



Second Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2020

St. John the Evangelist Church

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Office hours: Monday - Friday 9:00-3:00

From the cloud came a voice that said,
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him."

Matthew 17:5



LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Thank you, Patty and Ronnie Hord, who contacted Chris Stoner, Manager of Longhorn Steakhouse, and arranged for all the bread for our dinner to be donated by Longhorn. The bread was hot and delicious and some guests got to take some home! Please remember to patronize this business and all those who so generously support our events. We served 12 different meatless soups to about 75 people and received \$557.00 in donations. Our Confirmation students helped with setting up, serving and cleaning up. *Many thanks to all who helped in any way!*

NEXT WEEKEND'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Sat. Mar. 14 - 4:00 PM - Betsy Slat, Mark Sloan

Sun. Mar. 15 - 8:00 AM - Joyce Cunningham, Tim Rea

Sun. Mar. 15 - 11:00 AM - Gary Johnson, Richard Consiglio

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Mar. 14 - 4:00 PM - Dorothy Yingling

Sun. Mar. 15 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci

Sun. Mar. 15 - 11:00 AM - Daniel Langenbacher,

Dolores Capriotti, Marilyn Bevan

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. Mar. 14 - 4:00 PM - Brody Partner-Gore, Keaton Swope

Sun. Mar. 15 - 8:00 AM - Nicholas Helsley, Mai Linh Do

Sun. Mar. 15-11:00 AM- Evie Koch, NOT FILLED

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Mar. 14 - 4:00 PM - Judy Sneath, Betsy Lloyd

Billy Sweet, Barb Aubrey

Sun. Mar. 15 - 8:00 AM - Ed Stoltz, Mary Truesdale,

Jane Strasser, Ginny Reeder

Sun. Mar. 15 - 11:00 AM - Peg Madden, Wendy Campbell

Patrick Podoletz, Mary Grace Horton

SACRISTAN

Sat. Mar. 14 - 4:00 PM - Jane Byrne

Sun. Mar. 15 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci

Sun. Mar. 15 - 11:00 AM - Barbara Bundy

SCRIP

Sat. Mar. 14 - 4:00 PM - Julie Beiswenger, Becky Merrill

Sun. Mar. 15 - 8:00 AM - ChrisPalazzi, Marge Rudolph

Sun. Mar. 15 - 11:00 AM - Mary Haenig

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A Few Words from the Pastor:

COMMUNAL PENCE SERVICE – Sunday, March 15th, at 4:00 PM, our parish will celebrate its annual Lenten Penance Service. Sin and mercy are a constant refrain in the inspired Word of God. The Bible mentions sin over 400 times! The various words for mercy -- grace, forgiveness, loving kindness, pity, compassion – are mentioned even more frequently! It is not likely that there would be such frequent advertence to man's offenses and to God's compassion if these elements in human life were not important factors in the success or failure of man's long journey to the distant peace. This year, make a good and sincere confession of sin with a desire to "sin no more and avoid the near occasion of sin."

THE OFFERTORY PROCESSION – Each Sunday at Mass the gifts of bread and wine are brought forward in procession to the altar. Along with these gifts are the monetary contributions which represent the lives of God's people. Also referred to as the "Procession with the Gifts," this act symbolizes the assembly's participation in the Eucharist and in the social mission of the Church. It is an expression of the humble and contrite heart, a giving of self in readiness for making the true offering which the Lord Jesus invites his people to make with him. The Procession with the Gifts expresses also our willingness to enter into a holy exchange with God: by offering to God what he has given to us we may merit to receive Christ's very Self. During this Lenten Season we are placing a renewed emphasis upon this important part of the Mass, as we encourage families to actively participate as "Gift Bearers."

PRAY, FAST, GIVE ALMS! This is what the Lord asks of us in Lent! Daily Mass is certainly an option for your Lenten observance, as are Stations of the Cross. Fasting is how we learn to say "no" to ourselves and "yes" to God and to others. When one fasts, someone else must eat in their place. This leads to Almsgiving. Our Catholic Ministries Drive is a graced opportunity to give to the support of the Church in meeting the countless needs of the poor and underprivileged of our diocese.

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.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE – Our Catholic Ministries Drive – **Ignite Your Faith** for Christ's Mission – has been launched 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, your, seminarians, and leadership development of clergy and laity. Please reflect on Bishop Mark's invitation when it arrives and return your pledge card in the 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.

