



## Mass Intentions Fourth Sunday in Lent March 25, 2017

**Saturday—Mar 25<sup>th</sup> –**

### **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – Donna McNally  
by Scott and Edie Stahlnecker  
7:00PM – Marilyn C. Genovese  
by Peggy McCarty

**Sunday – Mar 26<sup>th</sup> –**

8:30AM – Patricia A. Greitzer  
by Clara Barton  
10:30AM – Rev. Joseph James Campion  
by Rev. Eric J. Gruber

**Monday – Mar 27<sup>th</sup> – St Rupert of Salzburg**

8:00AM – Joseph Marko (L-Health)  
by Barbara Petro

**Tuesday – Mar 28<sup>th</sup> – Pope St Sixtus III**

8:00AM – Louis A. Yurasits  
by Diane Hackett

### **Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass**

**Wednesday – Mar 29<sup>th</sup> – Ss Barachisius/Jonas**

6:00PM – Ruth A. Wuchter  
by Steve and Gerry Steiner

**Thursday – Mar 30<sup>th</sup> – St John Climacus**

8:00AM – Martha E. Garber  
by Eugenia Koukounas

**Friday – Mar 31<sup>st</sup> – St Benjamin**

8:00AM – John A. Faryna  
by Donna Richie

**Saturday—Apr 1<sup>st</sup> – St Hugh of Grenoble**

8:00AM – All St. John Fisher Parishioners

### **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Sat Vigil: 4:00PM – JoAnn Recker (B)  
by Kroboth Family  
7:00PM – Jeff Greb and Mark Moser (A)  
by Friend

**Sunday – Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> –**

8:30AM – Anna M. Milkovits  
by Barbara Petro  
10:30AM – Bill and Mary Beth McGinley (40<sup>th</sup> WA)  
by Family

# PASTOR'S CORNER

## Some Deep Thinking in the Depth of Lent

The theologian Hans Urs von Balthasar, in pondering how the cross of Jesus' own suffering, abandonment and death reveals the "face" of the Father, writes:

The man who embraces the cross is always alone, looking up at one who is not looking down, but who is in turn looking upward towards the God who has forsaken them. That is the important thing: that he lifts our abandonment into his own greater abandonment.

Those words he spoke –  
that the Father should forgive them;  
that his soul is commended to God;  
that another will share paradise with him;  
that his mother is our mother;  
that he thirsts;  
that, truly, it has all been done –  
having meaning only because he knows what abandonment is.

"The many" stand around;  
some with magnificent gesture,  
some alert, waiting, speculating,  
all sensing that something may happen yet which concerns them. ...  
Because there *is* one unanswered question here;  
Is God ultimately revealed?

If yes,  
it must be God's *love*  
which makes him cry out with us to the One who  
has vanished,  
"*But why?*"  
"Why have you forsaken me?"

Let that be God's question to you.

Von Balthasar reflects here on the forsakenness of God himself. So, at the heart of Lent, we ask ourselves, "What is the frequency and quality of our attention to God?" Daily prayer? Weekly prayer? Ever pray? Have we forsaken Him Who saves us? Fr. Eric.

# OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Plate Collection \$3,723.00  
Rice Bowl Collection \$ 991.00

The **Second Collection** next weekend, April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, will be the **Easter Flowers Collection**.



## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

	Servers	Lectors	E.Ministers
<b>4:00PM</b>	A.Gorr D.Gorr	J. Englert	Deacon Jack
<b>7:00PM</b>	C.Gair D.Gair	J.Yanek	Deacon Jack
<b>8:30AM</b>	K.Segan J.Drummer	J.Strohl	Deacon Jack
<b>10:30AM</b>	C.Ritter M.Ritter	B.Petro	Deacon Jack



## LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

- I Jesus is condemned to death
- II Jesus accepts His cross
- III Jesus falls the first time
- IV Jesus meets His mother
- V Simon helps Jesus to carry His cross
- VI Veronica wipes the face of Jesus
- VII Jesus falls the second time
- VIII Jesus meets the women and children
- IX Jesus falls the third time
- X Jesus is stripped of His garments
- XI Jesus is nailed to the cross
- XII Jesus dies on the cross
- XIII Jesus is taken down from the cross
- XIV Jesus is laid in the tomb



## EASTER CONFESSIONS

Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm to 7:30pm  
Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 12:30pm to 2:00pm  
Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> – 12:30pm to 2:00pm  
Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm to 8:00pm



## LENTEN OBLIGATIONS

Church law considers every Friday in the season of Lent as penitential days and times. The practice of penance is a part of our faith and Catholic life. When we do penance, we imitate Jesus, who Himself recommended it as necessary to His followers, and gave them the example of His prayer and fasting. Our Lenten obligations include abstinence and fasting. **Abstinence** from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday for all Catholics 14 years of age and older. **Fasting** is observed on Ash Wednesday and 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, meatless meal a day. Two smaller, meatless, meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.



