

Second Sunday of Lent **March 5, 2023**

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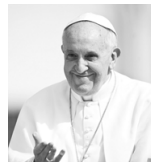
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MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - 8:30 AM • TUESDAY - 8:30 AM
WEDNESDAY - 6:00 PM
THURSDAY - 8:30 AM • FRIDAY - 8:30 AM
SATURDAY - 4:00 PM
SUNDAY - 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

March Prayer Intention of Pope Francis **For Victims of Abuse**

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Sat. Mar. 11 - 4:00 PM - David Langguth, Joyce Cunningham
Sat. Mar. 12 - 8:00 AM - Ginny Reeder, James Krug
Sun. Mar. 12 - 11:00 AM - Jim Campbell, Gary Johnson

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. Mar. 11 - 4:00 PM - Abigail Hovance, NOT FILLED
Sat. Mar. 12 - 8:00 AM - Emily Miller, Nicholas Helsley
Sun. Mar. 12 - 11:00 AM - Evie Koch, Estella Koch

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Mar. 11 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED
Sun. Mar. 12 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Mar. 12 - 11:00 AM - Walter Bloom, Cecelia Bloom

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Mar. 11 - 4:00 PM - Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel,
Dennis Moughemer, Karen Moughemer
Sat. Mar. 12 - 8:00 AM - Jane Strasser, Mary Truesdale, Ray Kennedy,
Carolyn English
Sun. Mar. 12 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Dolores Capriotti,
Patrick Podoletz, Peg Madden

SACRISTAN

Sat. Mar. 11 - 4:00 PM - Jane Byrne
Sat. Mar. 12 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
Sun. Mar. 12 - 11:00 AM - Barbara Bundy

SCRIP

Sat. Mar. 11 - 4:00 PM - Christopher Palazzi
Sat. Mar. 12 - 8:00 AM - Amber & Heather Yasolsky
Sun. Mar. 12 - 11:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

A Few Words from the Pastor:

OUR BULLETIN! You will notice that our bulletin has a new look! The company which previously published this bulletin has gone out of business. For now, we will be doing our own publishing, as we consider our next step!

A PASTOR'S RETREAT - After Monday morning's Mass, I will be traveling to Holy Cross Abbey in Berryville, Virginia where I will be making my annual retreat. Holy Cross Abbey is a Trappist monastery, with a guesthouse that is open to all. You are invited to Google its website, to get a better view of monastic life and their vocation to contemplative living. I will be returning by Friday afternoon. Thank you for your prayers! We are grateful to our retired priests who will assist with daily Mass!

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY- Bishop Mark Bartchak has granting a dispensation from the obligation of Catholics in the diocese to abstain from meat on Friday, March 17, 2023, the Feast of Saint Patrick. Bishop Bartchak requests that any Catholic in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown who chooses to accept this dispensation should perform some other act of penance in its place. The choice of such penance is to be determined by the individual. The Bishop recommends that the penance reflect the spirit of Lent, that is, acts of prayer or charity to the poor. Catholics who choose to observe the traditional Lenten abstinence from meat on that day are not required to perform any other penitential acts.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - In an attempt to encourage greater participation for Stations, and to promote a greater love for the Holy Eucharist, our Friday evening devotions will begin at 5:00 with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, with Stations of the Cross beginning at 5:30. Stations will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please consider joining us!

OUR COMMITMENT TO STEWARDSHIP! We might best consider Lent as our "Stewardship Season"! We are grateful to those who have already pledged for the coming year and encourage prayerful reflection on the measure of our giving in return for God's many blessings. Our pledge of prayer, service and sacrificial giving is our commitment to the ways in which we can give ourselves to God's work, commit our lives to God's service, and use our blessings to build up God's kingdom. We have mailed to each household a brightly colored brochure: **Sacred Giving in a World of Plenty**, which is particularly instructive, as you consider "taking a step" in your commitment to the financial support of our parish. Remember that your giving will not only help St. John's meet its rising operating expenses, but it will do YOU a world of spiritual good!!

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE 2023 -This year's campaign – TOGETHER WE SERVE – launches this weekend. The annual Catholic Ministries Drive supports 14 ministries through which people in our diocese are accompanied on their faith journey. There are so many gifted and generous laypersons in our diocese who share their time and talent to support our Catholic ministries. Without their help and your help, we could not fulfill our mission. This year, more so than others, our world, our nation, our communities, our parishes, and our families need tangible expressions of hope. Please reflect on Bishop Mark's invitation when it arrives and return your pledge card either through the mail or in next weekend's offertory. The year 2023 is a time for everyone to reflect on how we can best serve our Church, and taking part in our Catholic Ministries Drive is a great way to start, because TOGETHER WE SERVE. Thank you for supporting these vital ministries with sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure. 100% of your gift goes directly to these ministries!

