

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES:

Sat. Mar. 24 - 4:00 PM - Caitlin & Tyler Conigly
 Sun. Mar. 25 - 8:00 AM - Sarah Geishauser, NOT FILLED
 Sun. Mar. 25 - 11:00 AM - NOT FILLED
 Thurs. Mar. 29 - 7:00 PM - Jack Donoughe, Ryan Donoughe,
 Claire Nackley, Keaton Swope
 Fri. Mar. 30 - 7:00 PM - Nicholas Helsley, Amber Yasolsky,
 NOT FILLED

LECTORS

Sat. Mar. 24 - 4:00 PM - Heather Nackley, Matt Michelone,
 David Andrews
 Sun. Mar. 25 - 8:00 AM - Joyce Cunningham, Tim Rea,
 Ronan Adams
 Sun. Mar. 25 - 11:00 AM - Jim Campbell, Gary Johnson,
 Patrick Schurr
 Thurs. Mar. 29 - 7:00 PM - Mark Sloan, Mark Krepich
 Fri. Mar. 30 - 7:00 PM - Bob Olson, Diane Turcovsky,
 Daniel Turcovsky

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Mar. 24 - 4:00 PM - David Loth, Dorothy Yingling
 Sun. Mar. 25 - 8:00 AM - NOT FILLED
 Sun. Mar. 25 - 11:00 AM - Bill Foose, Norma Foose
 Thurs. Mar. 29 - 7:00 PM - Dolores Capriotti, Barb Bundy,
 Bob Olson, Debbie Dougherty,
 Kenneth Gorman, Susanna Tomlinson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Sat. Mar. 24 - 4:00 PM - Barb Aubry, Connie Baker, Judy Sneath,
 Billy Sweet
 Sun. Mar. 25 - 8:00 AM - Carolyn English, Ginny Reeder, Darlene
 Scarpaci, Fran Semelsberger
 Sun. Mar. 25 - 11:00 AM - Pauline Adams, Walter Bloom,
 Wendy Campbell, Lou Ann Clark
 Thurs. Mar. 29 - 7:00 PM - Fran Semelsberger, Daniel Turcovsky,
 Diane Turcovsky, Ed Stoltz
 Fri. Mar. 30 - 7:00 PM - Darlene Scarpaci, Dennis Moughemer,
 Karen Moughemer, Fran Semelsberger

SACRISTAN:

Sat. Mar. 24 - 4:00 PM - Billy Sweet
 Sun. Mar. 25 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
 Sun. Mar. 25 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan
 Thurs. Mar. 29 - 7:00 PM - Barbara Bundy
 Fri. Mar. 30 - 7:00 PM - NOT FILLED

SCRIP:

Sat. Mar. 24 - 4:00 PM - Becky Merilli, Anna Rasmussen
 Sun. Mar. 25 - 8:00 AM - Christopher Palazzi, NOT FILLED
 Sun. Mar. 25 - 11:00 AM - Bill Teufel, NOT FILLED

MARCH PRAYER INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS

FORMATION OF SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts;

I will be their God, and they shall be my people. — Jeremiah 31:33



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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT
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A Few Words from the Pastor:

Two Creeds, One Faith – *The purpose of the Creed or Profession of Faith is that the whole gathered people may respond to the Word of God proclaimed in the readings taken from Sacred Scripture and explained in the Homily.* **The Nicene Creed**, which is used on most Sundays of the year, is strictly speaking the “Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed” and was first developed following the First Council of Nicaea in the year 325. A Creed was developed to affirm and further refined the teachings of the Church at the First Council of Constantinople in 381. **The Apostles’ Creed** grew out of that ancient tradition and according to legend, the Apostles themselves each wrote a portion of that Creed on Pentecost. While scholars have debated for centuries the authenticity of such a claim, many believe that at the very least, a form of the Apostles’ Creed was written during the 2nd century and was based on an outline from the apostolic age. Both Creeds essentially say the same thing, with one being more precise (Nicene) and the other summarizing the faith in fewer words (Apostles’). The purpose of each one is the same, affirming the faith and proclaiming before all what we believe. The Roman Missal suggests that in the Lenten and Easter Seasons, the Apostles’ Creed be used at Mass.

Friday At The Movies - March 23, at 7:30, (following Stations of the Cross). Over 65 million people around the world have been forced from their homes to escape famine, climate change and war in the greatest human displacement since World War II. **Human Flow**, an epic film journey led by the internationally renowned artist Ai Weiwei, gives a powerful visual expression to this massive human migration. This documentary elucidates both the staggering scale of the refugee crisis and its profound personal human impact.

