

# LENT 2019

St. John the Baptist Parish Family  
Rev. David J. Loeper, Pastor

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
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|   |  |   | <b>6 Ash Wednesday</b><br>In addition to fasting, attend an Ash Wednesday liturgy and wear the cross of ashes for the rest of the day.                | <b>7</b><br>Support your parish's Lent collections, whether it is the Bishop's Lenten campaign, Operation Rice Bowl or a mission collection.  | <b>8</b><br>It is our Catholic responsibility to abstain from eating meat on Fridays during Lent as a form of penance.  | <b>9</b><br>Adopt a priest or member of a religious order in your diocese and pray for him or her every day of Lent.  |
| <b>10</b><br>Stay a few minutes after Mass and ask God to bless this Lent and help you grow in holiness.  | <b>11</b><br>Start a journal for your prayer intentions. Wait and see how God, who always answers prayer, answers yours.   | <b>12</b><br>Call Catholic Relief Services (877-HELP-CRS or www.catholicrelief.org) to see how you can help those in need.  | <b>13</b><br>Today (and every day), refrain from gossiping.   | <b>14</b><br>Go on a "water fast," just for today and drink only water. Pray for those who may not be able to afford to drink coffee, tea, juice, soda, etc.                          | <b>15</b><br>Pray for God to bless someone you don't like, or who you know doesn't like you.  | <b>16</b><br>Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, given to the world through St. Faustina to help repair the hurt caused by sin. Find it at <a href="http://www.usccb.org">www.usccb.org</a> . |
| <b>17 St. Patrick's Day</b><br>St. Patrick evangelized Ireland. In his honor, explore ways to support your parish religious education program or youth group. | <b>18</b><br>Choose a virtue and practice it all week: prudence, justice, fortitude, temperance, faith, hope, or charity.  | <b>19 Solemnity of St. Joseph</b><br>St. Joseph served God faithfully. What God said, he did. Resolve today to fulfill your responsibilities without complaining. | <b>20</b><br>Be determined to go the entire day without judging or criticizing anyone.  | <b>21</b><br>Lent is a demanding time for parish priests. Call your parish office to offer extra support or help.   | <b>22</b><br>Turn off the TV, computer, or other electronics for 30 minutes today. Offer this time to God in prayer or reading Scripture.   | <b>23</b><br>Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist, waits for us in the tabernacle of every Catholic church. Make time to visit him, if only for a little while.                            |
| <b>24</b><br>Take one idea from today's Gospel reading or homily to put into practice this coming week.   | <b>25 The Annunciation</b><br>We celebrates Mary's "Yes" to God, in agreeing to be the Mother of Jesus. Pray for the courage to respond faithfully to whatever God asks. | <b>26</b><br>Ask God for a new grace today that will help you experience his personal love for you.   | <b>27</b><br>Make a fresh start on your Lenten journey today. Renew your Lenten observances.  | <b>28</b><br>Go through today only saying kind words. No snarky remarks or sarcasm allowed.   | <b>29</b><br>Browse a Catholic bookshop and find a good book to read during the rest of Lent.   | <b>30</b><br>Show Jesus you are willing to carry your cross by tackling something difficult you've been putting off.  |
| <b>31 Laetare Sunday</b><br>Make Sunday special. Invite friends and neighbors over for a potluck meal after Mass.   | <b>1 April</b><br>Make a good examination of conscience with the Ten Commandments as a guide. You can find them in Exodus, Chapter 20.                                   | <b>2</b><br>Find 30 minutes to read today's Gospel: John 5:1-16. Write down two thoughts it inspired and keep them with you throughout the day.                   | <b>3</b><br>Reach out to someone you know who is having a difficult time. Send an anonymous card with an encouraging message and enclose a gift card. | <b>4 St. Isidore of Seville</b><br>Find an unfamiliar term in the glossary of the <i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i> and read about it until you can explain it to someone else. | <b>5</b><br>Consider making today a day of fasting, in addition to abstinence. When tempted to snack, remember those who can't afford nutritional basics.                               | <b>6</b><br>Attend a Reconciliation Service or go to Confession on your own. Make a sincere Confession and experience the joy of God's forgiveness.   |
| <b>7</b><br>After Mass today, go out for coffee or breakfast with other parishioners from your parish.  | <b>8</b><br>Every day this week, get up 15 minutes earlier to pray.  | <b>9</b><br>Spread joy! Smile at everyone you meet, regardless of how you feel.   | <b>10</b><br>At least for today, give up worrying! When you are tempted to worry, pray instead and move on.   | <b>11</b><br>Fill a small Easter basket with treats and give to a friend. Include a prayer card, a Rosary, and a religious book.  | <b>12</b><br>Attend a Stations of the Cross service if your parish offers one. If not, find them on the USCCB website here: <a href="http://www.usccb.org/">http://www.usccb.org/</a> . | <b>13</b><br><b>Pope St. Martin</b><br>Pope St. Martin was martyred for his beliefs. In his honor, pray for Christians persecuted around the world.   |
| <b>14 Palm Sunday</b><br>Today's Gospel narrates the events of Holy Week. Place yourself in the scene and "walk through" Holy Week with our Lord.             | <b>15</b><br>Tonight and every night this week, pray for the catechumens coming into the Church at the Easter Vigil.   | <b>16</b><br>Go for a walk and look for signs of new life.  | <b>17</b><br>Read the seven penitential psalms in the Old Testament book of Psalms that express remorse for sins: 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, and 143.   | <b>18 Holy Thursday</b><br>The Church celebrates the Last Supper, when Jesus instituted the Eucharist and the priesthood. Celebrate by going to church tonight.                       | <b>19 Good Friday</b><br>Today is a day of fasting and abstinence. Read and meditate on John's account of Jesus' passion and death (John 18-19).  | <b>20 Holy Saturday</b><br>Choose an "Easter challenge" to help you continue to grow closer to God after Lent.  |

# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering **hope and joy** in the Catholic faith.

March 2019

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## One Minute Meditations

### St. Matilda

From early on, St. Matilda was known for her beauty, holiness and intelligence. She was happily married to Henry the Fowler and had five children. Beloved by her subjects, she was known for donating generously to the poor. When Henry died, Matilda's sons, Otto and Henry the Quarrelsome, fought over the crown. After a failed rebellion, Henry died and Matilda left to live in a convent. Upon her death, she donated everything she owned, including her burial shroud.



### Opportunities for holiness

It often seems that everyday life can't allow for a deep connection with God. When we are at work, or play, or at rest, we can do all things in a holy way. Each hour brings its chances for patience, kindness, unselfishness, and other virtues.

*"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need"*

(Hebrews 4:16).



## The new you

Lent is our chance to leave our old ways behind and adopt a new way of life. When Easter comes, what will the new you be like?

**Be a more positive thinker.** This is the keystone habit that will help you form the other important habits. Squash negative thinking and trust that God will work with you to accomplish goals you set that are in harmony with his will.

**Focus on what's important.** First, identify what is most important to you – family, friends, faith, and so on. Then eliminate everything else. Not only will you be free to focus on what is most important, this habit will spill over into other areas of your life, such

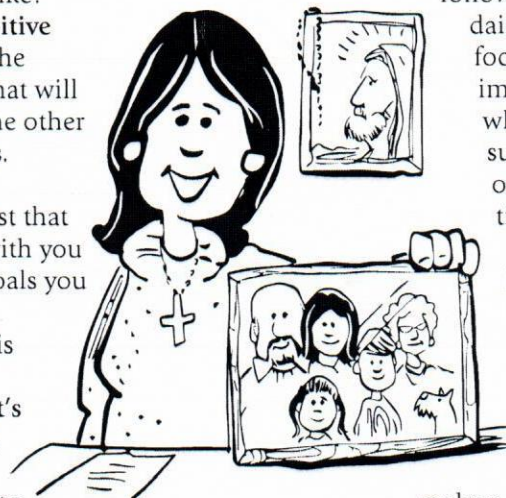
as tasks, projects, and communication.

**Find a powerful prayer routine.** The best prayer routines are the ones we follow every day. A firm, daily routine helps you focus on what's important, not just what comes up. Make sure to concentrate on Scripture and add time to listen, too.



