

+MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK+**MONDAY - March 18**

8:00 A.M. - Marie Ebeling - Husband, Gus

TUESDAY - March 19

8:00 A.M - Deborah Matergia - Nancy & Tom Dunn

WEDNESDAY - March 20

8:00 A.M. - Bill Bradley, Jr. - Our Lady's Guild

7:00 P.M. - Roseanne Cavataio - Sylvia Nelita

THURSDAY - March 21

8:00 A.M. - Nancy Gillette - Loretta Cassidy & Fam

FRIDAY - March 22

8:00 A.M. - Rita Sweeney - Lillian & Roger Dunn

SATURDAY - March 23

8:00 A.M - Diane Delaney - Rita & Paul Gorman

5:00 P.M. - Harry Franks - The Family

SUNDAY - March 24

8:30 A.M. - JoAnn Aragona - Our Lady's Guild

10:30 A.M. - John Wubbel - The Family

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Today	Seniors Dinner,	1:00 P.M.
Monday	Confessions & Adoration,	5:30 P.M.
	Liturgy Committee,	7:00 P.M.
	Quilter's Club,	7:00 P.M.
Tuesday	PENANCE SERVICE,	7:00 P.M.
Wednesday .	Lenten Mass,	7:00 P.M.
Thursday	Parish Pastoral Council,	7:00 P.M.
Friday	Stations of the Cross,	7:00 P.M.

FUTURE HAPPENINGS IN THE PARISH

March 24	Youth Group
March 25	Seder Supper
March 28-30..	Holy Triduum
April 3	Our Lady's Guild
April 4	Knights of Columbus
April 7	Divine Mercy Sunday
April 14	Baptism Class
April 21	Spaghetti & Meatballs Dinner

CHURCH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection - \$ 6,247.00

Second Collection - \$ 2,231.00

Special Envelopes - \$ 56.00

Online Giving - \$ 2,073.00

Total Collection (3-10-2024) - \$ 10,607.00

Envelopes used - 202

Thank you for Your Support & Generosity!

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER RICH: In the start of today's Gospel, some Greeks said to Philip, "We would like to see Jesus!" In my priesthood, I've been asked



that many times, from little children asking what does Jesus look like, to teenagers questioning their faith, to adults wondering if God is really present in our world with all the bad things that are going on. None of these people wanted a theological or Biblical discourse. In answering their question, I start with a question for them: What does Jesus look like? You're not going to see him, if you don't know what He looks like. So I say to them, show them what Jesus looks like. The kids drew pictures of Jesus praying or helping someone. The teens spoke of him as a parent, either telling them what to do or what not to do. The adults, more often than not, see him in a role of forgiveness. So where do we see Jesus? Look around you, not through your eyes, but through faith. See him in the Eucharist we celebrate each week, a person praying, another maybe crying or even a young mother exasperated by a crying child. See him in the neighborhood as someone needing some help or even directions. See him at home in a child having problems in school or with their peers. You want to see Jesus, then be Jesus for them. Be caring, welcoming, tend to another's needs. The resulting kindness will be seeing Jesus.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

THE SICK: Linda Coburn, Chris Jenner, Evelyn Sheehay, Brian Daun, Giavanna Sciabicca, Tracy Pelonero, Janusz Kasperek, Bob Young, John Hamill, Nora Musto, Robert Geffers, Paul Luyet, Larry and Gae Oliveri, Frank Cabrera, Mike Merola, Rose Alfano, Dominick Andriola, Hayley Rogers, Carmella Calderone, and Lorna Anderson. **LORD, HELP THEM IN THEIR TIME OF NEED.**

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE will be held on Tuesday, March 28th beginning at 7:00 P.M. There will be four priests here to hear confessions. 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.



SEASON OF LENT

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.

ADORATION & EXPOSITION will take place on Mondays of Lent from 5:30 to 6:30 P.M. This corresponds to the confession schedule. Come spend some prayer time with the Lord.

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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 24: **PALM SUNDAY**

Blessed Palms distributed at all Masses

Mon., March 25: Seder Supper, 6:30 P.M.

Wed., March 27: Lenten Mass, 7:00 P.M.

Thursday, March 28: **HOLY THURSDAY**

9:00 A.M. – Morning Prayer

7:00 P.M. – Mass of Lord's Supper

til 10:00 P.M.: Adoration in Chapel

Friday, March 29: **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, March 30: **HOLY SATURDAY**

9:00 A.M. – Morning Prayer

1:00 P.M. – Blessing of Easter Food

8:00 P.M. – Solemn Easter Vigil

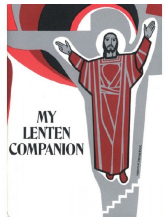
Sunday, March 31: **EASTER SUNDAY**

8:30 A.M. – Easter Mass

10:30 A.M. – Easter Mass

Noon – – Easter Mass

ADULT EDUCATION: Your penitential path continues with this week's "Lenten Journey: Fifth Week Reflection," which is part of *The Ascension Lenten Companion: Walking with Jesus to Jerusalem* video series, available through Flocknote. Throughout this Lenten Series, we have been walking with Jesus through His life on earth. We have watched Him break down walls



in people's hearts throughout the Gospel and encounter them, changing their hearts. We invite you to watch this video reflection and continue with Christ on the journey. Father Mark Toups offers a meditation that will immerse you in Scripture and prepare your heart as you go through this fifth week of Lent. Not signed up? Visit olvchurch.com and click on the Flocknote box OR text "victory" to 84576 and follow the instructions.

