

March 11th – March 24th, 2019

M: St Mary • J: St Joseph • Rc: rectory chapel

Our bulletin covers several weeks!



Mar 12 6pm • M † Leo Kuzma

Mar 13 9am • J Rc † Frances Filorets

r/o Cecelia Funanage

Mar 14 9am • J Rc Val Sutton (Health & Thanksgiving)

r/o Kosciuk Family

Mar 15* 9am • J Rc † Msgr Louis Antonelli r/o Bette Shamany

***Stations @ (SM) 6:30pm**

March 16th/March 17th • Second Sunday of Lent •

3:30pm • J † Cassandra Stockton r/o Robert & Cynthia Bruno

5:15pm • M † Grandparents of the Blaschak &

Ambrose Family r/o Stan & Marie Piskowski & Family

8:15am • J † John & Rachel Horvath r/o Family

10:15am • M † Victor & Dorothy Yanuskiewicz

r/o Son, Victor

Mar 19 6pm • M † Joanne Aponick r/o Bill & Alice Jarzinko

Mar 20 9am • J Rc † Myles Hansburg

Mar 21 9am • J Rc † Emilie Harbour r/o Cecelia Funanage

Mar 22* 9am • J Rc † Winifred Mitchell-Lyons

***Stations @ (SM) 6:30pm**

March 23rd/March 24th • Third Sunday of Lent •

3:30pm • J Val Sutton (Healing & Full Recovery) r/o Mike & Judy Dziak

5:15pm • M People of the Parish

8:15am • J † Eugene & Helen Recla r/o Daughter's & Their Family

10:15am • M † Theresa Ney r/o Ney & Possessy Family



❖ **STEWARDSHIP: M:** 2/24:S: 826; 3/3:S: 999; Dues: 435; Energy: 105 • **J:**2/24:S: 1710; 3/3:S: 823; Dues: 376; Energy: 75; Bldg: 545



❖ **Stations:** Stations will take place alternating between churches on a Friday @ 6:30. See mass schedule for location.

❖ **Cemetery Care:** As we prepare for spring and grass cutting season, we are asking that all Christmas decorations be taken down. **Rules & Regulations of the Diocese** there is to be **no** coping, curbing, fencing, hedging, borders, or enclosures of any kind shall be allowed around the plot. The Cemetery Authorities reserve the right without prior notice to remove same if so erected, planted, or placed.

► **HOPE Ministry:** If you or someone you know in our community could use some temporary help with meals, errands, rides to church or appointments HOPE Ministry can help. HOPE Ministry is also seeking volunteers to help serve those in need. **Call Nancy 215-801-5797 or Arlene 570-590-5810**

A Note from Fr. Tolentino

Bible Study

"Disciples of Christ Living The Gospel: Bible Study For Beginners Part I"

Are you interested in actively living your life as a disciple of Christ living the Gospel? Would you like to know the Word of God better through Catholic bible study and deepen your prayer? Join the "Disciples of Christ Living The Gospel: Bible Study For Beginners Part I" with Father Tolentino at St. Joseph Rectory, every other Thursday during Lent from 6:30-8:00 PM, beginning on Thursday, March 14, 2019. * Call or email the parish secretary at the parish office to sign up in advance. *

You will need the following books for class (You are welcome to attend the first class even if you do not have all of the required books yet):

1. **New American Bible Revised Edition** (recommend: NABRE - New American Bible Revised Edition, Publisher: Saint Benedict Press; New American Bible Revised Edition edition (March 15, 2010) Paperback ISBN-10: 9781935302599, ISBN-13: 978-1935302599; Imitation Leather version: ISBN-10: 9781935302575; ISBN-13: 978-1935302575)
2. **Bible Basics for Catholics:** "A New Picture of Salvation History" by John Bergsma, Publisher: Ave Maria Press; Revised edition (October 2, 2015) ISBN-10: 1594713472; ISBN-13: 978-1594713477; (available from CatholicProductions.com, Amazon.com, etc.)
3. **Catechism of the Catholic Church: Second Edition** (Publisher: Double Day; 2nd edition (March 4, 2003 ISBN-10: 0385508190, ISBN-13: 978-0385508193)

Our Lenten Obligation

Church law considers every Friday and 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 & 59. The obligation ceases when one begins his/her 60th yr 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 dispense 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.

❖ **Prayer List Permission Form:** Names are placed on the prayer list, unless otherwise notified, for 60 days. After that time, a permission form must be re-submitted.

❖ **Pray for:** Fill out the forms, even if you're healthy & would like to be prayed for in times of need! •Victor Yanuskiewicz •Joe Tomtishen Sr. • Phil & Shirley Kennedy •Fr. Jim Torpey



To the family of **Joanne Aponick** a parishioner buried from St Mary's. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord...

❖ **Healing Our Church Discussion Groups will be held during Lent**

Catholics throughout the Diocese of Allentown are invited to attend small-group discussions, moderated by fellow parishioners, and designed to encourage reflection and conversation about the clergy abuse crisis. To register call the parish office.

❖ **Lenten Symbol:** is distributed the 1st Sunday of Lent. The beautiful image allows us to keep the reminder before us on the Lenten journey. The symbols are given in memory of **Ron Rader** by LouAnn/Lindsay.

