

**Mass Intentions
For The Week**



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Saturday, April 21st

5:30 PM 65th Wedding Anniversary of
George & Rose Pasch
(Family)

Sunday, April 22nd 4th Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM Elizabeth Bernard
(Marie Fox)

9:00 AM Parishioners of St. Rocco's

10:30 AM Deceased of the Domerski Family
(Tom & Janet Domerski)

Monday, April 23rd St. Geroge, Martyr

7:45 AM Morning Prayers

8:00 AM Mary Rice
(Confer Family)

Tuesday, April 24th St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

8:00 AM Intentions of Charles Janvrin-lv
(Phil Janvrin)

Wednesday, April 25th St. Mark

8:00 AM NO MASS

Thursday, April 26th

7:50 AM Morning Prayers

8:00 AM Dominick Fanelli
(Ed & Dana McFadden)

Friday, April 27th

7:45 AM Morning Prayers

8:00 AM Jack Hummell
(Family)

Saturday, April 28th

5:30 PM Caroline Parella
(Robert & Karen Parella)

Sunday, April 29th 5th Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM Rose Liro
(Gina, Rich Grucela & family)

9:00 AM Anita Nicusanti
(Linda & Bill Nicusanti)

10:30 AM Parishioners of St. Rocco's



SANCTUARY LIGHT will burn before the Blessed Sacrament the week in *Loving Memory of Primo Pulcini & Stanley Franczak* requested by Gina & Rich Grucela Family.

Easter Duty—The Easter obligation remains in effect. Catholics in a state of sin are obliged to go to confession and receive Holy Communion between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday which is May 27.

Parish Stewardship

Plate: April 7/8 \$4,576.00

Thank you for your continued stewardship!

Parish Membership

New parishioners living in the Parish boundaries are asked to register at the Rectory or call. You must be an active registered member of the parish for three months prior to receiving a certificate of eligibility to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation. If you change information or move away, please notify us.

Marriages

Please contact Fr. Joe six months in advance. Currently dated copies of Baptismal and Confirmation records are required. Marriage classes as well as sessions with the priest are required.

Baptisms

Please contact Fr. Joe at least three months before your expected delivery date to arrange for Baptismal instruction. Parents must be registered with the Parish. A Godparent must be a registered practicing Catholic. Call the rectory at 610-258-9059.

Mass Requests

Please call or stop by the rectory to schedule Masses. All Masses are \$10 weekday or weekend. Altar flowers are \$40 and the Sanctuary Candle is \$20.

Communion Calls

Communion is distributed to homebound parishioners- 1st Friday of each month. Please call the rectory to be included on the list.

Hospitalization

If a parishioner is admitted to the hospital and would like to have a priest visit, please call the rectory. Due to HIPPA regulations we are not notified of admittance.

Sponsors

Sponsors for Baptism & Confirmation must be at least 16 years of age, received Confirmation & Holy Communion, must be an active member who receives the Sacraments on a regular basis, & if married be in a valid marriage.

CCD Classes

Mondays 6pm-7:30pm (September-May) for Grades 1 through 7 and Sundays 11:30—1PM for Confirmation Class grade 8

To learn more about the Diocese's Youth Protection programs, visit The **Charter for the Protection of Children & Young People** on the Diocese of Allentown's website at www.allentowndiocese.org under "Protection of Youth".

Liturgical Ministries
Weekend of April 28/29

Saturday 5:30 PM

Barbara Pohl
Deacon Palmeri
M Holzmacher & G Holzmacher

Sunday 7:30 AM

Susan Disidore
Deacon Palmeri
Giavanna Murgia

Sunday 9:00AM

Christine Gale
Deacon Palmeri
S Minnich & N Minnich

Sunday 10:30 AM

Jim Gleeson
Deacon Palmeri
B Powell & L Powell

Lector
Eucharistic Minister
Altar Servers

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Bishop's Annual Appeal

"Called to Serve"



Last week we kicked off the 2018 BAA. This year's theme is "**Called to Serve**", we are very grateful to our parishioners who have already answered the call by making a pledge of support. Making a 6- month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$120 gift may be setup with six \$20 installments. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. Your generosity funds the annual budget for important Diocesan ministries in our area. You can make your gift online at FaithHopeCharityGives.org.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The Knights of Columbus will meet on **Thursday, April 26 at 7:30PM** in the church hall. We will pray the Rosary at 7PM.

SCHOLARSHIP—The Knights of Columbus scholarship applications are now available in the church vestibule. Applicants must be active registered St. Rocco's parish members who are planning to attend an accredited college, university, trade school or a Catholic elementary or high school this fall. Applications must be postmarked or delivered to the rectory **no later than Monday, April 30.**

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Ladies mark your calendar - the Annual Society's Sodality dinner will be held on Tuesday, May 1st, at 6pm, in the church basement. Ladies of the parish 18 years or older are invited. More information will be forthcoming, please watch the bulletin for additional information.

