



## Mass Intentions

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2018

**Saturday– Apr 14<sup>th</sup> –**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Paul and Valeria Koons  
by Carolyn and Nick Pontician  
7:00PM – Anne J. Hilt  
by Roma Fedor and Family

**Sunday – Apr 15<sup>th</sup> –**

8:30AM – William J. Molchany, Sr.  
by Wife, Mary  
10:30AM – Jesse Michael Crossley (A)  
by Janet and Michael Macenka

**Monday – Apr 16<sup>th</sup> – St. Bernadette Soubirous**

8:00AM – Poor Souls in Purgatory  
by Irene Vomero

**Tuesday – Apr 17<sup>th</sup> – St Stephen Harding**

8:00AM – Special Intention  
by Friend

***Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass***

**Wednesday – Apr 18<sup>th</sup> – St. Apollonius**

6:00PM – Kathy McCloskey  
by Linda Messner

**Thursday – Apr 19<sup>th</sup> – St Leo IX**

8:00AM – Rev. James J. Burdess  
by Rev. Eric J. Gruber

**Friday – Apr 20<sup>th</sup> – St. Agnes of Montepulciano**

8:00AM – Dec' Members/Feichtl and Kantz Families  
by Pauline Feichtl

**Saturday– Apr 21<sup>st</sup> – St Anselm**

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Jeanette S. Koncz (A)  
by Husband, Gene  
7:00PM – Michelle Polchik  
by Glen Edwards and Family

**Sunday – Apr 22<sup>nd</sup> –**

8:30AM – Anna M. Milkovits  
by Diane and Bernard Cesanek  
10:30AM – Agnes M. Collis  
by Moats Family



**Pray the Rosary each Sunday**

8:15AM and 10:15AM

# PASTOR'S CORNER

## In the Middle of the Back-and-Forth – a Turn for the Worse

The comedic line runs something like this, “I went to a fight the other night...and a hockey game broke out!” I recalled that line this week due to the sudden turn for the worse taken within the dangerous “circus act” currently occurring in Washington, DC. That is, how a “special counsel” (it doesn’t matter for what party or political motive) could use any local or regional or federal authority to seize the confidential communications between an individual and his or her personal attorney.

I know, I know. Some of you may think that a priest ought not to express his opinion on such an incredible un-constitutional over-reach of power by someone in the government. Such a reaction may be earnestly felt, but further reflection, I hope, will lead even an objector to see – this has nothing to do with picking sides of some perceived or actual person, party or institution. Rather, it concerns an individual person’s right to confidentiality with a lawyer, doctor, psychologist, and clergy person.

Think of it, folks. Can your doctor testify against you? Can your lawyer? What about the priest who heard your confession? “Oh, Fr. Eric,” you say, “that’ll never happen.” Probably because I’ve never met a priest (that I know of) who wouldn’t go to jail rather than violate the seal of confession. But that’s now...what about later? I mean, if any official can exercise power over another without that individual’s rights being honored, then the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States have been dissolved. When one in power can break rules and everyone else (or at least the law-abiding) follow them. When the one in power can use the voluminous encyclopedia of laws in this society to find anyone guilty of something, but

never have to follow the rules that constrain their own power, the rules become meaningless as they are replaced by power/threat/force – the “law” of the jungle.

Friends, tyranny is a not always manifest at first – just “ask” the dwindling number of surviving Jews still alive from Europe as to how the Nazi ideology started and grew. It starts with individual rights not being honored, whether we are the president of the United States or a child in the womb. Then, if unchecked, it metastasizes. The cure? Well, it begins by stopping our part in the dangerous circus distractions of DC (choosing sides of power players) and choosing to defend every and each ONE as a child of God.

Pray for Americans, not just America.  
Fr. Eric.



## 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 18<sup>th</sup>**, until Trinity Sunday (**May 27<sup>th</sup>**). Those conscious of serious sin are reminded of the obligation to confess their sins at least once a year during this time.

## CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS



Members of Catholic War Veterans Post 454, Northampton, will conduct their **Annual Poppy Drive** at all Masses on the weekend of **Saturday and Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>**. Your donations benefit hospitalized veterans at the six VA Medical Centers and Assisted Living Facilities in the state. If you are a Catholic Veteran and wish to join, please ask one of the members for an application form. We thank you for your generosity!



