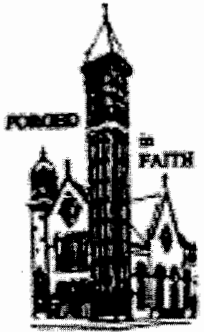


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SUNDAY LITURGY

Saturday Evening

5:00 pm

Sundays

8:00 am

11:00 am

5:00 pm



Daily Mass

Monday through Friday

7:00 am

12:05 pm

Saturday

8:00 am

CONFESSION

Saturday

3:00 pm - Cathedral

Thursday before First Friday

3:00 pm - Cathedral

Saint John Gualbert Cathedral Parish

A great prophet has arisen in our midst,
God has visited his people



Sunday, February 11, - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46/ 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1/ Mark 1:40-45

8:00 am: For the Intentions of the People of the Parish

11:00 am: Richard Paul O'Shea (Goddaughter, Dianne O'Shea)

5:00 pm: Mary A. Spenger (Mary A. Spenger Estate)

Monday, February 12, - Weekday

Readings: James 1:1-11/ Mark 8:11-13

7:00 am: Saint Anne Society

12:05 pm: Rosemary (Sugar) Marak (Carol)

Tuesday, February 13, - Weekday

Readings: James 1:12-18/ Mark 8:14-21

7:00 am: Cindy R. Reed (Marian Arcurio)

12:05 pm: Mary Kemp (Bob & Becky Lee)

Wednesday, February 14, - Ash Wednesday

Readings: Joel 2:12-18/ 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2/ Mark 6:1-6, 16-18

7:00 am: Jennifer Apryle (Sprague Family)

12:05 pm: Mary E. Heptner, 10th Anniversary (Denny & Pat Heptner)

6:00 pm: Clarence Michael O'Shea (Granddaughter, Dianne O'Shea)

Thursday, February 15, - Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Readings: Deuteronomy 30:15-20/ Luke 9:22-25

7:00 am: William Mikas, Birthday Remembrance (Children)

12:05 pm: Loretta Klug (Jim Farley)

Friday, February 16, - Friday after Ash Wednesday

Readings: Isaiah 58:1-9/ Matthew 9:14-15

7:00 am: Mary C. Weinzierl (Ron & Carole Vogel)

12:05 pm: William Antesberger, Sr., Anniversary (Family)

Saturday, February 17, - Saturday after Ash Wednesday,

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Readings: Isaiah 58:9-14/ Luke 5:27-32

8:00 am: Stella Canny (Son-in-Law, Charles Huffman & Family)

5:00 pm: Joseph & Ronnie Kmetz (Kay Kmetz)

Sunday, February 18, - First Sunday of Lent

Readings: Genesis 9:8-15/ 1 Peter 3:18-22/ Mark 1:12-15

8:00 am: Francis Slaventa, Anniversary (Wife, Helen)

11:00 am: Corita Huffman (Husband, Charles & Family)

5:00 pm: Elizabeth Schellhammer, Birthday Remembrance (Family)

From Father Crookston . . .

Lenten Journey Starts on Wednesday Begin this Lent at one of our Ash Wednesday (February 14) Masses. Lent is so rich in theology and history, so filled with tradition and so shaped by memories, both ecclesial and personal, that every Lenten journey yields fresh insight and deeper wisdom. During Lent, we "prepare joyfully for the mystery of Easter with minds and hearts renewed." In Lent, a spirit of loving reverence for God and of willing service to neighbor blesses the community of faith.

Help your resolve for a spiritually beneficial Lent with acts of prayer, fast, and charity. Our Ash Wednesday and the non-designated second collections during Lent are alms for our sister parish of St. Croix in Santa Cruz, Jamaica. See other bulletin details about Lenten practices and Operation Rice Bowl. We have Rice Bowl materials at the entrance ways to the cathedral. Learn more about your Rice Bowl at crsricebowl.org/families.

Prepare yourself for the purifying gift of Christ's Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our Lenten Penance Service is Thursday, March 22, 6:30 PM. Journey with God's love through this Lenten Spring.

From Pope Francis Lenten Message Once again, the Pasch of the Lord draws near! In our preparation for Easter, God in his providence offers us each year the season of Lent as a "sacramental sign of our conversion". Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life.

What are we to do? Perhaps we see, deep within ourselves and all about us, selfishness and spiritual sloth, sterile pessimism, the temptation to self-absorption, constant warring among ourselves, and the worldly mentality that makes us concerned only for appearances, and thus lessens our missionary zeal. But the Church, our Mother and Teacher, along with the often-bitter medicine of the truth, offers us in the Lenten season the soothing remedy of prayer, almsgiving and fasting.

By devoting more time to *prayer*, we enable our hearts to root out our secret lies and forms of self-deception, and then to find the consolation God offers. He is our Father and he wants us to live life well.