**Add kindness.** Kindness is genuinely caring for others, wanting the best for them, and taking action to demonstrate that caring. Each day,

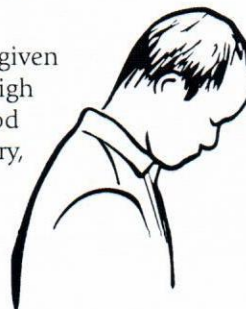
make a decision to add an act of kindness to your day. Let someone go ahead of you in line, give a sincere compliment to a stranger, praise a coworker's effort, greet a passerby.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics bow at the names of Jesus and Mary?

Bowing is a sign of honor given to royalty and to others of high status. Jesus is the Son of God and our king. Therefore, Mary, his mother, is the Mother of God and our queen. "A bow of the head is made when the three



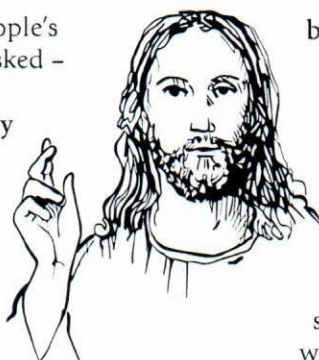
Divine Persons are named together and at the names of Jesus, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and of the Saint in whose honor Mass is being celebrated" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, #275a).

# Jesus always gives more than we ask

During his time on Earth, Jesus exceeded people's expectations. He always gave more than was asked – but exactly what was needed.

A paralyzed man sought a cure for his body but Jesus cured his soul (Mark 2:1-12). A man's friends brought him to Jesus to heal his body, but Jesus forgave his sins. As God, Jesus has the power to heal. As man, he identifies with our deepest needs and gives us what is required to overcome them.

A widow needed strength to bury her son



but Jesus gave him life (Luke 7:11-17). God's love for us is bigger than we can imagine and moves him to shower us with miracles.

Invited to attend a wedding, he elevated the marriage to a Sacrament (John 2:1-12). At his Mother's request, Jesus blessed a new marriage by replenishing their empty wine stocks with better refreshment than they could have imagined. When we ask for her help, she makes sure her Son gives us what we need and more than we can imagine.

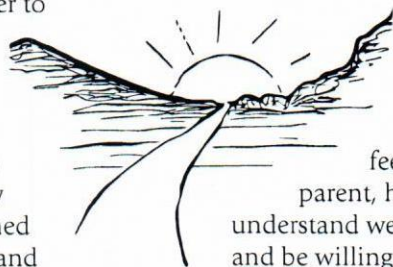
## from Scripture

**Luke 15:1-3, 11-32. Jesus promises we can always return home.**

In this Gospel reading, Jesus told the story of the Prodigal (or reckless) Son. It goes like this. One day, the younger son demanded his father to give him his share of the estate. He left to squander it far from home.

When his money was gone, his situation grew desperate and he returned to his father, humbled and asking for mercy. The father was overjoyed to have his son back and threw a huge party. The older son, however, resented his brother's welcome and complained to his father that he didn't

get half the amount of celebrating for his work—and he was the “good one!” Jesus promised that when we



approach God with a truly repentant heart, we can always come home. It's not that God wants us to feel bad, but, like any

parent, he wants us to understand we did something wrong and be willing to change. Through this parable, Jesus shows us that God is a loving, generous Father whose deepest nature is merciful, forgiving love. We are reminded that we can always come home.

## Q What is saintly & advice for A Confession?

It can be tempting to approach Confession like it's just another (unpleasant) obligation. In fact, Confession is more than “checking items



off the list.” It's an encounter with God's mercy. Try these timely tips from the saints to make the most of Confession:

**St. John Bosco – Be regular and consistent:** “Go to confession once a month, and not oftener than once a week, unless your confessor advises it.” Also, “Once we have chosen a confessor, we must go to him steadily [or else] he cannot advise us.”

**St. Francis de Sales – Be intentional:** “However small the sins you confess may be, always have sincere sorrow for them together with a firm resolution to correct them in the future.” Also, “Don't be satisfied with confessing [only] your venial sins...accuse yourself of the motive that led you to commit them.”

**St. Faustina Kowalska – Don't limit God's mercy:** “Each one can become a great saint, so great is the power of God's grace. It remains only for us not to oppose God's action.”

