

FIRST SUNDAY OF

Lent

MARCH 5, 2017

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.

Matthew 4:1

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE:

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

WEDNESDAY: 6:00PM

SATURDAY: 4:00PM • SUNDAY: 8:00AM•11:00AM

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

March 10 - Stations of the Cross/Bible Study - 7:00 PM

March 11 - Love Feast

March 11 - Discover the Church - after 4:00PM Mass

March 12 - Second Sunday Food Collection

March 12 - Parish Penance Service - 4:00 PM

April 9 - Easter Egg Hunt

April 23 - New Parishioners Luncheon

April 30 - First Communion

May 6 - Spring Fling

July 23 - Parish Picnic

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APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

Sat. Mar. 11 - 4:00 PM - Julie & Claire Resick

Sun. Mar. 12 - 8:00 AM - Mai Linh Do, Nate Rudolph

Sun. Mar. 12 - 11:00 AM - Cherie & Makayla Langenbacher

LECTORS:

Sat. Mar. 11 - 4:00 PM - Matt Michelone, Maria Spayd

Sun. Mar. 12 - 8:00 AM - Fan Semelsberger, Ronan Adams

Sun. Mar. 12 - 11:00 AM - David Petrak, Mary Petrak

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Mar. 11 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Jenna Jenkins

Sun. Mar. 12 - 8:00 AM - Melissa McHugh, Danielle Miller

Sun. Mar. 12 - 11:00 AM - Paula Adams, Walter Bloom,
Cecelia Bloom, Dolores Capriotti, Lou Ann Clark, Donna Moyer

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Mar. 11 - 4:00 PM - John Lloyd, Betsy Lloyd, Bill Stokan,
Mary Frances Stokan

Sun. Mar. 12 - 8:00 AM - Charlie Moore, Darlene Scarpaci,
Paula VanSickel, Larry VanSickel

Sun. Mar. 12 - 11:00 AM - Wendy Campbell, Anna Podoletz,
Patrick Podoletz, Wally Wargo

SACRISTAN:

Sat. Mar. 11 - 4:00 PM - Joyce & Ron Cunningham

Sun. Mar. 12 - 8:00 AM - Michele DeFrancisco

Sun. Mar. 12 - 11:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti

March Prayer Intention of Pope Francis SUPPORT FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.



A Few Words from the Pastor:

Stations & Bible Study this Lent - 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. Following Stations, there will be an adult bible study of the Passion narratives, to be held in the parish center. Mark your calendar, make a mental note to walk in the steps of Jesus this Lent.

Making a Good Confession – When was the last time you went to confession? Consider doing so this Lent. Confessions each Wednesday evening at 5:00PM, and on Saturdays at 3:00PM. Ask God for the Holy Spirit’s help to examine your conscience well by prayerfully reviewing your conduct in light of the commandments and the example of Christ. Our communal Penance Service will be held on Sunday afternoon, March 12th, at 4:00. Don’t let this Lent pass without making a good confession!

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. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

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.

Children’s’ Liturgy of the Word – We have begun the beautiful practice at our 11:00AM Mass of providing a special “Liturgy of the Word for Children.” Before the readings, our little ones are called to the altar for a blessing, and then led by one of our catechists to the Day Chapel, where they will hear the word of God in a way that they can better understand. They then return at the time of the creed. If you would like to help with this ministry, don’t hesitate to email Mary Haenig, our Director of Religious Formation - mshaenig@gmail.com.

Sight and Sound – We need to delay our trip to NYC until the fall, but would like to plan a day trip to Sight and Sound in Lancaster to see their terrific production of “Jonah” on Friday, May 19th. The trip would include travel, ticket and dinner. We will be leaving from the parish parking lot mid-morning, and returning in the evening. The approximate cost will be between \$120 and \$140 (we can confirm the price once we know the bus costs). Don’t miss this wonderful spring get-away!

Adult Ed – Our Sunday sessions continue with the Robert Barron series, *Pivotal Players*, which highlights some of the truly inspiring figures in Christian history. We continue this week with the first portion of the program on the great English theologian, Saint John Cardinal Newman!

