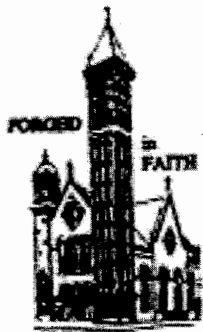


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SUNDAY LITURGY

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 FirstFriday

3:00 pm - Cathedral

Saint John Gualbert Cathedral Parish

One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.



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)

Monday, February 19, - Lenten Weekday

Readings: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18/ Matthew 25:31-46

7:00 am: Saint Anne Society

12:05 pm: Louis Ritter, Anniversary (Nephews)

Tuesday, February 20, - Lenten Weekday

Readings: Isaiah 55:10-11/ Matthew 6:7-15

7:00 am: Percy L. Huffman (Son, Charles & Family)

12:05 pm: Anna "Dolly" Kegg (Mary Jo & Greg Mytrysak)

Wednesday, February 21, - Lenten Weekday,

Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Readings: Jonah 3:1-10/ Luke 11:29-32

7:00 am: Mike & Lisa Tessari (Anna M. Barkhimer)

12:05 pm: Leo W. Klug, Jr. (Jim Farley)

Thursday, February 22, - The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

Readings: 1 Peter 5:1-4/ Matthew 16:13-19

7:00 am: Loretta Klug (John Vogel)

12:05 pm: Pauline Pappas, Anniversary (Gene & Irene Ritter)

Friday, February 23, - Lenten Weekday, Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Readings: Ezekiel 18:21-28/ Matthew 5:20-26

7:00 am: Robert Crookston (Threse Baywood)

12:05 pm: Jack Brady (Butch Huffman, Jackie & Gary Horvath)

3:00 pm: Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 24, - Lenten Weekday

Readings: Deuteronomy 26:16-19/ Matthew 5:43-48

8:00 am: Carson Kitner (Great-Great Grandmother)

5:00 pm: John "Butch" McInchok (Nancy, Larry, & Family)

Sunday, February 25, - Second Sunday of Lent

Readings: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18/ Romans 8:31-34/ Mark 9:2-10

8:00 am: Josephine Rován (Gary & Kelly Leech & Family)

11:00 am: For the Intentions of the People of the Parish

5:00 pm: Mary Ellen (Bender) George (Deborah A. Gregg)

From Father Crookston . . .

Rite of Sending At this Sunday's 8:00 Mass, we will send forth Stephen Cotchen, Alec Koontz, Christopher Miller, Kristy Otero and Geoffrey Stumpo to accept the call to continuing conversion by Bishop Mark Bartchak. They and their respective sponsors, Lonnie Luna, James Bumbernick/Sister Rita Murillo, Savannah Gerber, Adriana Oortgiese, and Kathy Jaskula will celebrate rites of encouragement this afternoon at 2:00 in our Cathedral. These adults have entered the period of enlightenment and purification on their way to Easter Sacraments. May Steve, Alec, Chris, Kristy, and Geoff find guidance and wisdom and grace flowing from the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, Chicago - Following Las Vegas (Oct 1) and Sutherland Springs (Nov 5) Once again, we must extend our condolences to families suffering the horrific loss of loved ones to an act of madness. It would dishonor those lost and those who mourn to simply participate in the routine exchange of sympathies underpinned by the sense of futility and hopelessness that has befallen our country.

We must recognize that the factors that produce these tragedies will not change unless we take direct action to change them. Comprehensive national gun-control policies will not prevent every shooting but it will prevent some. Access to mental health care — in legislation founded on the principle that health care is a right not a privilege — will not prevent every shooting, but it will prevent some and will mean we will have fewer podium speeches about our thoughts and prayers.

Let it be our firm resolve to act and to advocate and to end this hideous blot upon our nation. Honor the memories of the many thousands of gun-violence victims by holding accountable those who could have done something and did not, who called for study instead of steps toward progress and who gave those Pope Francis has called merchants of death more regard than the dead children, the dead men and women we mourn today. The time to demand action is now.