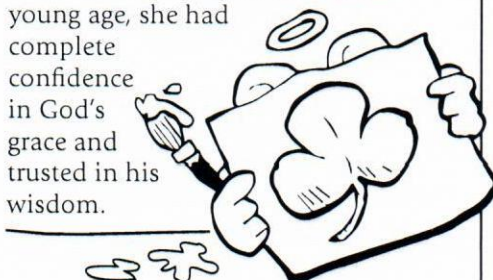
## Feasts & Celebrations

**March 6 – Ash Wednesday.** The first day of Lent. Ashes from the burnt palms of the previous Passion Sunday are blessed and placed on the foreheads as a sign of penance. Ash Wednesday is a day of abstinence from meat and fasting—eating one simple meal and two smaller meals that together don't equal a full meal.

**March 9 – St. Frances of Rome (1440).** Although she preferred a life of service, Frances' wealthy parents required that she marry. With a sister-in-law, Vannozza, Frances formed a group of women dedicated to serving

the poor. Frances honored her husband, cared for her children until their deaths, and served the poor and sick. She even converted her house into a hospital.

**March 25 – The Annunciation of the Lord (1st century).** The angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary with the extraordinary news of her role as the mother of God. Even at her young age, she had complete confidence in God's grace and trusted in his wisdom.



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**(St. John's Russell Building)**

**BAKED HADDOCK / BAKED SALMON  
BAKED LUMP CRAB CAKE  
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IN LENT  
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**(No Dinner on  
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**Adult Special:**

**Lump Crab Cake & Choice of Fish \$17.00**

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|----------------|--------|
| Baked Haddock  | \$8.00 |
| Baked Salmon   | \$8.00 |
| Lump Crab Cake | \$8.00 |



## LENTEN OBLIGATIONS

Church law considers every Friday during the Season of Lent as penitential days and times. The practice of penance is a part of our faith and Christian life. When we do penance, we imitate Jesus, who Himself recommended it as necessary to His followers and gave them the example of His prayer and fasting.

The Lenten obligation, as determined for Catholics in the United States by our bishops, requires that fasting be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The law of abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

### Who must fast?

All Catholics who are between the ages of 18 and 59. The obligation ceases when one begins his/her 60th year on his/her 59th birthday.

### Who must abstain?

All Catholics who are 14 years and older.

### What does fasting mean?

The observance of fasting means that those obliged may take only one full meal on the day of fast. Two lighter meals (not equal to another full meal) may be taken to maintain strength according to one's needs.

### What does abstinence mean?

The law of abstinence forbids the eating of meat, including poultry. Voluntary abstinence refers to refraining from lawful pleasures in a spirit of penance.

### Can anyone be dispensed or excused from fast and/or abstinence?

Individuals for a just cause may be dispensed by their pastor or by a priest with the faculty to do so. In our Diocese all priests may dispense individuals who are committed to their pastoral care. Those who are ill or have a similar serious reason are excused from the observance of fast and abstinence. Catholics are reminded that they should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

### Are there other obligations which we should fulfill?

Catholics are obliged to fulfill what has been called their "**Easter Duty**". They are required to receive Holy Communion during the Easter time. In the United States this obligation can be fulfilled from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday (March 10 to June 16, 2019). Those conscious of serious sin are reminded of the obligation to confess their sins at least once a year.

Catholics also are encouraged to make Lent a time of more intense prayer and to practice almsgiving and other works of charity. Parishes are encouraged to continue participation in Operation Rice Bowl.



Jesus falls a second time.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesdays during Lent

@ St. John's – 7 p.m. - Chapel

Please join us each Wednesday (except Ash Wednesday) during Lent.

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament,  
Stations of the Cross, followed by Benediction.

**St. John the Baptist  
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**8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**

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Deacons: Dr. Luis R. Visot & Lawrence Lonergan**

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**Weekend Mass Schedule**

Saturday Evening – 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday Morning – 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

**Weekday Mass Schedule (in Chapel)**

Monday thru Friday – 9:00 a.m.

**Cemetery Information**

John Consugar 622-2389  
George Smith 544-3294

**C.C.D.**

All children preparing to receive any sacrament must be in a Religious Education Program for two consecutive years immediately prior to receiving a Sacrament. The child must also be a practicing Catholic.

**Certificates of Eligibility**

Certificates to act as sponsors, Godparents, etc. will only be issued to parishioners who are formally registered with the church and attend Mass on a regular basis.

