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4th Sunday of Lent,  
March 10th, 2024

## MASS SCHEDULE

**MONDAY - Lenten Weekday**  
12:05 PM - Albert Reynolds Sr.  
(Req. by Family)  
**\*Rescheduled from 3-4-2024\***

**TUESDAY - Lenten Weekday**  
12:05 PM - Vickie Schmidt  
(Req. by Gary & Linda Albert)  
**\*Rescheduled from 3-5-2024\***

**WEDNESDAY - Lenten Weekday**  
5:30 PM - Angeline Lecci  
(Req. by Jeno Lecci)  
**\*Adoration of Blessed Sacrament  
After Mass until 6:30 PM\***

**THURSDAY - NO MASS**

**FRIDAY - NO MASS**

**SATURDAY - Vigil of 5th Sunday of Lent**  
4:00 PM - Pro Populo

**SUNDAY - 5th Sunday of Lent**  
9:00 AM - Eddie Stofko  
(Req. by Joan Helsel)

## SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Memory of James Rovani  
Req. by David & Alexis Kozak

The daily readings; may  
be found at either  
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Rev. John J. Slovickski, PhD, Pastor  
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Ms. Chris Houghton,

**IN LOVING MEMORY:** The Sanctuary Lamp is  
available for your intentions by calling the  
parish office. Please attempt to request your  
intention as early as possible. A \$10 donation  
is suggested.

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:** Confessions are  
heard regularly on the First Saturday of every  
month at 3:00—3:30 PM (suspended until Ft.  
John is well). **Confession may ALWAYS be ar-  
ranged with Fr. John personally by calling the  
rectory office. Please avail yourselves to this  
life-giving sacrament!**

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Scheduled no less  
than **nine months** prior to the date of mar-  
riage. Four preparation sessions with the pas-  
tor, as well as all diocesan requirements, must  
be met. All Catholic candidates for Marriage  
must be registered, practicing members of a  
parish at least 6 months prior to scheduling the  
wedding.

**INFANT BAPTISM:** Baptisms are generally cele-  
brated during one of the Sunday Liturgies. Pre-  
baptismal instructions must be completed by  
the parents at least 3 weeks prior to the cele-  
bration of the sacrament. Catholic godpar-  
ents must obtain a letter of eligibility from their  
pastors four weeks in advance. Baptisms are  
never celebrated during the Season of Lent.

**ANointing OF THE SICK:** Celebrated after any  
Sunday Mass as requested and as a parish  
during the Easter Season.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Forms are located on the back  
page of the bulletin (or on the parish website)  
to be filled out and sent to the parish. Regis-  
trations are also welcome by phone.



\$\$\$ INCOME \$\$\$

Collection - March 3, 2024

Loose Money.....	\$436.00
Sunday Collection.....	\$2723.00
Catholic Relief Services.....	\$5.00
Votive Shrines.....	\$79.00
St. Peregrine.....	\$20.00
Sanctuary Candle.....	\$20.00
Perquisites - Rován Funeral.....	\$200.00
Apartment Rent - March.....	\$625.00
Parking Lot Rent.....	\$155.00
Bequest in Memory of Sue Karmanocky.....	\$50.00

TOTAL:     \$4313.00

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Let us continue to pray for the members of our parish community who serve in the military, as well as for the sick, elderly and homebound members of our parish especially:

*Anonymous Petitioners, Helene and Pat Balagusz, Ralph Blair, David Clark, Ronald Cleaver, Dolores Danner, Francis Dietz, Dorothy Fisher, Barbara Fox, Emma Frieko, Paul Har-nish, Catherine Heinlein, Mary Carol Hill and children, Donna Johnson, Baby Gianna Kniss, Karen Kohan, Betsy Konar, Marylee Konicky, Madeleine Krueger, Gaile Kru-menacker, Victoria Leflie, Michael Letzo, Joanne Macri, Patri-cia Mainhart, Marianne Mangiafico, Pat Meagher, Mary Mihalacki, Myla Minner, Larry Oravetz, Anna Petro, Francis Petro, Anna Marie Pfeil, Maria Petro-Sanders, Mia Bella Rastall, Stacy Roberts, Sean Rován, Leonard Russell, Doctor Larry Rutledge, Stephen Sanders, Jennifer Schellhammer, Ernestine Schmidt, Rose Sigg, Allegra Slick, Father John Slovikovski, Shirley Slovikovski, Megan Varnecky, Coralie Williams, Christi and Nancy Vavrek, Carrie Young*

