

AMEN I SAY TO YOU,
UNTIL HEAVEN AND EARTH PASS AWAY,
NOT THE SMALLEST LETTER
OR THE SMALLEST PART OF A LETTER
WILL PASS FROM THE LAW.

MATTHEW 5:18

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 16, 2020

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Feb. 17 - Parish Office Closed	Mar. 8. - Second Sunday Food Collection
Feb. 26 - Ash Wednesday Masses: 8:30 AM & 6:00 PM	March 13 - 7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross
Feb. 26 - Lenten Soup Supper	March 14 - Love Feast
Feb. 28 - 7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross	Mar. 15 - Lenten Penance Service
Mar. 6 - 7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross	March 20 - 7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross
	March 28/29 - The Living Stations

NEXT WEEKEND'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Sat. Feb. 22 - 4:00 PM - Betsy Slat, Mark Sloan
Sun. Feb. 23 - 8:00 AM - James Krug, Tim Rea
Sun. Feb. 23 - 11:00 AM - Barbara Bundy, Donna Moyer
Weds. Feb. 26 - 6:00 PM - Paul Dennis, Jim Campbell

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Feb. 22 - 4:00 PM - Joseph Klobuka
Sun. Feb. 23 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Feb. 23 - 11:00 AM - Norma Foose, Bill Foose, Marilyn Bevan
Weds. Feb. 26 - 6:00 PM - Joseph Klobuka, Pam Klobuka, Diane Turcovsky

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. Feb. 22 - 4:00 PM - Keaton Swope, Brody Partner-Gore
Sun. Feb. 23 - 8:00 AM - Nicholas Helsley, Mai Linh Do
Sun. Feb. 23 - 11:00 AM - Camille Krug, Kaelab Ruggles
Weds. Feb. 26 - 6:00 PM - Nevaeh & Makayla Langenbacher

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Feb. 22 - 4:00 PM - Judy Sneath, Barb Aubrey
Colleen Langguth, David Langguth,
Sun. Feb. 23 - 8:00 AM - Ginny Reeder, Mary Truesdale,
Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
Sun. Feb. 23 - 11:00 AM - Peg Madden, Lou Ann Clark,
Patrick Podoletz, Wendy Campbell
Weds. Feb. 26 - 6:00 PM - Helen Miller, NOT FILLED,
Fran Semelsberger, Darlene Scarpaci

SACRISTAN

Sat. Feb. 22 - 4:00 PM - Dorothy Yingling
Sun. Feb. 23 - 8:00 AM - Joyce Cunningham
Sun. Feb. 23 - 11:00 AM - Barbara Bundy

SCRIP

Sat. Feb. 22 - 4:00 PM - Mary Haenig, Becky Merilli
Sun. Feb. 23 - 8:00 AM - Chris Palazzi, Heather Yasolsky
Sun. Feb. 23 - 11:00 AM - Jane Byrne, Carolyn English

A Few Words from the Pastor:

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS and SOUP SUPPER – The holy season of Lent begins next Wednesday, with Mass and distribution of ashes in the morning at 8:30AM, and in the evening at 6:00PM. Following evening Mass we will have our traditional Lenten soup supper. Please plan on beginning your Lent in a prayerful manner, with wonderful fellowship to follow! All donations go to support our sister parish in Haiti.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – We would like to place a greater focus on the Stations of the Cross, a venerated tradition in the Catholic Faith in which we journey with Christ to Calvary. Stations are observed each Friday of Lent at 7:00 PM. Mark your calendar, and make a mental note to walk in the steps of Jesus this Lent.

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE IN LENT – Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

BRING YOUR OLD PALM TO CHURCH NEXT WEEKEND – The ashes that we use on Ash Wednesday are prepared from the palms of the previous Holy Week. Palm that is received after Ash Wednesday will be used in our Easter Fire on Holy Saturday. If you have your palm from last year, bring it to church and place in the basket provided!

SOMEONE IN THE HOSPITAL? – Because parishes are not notified by the hospital when a parishioner has been admitted, it is important that family members contact the parish office with that information. This will give us an opportunity for a pastoral visit, as well as inclusion in our prayers!

OPERATION RICE BOWL – This Lent we will again be participating in Operation Rice Bowl. Your generosity for those most in need is so very much appreciated. Rice Bowls will be distributed in the Gathering Space.

CONDUCTING A RETREAT – I have again been invited to preach a retreat for the seminarians of St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, beginning this Monday and concluding at noon on Friday. The retreat will be held at Daylesford Abbey in Paoli, PA. This is an abbey of the Norbertine Fathers, also known as the Order of Canons Regular of Prémontré or Premonstratensians. This Catholic religious order of canons regular was founded by Saint Norbert in the northern French village of Prémontré in 1121, and vow themselves to a life of ongoing conversion. Present in the United States since 1893, the Norbertines established this monastery in Paoli in 1954, where they also staff a parish and retreat center. Thank you for your prayers for me and for the seminarians! A special word of thanks to Deacon Gene for providing Communion Services on the days I will be absent!