**New Parishioners**

Please call the Rectory for an appointment to register.

**Bulletin Deadline** – Tuesday prior to publication

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday afternoon – 4:15 to 4:45 p.m.  
Sunday – 7:45 to 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 to 10:15 a.m.  
or by appointment

**Sacrament of Marriage**

Please call the Rectory one year in advance.

**Sacrament of Baptism**

First Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m.  
Second Sunday during 10:30 a.m. Mass  
Baptismal Preparation for Parents **MUST**  
precede the Baptism.  
Please contact Father Dave for an appointment.

**Outreach Program**

Rectory 622-5470 ext.3

**Sick Calls**

Please notify the parish office

**Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator**

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC,LPC  
Confidential Phone (800) 791-9209

**Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator**

Sr. Meg Cole, S.S.J., M.S., LMFT  
(610) 332-0442 ext. 2019

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In the universe of light and dark, billions of stars sail across the sky. The starlight marks its own path. Only God could create such a clock work. This miracle is balanced on Sir Isaac Newton's third law of motion: "For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction."

We see this law demonstrated in our world of opposites. In the newspapers, we read of people going berserk with assault rifles while the next page may tell stories of saints like Mother Teresa.

We hear hints of this in this Sunday's gospel: "A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of the store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

Yours in Christ,  
Father Dave

### CANDLE DONATIONS

**BVM** - Health of Bill & Mary Ann Schweikert

**St. Joseph** - Health of Bill & Mary Ann Schweikert

**Tabernacle** IMO Mary Rinaldo by Vita Valenti

#### Sanctuary

1. IMO Francis Maley by Fred & Hilda Maley

2. IMO Joseph Maley by Fred & Hilda Maley

3. IMO Margaret Brown by Fred & Hilda Maley

4. Special Intention

#### Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Ramon Grapsy by Joan Grapsy

### PRAY FOR OUR SICK / DECEASED

We remember in prayer those who are ill. We commend to our Divine Lord all of our aged people and those residing in nursing homes.

**Sick:** Theresa Tuite, Joe Brahler, Tom Jefferson, Jean Hill, Paul Connors, Fred Maskerines, Dorothy Parsick, Frederick Hossler, Carol Heacock, Beth Resnick, Paul Burns, Joseph LeBlanc, Toni Wiest.

**Deceased:** John 'Babe' Heller



### ASH WEDNESDAY



With the sign of ashes we begin our journey to Easter. With the sign of ashes we are summoned to live with Christ. We make a beginning with ashes on this day and we will end this season in the fire of the Easter Vigil.

**9:00 a.m. - Mass & Distribution of Ashes**

**5:15 p.m. - Mass & Distribution of Ashes**

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday - March 4 - 9:00 a.m.**

**JOHN & LORRAINE TASSO**

**Tuesday, March 5 - 9:00 a.m.**

**MYRTLE STEIN** (Staff & Residents of York Terrace)

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#### ASH WEDNESDAY

**Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 a.m. - JOSEPHINE KOCHOL**

(John Lieberman Family)

**5:15 p.m. - BILL FLYNN** (Anonymous)

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**Thursday, March 7 - 9:00 a.m.**

**MARGARET BREHONY** (Ron & Pat Lombel)

**Friday, March 8 - 9:00 a.m.**

**TOM O'DONNELL** (Marie Flynn)

**Saturday, March 9 - 5 p.m.**

**DOMINIC & JOSEPHINE PILEGGI**

(Janet Daubert)

**Sunday - March 10 - 8:15 a.m.**

**DR. WILLIAM & ELLEN SCHLITZER** (Family)

**Sunday - March 10 - 10:30 a.m.**

**GERALD SCHOENAUER** (Barbara Schoenauer)

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**Tuesday - March 4**

**at York Terrace Nursing Home**

**BETTY KRAUSE** (Staff & Residents)

### DRAMATIC STATIONS

St. John's Dramatic Stations of the Cross recreates on stage and through song, the final days of the life of Jesus Christ.

