



*God bless Eleanor Rose Mills who was baptized by Monsignor Becker at the 4:00 Mass on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.*

**FEBRUARY 11, 2018**

**6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN  
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**APPOINTMENTS**

**ACOLYTES:**

- Wed. Feb. 14 - 6:00 PM - Nicholas Helsley, Claire Nackley
- Sat. Feb. 17 - 4:00 PM - Alexandria & Alycia Auerbeck
- Sun. Feb. 18 - 8:00 AM - Mai Linh Do, NOT FILLED
- Sun. Feb. 18 - 11:00 AM - Caitlin & Tyler Conigy

**LECTORS:**

- Wed. Feb. 14 - 6:00 PM - Bill Foose, Norma Foose
- Sat. Feb. 17 - 4:00 PM - Maria Spayd, Matt Michelone
- Sun. Feb. 18 - 8:00 AM - Joyce Cunningham, Fran Semelsberger
- Sun. Feb. 18 - 11:00 AM - Susanna Tomlinson, Barbara Bundy

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

- Wed. Feb. 14 - 6:00 PM - Barbara Bundy, Walter Bloom
- Sat. Feb. 17 - 4:00 PM - Jenna Jenkins, Dorothy Yingling
- Sun. Feb. 18 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Mary Truesdale
- Sun. Feb. 18 - 11:00 AM - Paul Dennis, Kenneth Gorman

**MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:**

- Wed. Feb. 14 - 6:00 PM - Fran Semelsberger, Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky, Dorothy Yingling
- Sat. Feb. 17 - 4:00 PM - Barb Aubrey, Connie Baker, Dennis Moughemer, Karen Moughemer
- Sun. Feb. 18 - 8:00 AM - Carolyn English, Mike O'Neill, Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
- Sun. Feb. 18 - 11:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Marilyn Bevan, Dolores Capriotti, Patrick Podoletz

**SACRISTAN:**

- Wed. Feb. 14 - 6:00 PM - NOT FILLED
- Sat. Feb. 17 - 4:00 PM - Mary & Ray King
- Sun. Feb. 18 - 8:00 AM - Joyce Cunningham
- Sun. Feb. 18 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

**SCRIP:**

- Sat. Feb. 17 - 4:00 PM - Mary Haenig, Anna Rasmussen
- Sun. Feb. 18 - 8:00 AM - NOT FILLED
- Sun. Feb. 18 - 11:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

- February 14 - Ash Wednesday: 8:30 AM & 6:00 PM Mass
- February 14 - Lenten Soup Supper after 6:00 PM Mass
- February 16 - Stations of the Cross: 7:00 PM
- February 19 - Parish Office Closed/Presidents' Day
- February 23 - Stations of the Cross: 7:00 PM
- February 24 - Discover The Church after 4:00 PM Mass
- February 25 - Penance Service: 4:00 PM
- March 2 - Stations of the Cross
- March 10 - Love Feast

## A Few Words from the Pastor:

**Ash Wednesday Mass** – The holy season of Lent begins this 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.

**National Marriage Week:** February 7-14 marks the annual celebration of National Marriage Week USA. World Marriage Day is celebrated annually on the second Sunday of February. This year, World Marriage Day is Sunday, February 11. We affirm the sacredness of the Marriage Covenant, and support every effort to enrich the family as the school of life and love!

**Small Lenten Groups Again This Year**– As in previous years, we are encouraging parishioners to participate in our small group discussions during Lent. The sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Space, as well as copies of our Lenten Resource. Let this be your best Lent ever!

**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.

**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.

**Arise! Together in Christ!** – As our diocese is embarking on an exciting adventure in parish renewal, each parish has been asked to form an "Arise" parish team. *Arise Together in Christ* is a three-year, parish-centered process of evangelization and spiritual renewal, designed to help people develop a closer relationship with Christ, grow in community, and reach out in service to others. Should you be interested in serving on this team, or simply want to learn more about "Arise," please contact Msgr. Becker or Debbie Johnson. For more information, follow the *Catholic Register*, or go online to: <https://www.dioceseaj.org/arise>.