The 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign started on **Ash Wednesday, and will continue through Lent, until April 8<sup>th</sup>**, at the Allentown Women's Center in Bethlehem. Join us Monday through Saturday, 7:00am to 7:00pm. When volunteers are praying the no show rate for abortions can jump as high as 75%!

## Good Shepherd School

Office Hours are Monday to Friday 7:30am to 3:00pm.

Shepherd Gift Cards Sales are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am to 11:00am, and Wednesday evenings from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

They are now enrolling students in Preschool, Pre-K, full day Kindergarten, and grades first to eight for the 2017-2018 school year. Call 610.262.9171 or email [mrspoccia@ptd.net](mailto:mrspoccia@ptd.net) for information.

## NOTICE

Due to the emphasis on privacy and the sharing of information, the hospital patient information systems are unreliable. Therefore, as a precaution, please do not presume that St John Fisher Rectory knows your loved one is in the hospital. If you would like a loved one visited, please call the rectory, 610-264-1972, and leave a message as to the name of your loved one, which hospital (be specific), and a room number if it is known at the time. Thank you for your help in this matter.



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

## 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. Any questions, contact Diana Rutt at 610-348-5716.

### St. Mary's Church, Catty

Their **Basket Social** will be held on **Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00am to 7:00pm; and Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00am to 1:00pm**. Tickets on sale at the door and you do not need to present to win.

Their **Lenten Fish Dinner** will be held on **Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm**. Adults are \$10.00, and children, 12 and under, are \$6.00. Meal includes:

Fried, breaded Icelandic Haddock, vegetable, roll, coleslaw, stewed tomatoes, and choice of: baked potato, cabbage & noodles or mac and cheese. Tickets sold at the door.

Advanced Ticket Sales are available for their **Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner** which will be held on **Friday May 12<sup>th</sup>**. Ticket orders must be received by **Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**. Price is \$11.00 per dinner. Mail payment and self-addressed, stamped envelope to St. Mary's Church. On May 12<sup>th</sup>, just drive up to our parking lot on Union Street, give us your tickets and we'll hand you your meals. Meal includes 1/2 chicken, corn on the cob, baked potato, coleslaw, roll & butter. Call 610-264-0332 or email [kim.stmarys122@gmail.com](mailto:kim.stmarys122@gmail.com) with any questions.

### Presbyterian Church

210 Pine Street, Catty

Their **Vendor Flea and Craft Sale** will be held on **Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am to 2:00pm**. There will be a bake sale, Chinese auction and breakfast and lunch.

## PILGRIM VIRGIN OF FATIMA



The **Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima Statue** is dedicated to all the people of the North Catasauqua Area in order to foster the worship of the Most Holy Trinity through a true devotion to our Blessed Lady. The Statue "travels" into any homes which wish to host it for a time (usually a week), and is treasured there by a family or group of friends who pray the rosary together. There have been several such traveling statues in our area over the years dating back to the 1960's, blessed by several different pastors who have served in the region. If you wish to participate in this beautiful tradition and devotion and open your home to Our Lady so concretely, please contact Pauline Albert, 610-264-3473, or Jean Marhefka, 610-264-5038. Thank you.

### Holy Ghost Church

417 Carlton Avenue, Bethlehem

#### Poor Man's Supper and Mary's Station

Their Poor Man's Supper and Mary's Stations will be held on **Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**. **Dinner will be at 6:00pm** for a free will offering, followed by **Mary's Stations with Benediction in the Church at 7:00pm**.

#### Charismatic Mass of Healing

Holy Ghost Church, 417 Carlton Avenue in Bethlehem will have a Charismatic Mass of Healing and Anointing of the Sick on **Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**. Rev. Clifton E. Bishop, Jr. will be the celebrant and homilist. Adoration and Confessions will begin at 6:00pm.