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE – Our Catholic Ministries Drive – **Ignite Your Faith** for Christ's Mission launches today throughout our Diocese. During Lent and throughout the year, we are challenged to renew our spiritual devotions and duties – and one of those holy duties is to support the Church. This drive focuses on a select group of ministries with emphasis on the poor, families, youth, seminarians, and leadership development of clergy and laity. Please reflect on Bishop Mark's invitation when it arrives this week and return your pledge card in next weekend's offertory. There will also be a donation card in the Diocese's new magazine, PROCLAIM Christ in your life. Thank you for supporting these vital ministries with sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure. 100% of your donation goes directly to these ministries.

February Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.



MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY • TUESDAY • THURSDAY • FRIDAY - 8:30AM

WEDNESDAY - 6:00PM

SATURDAY: 4:00PM

SUNDAY: 8:00AM & 11:00AM

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

Feb. 16 - 9:15 AM-10:45 AM - Class in session.

Feb. 23 - No Class.

March 1 - 10:00 AM - Beginning of Lent Class for all students and parents, K-11. Students must be accompanied by an adult. Students and parents are to attend 11:00 Mass after class.

LOVE FEAST: We finally have the green light to proceed with our MARCH 14 LOVE FEAST. Please use the sign-up sheets on the kiosk to volunteer to prepare and/or serve the meal or to bake a dessert. Also, you may take a strip to buy a non-perishable item. If you have any questions, contact Joyce Cunningham (jmsc1863@gmail.com, 814-873-5678, 814-695-5346).

JOSH GALLAGHER LEAP YEAR CONCERTS: Bishop Guilfoyle Athletics presents Leap Year Concerts featuring "The Voice finalist and local artist Josh Gallagher" at the historic Mishler Theatre. Dates are Friday and Saturday February 28 & 29 with shows starting at 7:00. Strings Radio will open on Friday with Felix and the Hurricanes opening Saturday's show. Tickets start at just \$25, plus box office fees, and can be purchased on the Mishler Website, in person at the box office or by calling 814-944-9434. Proceeds will benefit ALL BG athletic teams.

PARISHIONER SEEKS PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANCE: Part time on Wednesday & Saturday to supervise exercises indoors, accompany on outdoor walks and occasional errands, prepare light lunch or snacks and general companionship. Must have cell phone and own car. \$11.00 an hour. Call 814-941-8279

ARISE TOGETHER IN CHRIST: All groups will begin meeting the week of February 23, except for the Wednesday evening group, which begins on March 4. Those who signed up for an Arise group can pick up their books in the Gathering Space.

ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPER: Please join us in the cafeteria for a delicious meal of homemade soup and fresh bread, following 6:00 Mass on February 26th. As we begin our Lenten journey, we remember our less fortunate brothers and sisters for whom this simple meal would be a feast. Donations will be accepted for Saints Peter and Paul parish in Haiti. If you would like to make soup, please sign up on the kiosk.

SCRIP TIP: Now is the time to begin your home projects you've been putting off all winter. Upgrade your bathroom or lay new carpeting in your living area. Whatever you choose, choose scrip.

ST JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

Please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at giny.reeder@gmail.com to add or remove someone from the prayer list. PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING and their caregivers and give thanks for those who have recovered. *Lord we ask for your blessings and care for these and all people in need:*

**Baby Adam • Baby Aiden • Cari Ann • James Aubrey
Julie Beiswenger • Debbie Billeck • Robert Cole
Millie Grace Capon • Betty Dennis • Michael DeStefano
Jim Duffy • Kathy Felty • Bernadine Farrell
Helen Fornwalt • Leann Frazier • Molly Grenfell
Randy Horton • Pam Jones • Brian Kopp • Lisa
Sherri Maffettone • Bryson Miller • Mildred Miller
Susie Miller • Barbara Moore • Ailani Myers • Nancy
Patricia Olson • Mary Oricko • Jeff Price • Karen Price
Ron Peschock • Mary Rajnish • Allison Recker
Vicki Riley • Allison Ritchey • Olga Romerowicz
Cari Roth • Mike Rudolph • Fr. Robert Rustin
Peggy Seiler • Anne Showalter
Tim & Dina Temofonte • Patty Teufel • Lois Werfel
William Wieland • Noah Wills • Milan & Family
Kenneth Zitsch**

HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:

Judy Baird

Karl Luckner

**Bobby DiVentura, cousin of Carole & Dave Litzinger
Nicholas Bosco, father of Joanne Sloan**

May they rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.