Lent: Our Penitential Season Our Diocesan Reconciliation Service is Thursday, March 22, 6:30 pm; Bishop Mark and many area priests will be here for the celebration of the Lord's merciful forgiveness.

Additional celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation opportunities exist for your preparation for the Triduum of Our Lord. These are: Visitation, Eighth Ward, Tuesday, March 13, 5:30 pm; St Patrick, Moxham, Wednesday, March 14, 7:00 pm; St Anthony of Padua, Windber, Thursday, March 15, 6:00; Our Mother of Sorrows, Westmont, Monday, March 19, 6:30 pm; Transfiguration, Conemaugh, Wednesday, March 21, 6:30 pm; St Benedict, Geistown, Monday, March 26, 5:00 pm.

Other times for confessions follow the 7:00 evening Masses of the Infant of Prague Novena, St Andrew, Benscreek, Sunday, March 4 through Monday, March 12 and following of the 5:00 evening Masses of our Saint Joseph Triduum on Saturday & Sunday, March 17 & 18.

Renewing Journey 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. Lent is the season in which 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.

Lenten purification and enlightenment prepare Candidates and the Elect to receive the sacraments of Easter initiation. During Lent as Jesus' redeemed community, we recall our own initiation and prepare for spiritual renewal.

Thus Lent is a time for more intense prayer and reflection and for particular attention to the word of God. This takes place above all in the Sunday Eucharist. Lenten penance is not "only inward and individual but also outward and social." Prayer, fasting, almsgiving and other works of charity are the traditional ways of deepening conversion to Christ.

FROM OUR PARISH

Today at the 11am Mass we affirm and pray for Catechumens and Candidates at the **Rite of Sending Forth**. They will be formally named and greeted by Bishop Bartchak at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral at 2pm for the diocesan celebration of the **Rite of Election and Enrollment of Names of Catechumens** and the **Call to Continuing Conversion of the Candidates**. All parishioners are invited to be present at the Rite of Election this afternoon as Bishop Bartchak, on behalf of the universal church, declares the catechumens to be "The Elect of God" and greets the candidates. Please pray especially for our candidates and catechumens and all adults of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown continuing their journey to Easter Sacraments during this Lenten journey.

FROM OTHER PARISHES & THE COMMUNITY

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. 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.

Visitation Parish Annual Lenten Fish Take-out Service – Ash Wednesday: 11am to 6pm, Every Friday in Lent: 11am to 6pm (Except Good Friday). Cost: \$9. Delivery is available within a 5-Mile Range. Call 288-9279. Please allow 15 minutes for your order to be prepared.

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 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.

The **Church of the Transfiguration** will be having a **Fish Fry Dinner** on Friday, February 16th and Friday, February 23rd, 2018 from 3:30PM to 6:30PM at the Church Hall, 201 Third St.

Conemaugh, PA. Dinner is \$10.00. Take-Outs are available by calling the Church Hall at 535-2698.

Immaculate Conception Parish of New Germany will be holding "**Fish Frys**" starting February 16th, 2018 from 4 PM to 7 PM at the Grove. Buffet Menu: 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.

Easter Meat Raffle - Come in from the cold and enjoy an evening of fun at **St. Therese Church Social Hall** on Saturday, March 10th from 4:30 – 8:00PM. Cost of Admission is only \$5 and includes a picnic style dinner and dessert. Soda, water, beer and wine coolers will be available for purchase. Ham, kielbasa and bacon will be some of the items on the raffle. Take a chance on Instant bingo, themed baskets, 50/50 and a \$100 money tree. Hope to see you there!!

Lenten Study Series - Jesus' Passion: The Story of Redemptive Suffering - Mondays, Feb. 19, 26, Mar. 5, 12, 19, 2018 from 9:30-11:30 AM. This Bible study provides an excellent way to focus on the events surrounding Jesus' Passion, death and Resurrection. Donation for the series is \$25/person. Hard copy of the study guide is \$16. A free online version of Jesus' Passion: The Story of Redemptive Suffering study guide will be available online at <http://www.turningtogodsword.com/ttgw-studies/jesus-passion/> beginning on Ash Wednesday.