**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!

**OUR PARISH FAMILY :** Cameron & Jill Murphy just joined our parish last spring. They are both originally from Nebraska, but moved to this area for work after being recruited by UPMC. Cameron is a family medicine physician, currently practicing sports medicine with UPMC Altoona Elite Orthopaedics. Jill is also a physician with UPMC Altoona, her specialty is plastic surgery. Their twin sons, Ethan and Heston, are seven years old and attend Penn Mont Academy. After moving here, Jill said even though St John's was close to their new home, she tried other Catholic churches in the area but found that St John's reminded her of the parish she grew up in. They both appreciate the "friendly atmosphere" in our parish and also like the children's liturgy that is offered at Sunday Mass. Although they haven't participated in any parish activities yet, they have noticed that our parishioners seem to be very involved and Jill said they "look forward to participating in church events". They most often attend the Saturday or early Sunday Mass, so if you haven't met them yet, look for them and introduce yourselves!



Whether you are a new or longtime parishioner, we'd love to feature you in a future bulletin. If you're willing, please contact: Cecelia Bloom, at 695-2806 or [ceceb13@verizon.net](mailto:ceceb13@verizon.net).

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Sunday February 11 - No Class  
 Sunday February 18 - Regular class 9:15-10:45  
 Sunday February 25 - No Class



**CONFIRMATION INFORMATION**

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation service project :**

February 14<sup>th</sup> (Ash Wednesday) 5:00PM -8:30PM  
 in the cafeteria serving soup supper to parish.

Starting Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, our 11 First Communion students will be present every Sunday at the 11:00 AM Mass during Lent. This is a wonderful way to deepen the children's understanding of the Mass and give them a special sense of church community as they prepare for this sacrament. Please pray for them as they are in their final preparation before receiving First Holy Communion.



**PYSANKY EGG MAKING CLASS:** On Saturday, February 17, 2018, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the St. John's Parish Center there will be a class to learn how to decorate Pysanky Eggs. The cost of the class is \$20.00 which covers the kit and a Pysanky booklet, and dyes to use in class. Each person will need to bring 2-3 room temperature eggs (extra-large or jumbo size) and a candle with a holder. There will be a lunch break, you can bring your own lunch or go out to eat. Feel free to invite your friends to this class. Please reserve your place in the class be emailing Barb Bundy at [bfbundy@gmail.com](mailto:bfbundy@gmail.com). The \$20.00 can be paid the day of the class. Our instructors will be Chris and Edna Bellock and their daughter Amanda from the Ukrainian Catholic



**ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPER:** Once again, our 11th Grade Confirmation Candidates will host the annual Soup Supper. Please join us in the cafeteria for a delicious meal of homemade soup and fresh bread, following 6:00 Mass on February 14<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**HOODIES AND SOCKS FOR THE TEEN SHELTER:** During the month of February the Women's Group is collecting hoodies (all adult sizes) and socks to be given to the Teen Shelter. Place in the designated box in the gathering space. Many of the teens arrive at the Shelter with just the clothes on their backs and they need our support. Also, please pray for them. Thank you.

**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](mailto:gabby.reeder@gmail.com) to add their name to the prayer list.

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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 • Millie Bilski • Jen Buda • Robert Cole  
 Millie Grace Capon • Mary Lee DeStefano  
 Michael DeStefano • Keith DeMastens • Carol Field  
 JoAnne Gerardine • Dianna Green • Brian Kopp  
 Bryson Miller • June Miller • Ron Peschock  
 Dave Petrak • Bob & Mary Rajnish • Allison Recker  
 Dorothy Roberto • Olga Romerowicz  
 Maureen Smithe • Dianne Stultz • Patty Teufel  
 Lois Werfel • Noah Wills • That those who have  
 material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure  
 of corruption.**

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

**Clarence Becker**

*May he rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.*

**PARISH PRAYER DURING LENT:** Pull out your cell phones and set a reminder alarm every day for 3 PM. Every day at 3 PM when our alarms sound, we will all pray an Our Father, a Hail Mary and a Glory Be. How fantastic will it be that the whole parish is praying together at 3 PM during Lent?