Catholic Minsitries Drive - Today is Commitment Sunday for the 2018 Catholic Ministries Drive “Making Christ A Home in Your Heart”. Through it, your sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate impact on ministries that care for the poor, strengthen family life, nurture our youth, and provide leadership development for clergy and laity. If you didn’t bring your Commitment Card to mass this weekend, please bring it next weekend or you may make an online gift at www.dioceseaj.org. Our parish goal is \$44,438.

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.

Adult Ed – We will be taking a break from Adult Ed until the Sunday after Easter, when we will continue reflecting on the Encyclical of Pope Francis, “Joy of the Gospel.” As always, all are most welcome.

Operation Rice Bowl - Rice Bowls can be returned to the parish at the end of Lent by placing them in the basket provided at the Family Tree in the Gathering Space. Your generosity is so much appreciated!

St. Patrick’s Day – This weekend we are celebrating one of the world's most popular saints. Saint Patrick was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans but Patrick turned to God and wrote his memoir, *The Confession*. Following his release from prison, he sought ordination to the priesthood in his home country of Britain, and then returned to Ireland where he spent the rest of his life bringing the Catholic Faith to this Celtic country. The Breastplate of St. Patrick is his most memorable prayer: *Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.*

Fasting And Abstinence In Lent – Remember that Good Friday is an obligatory day 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. 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! – *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 our parish leadership 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>.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sunday March 18th - Family Lent Event. All families are to report to the gym for Living Stations of the Cross. Students MUST be accompanied by an adult.

Sunday, March 25th - No Class / Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 1 - No Class / Happy Easter!

CONFIRMATION SERVICE PROJECTS

Saturday March 24th - 10th grade students stuff Easter eggs - school gym - 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Sunday March 25th - 9th grade students help with Easter Egg hunt - 10:30AM - 1:30 PM



The Butterfly is one of the significant symbols of Easter. Its whole life cycle is meant to symbolize the life of Jesus Christ.

- The first stage is the caterpillar, which stands for his life on earth.
- The second phase begins with the cocoon stage, portraying the crucifixion and burial of Jesus.
- The third and final stage is the butterfly, representing his raising from the dead in a glorified body.



MARCH 25 EASTER EGG HUNT: We are in need of donations - candy, cookies, brownies, etc. Candy must be individually wrapped. Baked goods will be eaten as refreshments following the Easter Egg Hunt. There is a basket for candy donations in the gathering space of the church and a sign-up sheet on the kiosk for baked goods. Donations of candy are needed by Thursday, March 22nd. Baked goods can be dropped off Sunday morning, March 25, starting at 10 AM. Email Angelina Capriotti-Long with any questions at angelinacapriotti@gmail.com.

STEWARSHIP CORNER: You are like a grain of wheat. Keeping your time, talent, and treasure to yourself yields no harvest. With God's grace we can die to ourselves and bear fruit for His kingdom. When you live for others, the evangelizing mission of Jesus Christ is revealed. Is God calling you to be charitable in a specific way today?

Stewardship at St. John's OFFERTORY for March 11, 2018

Envelopes	\$ 4,329.00
Loose	\$ 577.00
Children's	\$ 13.00
Parish Development	\$ 120.00
Catholic Education	\$ 10.00
Easter	\$ 30.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 10.00
Good Friday	\$ 10.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 10.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 590.00
<i>SubTotal</i>	\$ 5,946.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,873.00
Total Offertory	\$ 8,819.00

Second Sunday Food Collection - \$675.00

OFFERING OF THE CHALICE TO BE RESTORED HOLY THURSDAY:

At the center of the Church's annual liturgical calendar is the commemoration of the Lord's death and resurrection during the Three Days. Lent will end late in the afternoon of Thursday, March 29. The Three Days will begin Holy Thursday evening, March 29, with the Mass of the Lord's Supper. As the Church enters the sacred Triduum, the offering of the chalice is to be restored in all the parishes of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. At the Mass of the Lord's Supper all in the Diocesan Church will be welcomed to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord under the species of bread and wine. Consistently the Church has stated that the fullness of the sign of Mass is seen in the reception of both the consecrated bread and the consecrated wine. This is what Jesus the Lord directed on the night before he died, to eat his Body and drink his Blood. All are invited to receive Holy Communion under the elements of both bread and wine Holy Thursday evening. Also, beginning at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, we will now return to the regular manner of exchanging the sign of peace.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

March 23 - Stations of the Cross: 7:00 PM

March 23 - "Human Flow" movie - 7:30 PM

March 25 - Easter Egg Hunt

March 28 - Tenebrae - 7:30 PM

March 29-April 2 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

March 29 - Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 PM

March 30 - Stations of the Cross & Meditations -12:00PM

March 30 - Observance of the Lord's Passion - 7:00 PM

EASTER FLOWERS All memorial donations for Easter flowers should be submitted by Sunday, March 25, in order to be acknowledged in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

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 ginny.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 • Julie Beiswenger • Millie Bilski • Jen Buda
 Robert Cole • Millie Grace Capon • Mary Lee DeStefano
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 JoAnne Gerardine • Dianna Green • Brian Kopp
 Adam Leiden • Sherri Maffettone • Bryson Miller
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HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:

Dorothy Roberto
May she rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.