Almsgiving sets us free from greed and helps us to regard our neighbor as a brother or sister. What I possess is never mine alone. How I would like almsgiving to become a genuine style of life for each of us! How I would like us, as Christians, to follow the example of the Apostles and see in the sharing of our possessions a tangible witness of the communion that is ours in the Church! For this reason, I echo Saint Paul's exhortation to the Corinthians to take up a collection for the community of Jerusalem as something from which they themselves would benefit (cf. 2 Cor 8:10). This is more fitting during the Lenten season, when many groups take up collections to assist Churches and peoples in need. Yet I would also hope that, even in our daily encounters with those who beg for our assistance, we would see such requests as coming from God himself. When we give alms, we share in God's providential care for each of his children. If through me God helps someone today, will he not tomorrow provide for my own needs? For no one is more generous than God.

Fasting weakens our tendency to violence; it disarms us and becomes an important opportunity for growth. On the one hand, it allows us to experience what the destitute and the starving must endure. On the other hand, it expresses our own spiritual hunger and thirst for life in God. Fasting wakes us up. It makes us more attentive to God and our neighbor. It revives our desire to obey God, who alone can satisfy our hunger.

I would also like my invitation to extend beyond the bounds of the Catholic Church, and to reach all of you, men and women of good will, who are open to hearing God's voice. Perhaps, like ourselves, you are disturbed by the spread of iniquity in the world, you are concerned about the chill that paralyzes hearts and actions, and you see a weakening in our sense of being members of the one human family. Join us, then, in raising our plea to God, in fasting, and in offering whatever you can to our brothers and sisters in need!

The fire of Easter Above all, I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew.

During the Easter Vigil, we will celebrate once more the moving rite of the lighting of the Easter candle. Drawn from the "new fire", this light will slowly overcome the darkness and illuminate the liturgical assembly. "May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds" and enable all of us to relive the experience of the disciples on the way to Emmaus. By listening to God's word and drawing nourishment from the table of the Eucharist, may our hearts be ever more ardent in faith, hope and love.

FROM OUR PARISH

On the first Sunday of Lent, February 18th, we will be celebrating the **Rite of Sending Forth** with the Catechumens and Candidates who will be entering into the Catholic Church this Easter. They will be gathering with parishes throughout the Diocese of Altoona –Johnstown to be accepted by Bishop Mark in the name of the Church at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral at 2pm for the **Rite of Election and Enrollment of Names of the Catechumens and the Call to continuing Conversion of the Candidates**. Everyone is invited.

FROM OTHER PARISHES & THE COMMUNITY

The Knights of Columbus All Saints Assembly is holding a Spaghetti Dinner & Basket Party from 11am to 3pm Sunday, February 11th at the Saint John Gualbert Cathedral Activity Center; 110 Adams St. Dinners are \$8. Everyone is welcome.

Fish Fry... Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Windber, held every Friday during Lent, beginning Friday, February 16th (with the exception of Good Friday) from 11am to 6:30pm. Fried or Baked Fish, Shrimp or Combo Dinners, Pizza, Pagacz, Haluski, and much more. Lunch and dinner available...eat in or take out.

St. Therese Lenten Piroghi Sale – Hand-made/Home-made potato and cheese piroghi made fresh each week during Lent. Call in orders every Monday starting Feb 12th until March 19th from 9AM to 11AM. Cost is \$6.50 dozen (with or without onions). Pick up your order on Fridays from 9AM -2PM at our Social Hall, Upper Decker Avenue. No orders will be taken during Holy Week. Watch for our ad in the Tribune Democrat on Mondays.

Visitation Parish Annual Lenten Fish Take-out Service – Ash Wednesday: 11am to 6pm, Every Friday in Lent: 11am to 6pm (Except Good Friday). Large Fish Sandwich, Coleslaw, choice of Mac & Cheese, French Fries or Sweet Potato Fries, and Beverage (Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Serra Mist, Diet Serra Mist, Bottled Water). Cost: \$9. Delivery Available in a 5 Mile Range. Call 288-9279. Please allow 15 minutes for Order to be prepared.

The Church of the Transfiguration will be having a Fish Fry Dinner (Take-Outs Only) on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 from 3:30PM to 6:30PM at the Church Hall, 201 Third St. Conemaugh, PA. Stop in or call for a nice meal to take home and enjoy! Dinner is \$10.00, Fried or Baked Fish either with French Fries, Mac & Cheese or Haluski and

Apple Sauce or Cole Slaw and Desert. **Take-Outs Only** by calling the Church Hall at 535-2698.

It's Fish Fry Season! St. Francis of Assisi will begin Lenten Fish Fries on Ash Wednesday, February 14 from 11:00AM until 6:00PM at the Activity Center, corner of D Street and Barron Avenue. Fish Fries will continue on Friday, Feb. 23, March 2, 9, 16, and 23. There will NOT be a Fish Fry on Friday, February 16 or Good Friday, March 30. A bake sale will be held in conjunction with the Fish Fry. For takeout orders please call 539-3518. No phone orders after 5:00PM.

Holy Trinity Byzantine Catholic Church, 217 4th Street, Conemaugh will be holding a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, February 18, 2018 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meal includes spaghetti, meat balls, salad, roll and dessert. Cost is \$7.00 or \$3.50 for children under 12. Take outs also available. For more information contact Georgia at 242-2083 or Paul at 241-6244.

