



Last Sunday the children in Religious Ed had a fun "CARNIVAL" learning about the 7 sacraments.

Each group of high school students had a game that represented one sacrament. They gave a short explanation of the sacrament and then came up with questions to ask the children and ran that particular game! It was a fun morning of learning and a lot of laughter!!



FEBRUARY 25, 2018
2ND SUNDAY OF LENT
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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- February 25 - Penance Service: 4:00 PM
- March 2 - Stations of the Cross: 7:00 PM
- March 9 - Stations of the Cross: 7:00 PM
- March 10 - Love Feast
- March 16 - Stations of the Cross: 7:00 PM
- March 18 - Living Stations in Fr. Bailey Hall: 9:30 AM

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

- Sat. Mar. 3 - 4:00 PM - Claire Nackley, Keaton Swope
- Sun. Mar. 4 - 8:00 AM - Nicholas Helsley, NOT FILLED
- Sun. Mar. 4 - 11:00 AM - Caitlin & Tyler Conigy

LECTORS:

- Sat. Mar. 3 - 4:00 PM - Heather Nackley, Wally Wargo
- Sun. Mar. 4 - 8:00 AM - Joyce Cunningham, Fran Semelsberger
- Sun. Mar. 4 - 11:00 AM - Patrick Schurr, Gary Johnson

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- Sat. Mar. 3 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, Dorothy Yingling
- Sun. Mar. 4 - 8:00 AM - Daniel Turcovsky, Diane Turcovsky
- Sun. Mar. 4 - 11:00 AM - Joseph Klobuka, Pam Klobuka

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

- Sat. Mar. 3 - 4:00 PM - Coleen Langguth, David Langguth, Judy Sneath, Bill Stokan
- Sun. Mar. 4 - 8:00 AM - Carolyn English, Darlene Scarpaci, Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel
- Sun. Mar. 4 - 11:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Dolores Capriotti, Mary Grace Horton, Peg Madden

SACRISTAN:

- Sat. Mar. 3 - 4:00 PM - Mary & Ray King
- Sun. Mar. 4 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
- Sun. Mar. 4 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

SCRIP:

- Sat. Mar. 3 - 4:00 PM - Joan Price, Nancy Weimer
- Sun. Mar. 4 - 8:00 AM - NOT FILLED
- Sun. Mar. 4 - 11:00 AM - Bill & Patty Teufel

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A Few Words from the Pastor:

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE – Please mark the date for our annual Penance Service, which will be held **this Sunday afternoon**, February 25th at 4:00PM. There is no better season than Lent to experience the Mercy of God in the Sacrament of Penance. A number of visiting priests will be present to assist with individual confessions. Do join us!

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 plan to walk in the steps of Jesus this Lent.

FRIDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: CANCELLED – Due to a number of scheduling conflicts on Friday evenings, we will not be able to have our previously announced regular Friday Lenten Bible Study. In its place, there will be a film shown on March 9 which will open up the deeper meaning of the Mystery of Christ.

OF GODS AND MEN – On Friday, March 9th at 7:30 (following Stations of the Cross), there will be a showing of the film “Of Gods and Men” in the Parish Center. This film is based upon the true life story of Trappist monks in Algeria in the mid-90’s, who live in harmony with their Muslim neighbors. An Islamic fundamentalist group creates fear in the village, as the monks struggle with the decision to leave or to stay, come what may. This story of faith and heroism is a perfect Lenten film, showcasing the depth of Christian faith. These monks have been recommended for canonization by Pope Francis.

MAKING A GOOD CONFESSION – When was the last time you went to confession? Consider doing so this Lent, either at our Communal Penance Service this Sunday, or on 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. Don’t let this Lent pass without making a good confession!

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>.

FOOD FOR THE POOR: Next weekend, March 3rd & 4th, Rev. Monsignor Patrick Marron will speak at all the masses about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Monsignor Marron will share personal witness about Food For The Poor’s mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another. Monsignor Marron was ordained for the Archdiocese of San Antonio in 1967. Before joining Food For The Poor he has served as Pastor in many parishes in San Antonio.

UPCOMING PENANCE SERVICES DURING LENT:

Saint John - Lakemont - Sunday, February 25 - 4 PM
Sacred Heart - During Annual Novena, March 12-20
Saint Therese of the Child Jesus - Sat., March 17 - 10 AM
Saint Mark and Holy Rosary - at Saint Mark's - Sunday, March 18 - 3 PM
Saint Rose of Lima - Sunday, March 18 - 5 PM
Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Monday, March 19 - 7 PM
Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament - Wednesday, March 21 - 6:30 PM
Our Lady of Lourdes - Thursday, March 22 - 5:30 PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sunday February 25 - No Class
Sunday March 4 - Regular class 9:15-10:45
Sunday March 11 - No Class

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

Religious Ed students only:
March 17th Living Stations at Garvey Manor
March 18th Living Stations at St John's



TEEN SHELTER: Thank you so much for your generous donations to the Teen Shelter. They now have enough hoodies and socks. What they need now is boys jeans/pants waist sizes 28-32; length 28-32 in. Also, the gift cards for pizza are very much appreciated, so please continue to donate them.

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP: For the next 2 meetings on February 26 and March 26, we will be discussing Hildegard of Bingen's theology of the Holy Spirit. Study guides for these lectures are on the kiosk in the gathering space.