OUR PARISH FAMILY... Rick & Cynthia Karcher were married here at St John’s in 1978, so will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary next year. Rick is an architect and was the chief architect of our present church building, which was completed in late 1996. Cynthia is a Senior V.P. with Merrill Lynch in State College. This was Cynthia’s childhood parish and she attended St John’s School. She mentioned a few special memories of her student days here, like taking piano lessons in the convent (now the rectory) and painting the big windows in the school at Christmas time. They have 3 adult children: Rich lives in New Jersey with his wife and daughter, Brittany and her husband live in Pittsburgh, and Stephanie is in Connecticut. All 3 children were baptized here and attended our Religious Education program. Rick is a lector, past Parish Council president, and has always been “on call” regarding our building. Cynthia is currently serving on Parish Council, and they both were previously involved in our Youth Ministry. Cynthia said that St John’s has always been known as “a very neighborly, social, and community-oriented parish”, and they’re happy that reputation is still valid.

If you’re willing to be included in this weekly feature, designed to help us learn more about our St John’s family, contact: Cecelia Bloom, at 695-2806 or ceceb13@verizon.net. We’d especially like to hear from some of our 4:00 & 8:00 Mass people!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

March 5: regular class 9:15-10:45
 March 12: regular class 9:15-10:45
 March 19: Family Lent Event: LIVING STATIONS All families, parents and students are to attend. It will be held in the gym.



Notice the first pew at the 11AM Mass is filled with our students preparing to make their First Holy Communion. Please pray for them as they continue their journey thru Lent.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Will be held every Sunday in Lent at the 11:00 AM Mass



LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

MARCH 19TH AT 9:15 IN THE SCHOOL GYM

All are invited to join in praying the stations of the cross put on by the high school students of our parish



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." Matthew 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. How is God calling you to serve?

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for February 26, 2017

Envelopes:	\$ 5,213.00
Loose:	\$ 780.00
Children's:	\$ 3.00
Parish Development	\$ 26.00
Catholic Education	\$ 20.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 45.00
Total:	\$ 4,725.50
Online Giving:	\$ 1,510.00
TOTAL:	\$ 7,642.00

2016 Contribution Statements are available upon request. Please call the Parish Office at 814-942-5503.

St. John's Prayer List

It is a Spiritual Work of Mercy to pray for the sick. If you know of someone in the parish who is ill or has passed away and in need of prayers, please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at gabby.reeder@gmail.com to add their name to 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: **Millie Bilski • Robert Cole • Michelle Fasline**

Carol Field • Wayne Flanagan • Bob George

JoAnne Gerardine • Judy Hurm • Brian Kopp

Bill Loth • Jim McLarren • June Miller

Deacon Gene Neral • Anne-Marie Norris • Bob Olson

Ron Peschock • Bob & Mary Rajnish

Olga Romerowicz • Madison Shura • Patty Teufel

Noah Wills • Support for persecuted Christians

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

Shirley Bloom - sister of Walt Bloom

Teddi Leiden

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

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION: Next weekend we will be collecting food & funds for Mary Petrak to take to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

PRAYER AND LUNCHEON FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

Remember your loved ones on Monday, March 20 (first day of Spring) with Mass at 11:00AM. All spouses will be mentioned and remembered at Mass. Luncheon to follow. Sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and hosted by the Immaculate Conception Church, 1640 New Germany Road, Summerhill. Reservations required by March 14. A \$5 donation is suggested. Contact the Family Life Office at 814-886-5551 or familylife@dioceseaj.org.

HAITI MATCHING DONATION: In June 2016, Jim Krug visited our sister parish, Sts. Peter and Paul, in Haiti. He was of great service to the parish and school with gardening and repairs. As usually happens, the Haitian people found a place in Jim's heart so he and his wife, Stephanie, have offered a challenge of matching your donation up to \$1,250. Since Jim is an educator in Altoona, at his request, this money will be used to supplement the salaries of the nine teachers. This is a very generous offer from one of our own young families and it would be wonderful to honor their giving. Starting Ash Wednesday and throughout Lent, there will be special envelopes near the scrip table to accept your donation. Just place them in the Common Cents Jar or the offertory collection. Thank you very much.