OUR LENTEN DISPLAY – We are most grateful to Mary Haenig for the beautiful and thoughtful Lenten display in our Gathering Space! Each week there is a gift you can take home!

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

March 13 - 7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross

March 14 - Love Feast

Mar. 15 - 4:00 PM - Lenten Penance Service

March 20 - 7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross

March 28/29 - Living Stations of the Cross presented by
our Faith Formation students

MASS SCHEDULE

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

WEDNESDAY: 6:00PM

SATURDAY: 4:00PM

SUNDAY: 8:00AM & 11:00AM

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

- March 8** - Class in session.
- March 15** - No Class.
- March 22** - Class in session.
- March 28/29** - Living Stations of the Cross



Don't forget to stop by the Lent Scene in the Gathering Space!

Each week there will be a new "take home" to help you have a great, meaningful Lent!

LOVE FEAST: Thanks to everyone who signed up to work, bake, buy items for our Love Feast. You will notice that a basket with petitions from our Love Feast guests will be part of the offertory procession at each Mass next weekend, March 14 and 15. Please offer your prayers for our guests' intentions.

PARISH COUNCIL: Copies of the February council meeting minutes are available in the Gathering Space (on the kiosk to the left as you enter the church) and are posted online (stjohnsaltoona.org). Council has decided to meet every other month. There will be no meeting this week or in May. Council will meet on April 13 and June 8.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: As Saint Paul reminds us, each of us has been called to a holy life according to God's own design. In a society that frequently tempt us to focus on ourselves and our pleasures may we allow the love of Jesus Christ to shine through our words and deeds so God may be revealed to people around us. During Lent may we make a genuine effort to discover the true meaning of what being a Christian Disciple and Steward is. How can you use your own giftedness to make Jesus Christ present to others?

Stewardship at St. John's

March 1, 2020

Envelopes	\$ 5,860.00
Loose	\$ 581.00
Children's Offerings	\$ 7.00
Parish Development	\$ 5.00
Catholic Education	\$ 156.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 1,188.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 40.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$ 340.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 85.00
<i>SubTotal</i>	<i>\$ 8,262.00</i>
Online Giving	\$ 2,478.00
Total Offertory	\$ 10,740.00

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Payments/Donations	\$141,375
Pledge Payment Committed	\$32,611
Total Pledges/Donations	\$173,986

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 • Baby Maddie • Cari Ann James Aubrey • Julie Beiswenger • Robert Cole Millie Grace Capon • Betty Dennis Michael DeStefano • Jim Duffy • Kathy Felty Bernadine Farrell • Helen Fornwalt • Leann Frazier Molly Grenfell • Randy Horton • Brian Kopp • Lisa Joan Litzinger • Sherri Maffettone • Bryson Miller Mildred Miller • Susie Miller • Barbara Moore Donna Moyer • Ailani Myers • Nancy • Patricia Olson Mary Oricko • 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

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

**Melanie Hesser, niece of Father Jim Coveney
Deborah Begley
Pam Jones**

**Kenneth E. Zitsch Sr. - father of Deb O'Neil
Donna C. Lawruk-Perry, mother of Ramona Kormanski
May they rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.**

SCRIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We still need a few more people who are comfortable working with numbers to volunteer to help fulfill scrip orders during the weekend masses. All training is provided and you will be added to the schedule for masses on dates that are convenient for you. Those interested can contact our Scrip Coordinator, Chris Palazzi, at 814-934-8087.

HTCS SUMMER CAMP: Holy Trinity Catholic School Summer Camp will offer a nurturing environment where 3 to 7 years old's are challenged to learn, discover, and socialize with weekly themed activities. The program begins on June 15 from 8 AM - 3 PM with a flexible schedule that works with your family! The Summer Camp will be offered in Altoona and Hollidaysburg. For more information contact any of the Holy Trinity School campuses.

TURKEY DINNER: The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel Annual Men's Turkey Dinner is next Sunday, March 15th from 11AM to 3PM. This is the 58th year that the parish men will prepare and serve a roasted turkey dinner with all of the trimmings and dessert! The dinner will be held at Our Lady of Loretto Hall. Adults \$11, Children 10 and under \$6 and Takeout \$12. Come enjoy a delicious turkey dinner and Basket Raffle!