❖ **Birthday Blessings:** James Barrett: 3/11; Kaitlyn Lorah, Margaret Popalis: 3/12; David Krajnikovich: 3/14; Jeffrey Markosky: 3/15; Rachel Bell, Jennifer Fritz: 3/17; Daniel Roulin: 3/18; Steve Wargo: 3/19; Sean Kramer, Allison McClafferty, Matthew Milosh, Josh Pukavage, Paul Burke: 3/20; Matthew Stivers: 3/22; Linda Morgovnik, Dorothy Hovanec: 3/24

If your birthday was missed, call the office to update your information.

♪ **St. Mary's Choir:** We are taking orders for our Shoo Fly Pies now until 3/29. The cost is \$8. **This year we are trying something new!** We will be taking orders at the same time for our own homemade crusts. If you like to bake, but hate to roll your own dough, we'll do it for you! The pie size is 8" and the cost is \$2.00 each. Our crusts are 100% homemade and they are easily frozen for future baking. Our pie sales pay for the Breaking Bread Missiles and miscellaneous things that are needed during the year for our church. We think our choir is the best around our area! Anyone interested in singing with our choir can join us any Saturday or Sunday. **We seek donations of flour.** Donations can be dropped off at church or the parish office.

☀ **Block Party News:** *St Mary's block party is scheduled for June 7th & June 8th!* Please watch for your letter and envelope coming in the near future. There will be plenty of fun and excitement for everyone!



❖ **K of C Happenings:** next meeting Mar 17th.

▶ **Bleenie Sale:** Friday, April 5th @ St. Mary's 11:00am-until sellout

▶ Knights of Columbus Council 16072 **Scholarship** – Due date is May 12th 2019 – Information can be found on the parish website. Seniors from either of our parishes are encouraged to apply.

▶ **40 Cans for Lent/40 Days for Life!** Our commitment to the poor challenges us to serve Christ by donating a can good for each day of Lent. Our goal is to reach **1,000 lbs of canned food items** between both parishes. The food will be distributed to support the poor in our area.



Collection boxes can be found in the back of the church.

❖ **St. Joseph's 50/50:** Winners: January – Theresa Novak \$62.50, February - Lisa Balkiewicz \$62. Congrats!

March tickets are out. Extra tickets are available.

❖ **Grand Raffle @ SJ:** Our Annual Picnic will be here before you know it and prizes are needed for the Grand Raffle. Please consider donating a gift card, cash prize or an item. We ask that the value be no less than \$25. Donation forms with more information are at the entrance to church. We need time to have the tickets printed, so it is important that we receive donations on or before March 10th. We are celebrating our **125th Anniversary** of our church, so let's make this the best raffle ever!

♥ A fund raiser for **Valerie Sutton**, a parishioner from St. Joseph's who was seriously injured in an industrial accident, is being sponsored by friends and family on March 30th from 2-6 p.m. at the Cove Village Lodge. Please see the flyer posted in church for further information

Mission Trip: Support is sought for. Sara Osilka, a parishioner from St. Mary's and a current student at University of Pittsburgh, will be going on her third mission trip to the Dominican Republic this May. Monetary donations would be appreciated to support her in this endeavor. **Checks made payable to: St. Mary's Church, in the memo Mission trip Sara Osilka.** Donations can be put in the collection basket. Physical donations will also be greatly appreciated.

❖ **SCRIP:** We've: \$25 & \$100 Amazon, \$25 Applebee's, \$25 Apple itunes\$, 10 Bath & Body Works, \$25 Bed Bath & Beyond, \$25 Boscov's, \$25 Cabela's, \$25 Cracker Barrel, \$25 CVS, \$10 Dairy Queen, \$25 Dunham's, \$25 & \$10 Dunkin' Donuts, \$25 Gap/Old Navy, \$25 & \$50 Giant Foods, \$25 Home Depot, \$10 Long John Silvers, \$25 & \$100 Lowes, \$25 Macy's, \$25 Michael's, \$25 Olive Garden, \$10 & \$25 Panera Bread \$25 PetSmart, \$10 Pizza Hut, \$25 Regal Cinema, \$10 Regal Cinema (Admit one), \$25 Sheetz, \$50 Sunoco, \$25 Target, \$25 TJ Maxx/Marshall's, \$25 Walmart/Sam's, \$100 Walmart/Sam's, \$25 Weis, \$100 Weis. Thank you to all who support this fund-raising program by purchasing scrip cards for gifts as well as for their everyday purchases! *We're taking orders/sell @ St Joseph's after mass. Contact the parish office to place an order!*

❖ **Redner's Save-A-Tape:** Save your receipts, put them in Sunday Stewardship. (M) benefit 1%. **For your receipts to count toward the church you must sign up at Redners service desk!**

❖ **Outside Events:** •**John Anczarski Memorial Scholarship:** Applications at NSHS & St. John's Office, Ringtown. NS Sr's. Deadline: 4/30@ NS Guidance Office or mail to address on application. • **St Paul' UCC:** Kauffman's Chicken B-B-Q, 4/23, \$9.50. Take out only. For tickets contact Janice Hoffman 889-3494, June Gowdy 889-5912 or Pastor Craig 889-3074 • **St. John's Lutheran Church:** Breakfast 3/24 10-1pm \$8/adults, \$4/under 10, Free/under 5. 15 W Park Ave., Brandonville



• **Trinity Academy:** Basket Auction Apr. 5-6 at St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall, Frackville. **Friday** 5:00pm-9:00pm & **Saturday** 11:00am-3:00pm. Drawing will begin at 3:15pm.