HAITI SOUP SUPPER: Thanks to all who helped with our Ash Wednesday Soup Supper - those who made soup, helped set up, serve or clean up, and those who came to sample the delicious soup. We raised \$830.00 for Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Haiti.

ST. ROSE OF LIMA SVDP CONFERENCE CARE PACKAGE PROGRAM 2023: Please have all boxes returned to the Gathering Space by Saturday, March 11. The care packages will be delivered to these needy individuals and families with the help of Family Services and WIC.

PENANCE SERVICES IN OUR AREA:

St. Joseph, Bellwood - March 5 @ 5:00 PM
St. Matthew, Tyrone - March 13 @ 7:00 PM
St. Mary, Altoona - March 15 @ 5:30 PM
St. John the Evangelist, Altoona - March 19 @ 4:00 PM
Saint Therese, Altoona - March 25 @ 10:00 AM
St. Rose of Lima, Altoona - March 26 @ 5:00 PM
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Altoona - March 27 @ 7:00 PM
Cathedral, Altoona - March 29 @ 6:00 PM
Our Lady of Lourdes, Altoona - March 30 @ 5:30 PM
St. Mary, Hollidaysburg - April 2 @ 4:00 PM

Schedule for the Week of March 5

Sunday, March 5 - The Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM - Mass for *Ida Prosperi* requested by John Prosperi

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

Monday, March 6 - Lenten Weekday

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

Tuesday, March 7 - Lenten Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *James Baird* requested by Bob & Ginny Reeder

Wednesday, March 8 - Lenten Weekday

5:30 PM - Confessions

6:00 PM - Mass for *Clarence & Eileen Becker* requested by Becker Family

Thursday, March 9 - Lenten Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass For *Fred Mazzarella* requested by Karen Mazzarella

Friday, March 10 - Lenten Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass For *Sister Melaney* requested by Barbara Bundy

Saturday, March 11 - Vigil of The Third Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM - Mass for *Helen Single* requested by Marian Monios

Sunday, March 12 - The Third Sunday of Lent

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

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

ANNUAL MEN'S TURKEY DINNER: The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel in Loretto Annual Men's Turkey Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 12th as a drive-thru & take-out dinner. 11AM – until sold out. Turkey dinner with all of the trimmings \$14.00. Hope you enjoy and thanks for your support!

SELL YOUR OWN STUFF SALE: Holy Trinity is not having a Yard Sale this year. Please do not drop off any items. We will be having a "SELL YOUR OWN STUFF" event Saturday June 3rd. If you are interested in renting a space inside the Maria Parish Center for \$20.00 to "SELL YOUR OWN STUFF", please contact Jan at 814-942-7835.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Christian stewards, are offered the motivation to continue their 40-day journey toward deeper holiness on this Second Sunday of Lent. Abraham recognizes that all he has is a gift from God, puts his trust in God, and obeys. And God rewards him saying, "I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing." To "be a blessing" is the true aim of a stewardship way of life. In the Transfiguration of Jesus, the apostles who witnessed the true glory of God were awestruck as God spoke, "Listen to Him." The Lord reassured them saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." Let us take these two verses, "Listen to him," and "Rise, and do not be afraid" to heart. Let us rely on God's strength to aid us in our spiritual disciplines and extra acts of service as we move through Lent. We will arrive at Easter with deeper holiness, as a blessing to God and others. (*Stewardship Reflection*, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2013/01/31)

February 18/19

Envelopes	\$ 4,016.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 681.00
Children's Offering	\$ 3.00
Catholic Education	\$ 10.00
Parish Development	\$ 185.00
2nd Sunday Food Collection	\$ 205.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,369.00
Total Offertory	\$ 7,469.00

2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are available upon request. Please call the Parish Office at 814-942-5503 to request your giving statement. **A contribution statement will not be mailed to you unless you call the office to request it.** If you are registered with My Own Church, you can log in and download your statement yourself.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL: Transfiguration is a common occurrence in families. When we commit to another, such as a spouse in marriage or a child in parenting, we are not committing to them only as they are today, but to the person they are becoming. *Reprinted with permission: A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar.*

SAVING "SOLES": The Boy Scouts of Troop 49 have now collected over 2,500 pairs of gently used shoe! Thank you to everyone who helped us meet and exceed our goal! Walking is the primary mode of transportation in many developing nations and the shoes we've collected will be cleaned and sent to micro-entrepreneurs in developing nations for them to sell in their local communities in order for them to support themselves. Boy Scout Troop 49 is thankful for all your support to help both our Troop and these micro-entrepreneurs! The Shoes will be picked up in 1-45 days, so we will leave our boxes out until we have a date for pick-up. I will let you know once we have a final count of shoes. We are thrilled that we are surpassing our goal and have had such great support!