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE: St. Leonard's Home will host its annual celebration of St. Joseph's Table on Saturday, March 21 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the American Legion Post 516 Social Hall at Legion Park in Hollidaysburg. The event includes a meal with wine and dessert, auction, prizes for bidding, and entertainment. Tickets are \$30, and are available at St. Leonard's Home in Hollidaysburg or by calling Sister Cynthia at 695-9581 during business hours. All proceeds benefit St. Leonard's charity care fund.

PARISH MISSION: The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel, Loretto will hold their 5th annual Lenten Mission in Honor of Our Lady of Loretto on March 22-27, 2020. Fr. Joseph Sioli, St. Louise Parish, Pittsburgh, is the Mission Director. The Mission opens Sunday, March 22 at 7 PM with Prayers, homily and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Bishop Mark Bartchak presiding. Mass with mission prayers and homily will be offered at 7 PM Monday through Friday. Confessions are offered at 6 PM Monday through Friday. Eucharistic Adoration offered at 6 PM Mon-Fri. Prayer intentions may be sent to: Fr. John D. Byrnes, Rector PO Box 10, Loretto PA 15940

CDA MEETING: The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Prince Gallitzin Court 2625 will meet on Monday, March 9, 2020 at St Rose of Lima Social Hall. A social will be at 6:30 followed by our regular meeting at 7:00 pm. Also, we will say the rosary at 6:10. Please attend. New members are welcome.

CATHEDRAL LENTEN FISH LUNCHESES: Cathedral Parish Social Committee will again offer their delicious fish lunches on the Fridays of Lent from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM. (Not on Good Friday.) The menu includes a fish sandwich and your choice of macaroni and cheese, pierogi, French fries or haluski, for \$8.00 (includes drink). Please call 814-944-4603 for take-out orders of ten or more so we can have them ready for you. Do you know someone who is home-bound and would appreciate a delicious fish sandwich this Lent? Pick one up and deliver lunch to them!

AREA FISH FRIES:

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS Fridays during Lent. Baked or fried fish, or fried or steamed shrimp. Mac & cheese, French fries or baked potato, coleslaw or applesauce, stewed tomatoes, roll/butter, dessert. Drink included when eating in. Eat in or take out: Adults - \$11.00 Children under 12 - \$7.00.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES Fridays during Lent. Take out 3:30-6:30. Eat in 4:30-6:30. Baked or hand dipped fried haddock, homemade sides, desserts and beverage. \$10.50 -adult \$7.50-children



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Christ Jesus . . . destroyed death
and brought life and immortality
to light through the gospel.

— 2 Timothy 1:10b

Schedule for the Week

Sunday Mar. 8 – Second Sunday Of Lent

8:00 AM - Mass for *Joseph T. Snyder* requested by
Richard & Joyce Lowe

11:00 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

Monday Mar. 9 – Lenten Weekday

7:30 AM - Eucharistic Adoration

8:10 AM - Morning Prayer

8:30 AM - Mass for *Angeline Capriotti* requested by
John & Cindy Rita

Tuesday Mar. 10 – Lenten Weekday

7:30 AM - Eucharistic Adoration

8:10 AM - Morning Prayer

8:30 AM - Mass for *Clarence & Eileen Becker* requested by
Pete & Carol Rodgers

Wednesday Mar. 11 – Lenten Weekday

5:00 PM - Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions

6:00 PM - Mass for *David Petrak* requested by
Lane & Carole Lovett

6:45 PM - Rosary

Thursday Mar. 12 – Lenten Weekday

7:30 AM - Eucharistic Adoration

8:10 AM - Morning Prayer

8:30 AM - Mass for *Joe Robeson*

Friday Mar. 13 – Lenten Weekday

7:30 AM - Eucharistic Adoration

8:10 AM - Morning Prayer

8:30 AM - Mass for *Reta Mae Loth* requested by
David & Bonnie Loth

Saturday Mar. 14 – Vigil of The Third Sunday Of Lent

3:00 PM - Confessions

4:00 PM - Mass for *Helen Cordek* requested by
Larry Cordek

Sunday Mar. 15 – Third Sunday Of Lent

8:00 AM - Mass for *Bob Cooney* requested by
Ginger Cooney & Family

11:00 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

4:00 PM - Lenten Penance Service

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46



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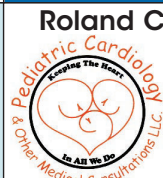
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