Overnight Silent Retreat Opportunity February 23-24, 2018: Witnesses on the Way to Calvary
Retreat begins on Friday evening with arrival from 6:30 -7 PM; ends on Saturday by 3 PM. and will include snacks, breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Donation for the overnight retreat: \$40/person in a single room or \$60/shared room or married couple. Pre-registration with \$20 deposit is requested five days before the retreat.

CCW Sunday Sabbath Series: Spend a Sunday afternoon enriching yourself spiritually!

Sunday February 25, 2018 Blessed Solanus Casey, Priest, Porter, Prophet This extraordinary film explores the heroic life of a remarkable, modern day mystic, Father Solanus Casey, who was relegated to doing little more than being a simple doorman in his monastery. But God would transform the role his superiors assigned him, appointing it a far greater significance. Sunday Sabbath gatherings begin at 1:30 PM and end at 5:00 PM. It includes the DVD presentation and time for prayer, reflection and discussion. There is no charge for the session but a free will donation will be welcomed. Pre-registration is requested 5 days before each session.

Sessions will be held at Carmelite Community of the Word Incarnation Center, 394 Bem Rd., Gallitzin, PA. To register, get directions, or for more information, call 814-886-4098.

COLLECTION: 02/11/2018

Collection – cash	\$968.34
Collection – envelopes	\$4,064.50
Flush Fund	\$325.68
Maintenance	\$200.00
Candlemas	\$57.00
Ash Wednesday	\$77.00
New Year's	\$1.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$22.00

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Families and the Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

Jesus went into the desert to put his life in perspective. This lent, take a fresh look at a difficult relationship in your life. Concentrate on the positive things that a person does, not just the negatives. Try to understand why their behaviors 'bug' you. Can you honestly share your feelings with them without attacking them? Make Lent a time to MEND and FORGIVE!

Liturgical Reflection... Lent has us reflect on our sinfulness and invites us to call upon God's mercy. We cannot be forgiven without the mercy of our God. Upon death Catholics have a Funeral Mass for the deceased believer. At this Mass we call upon God's mercy for the dearly departed. We place our dead in the merciful hands of God. Are the faithful departed in heaven, hell or purgatory? Only God knows; the Lord is judge. We gather to call upon the loving mercy of our Redeemer that our dead be at peace in the love and forgiveness of God.

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**Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers,
CCA GiftCards and Audio Operators, Feb. 23-25**

Friday, February 23, 3:00PM Stations of the Cross
Need Volunteers for Servers and Audio

Saturday, February 24, 5:00 PM

Reader: Larry Olek, Marcy Olek

Eucharistic Minister: Russ Gramlich, Elizabeth Gramlich,
Elizabeth King

Server: Keara Brandon, Jason Harris

Audio Operator: Michael Stoskey

Sunday, February 25, 8:00 AM

Reader: Terri Johnson, Gloria Stephens

Eucharistic Minister: Anthony Kamnikar, Susan Kamnikar,
Rose Ann Schellhammer

Server: Irene Ott, Rich Ott

Gift Card: James Gustkey

Audio Operator: Rose Eckenrod

Sunday, February 25, 11:00 AM

Reader: Lonnie Rietscha, Mary Jane Verbiar

Eucharistic Minister: James Hollis, Jodie Hall, David Wilson

Server: Damien Byer, Levi Giffin

Gift Card: Ron Michlena

Audio Operator: Russ Smith

Sunday, February 25, 5:00 PM

Reader: Rose Batzel, Christine Brothers

Eucharistic Minister: Justin Zierer, Patricia Loughlin,
Vi Najjar

Server: Marcus Zierer, Andrew Zierer

Audio Operator: Monica Updyke

Stewardship Reflection: Today's readings remind us that "baptism is God's most beautiful and magnificent gift" (Catechism of the Catholic Church; 1216). In your Lenten Journey, May you re-commit yourself to living as Jesus' disciple and passionate steward of all God's gifts in the kingdom of God.

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