Please respect the person's right to privacy and secure permission before placing a name on the Prayer List.

When a person recovers, please call the office and have their name removed from the list.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Stewardship is not an effort through our time talent and money to create a relationship with God. It is our response to God with our time, talent and money. It is our relationship with him that already exists through his Son, Jesus Christ. Christian stewards strive to be people of integrity. They practice their God-given gift of free will to choose right over wrong, good over evil.

Stewardship at St. John's

February 9, 2020

Envelopes	\$ 4,576.00
Loose	\$ 421.00
Children's Offering	\$ 3.00
SubTotal	\$ 5,000.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,013.00
Total Offertory	\$ 7,013.00

Second Sunday Food Collection \$522.00

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Payments/Donations	\$140,563
Pledge Payment Committed	\$32,788
Total Pledges/Donations	\$173,351

ASH WEDNESDAY FISH DINNER: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, February 26, 2020 from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Serving at School Cafeteria on 8th Avenue \$9.00 - BAKED OR FRIED FISH. Tickets sold in advance at the Parish Office, 806 11th Street. Take outs available.

CARMELITE COMMUNITY OF THE WORD LENTEN SPIRITUALITY PROGRAM – “NO GREATER LOVE”: You are invited to the CCW Lenten Spirituality Program to be held Mondays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 from 10 a.m. to Noon. This 5-week series, using DVD presentations by best-selling author Edward Sri, will guide you through the last hours of Jesus’ life. Through readings, DVD presentations, discussions and prayer, come to a deeper understanding of God’s immeasurable and unconditional love. Draw closer to Jesus during the season of Lent. *Pre-registration is required by Feb. 24. Cost of program: \$20; Cost of book: \$15.* Send Registration by mail with payment to CCW Incarnation Center, 394 Bem Road, Gallitzin, PA 16641 or email registration to communitofficeccw@gmail.com regarding credit card payment. All sessions will be held at CCW Incarnation Center.

ST. BENEDICT PARISH MISSION: Parish Mission Presents Inspirational Speaker Nina Marie Corona. St. Benedict Parish, 2310 Bedford St. Johnstown, will be hosting Nina Marie Corona for the 2020 Lenten Parish Mission, “Choices: The Hinges of Destiny”. This three night event will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 PM each evening, beginning March 29 to March 31. Open to all in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese, tickets are not required. A love offering will be taken. Ms. Corona is a national public speaker who is passionate about guiding individuals and communities towards understanding, peace, fulfillment, and self-awareness through educational and inspirational courses, presentations and retreats. For more information please contact Deacon Michael Russo at 814-288-3036 or by email at michael.russo@atlanticbb.net.

THE FRIAR’S NOOK GIFT SHOP: Be ahead of the game, and save some money while you’re at it! Confirmation and First Communion will be here before you know it, so place your BLISS jewelry orders (medals, crucifixes, bracelets, etc.) for your loved ones at The Friar’s Nook Gift Shop before March 31st, and save 20% on your sacrament order! The shop is located on the campus of St. Bernardine Monastery at 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg, and the hours are Monday-Saturday 10:00 AM-4:00 PM (always closed Sundays). Please call the shop with any questions or to place an order at 814-695-3802. *The Friar’s Nook Gift Shop annual clearance sale is on now! Save 40% on all green dot items including flags, mats, nativities, home décor, boxed cards and more!*



**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 16, 2020**

What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard,
and what has not entered the human heart,
what God has prepared for those who love [God],
this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

— 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

Schedule for the Week

Sunday Feb. 16 – Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00AM- Mass for *People of the Parish*
11:00AM- Mass for *Tim Farrell* requested by
Cecelia Bloom

Monday Feb. 17 – Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:30AM- Morning Prayer
8:30AM- Mass for *Joe Robeson*

Tuesday Feb. 18 – Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:30AM- Morning Prayer & Communion Service

Wednesday Feb. 19 – Weekday

5:00PM- Eucharistic Adoration
6:00PM- Evening Prayer & Communion Service
6:45PM- Rosary

Thursday Feb. 20 – Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:30AM- Morning Prayer & Communion Service

Friday Feb. 21 – Weekday

7:30AM- Eucharistic Adoration
8:30AM- Morning Prayer & Communion Service

Saturday Feb. 22 – Vigil of The Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

3:00 PM- Confessions
4:00PM- Mass for *Jeni Tokar* requested by
Richard & Joyce Lowe

Sunday Feb. 23 – Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00AM- Mass for *People of the Parish*
11:00AM- Mass for *Teresa Geishauser* requested by
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Chverchko

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Mk 8:34 — 9:1





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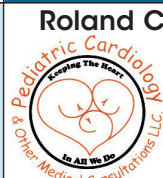
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