Holy Family Parish, 509 Caldwell Ave., Portage, PA will hold **Fish Dinners** on Friday's, Feb. 23, Mar. 9 & 23 from 4-6pm in the Parish hall. Menu: Hand Dipped or Baked Fish, French Fries, Haluski or Macaroni & Cheese, Cole Slaw, Vegetable, Roll, Coffee/Punch and Dessert. Orders for take-outs will be taken starting at 1pm, but will not be ready until 4pm or later. Please call 736-3146 to place orders. Adults \$10, Children 6-12 \$5, Children 5 & under are free.

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Immaculate Conception Parish of New Germany will be holding "**Fish Frys**" starting February 16th, 2018 from 4 PM to 7 PM at the Grove. The Buffet Menu includes your choice of baked or fried fish, baked potatoes, French fries, green beans, haluski, coleslaw, rolls & cake. Adults \$10, Children \$5, Children 3 & under are free. Fish sandwich & French fries \$6. Take-outs available until 6 PM includes: baked or fried fish, baked potato or French fries, haluski, green beans, coleslaw, roll Please call (814) 495-4298.

Pinochle Players Wanted – Looking for a way to beat the winter blues...Come by the Saint Theresa Church Hall every Friday & Saturday at 1:30pm and enjoy the company of fellow pinochle players. Amateur or skilled player... everyone is welcomed.

COLLECTION: 02/04/2018

Collection – cash	\$547.20
Collection – envelopes	\$4,466.50
Flush Fund	\$309.85
Maintenance	\$581.00
Candlemas	\$217.00
Ash Wednesday	\$33.00
New Year's	\$82.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$30.00
Food Collection	\$20.00

Total \$6,286.55

Thank you for your Stewardship

Families and the Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

Family life is about decisions. The leper in today's gospel knew this when he said to Jesus. "If you will, you can make me clean." Jesus knew this when he said, "I do will it."

Love is not an emotion. It is a decision to be with and for another person in "good times and bad," even when we don't feel like it.

Liturgical Reflection... This Wednesday, February 14, is Ash Wednesday when the Church begins the forty day journey toward the Triduum (The Three Days) with the annual discipline of fasting, praying and giving alms. Ash Wednesday (February 14) and Good Friday (March 30) are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays in Lent (February 16, 23; March 2, 9, 16, 23) are days of abstinence. FASTING refers to only one full meal, with two small meals and no eating otherwise for the day. ABSTINENCE refers to not eating meat at all during the day. All who have reached their 14th year are obliged to ABSTAIN. The Church directs the holy FAST to all those in their 18th year until their 60th year (Canon 1252). The ancient practice of fasting and abstaining can occur throughout other days in Lent. This is not obligatory and can take a variety of forms distinct from food.

Stewardship - Christian Stewards and disciples strive to realize the ideal set forth by Saint Paul in today's second reading: "whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, CCA Gift Cards and Audio Operators, Feb. 13-19**Wednesday, February 14, 7:00 AM Ash Wednesday**

Reader: Dave Harteis, need one volunteer

Eucharistic Minister: Gene Podratsky, Sam Grasso, Carmen Grasso

Server: John Werzyn, volunteer Audio Operator: volunteer

Wednesday, February 14, 12:05 PM Ash Wednesday

Need Volunteers for all ministries

Wednesday, February 14, 6:00 PM Ash Wednesday

Reader: Dixie Lochrie, Elizabeth Rhoades

Eucharistic Minister: Esperanza Bair, Pat Roth, Terry Rhoades

Server: need two volunteers Audio Operator: Jim Horner

Friday, February 16, 3:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Server: John Werzyn, Patricia Loughlin Audio Operator: volunteer

Saturday, February 17, 5:00 PM

Reader: Larry Olek, Elizabeth Rhoades

Eucharistic Minister: Marcy Olek, Terry Rhoades, Elizabeth Gramlich

Server: Jason Harris, Thomas Meagher Audio Operator: Kevin Slonka

Sunday, February 18, 8:00 AM

Reader: Irene Ott, Rich Ott

Eucharistic Minister: Carmen Grasso, Valerie Wilson, Gloria Stephens

Server: Lorenzo Favor, Sam Grasso

Gift Card: Lisa Leckey Audio Operator: Brigid Starchok

Sunday, February 18, 11:00 AM

Reader: Rachel Hall, Christine Brothers

Eucharistic Minister: Jodie Hall, David Wilson, Esperanza Bair

Server: Addison King, Zachary King

Gift Card: Brian King Audio Operator: Jim Horner

Sunday, February 18, 2:00 PM Rite of Election

Need Servers and an audio operator.

Sunday, February 18, 5:00 PM

Reader: Rose Batzel, Patricia Loughlin

Eucharistic Minister: Justin Zierer, James Sandoval, Pat Roth

Server: Eli Updyke, Brent Zierer Audio Operator: Mattie Updyke

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