Spring is here and we have begun the **Mother's Day Flower & Herb fundraiser**. Beautiful 10" hanging baskets of Begonia, Fuchsia, Impatiens, Petunia and Superbells @ \$22.00/ea., 4-1/2" pots of Geraniums and Dill, Oregano, Basil, Parsley, Mint, Rosemary and Thyme @ \$3.95/ea. We are taking orders now through May 6th. There will be limits on how many of the individual baskets on the fliers we can sell and have delivered, so orders will be a first come basis. Geraniums there will be no limit of quantities to order. Delivery will be on May 12th and order can be picked up after Masses on the 12th & 13th. You can also purchase vouchers and go directly to Thomas Greenhouse and select your hanging floral basket from what they have on site. Please see the fliers posted on the doors of the church. Any questions contact Linda Nicusanti 610-252-3053 or 610-417-6245.

QUILTING.....we continue the embroidery of inspirational sayings and also add the following tasks: cutting, marking, sewing and ironing material. All sessions include complete instructions, equipment, and material - you don't need to bring anything. All instructions of different steps will be shown & explained. No experience required! **Next sessions are: Tuesday, April 24 at noon and Saturday, April 28 at 10AM.** Anyone interested or have questions please contact Carol Smith at 610-588-8957 or Linda Nicusanti 610-252-3053.

Notre Dame of Bethlehem Parish

Is sponsoring a Women's Retreat, "*Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*" on **Saturday, May 5** from 8:30AM-3PM at 1861 Catasauqua Rd, Bethlehem. The Retreat includes 3 speaker sessions, Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions, The Divine Mercy Chaplet and lunch. Cost including lunch is \$20. To register, visit www.ndbeth.org and click on *Donna Cori Gibson Women's Retreat* tab. Please call Rosemary at 610-390-4049 or email ndwomensgroup@gmail.com for more info. The retreat speaker is internationally acclaimed **Donna Cori Gibson**. She can be seen on Catholic TV programs and heard on stations around the world singing music that includes word for word prayers from the Bible. Donna will also be offering a FREE concert, "*Our Catholic Faith*" on Sunday, May 6 at 7PM in the Church. There will be a free will offering. You can hear samples and view videos at www.DonnaCoriGibson.com.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Roseto welcomes Rev. Mark Searles, Director of Vocations Promotion on Monday, April 30th at 7PM. Fr. Searles will present a talk on Vocations during the Miraculous Medal Spring Novena. All are welcome!

Questions People Ask

Q. Can we donate our bodies or have them cremated?

A. Some find Catholic funerals odd. We sprinkle the deceased with holy water and bless the body with incense. We pray over burial sites and put a white cloth over the caskets. If a person is dead, why do we care about the "empty shell?" Many Christians think God is only concerned with our souls, but Scripture has a surprising amount of teaching on the sacredness of the body. St. Paul writes, "Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?....Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit?" (1Corinthians 6:15, 19). What we do with and to our bodies is important. God loves us as bodily creatures-he made us that way! Christ's body was raised with him, and so will ours (1Corinthians 15). We honor God when we revere our bodies as destined for glory. So as long as we treat them with "respect and charity," the Church permits us to use our bodies to help others after death. "The burial of the dead is a corporal work of mercy. Autopsies can be morally permitted for legal inquests or scientific research. The free gift of organs after death is legitimate and can be meritorious. The Church permits cremation, provided that it does not demonstrate a denial of faith in the resurrection of the body." (CCC 2300-01)



CCD NEWS

CCD 2017-2018 IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday, April 23, 30 - Class 6PM (Grades 1-7)

Saturday, May 5—First Holy Communion 10AM

Monday, May 7, 14— Class 6PM (Grades 1-7)

Any questions or concern regarding CCD, please contact Christine Haring, CRE at 610-588-0986 or email strococcd@yahoo.com.

FAMILY Spring Clean Up! —Saturday, April 28, 9AM to Noon: Weather permitting, come join parish families to help clean up the church grounds. As we think about Earth Day, what a great way to bring home the message to our children that we should be good stewards of God's beautiful creation! Hot cocoa, coffee, beverages and snacks will be provided. In the event of rain you will be notified if we cancel. Please contact Christine Haring at 610-588-0986 if you are interested in helping.

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND Collection— **Thank you** for your generous support of this important collection. **\$786** was collected. Holy Land Christian's, along with all of the clergy and religious who serve there, deeply appreciate your help. For more info about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-Friday.

BROCHURE/CD RACK

Do you need gifts for upcoming events like Weddings, Confirmation or First Holy Communion? Please check out the pamphlet rack in the church vestibule. There are Rosaries, Family bibles, teen bibles and prayer books. Also available are CD's & other resources that may interest you. Donations accepted!