OUR PARISH FAMILY: This week, we're featuring some very special members of our parish family – the children of this year's First Communion class. There are eleven students currently preparing to receive their First Communion, which will be held on April 29th at the 11:00 Mass. In the first picture above, from left to right, are the following children (and their parent's names): Jack Hoyne (Bill & Kristina), Karter Langenbacher (Dan & Amy), Jacob Ferris (George & Debra), Giada Tomchick (Billy & Teela), Sophia Raneri (Rachel & Michael Whitling and Carl Raneri), and Isabella Swalga (Marc & Amy). In the second picture are: Evie Koch (Mark Koch & grandmother Carrol Koch), Sophia Raneri (see above), Giada Tomchick (see above), Marissa Kanouff (Alan & Melody), Jack Hoyne (see above), Karter Langenbacher (see above), and Rowan Merrick (James & Allison). Not shown in either picture, but also part of this group are: Hunter Clapper (Heather), and Mai Vi Do (Andy & Kim). Congratulations to all our First Communicants and their families!

BAKE SHOP BAKES FUNDRAISER benefitting St. Patrick School. A variety of pies and other baked goods are available, and will be delivered on Wednesday, March 28, just in time for Easter! To order, please contact Steph Krug at 934-6752 or stephaniekrug@gmail.com before March 20. Thanks for your support of Catholic education!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND MEDITATIONS: Have you ever wondered how the people around Jesus felt as He walked His Passion? Come to Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at noon to find out. This will be the 24th year we have had our unique celebration of Good Friday Stations and Meditations at St. John's. The Meditations come from a writer's idea of the reactions Jesus may have received from people He met along His way to Calvary and reactions of people after His death.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES: The March 25, Palm Sunday, bulletin deadline is this Thursday, March 15 and the April 1, Easter Sunday, deadline is Thursday, March 22.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday March 18 - Fifth Sunday Of Lent

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

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

Monday March 19 - Lenten Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Henri Prosperi* requested by
John Prosperi

Tuesday March 20 - Lenten Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Janet & Andrew Szarwark*

Wednesday March 21 - Lenten Weekday

5:00PM-Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions

6:00PM-Mass for *Joe Robeson*

Thursday March 22 - Lenten Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *James Scott* requested by
Richard & Joyce Lowe

Friday March 23 - Lenten Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Angeline Capriotti* requested by
Ron Skupien

7:00PM - Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 24 - Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

3:00PM-Confessions

4:00PM-Mass for *Eileen & Clarence Becker* requested by
Mary & Ray King

Sunday March 25 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*

11:00AM-Mass for *Matthew Geishauser* requested by
Jackie Gates & Jeanie Burger

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

MARCH 10, 2018 LOVE FEAST

In our 10 years of holding Love Feast dinners at Simpson Temple, the one this past weekend was exceptional. We served 100 people with 20 additional take-out meals. We also had our largest (31) contingent of enthusiastic cooks and servers: Rhonda Adams, Barb Aubrey, , Jim & Wendy Campbell, Dee & Kaelab Capriotti, Joyce Cunningham, Paula DeBiase ,Carolyn English, Ed & Deb Ergler, Ray & Mary King, Mary Grace Horton, Dan & Linda McGrath, Barb McLaren, Ethan, Emily & Danielle Miller, Barb Nagle, Bob & Loretta Olson, Joan Price, Pat Podoletz, Marge Rudolph, Tom & Fran Semelsberger, Chris & Natalie Smith, and Iris Tater.

The spirit of welcoming, friendliness, kindness, and gratitude of the workers spread to the guests. An older gentleman apologized in advance for seeming picky about not eating everything, explaining that he had to accommodate his diabetes and dialysis. He also explained the multiple rings on his fingers and bracelets on both wrists, some of which were for a woman. He said that his lady friend of many years had died 10 months ago, and wearing all the jewelry they had bought together helped him feel less lonely.

I talked to a woman who was humming to herself and said that the meal needed the addition of singing to lift her spirits. I said that I was the last person she would want leading a song. She replied that even if I sang in a monotone, I was bound to hit the correct note some of the time.

A woman approached the greeters who were also thanking everyone for coming and explained the big hugs she was about to give. She said that she lives alone but still needs “skin-on-skin” contact with others to lift her spirits. We welcomed her hugs.

We overheard many of the guests discussing prayer requests they were about to write down, and most of the time their requests were for others, not themselves.

It is a joy to look forward to our next Love Feast on JUNE 9, 2018. Join us.



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