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:*

**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
Adam Leiden • Bryson Miller • June Miller
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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

**Margaret Dzimiera, sister of Marian Monios and aunt of
Michele DeFrancisco & Meg Clevestine
May they rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.**

LENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN: Good Shepherd Catholic Church (on Grays Woods Blvd just off Rt. 99 at State College) is hosting a Women's Retreat for Lent on Saturday, March 17 from 8:30 AM (doors open) to 3:30 PM. Dr. Joanne Cahoon, professional Spiritual Director and Consultant, will lead the retreat day. Take a day during lent to readjust, focus, and renew your heart in preparation for Easter glory. For more information or to register, contact Good Shepherd by email: goodshepherd@dioceseaj.org or call (814) 238-2110. Register by March 5th for \$25. Registrations submitted after March 5th will be \$30 per person. Lunch will be provided.

CCW SUNDAY SABBATH SERIES: Sunday, March 11, 2018 - They Killed Sr. Dorothy is a documentary on the killing of 73-year-old Catholic nun and activist Sister Dorothy Stang. Sunday Sabbath gatherings begin at 1:30 PM and end at 5:00 PM. 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 and for more information, call 814-886-4098.

BG BASEBALL SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER: BG Baseball is having a Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale in the BG Cafeteria on Sunday, March 11 from 11 AM - 2 PM. Cost is \$8. Tickets can be purchased at the door, from any BG Baseball player, or by calling Kathleen Dombrosky at 695-1509. Eat in or take out. Walk-ins are welcome!!

BASKET BINGO: Sunday March 18, 2018 at Garvey Manor, 1037 So. Logan Blvd. Hollidaysburg, from 2:00 - 5:00 PM. Doors open at 1:15. Space is limited so pre-registration recommended. Call 695-5571 for more information.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Abraham's trust in God earned him a reward that was beyond his expectations. The transfigured Jesus is evidence to everyone who is fully obedient to God's will that all disciples will have everything to gain when they place their trust in God. "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31)

Stewardship at St. John's

OFFERTORY for February 18, 2018

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<i>SubTotal</i>	<i>\$ 4,748.00</i>
Online Giving	\$ 1,613.00
Total Offertory	\$ 6,361.00
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<i>\$ 1,420.00</i>

OUR PARISH FAMILY: Doug & Jennifer Helsley have been



members of St John's for 11 years. Doug is originally from Altoona, and Jennifer grew up in Northern Cambria. They are both employed in healthcare – Doug is a Rehab Technician at Healthsouth where he has worked for over 25 years; Jennifer has been with Homewood Retirement Community in Martinsburg for about 9 years and is currently their Wellness Director. Their son, Nicholas, is 11 years old and in the 6th grade at McAuliff Heights Elementary. Here at St John's, Jennifer has taught in our Religious Ed program for 6 years and currently has the kindergarten and 1st grade class. The family regularly attends the 8:00 AM Mass, and Nicholas is often one of the altar servers at that Mass. (Jennifer said Deacon Gene's involvement and training has helped Nicholas become comfortable and confident with serving.) When Jennifer's parents, Dan & Mary Susick, moved to Hollidaysburg from Northern Cambria in 2014, Jennifer invited them to try St John's and they have also become active members of our parish. Doug & Jennifer said that "from the first year to the present", everyone here at St John's has been "so friendly and welcoming". They appreciate the varied opportunities and activities for all ages, and said they are "enjoying being members of St John's".

Whether you are a new or longtime parishioner, we'd love to feature you in a future bulletin. We'll only include information that you provide and only what you want us to share. If you're willing, please contact: Cecelia Bloom, at 695-2806 or ceceb13@verizon.net.

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: During these forty days of Lent we recall our sins and seek the Lord's forgiveness, especially in the Sacrament of Penance. We are invited to fast, pray and give alms to the poor. These Lenten practices are to turn us from sin, and bring us closer to the Lord. It is part of our Catholic faith to have Mass for our faithful departed. When someone dies, family and friends have a Mass offered for the one who has died. Parishes list the Mass intentions each week. Usually these Masses are for the dead, praying that God will shed his mercy and compassion on the deceased. Mass intentions for the deceased seek God's mercy and peace for the faithful and, perhaps, not so faithful Christian. *Order of Christian Funerals, 1998-1989, Number 129.*

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday February 25 - Second Sunday Of Lent

8:00AM-Mass for *Bob Cooney*
11:00AM-Mass for *John Lloyd* requested by
Trish & Joe Antesberger

Monday February 26 - Lenten Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Eileen Becker* requested by
Clarence Becker

Tuesday February 27 - Lenten Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Joan Carney* requested by
Jim & Roberta Lowry

Wednesday February 28 - Lenten Weekday

5:00PM-Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions
6:00PM-Mass for *Mark Kopp* requested by
Ron & Eileen Rolfaro

Thursday March 1 - Lenten Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Charlotte McCall* requested by
DeLellis Schmerbeck

Friday March 2 - Lenten Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration
8:10AM-Morning Prayer
8:30AM-Mass for *Joe Robeson*

Saturday March 3 - Vigil of the Third Sunday Of Lent

3:00PM-Confessions
4:00PM-Mass for *Grady Weyandt* requested by
his mother Linda

Sunday March 4 - Third Sunday Of Lent

8:00AM-Mass for *Ida Prosperi* requested by John Prosperi
11:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46



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