We need men, women and children for the cast. There are many non-speaking parts for those who do not wish to assume a speaking role. People are also needed for the stage crew (props, lighting, sound, etc.) or to help distribute the costumes, etc. If you are a veteran of the Dramatic Stations Presentations, we are looking forward to your return and we ask that you please invite someone new to join you for this year's presentation. If you are new to the parish, we invite you to join us. In addition, it is a great way to meet new people. Many veterans tell us that their participation in the Dramatic Stations is a very meaningful and spiritual way for them to observe the Lenten Season. It is a wonderful family activity as well.



For further information or questions, please call

**Dr. Robert DeColli at 640-1910**

or the **Rectory 622-5470.**

#### REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

**Tuesdays & Thursdays - 7 to 8:15 p.m. - in church.**

**SCHEDULE**  
**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**9:00 a.m. – Wednesday – March 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Reader:** Mary Ann Schweikert  
**Euch.Min.:** School Teachers, Joyce Gerace  
**Servers:** Joshua Steffan, Macie Rushannon, Riley Doyle  
**Cantor:** Lucilla Kochol

**5:15 p.m. – Wednesday – March 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Reader:** Janet Daubert  
**Euch.Min.:** Ray Petrilla, Joe Rehnert  
**Servers:** Jude, Justice, Leah Scheidel  
**Cantor:** Mary Bound

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**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

**5 p.m. – Saturday – March 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Reader:** Heidi Gorski  
**Euch.Min.:** Gerry Schwartz, Mary Jean Morgalis  
**Servers:** Reese Ketner, Stanley & Aleksander Gorski  
**Cantor:** Lucilla Kochol

**8:15 a.m. – Sunday – March 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Reader:** Bill Gianfagna  
**Euch.Min.:** Paul & Debbie Herb  
**Servers:** Madison & Caden Wright, Kaitlin Painter  
**Cantor:** Tina Seiger

**10:30 a.m. – Sunday – March 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Reader:** Mary Matulevich  
**Euch.Min.:** Charles Miller, John Ventura  
**Servers:** Evelyn Datte, Nathan & Aliyah Peckman  
**Cantor:** Dave Derbes

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

How can I help draw others closer to Christ this week through the words I speak?

**Next Week's Readings**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**Reading I:** Joel 1:12-18

**Reading II:** 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2

**Gospel:** Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT** (March 9/10)

**Reading I:** Deuteronomy 26:4-10

**Reading II:** Romans 10:8-13

**Gospel:** Luke 4:1-13

**OPERATION RICE BOWL**

**Encounter Lent.** Join our faith community – and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States – in a life-challenging Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. **During the next 40 days of Lent,** we will encounter the needs of the world. And don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app!

**Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl located at the back or front exits.**

**PARISH MISSION**



Jesus makes a promise in the Gospel of John: "I have come so that you might have life, and have it to the fullest." Jesus promises to give us a full and abundant life. But often, we fall short of this promise. We would like to invite all of you to our upcoming

**HOLINESS REVOLUTION PARISH MISSION ...**  
**March 24, 25, 26 --- 7 to 8:15 p.m.**

What is the goal of this Mission? ... To help fill you with life; To help awaken you to what's really important in life and help you discover how to live with each day with more passion and purpose.

This **Parish Mission** is really for everyone.

- Whether you are advanced in your faith and hungry to be taken deeper, or if you are a person with a lot of questions about God and religion - this Mission is for you.
- Whether you are male or female, single or married, young or old, middle school or high school – this Mission is for you.
- Whether you've been to a parish mission before, or never stepped foot at a retreat – this Mission is for you.

We want to do something really special with this year's Parish Mission. We want to challenge all of you to invite a few people to attend the Mission with you.

- Maybe invite your middle school or high school teenagers to attend with you.
- Maybe you invite a co-worker who is hungry for more, even if they aren't catholic.
- Maybe invite someone in the parish or the school who you know doesn't come to Mass each week and could really use an invitation back to the Church.
- Whoever it is, please just extend a heart-felt invitation!

For this year's Mission, we will be bringing in an international speaker and best-selling catholic author, **Dan DeMatte**. Dan also starred in A&E's reality TV show, *God or the Girl*, as well as defended the teachings of the Catholic faith on Larry King Live, The View, and the Today Show. Dan DeMatte is also the host of a new radio show called, *Encounter*. He proclaims the Gospel with passion, energy, and overflowing joy. He will challenge you to be the best God created you to be.



## UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

### March

- 3 Healing Our Church – 4:30 to 6 p.m. – L.H.  
5 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
6 Ash Wednesday – Masses 9 a.m. & 5:15 p.m.  
7 RCIA – 7 p.m. – L.H.  
8 Lenten Dinner – 4 to 7 p.m. – R.B.  
10 Healing Our Church – 4:30 to 6 p.m. – L.H.  
10 Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H.  
11 Parish Council – 7 p.m. – L.H.  
12 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
13 St. John's Family Guild Mtg. – 6:30 p.m. – F.R.  
13 St. John's Beneficial Society – 8 p.m. – F.R.  
13 Stations of the Cross – 7 p.m. – Chapel  
14 RCIA – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
15 Lenten Dinners – 4 to 7 p.m. – R.B.  
16/17 Blood Pressure Screenings – after Masses  
17 Healing Our Church – 4:30 to 6 p.m. – L.H.  
19 Men's Gospel Reflection Group – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
20 Stations of the Cross – 7 p.m. – Chapel  
20 Catholic Women's Union – 7:30 p.m. – L.H.  
21 RCIA – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
22 Lenten Dinners – 4 to 7 p.m. – R.B.  
24 Last Confirmation Class – 6:30 p.m. – L.H.  
24/25/26 Parish Mission – 7 to 8:15 – L.H.  
27 Stations of the Cross – 7 p.m. – chapel  
28 RCIA – 7 p.m. – F.R.  
29 Lenten Dinners – 4 to 7 p.m. – R.B.  
31 Healing Our Church – 4:30 to 6 p.m. – L.H.

\*\* L.H. – Longinus Hall

\*\* F.R. – Rectory Fellowship Room

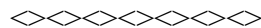
\*\* R.B. – Russell Building

## **LENTEN DINNERS**

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

#### THURSDAYS

Preparation for Lenten Dinners  
Anytime between 9:30 a.m. & 2 p.m.  
at the Russell Building  
Please call the Rectory: 622-5470



#### FRIDAYS

### WE NEED YOUR HELP.

If you can help on Fridays during Lent, please let us know when you are available.

Students (12 and over) always welcome (excellent idea if you need service hours).

New faces always welcome ...perhaps you are new to the parish and are looking for a way to get involved.

**Waitresses & Waiters needed .... 3:45 to 7 p.m.**

**Help Loading Dishwasher ... 4 to 8 p.m.**

**Clean-up ... 6:45 to 8 p.m.**

**Just call our Scheduler .....**

**Maeve Ketner at 570-624-1452 or 570-573-8769.**

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

February 23/24: \$ 4,493.60

*We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving.*

### NEIGHBORING EVENTS

**RUMMAGE SALE / FOOD SALE** sponsored by St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Frackville **on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Hall, 9 S. Broad Mt. Ave. in Frackville, on March 2 & 3 from 12 to 3 p.m.; March 5 & 7 from 5 to 7 p.m. (please no clothing, electronics or appliances). For more information please call 874-0610.

**SPRING BAZAAR** sponsored by St. Charles Borromeo Parish on **Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Parish Hall, 1115 Walnut St., Ashland. Bake Sale, White Elephant Sale, Homemade Soups, Halushki, BBQ, Sausage, Door Prizes and much more.

**BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY** Please join us for a presentation ... **"Grief, Bereavement and Moving On"** by Catholic Charities on **Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> - 6 p.m.** at St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall, 9 S. Broad Mt. Ave. in Frackville. Presenter is Lisa Taylor, LCSW (Clinical Supervisor Counseling Department) (Free and open to the public). If inclement weather, presentation will take place Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

## **LENTEN DINNERS**

### HOMEMADE DESSERTS NEEDED

*"St. John's is famous for their delicious homemade desserts"*

St. John's Food Committee is in need of your baking talents. Each year we could not succeed without your delicious desserts. If you would like to make Jello, Pudding, Pies, Cakes, or anything you can dream up, we will greatly appreciate it. Please make your favorite dessert and bring it to the Russell Building on Thursdays or Fridays during Lent.



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### **50 / 50 CHANCES**

Every Friday during Lent  
the Catholic Women's Union  
will sell 50/50 Chances at the Lenten Dinners.  
Drawings will take place at 7 p.m. each week.