**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** 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."

**Stewardship at St. John's**

*OFFERTORY for February 7, 2018*

Envelopes	\$ 5,930.00
Loose	\$ 790.00
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Parish Development	\$ 170.00
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Ash Wednesday	\$ 60.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 10.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$ 80.00
<i>SubTotal</i>	<i>\$ 7,258.00</i>
Online Giving	\$ 2,728.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 9,986.00</b>

### **LENTEN FISH DINNERS IN THE AREA:**

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament: Fish Sandwich Lenten Lunches from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM Ash Wednesday and Fridays of Lent. Eat in or take out. \$7.00.

Our Lady of Lourdes: Every Friday during Lent. Take out starts 3:30 PM. Eat in from 4-7 PM. \$9.50 Adults & \$7.00 Children

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel: Ash Wednesday, February 14, from 4:00 - 7:00 PM. \$8.00 Tickets sold in advance at the Parish Office, 806 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Take out available.

St. Therese of the Child Jesus, 25th Ave. & 5th St.: Fridays during Lent, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Take out available. \$10.00 Adults \$7.00 Children under 12.

St. Patrick, Newry: Every Friday during Lent (beginning February 16, 2018), including Good Friday from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. All-you-care-to-eat seafood buffet!

Unter Uns Club, Van Buren Ave. & 14th Street: Starting Ash Wednesday, February 14, and continuing each Friday during Lent, including Good Friday, March 30. 4:30 to 7:00 PM. \$9.00 for adults, \$5 Children 4-10, under 3 free.

**ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE:** St. Leonard's Home will host its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual celebration of St. Joseph's Table on Saturday, March 24 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, 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.

**MY OWN CHURCH:** Thanks to all who have already logged in and updated their information using My Own Church. We hope everyone will take a few minutes to login and update their information to help us maintain accurate parish records.

**2018 JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL:** Join us for Thursday night at the movies on February 15 & 22 and March 1 & 8 in the Penn State Devorris Downtown Center, 1431 12th Ave. All films begin at 7:00 PM. \$5.00 per person - Students admitted for free!

**LITURGICAL REFLECTION:** When a Catholic dies, the community gathers with the family and friends of the deceased to give praise and thanks to God for Christ's victory over sin and death, to commend the deceased to God's tender mercy and compassion and to seek strength in the proclamation of the paschal mystery, the dying and rising of the Lord. At death the Christian community is joined together in faith as one body of Christ to reaffirm in sign and symbol, word and gesture that each believer through baptism shares in the death and resurrection and can look to the day when all the elect will be raised up and united in the kingdom of light and peace. *Order of Christian Funerals, 1998-1989, Number 129.*

### **SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK**

#### **Sunday February 11 - Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

8:00AM-Mass for *Mike Susick* requested by Dan & Mary Susick

11:00AM-Mass for *Teresa Geishauer* requested by Mr. & Mrs. Stan Galant

#### **Monday February 12 - Weekday**

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Steve & Betty Sinchak* requested by Marian Monios

#### **Tuesday February 13 - Weekday**

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Eileen Becker* requested by Clarence Becker

#### **Wednesday February 14 - Ash Wednesday**

8:30AM-Mass for *Ida Prospero* requested by John Prospero

5:00PM-Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions

6:00PM-Mass for *Margaret Gerhard* requested by John & Carol Bismark

#### **Thursday February 15 - Thursday after Ash Wednesday**

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Joe Robeson*

#### **Friday February 16 - Friday after Ash Wednesday**

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Jeanne McDowell* requested by Tom & Nancy Weimer

#### **Saturday February 17 - Vigil of the First Sunday Of Lent**

3:00PM-Confessions

4:00PM-Mass for *John Lloyd* requested by Betsy Slat

#### **Sunday February 18 - First Sunday Of Lent**

8:00AM-Mass for *Anna T. Partenheimer* requested by Bob & Ginny Reeder

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

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 -- 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15



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