

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY - March 20

8:00 A.M. - Theresa Tringali - Mary Beth & Robert

TUESDAY - March 21

8:00 A.M. - Irene Korponay - Eileen & Cyril Cullen

WEDNESDAY - March 22

8:00 A.M. - Communion Service

7:00 P.M. - Edward Haefele, Sr.

THURSDAY - March 23

8:00 A.M. - Betty Weiland - Louise Baran

FRIDAY - March 24

8:00 A.M. - John H. Wubbel - Family

SATURDAY - March 25

8:00 A.M. - Dianne & Gerald Stiles -
Donna & Fred Talcove

5:00 P.M. - Harry Franks - Ted & Janet Achuff

SUNDAY - March 26

8:30 A.M. - Jay Walsh - Carol & Bob Baker

10:30 A.M. - Kathy Stay - Our Lady's Guild

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Today Our Lady's Guild New Members
Brunch, Noon

Monday Confessions, 5:30 P.M.
Liturgy Committee, 7:00 P.M.
Quilter's Club, 7:00 P.M.
Compassionate Friends, 7:00 P.M.

Tuesday Social Concerns Comm., 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday... Lenten Mass, 7:00 P.M.

Thursday Parish Pastoral Council, 7:00 P.M.

Friday Fish Fry, 5:00 P.M.
Stations of the Cross, 7:00 P.M.

FUTURE HAPPENINGS IN THE PARISH

March 28 Lenten Penance Service

April 2 Palm Sunday: Holy Week begins

April 3 Seder Supper

April 5 Our Lady's Guild

April 6 Holy Triduum

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER RICH: It is the Fourth Sunday of Lent this week and, hopefully, we are still keeping to our sacrifices, whether that be giving up something or doing some extra faith activities. Human nature as it is, though, we tend to get a little tired and restless after awhile doing the same routine – especially if it is sacrificial activity. This Sunday is also called Laetare Sunday or Rejoice Sunday. It is like a 'shot in the arm' to help keep us on tract and not give up. Soon we will be remembering the horrors of the Passion and all Jesus endured for us. But this day reminds us of the results of that Passion — which is Resurrection. We wear the pink – oh no – the rose vestments at Mass telling us to look beyond the suffering to the end result of rising, of overcoming our difficulties, of beating the troubles that plaque our lives. It is a day to 'rejoice' because with Jesus we can overcome all obstacles. Continue your sacrifices but know the end result will be great.

FRIDAY FISH DINNERS are held every Friday during Lent from 5:00 to 6:45 P.M. in the Hall. Adult dinners include baked or fried haddock, french fries and cole slaw for \$10.00. Children's menu is grilled cheese and french fries for \$5.00. Order forms are at the information desk in the Narthex. This helps us plan and prepare for each Friday night. Walk-ins at the door always welcome. Take-outs also available.



CHURCH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection - \$5,777.00

Second Collection - \$2,155.00

Special Envelopes - \$ 253.00

Online Giving - \$2,272.00

Total Collection (03-12-2023) - \$10,457.00

Envelopes used - 196

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

THE DECEASED: AILEEN ROMANO and **ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED. LORD, GRANT THEM ETERNAL PEACE.**

THE SICK: Charles Martinelli, Giavanna Sciabica, Helen Suwalski, Elly Loveley, Dee Strauss, Margaret Salgado, Vincent Ferry, Robet Genovese, Ralph Musto, Rosanne Cavataio, Vincent Cavataio, John Hamill, Robert Geffers, Victoria Ravelo, Cyril Cullen, Anna Vergara, Chris Savage, Bob Loeber, Liza Bonisese, Judy Markovsky, Lisa Gurgick, Paul Luyet, Larry & Gae Oliveri, Kim Herring, Lilly Macik, Linda Pagels, Frank Cabrera, William Delahanty, Dax Delorme, Ines Masucci, Mike Merola, JoAnne Aragona, Rose Alfano, Dominick Andriola, Patricia Andriola, Hayley Rodgers, Susan Toppel, Carmella Calderone. **LORD, HELP THEM IN THEIR TIME OF NEED.**

ADULT EDUCATION “ENGAGE”: On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, Bishop Barron brings into focus the



healing of the blind man with a mud paste (John 9: 1-41). The man is repeatedly questioned by the Pharisees about the healing and responds: “*This is what is so*

amazing, that you do not know where He is from, yet He opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does His will, He listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, He would not be able to do anything.” Ask yourself: Are you fully seeing the gifts of God? What are you doing this Lent to improve your spiritual sight? Not signed up? Visit “olvchurch.com” and click on the flocknote box or text “victory” to 84576 and follow the instructions. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #12114

SEDER SUPPER: We are now taking reservations for our Annual Seder Supper to be held in our Hall on Monday, April 3rd. The Seder is the sacred meal of the Passover and the meal from which ritual elements of our Mass are taken. We will listen to the story of the Passover and bless the symbolic foods. We follow the Passover ritual including serving lamb and tasting the traditional foods. *Call the Church to reserve your spot and get information about the Seder. Deadline for reservations is March 27th.* We ask a nominal donation of \$5.00 to help defray some of the costs.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS “C.O.A.L.” TICKETS:

These raffle tickets are available from any member of the Knights of Columbus or in the Church office. This is a national fund raiser to help support and fund the many charitable works done by the Knights. Tickets are \$5.00 each with a top prize of \$15,000.00. Purchase a few tickets, maybe win a prize of two, but more so, support the charitable work of this fraternal organization.