THANK YOU: The **PASCHAL CANDLE** which we use all year long at Baptisms and Funerals and is blessed and used throughout the Easter Season has been donated in memory of John & Renate Haufmann at the request of the Brosnan Family. Thank You.

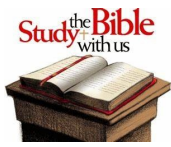
CHURCH TRIVIA: What word is never sung or said during Lent? The answer is Alleluia. The word Alleluia derives from Hebrew and means "Praise Yahweh." It is a term of great joy and used to join the angels'

worship of God's throne and serves as a reminder that the Kingdom of Heaven is established. During Lent, we focus on the Kingdom coming, not the Kingdom we already have. Finally, on Easter, with the Lord is Risen, Alleluia returns, as well.

New Trivia Question: Palm Sunday, which recalls the triumphant arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem, is next Sunday. What is the significance of the palms? Why do Catholics take them home?

BAPTISM CLASS: If you're planning a baptism, parents need first to attend one of the bi-monthly classes. The next session is Sunday, April 14th at 1:00 P.M. Call the Church office to register for this class. Godparents will need a sponsor card from their respective parishes and they are invited to attend this class with you.

BIBLE STUDY: The Book of Revelation, also known as the Apocalypse, has fascinated believers for centuries.



Colorful imagery, rich symbolism, layers of meaning, and brilliant allusions to the Old Testament convey the book's perennial truth: God will triumph over evil, and God's faithful ones will share in that victory. Break open this ancient text with Little Rock Scripture Study's *Revelation* and discover its ongoing relevance for us today. The parish Spring Bible Study will begin April 10th at 7:00 P.M. in the Upper Meeting Room with an introductory video. The cost is \$11.00 which includes all supplies. For more information, please contact Karen Miller at 972-814-2410.

TOUR OF SHRINES OF ROME & ITALY: Our Lady's Guild is organizing a trip to the Shrines of Italy October 8 - 18, 2024. If you like to travel, this spiritual journey is for you! This 10-day trip includes such inspirational visits as the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, a Papal Audience, Tomb of Padre Pio and so much more. An itinerary brochure is available at the Information Desk. You may also contact Carolyn Kaminsky at 201.953.5744 or find more information at our dedicated website <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1217417>

NEED-A-HAND / LEND-A-HAND PROGRAM is operating once more. Deacon Steve Miller and Laura Durst are coordinating the program and taking calls from people in need of some general services around the house. It includes anything from light electrical work, gardening, fixing some leaks or paying a social visit to the homebound. If you need some help, please call 570-623-1221.



SPAGHETTI & MEATBALL DINNER, sponsored by Our Lady's Guild, will be held on Sunday, April 21st from Noon to 5:00 P.M. in the Parish Hall. Menu also includes a full salad bar, home made desserts and beverage. Plan to attend and enjoy this delicious dinner with your family, friends and fellow parishioners.



MR. Z'S, WEIS MARKETS & SHOPRITE (in Brodheadsville) REGISTER TAPES: We continue to save these register receipts and get cash donations from the market for them. 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.

FROM POPE FRANCIS ON THE EUCHARIST: With this gesture, Jesus demonstrates His power; not in a spectacular way but as a sign of charity, of God the Father's generosity toward His weary and needy children. He is immersed in the life of His people. He understands their fatigue and their limitations, but He does not allow anyone to be lost, or to lose out: He nourishes them with His word and provides food in plenty for sustenance. (*Angelus - August 2, 2020*)

ON LINE ELECTRONIC GIVING: The Online Giving site lets you set up automatic contributions from your bank accounts. Change amounts or dates anytime. Go to website (olvchurch.com) and click on "Online Giving" to create an account or to access your account.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: "OUR CALL TO SERVE:" We just need a little more help to attain our parish goal and do our share in supporting our diocesan programs and, therefore, helping others. It supports Catholic educations, food



pantries, soup kitchens, and homeless shelters, outreach to the homebound and much more. We are received gifts and pledges from 210 families for a total of \$48,916 or 94% of our parish goal. If you haven't made a pledge or donation yet, please consider doing so. If our remaining families just gave twenty five dollars each, we would overwhelmingly surpass our goal. Pledge envelopes are on the table in the Narthex. Please, make a donation today. Thank You and God Bless You for your help and support!

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

