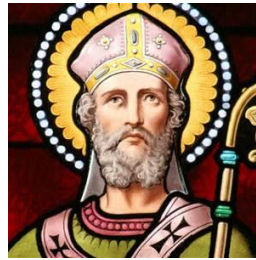
ANIMAL SHELTER

The animal shelter is in need of food and supplies for cats and dogs. If you can help, please place your donation in the Food Bank basket located at both entrances to church by **April 24th**. The cats and dogs at the shelter thank you for your generosity! Any questions, call Nicole Lane at 610-264-4712.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



Clipping Box Tops is an easy way for you to help **Good Shepherd Catholic School**. Box Tops are worth 10¢ and they add up to cash for the school. To help, look for pink Box Tops on products, clip them, and place them in the Box Top box located at both entrances to the church. If you have any questions, please contact Diana Rutt at 610-348-5716.



ST. ANSELM

Indifferent toward religion as a young man, Anselm became one of the Church's greatest theologians and leaders. He received the title "Father of Scholasticism" for his attempt to analyze and illumine the truths of faith through the aid of reason.

At 15, Anselm wanted to enter a monastery, but was refused acceptance because of his father's opposition. Twelve years later, after careless disinterest in religion and years of worldly living, he finally fulfilled his desire to be a monk. He entered the monastery of Bec in Normandy, three years later was elected prior and 15 years later was unanimously chosen abbot.

Considered an original and independent thinker, Anselm was admired for his patience, gentleness and teaching skill. Under his leadership, the abbey of Bec became a monastic school, influential in philosophical and theological studies.

During these years, at the community's request, Anselm began publishing his theological works, comparable to those of St. Augustine. His best-known work is the book *Cur Deus Homo* ("Why God Became Man").

At 60, against his will, Anselm was appointed archbishop of Canterbury in 1093. His appointment was opposed at first by England's King William Rufus and later accepted. Rufus persistently refused to cooperate with efforts to reform the Church.

Anselm finally went into voluntary exile until Rufus died in 1100. He was then recalled to England by Rufus's brother and successor, Henry I. Disagreeing fearlessly with Henry over the king's insistence on investing England's bishops, Anselm spent another three years in exile in Rome.

His care and concern extended to the very poorest people; he opposed the slave trade. Anselm obtained from the national council at Westminster the passage of a resolution prohibiting the sale of human beings.

Anselm, like every true follower of Christ, had to carry his cross, especially in the form of opposition and conflict with those in political control. Though personally a mild and gentle man and a lover of peace, he would not back off from conflict and persecution when principles were at stake. *American Catholic.org*