## CCD Registration

Registrations have been sent out for the 2018 – 2019 C.C.D. year. **The registration and money are due by June 4<sup>th</sup> or a \$20.00 late fee will be added.** We need to place our book orders earlier so as to avoid the increased fees for ordering late. If your child attends public school, or is home-schooled, or will be starting pre-school this year, and you have not received a registration form, please call the Rectory, 610-264-1972, and one will be sent.

## ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



Any student of our parish that is in the third grade or higher, who has received their First Holy Communion, and would like to become an altar server for our church please call Deacon Jack O’Connell at 610-266-0689. Our first practice will be on **Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00am** in the church.



## PARISH RETREAT

Our theme 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 21<sup>st</sup>**, at the St. Michael Center on Main Street in Northampton. **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. **Registrations are due today!**  
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### PARISH RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection

\$3,706.00



## NEXT WEEK’S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
<b>4:00PM</b>	A.Gorr D.Gorr	J.McAllister	Deacon Jack
<b>7:00PM</b>	A.Muschko A.Banoza	P.McCarty	Deacon Jack
<b>8:30AM</b>	D.Popovic M.Popovic	E.Snyder	C.Molchany
<b>10:30AM</b>	C.Ritter M.Ritter	K.McCloskey	F.Hutterer



Please remember in your prayers **Albert F. Griech**, who passed away and was recently buried. We pray his souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## STRUDEL PROFIT

Thank you to all who participated in and made our strudel sale a success! We have received a profit of **\$381.50**.

## Flowers for the Altar

The **ALTAR FLOWER LIST** is at the parking lot entrance of church. Honor a loved one by placing flowers on the altar. Simply sign up on the list, and then call your florist for delivery.

## VOLUNTEERS

The **Catty Thrift Shop**, 113 Bridge Street is in need of volunteers. If interested please call Sylvia, 610-264-4130. Thank you!

### St. Mary's Church, Catty

Advanced Ticket Sales are available for their **Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner** which will be held on **Friday May 11<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30pm to 6:30pm**. This Chicken Dinner is fully prepared by Fairview House Catering and tickets must be purchased in advanced. No extra dinners will be prepared. Ticket orders must be received by **Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**. Price is \$11.00 per dinner, and includes 1/2 baked chicken, baked potato, corn on the cob, coleslaw, roll and butter. Pick up is easy, simply drive up to our parking lot on Union Street from Front Street, hand us your ticket and we'll give you your dinners. Mail payment and self-addressed, stamped envelope to St. Mary's Church. Call 610-264-0332 or email [kim.stmarys122@gmail.com](mailto:kim.stmarys122@gmail.com) with any questions.

### Notre Dame of Bethlehem Parish

1861 Catasauqua Road, Bethlehem

A **Woman's Retreat**, "*Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*", is being sponsored and held at Notre Dame of Bethlehem Parish Women's Group on **Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30am to 3:00pm**. The Retreat will include three speaker sessions, Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and lunch. The cost, including lunch, is \$20.00. To obtain a registration form, please visit our parish website at [www.ndbeth.org](http://www.ndbeth.org).

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

Bishop Schlert will celebrate the **Noon Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 your local pastor to discuss registration details.

### St. Elizabeth's School

Their **Purse Bingo** will be held on **Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**. The doors open at 5:30pm, and first bingo called at 6:30pm. There will be a Chinese Auction, raffle prizes, and more. Tickets include 12 games and are \$20.00 in advance or \$25.00 at the door. Cash only. Contact Jenn at 484-241-5179 for questions.

### St. John the Baptist Church

924 N. Front Street, Allentown

Their **All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner** will be held on **Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, from 3:00pm to 6:30pm**. The price is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under age ten.

Their **April Shower Power Dance** will be held on **Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm to 10:00pm**. Tickets are \$5.00 a person, and the kitchen will be open. Call Bill at 610-432-3505.

### A.C.C.H.S. CLASS OF 1968

Be a part of our **50<sup>th</sup> Reunion** celebration set for **June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>**. If interested, please send email address to Jack Schulte at [refboy@live.com](mailto:refboy@live.com).

### SUBURBAN NORTH YMCA

The **24<sup>th</sup> Annual Russell Miller/Danny Danko Memorial Golf Outing** will be held on **Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**, at Iron Lakes Country Club. \$90.00 entry fee. Sponsorship levels are available and start at \$50.00. Register your foursome today! Contact Melissa Brown at 610-264-5221.