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:*

**Aiden • Seth Alexander • Janine Anna • Joshua Banks
Bernie Beiswenger • Diane Blyler • Scott Brenneman
Dan Burley • Cari Ann • Michelle Cooney
Ron Cunningham • Flo Dancha • Mary Lee DeStefano
Michael DeStefano • Charlie Elder • Kathy Felty
Leann Frazier • Ed Garlena • Gerry Gonsman
Sherryl Hartman • Bill Hoefler • Don James
Nancy James • Tim Jimenez • Marianne Jones
Neveah Langenbacher • Lisa • Elsie MacCullagh
Sherri Maffettone • Genevieve Mathias • Angela Mazzei
Susie Miller • Karrie McCall • James Mclarren
Sylvia Louise Mills • Donna Moyer • Ailani Myers
Deacon Gene Neral • Patricia Olson • Linda O'Sullivan
Sara Parrish • Mary Rajnish • Ryan Raybuck
Allison Recker • Bette Richards • Vicki Riley • John Rita
Carol Rodgers • Olga Romerowicz • Mike Rudolph
Bruce Shank • Anne Showalter • Betsy Slat
David Sunderland • Patty Swanson • Rick Swanson
Tim Temofonte • Marion Tessitore • Mary Truesdale
Kathy Wagner • Lois Werfel**

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

***Joy Lynn Soliday-Arend, sister-in-law of
Mary Grace and Michael Horton***

CA\$H BA\$H: Our Knights of Columbus is holding a Ca\$h Ba\$h at the East Freedom Fire Hall on Saturday, April 22, 2023. Tickets are \$40 each and include two dinners, beverages and one entry in the drawing. A basket raffle, multiple 50/50's and pull-tab tickets will also be offered throughout the evening. Cash and prizes valued at over \$2,500! Contact Chris Ringkamp (814-330-4074) or see any Knight for tickets.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR: There will be a Life in the Spirit Seminar presented by the Holy Spirit Ministry, on Saturday, March 25th at St. Mary Church in Hollidaysburg. The retreat, which focuses on the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, will include dynamic spiritual teachings and testimonies by: • Fr. Nathan Malavolti, T.O.R. • Fr. Alan Thomas • Fr. Brad Balwin, T.O.R. • Andre McCarville, and others. It will also include celebration of Mass, Spirit-filled praise and worship, and small group faith sharing. Lunch and dinner will be provided. Adults \$25 (\$20 if registered by Feb. 25th), students are free of charge. To register call 814-931-0192 or email auroares4@gmail.com Registration deadline is March 12th, or when at full capacity.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

- March 5: 9:15 - 10:45 AM Family Lent Event
- March 12: NO CLASS
- March 19: 9:15 - 10:45 AM Class
- March 26: 11th Grade Rite of Sending at 11:00 Mass (Candidates & Sponsors/Parents)

If you would like more information or have questions, please contact Diane Ryan at 814-942-5503 or email stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net.

GARVEY MANOR SALE: From now until May 9, friends of the community at Garvey Manor, will be collecting items for a sale that will benefit residents on the campus. If you have household items, garage items, decorations, books, paintings that you want to donate, take those items to the Sarina house between 8 am and 5 pm. **No clothes or shoes.** Please share this with friends.

FISH FRIES:

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament: lunch - Fridays of Lent, except Good Friday. The drive-thru lunches will be available from 11:00 A.M. until 1:30 P.M. Cost \$10.00.

Our Lady of Lourdes: Every Friday during Lent including Good Friday. Take out begins at 3:30. Eat in 4:30-7:00PM or until sold out. Cost \$14. Dessert, & drink with eat-in.

St. Patrick, Newry: Fridays during Lent, including Good Friday. 4:00 pm. Available for dine-in and take-out.

Adults: \$20.00. Children 5-12: \$15.00. 4 and Under: Free
New Baltimore: March 10th; 17th; 24th; & 31st from 3:30-6:30pm with the option of EAT-IN or TAKE-OUT. The cost is Adults: \$15; Under12: \$6; Under 5: Free.

LENTEN PARISH MISSION: Holy Name Parish, Ebensburg is sponsoring a Lenten Parish Mission with Fr. Vincent Lampert, Exorcist for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. He is also pastor of St. Peter and St. Michael Parishes in Brookville, Indiana. The mission will take place on Monday and Tuesday, March 13 and 14 at 7:00 P.M. in the church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

SACRED HEART NOVENA: The 58th Annual Novena in honor of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held from Monday, March 20 to Tuesday, March 28, at Sacred Heart Church (6th Avenue and 20th Street, Altoona.) Solemn Opening Mass will be celebrated on Monday, March 20, at 7:00 PM by Bishop Mark L. Bartchak as the Celebrant and Homilist. A complete schedule will be available on the first night of the novena in the church.



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