ST. LEONARD'S HOME will host its 2nd annual celebration of St. Joseph's Table on Saturday, March 18 from 5:00 – 8:00 pm at the American Legion Post 516 Social Hall at Legion Park in Hollidaysburg. The event includes a meal, cheese bar, desserts, wine tasting, auction, prizes for bidding and entertainment. Tickets are \$30, and are available at St. Leonard's Home or by calling 695-9581 during business hours.

GARVEY MANOR BASKET BINGO: Sunday, March 19 from 2:00 to 5:00PM. Space is limited, so pre-registration is recommended. Call 695-5571 for more information.

THE SHROUD OF TURIN TALK will be held at St. Benedict Parish, 2310 Bedford Street, Johnstown, Sunday, March 26, 2017 at 3:00PM. In 2013 Bill Wingard established "Shroud Talks" to present the history and science of the Shroud of Turin and tackle the biggest mystery... Is the Shroud the actual burial cloth? You are invited to hear the talk and see the full size replica of the Shroud of Turin. Attendees are encouraged to bring their cameras. No tickets are required; a love offering will be collected. For more information, contact Deacon Michael Russo at (814) 288-3036 or email: michael.russo@atlanticbb.net.

LENTEN FISH DINNERS: *Saint Mark's, Altoona*
Mark your calendar for the following three Fridays: March 10, March 24, and April 7 from 4 - 6:30 PM (while supplies last). The cost will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Take-out will be available.

BISHOP GUILFOYLE'S 1ST ANNUAL MARCH MADNESS EVENT will be held on April 1st, 2017 from 5:30PM to 11:30PM in the Bavarian Ballroom. \$25.00 tickets include: Food catered by Mama Randazzo's, (3) Draft Beer vouchers, \$2,500 in funny money. Watch the final four NCAA Basketball games on the Mega screen. Enjoy great food and spirits. Try your luck at our Black Jack, Craps, and Roulette tables with our funny money. Bid on fantastic Silent Auction prizes. Take a chance to win fabulous Chinese Auction prizes. Win the Air Hockey Tournament for a cash prize. We also have 50/50, pull tabs and various other small games of chance to win more cash. This event will benefit the Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School Angel Fund which provides tuition assistance for students/families with financial restraints. It is our hope and mission that all students who want to experience a Catholic Education at Bishop Guilfoyle receive that opportunity. (Tickets available from any BG student or in the main office at Bishop Guilfoyle). Please contact Jackie Lund in the development office at Bishop Guilfoyle for reservations & sponsorships. (944-3987) development@bguilfoyle.org

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday March 5 - First Sunday in Lent

8:00AM-Mass for *Ida Prosperi* requested by John Prosperi
11:00AM-Mass for *Annie Johnston* requested by Barb Bundy

Monday March 6 - Lenten Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for the *Joan Bean* requested by Dave & Mary Petrak

Tuesday March 7 - Lenten Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Joseph Dullinger* requested by Tom & Beth Moore

Wednesday March 8 - Lenten Weekday

5:00PM- Confession
6:00PM- Mass for *Ward & Marcella Diehl* requested by Bill & Dee Schmerbeck

Thursday March 9 - Lenten Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM- Mass for *Bud Bloom* requested by Frank & Betty Seymour

Friday March 10 - Lenten Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Sister Melaney* requested by Barb Bundy
7:00PM-Stations of the Cross/Bible Study

Saturday March 11 - Vigil of the Second Sunday in Lent

3:00PM- Confession
4:00PM-Mass for *People of the Parish*

Sunday March 12 - Second Sunday in Lent

8:00AM-Mass for *Mary Jane Horton* requested by Ginny & Bob Reeder
11:00AM-Mass for *Jeff Sefchock* requested by Terry & Kathy Tomassetti

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26





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