BAPTISM CLASS: Parents planning a Baptism here at Our Lady of Victory, need first to attend one of the bi-monthly classes. The next session is Sunday, April 16th at 1:00 P.M. You will learn about the Church’s responsibility as well as your responsibility through the Sacrament of Baptism. Godparents are invited to attend with you. Godparents will need a sponsor card from their respective churches. Call the office to register.

SEASON OF LENT

During Lent, seek the Lord’s peace in your heart. Experience it in prayer, talking with God. Feel it in your generosity, helping someone else in a difficult time. And feel it in confession or in forgiving another his faults



LENTEN MASS: Every Wednesday evening at 7:00 P.M. we offer a Lenten Mass to give you the opportunity to receive the Eucharist, our spiritual food.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Jesus carried the cross of our sins to suffer for them and promise us eternal life. Come walk with the Lord on that road to Calvary every Friday at 7:00 P.M. Stations are followed by Benediction.

CONFESSIONS: “THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU”

Come be reconciled with the Lord through his Sacrament of Peace and Reconciliation. Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:45 P.M. and on Monday evenings from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M. Our Parish Penance Service is Tuesday, March 28th at 7:00 P.M. when four priests will be here to offer you absolution and forgiveness of your sins.

CHURCH IS OPEN all day. Why not stop in for a few minutes and say hello to Jesus? A little prayer can go a long way.

LENTEN COIN FOLDERS: These are our sacrificial offerings for the benefit of others. Monies raised support our parish food pantry, Operation Rice Bowl and those people experiencing an emergency situation. “When I was hungry ...”

ABSTINENCE: All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence, that is, no meat may be eaten for all those from the age of fourteen.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE will be held on Tuesday, March 28th beginning at 7:00 P.M. There will be four priests here to offer you absolution for your sins. Lent is the season where we reflect deeply on our faith and recognize more readily our sinfulness. Come experience the peace of Christ through the forgiveness of your sins. Take advantage of this opportunity to be reconciled with the Lord.



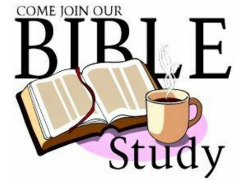
MEMORIAL BRICKS: An order for bricks will be placed right after Easter. This will probably be the last time we will add bricks to the walkway leading to the Shrine of Our Lady of Life. So if you want one placed there, get your order in today. Order forms are on the table in the Narthex. Bricks are \$75 each with four lines of space for your tribute. Order yours today and leave a lasting tribute to your loved one.



CHURCH CLEANERS: Every Monday morning, a group of dedicated and generous people gather to clean the Church. From dusting, vacuuming, wiping down everything, changing the fonts and a host of other things (that you wouldn't notice unless it doesn't get done), is the work they do every week. We really could use some more help, so it would be easier for everyone and maybe even make two shifts working every other week. Call the Church office (570-629-4572) with your name and number or come Monday morning after Mass and see what it entails.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY: We will be starting another 6-week Bible study session on Wednesday, April 12th. This is part two of the study of the Gospel of John. It begins with the final "sign" of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead and takes readers to the hour of Jesus' glorification in his passion, death, and resurrection. Enter into this deeply spiritual Gospel and its remarkable account of the Son of God who is willingly "lifted up" on the cross, fully revealing the Father and drawing all people to himself. It will start on April 12th at 7:00 P.M. in the upper meeting room. Cost is \$11 for all supplies. For more information, contact Karen Miller at 972-814-2410.



MR. Z'S, WEIS MARKETS & SHOPRITE (in Brodheadsville) REGISTER TAPES: We continue to save these register receipts and get cash donations from the market. There is a basket by the bulletin board in the Narthex for them. It's a great parish fund raiser and it doesn't cost anything.

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE	
Sunday, April 2:	PALM SUNDAY
	Palms distributed & blessed at all Masses
Monday, April 3:	Seder Supper, 6:30 P.M.
Wednesday, April 5:	Lenten Mass, 7:00 P.M.
Thursday, April 6:	HOLY THURSDAY
	9:00 A.M. – Morning Prayer
	7:00 P.M. – Mass of the Lord's Supper
	til 10:00 P.M.: Adoration in Chapel
Friday, April 7:	GOOD FRIDAY
	9:00 A.M. – Morning Prayer
	3:00 P.M. – Service of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion
	7:30 P.M. – Tenebrae
Saturday, April 8:	HOLY SATURDAY
	9:00 A.M. – Morning Prayer
	1:00 P.M. – Blessing of Easter Food
	8:00 P.M. – Solemn Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday, April 9:	EASTER SUNDAY
	8:30 A.M. – Easter Mass
	10:30 A.M. – Easter Mass
	Noon – -- Easter Mass