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**Please join us in remembering members of our parish family who celebrate their birthdays the week of March 11th to March 17th:**



Gregory Percosky	Catherine Stephens
Chris Houghton	Zoe Nagle
Karen Conrad	Sharen Bukowski
Dave Kozak	Thomas Trigona
Margaret Blough	Marlene Gahagan
Linda Garanich	Connie Pribozie

**For the Good of the Vineyard and Our Particular Part of It:**

**The invitations to the rosary every Tuesday at 6:00 PM and on Wednesdays to attend the 5:30 Mass fol-lowed by adoration of the Blessed Sacra-ment until 6:30 PM continue to be extend-ed to all parishioners. We also pray the litany of St. Joseph since Wednesday is dedicated to him as the patron of the Universal Church. Remember the parish intention is for Fr. John’s health. But your personal intentions for the Rosary and adoration are your own.**

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**Please know that Stations of the Cross will continue be held on the Fridays of Lent at 3:00 PM .for the benefit of those persons who find it difficult to travel at night.**



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**Annual Fish Fry:** Our Annual Fish Fry continues Friday during Lent (except on Good Friday) from 11:00 AM until 6:00 PM. The cost is \$13 dollars with a menu including an 8 oz. Fish Sandwich with coleslaw and with a choice of macaroni and cheese, French fries, or sweet Potato fries. Any extra sides are \$1 each. Volunteers are needed to help prepare for the Fish Fry on Thurs-days at 10:00 AM in the school cafete-ria. We hope to see you there. Also, I am asking you to patronize our Fish Fry. I am sad when I hear of parish-ioners patronizing other churches and fire halls but not our own. Please make every effort to support us, even if it is only one time this year!



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**PLEASE NOTE THAT VISITATION WILL NOT BE HAVING A PENANCE SERVICE THIS YEAR (due to the lack of available priests). The following Churches in our area will be hosting a penance Service;**

**St. Francis of Assisi, Resurrection, and St. Terese** will all be on March 11th at 5:00 PM at St. Therese parish. **St. John Gualbert** (I will be present) on March 13th at 6:00 PM **OMOS** (I may be present) on March 18th & 19th at 6:00PM **St. Benedict** (I will be present) on March 25th at 5:00 PM **St. Patrick** on March 27th at 6:00 PM. Please make every effort to attend one of these celebrations of communal Penance.

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**St. Therese Piroghi Sale** - St. Therese will be selling their famous fresh potato and cheese piroghis on Friday during Lent except Good Friday. Phone orders will be taken at 814-539-7633 on Mondays from 9 AM - 11 AM. Pick up is on Thursdays from 11 AM - 1 PM or Fridays from 10 AM - 12 PM at the Social Hall. The cost is \$8.00.

**From the Pastor’s Desk:** This week has been a rather bad one for me. Some of the medicine I take increases my es-sential tremor and effects my entire body. I am writing this note on Thursday morning and I have yet to regain most of my motor skills. Please continue to pray for me directly to Jesus and through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Jude, Demetrius Gallitzin and my Dad. I know that they are all pulling for me. All that I need now is your continued, prayerful support which I trust in greatly. God bless all of you, my dear family.

In Pope Francis Sunday Angelus meditation, he re-flects upon the gospel’s harsh scene: Jesus drives the mer-chants out of the temple, expelling the sellers, overturns the money changers' tables, and admonishes everyone, saying, "Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace" (v. 16). Let us focus a little on the contrast between house and market: indeed, these are two very different ways of approaching the Lord.

In the temple conceived as a market, in order to be right with God, all one had to do was to buy a lamb, to pay for it, and to sacrifice it on the altar One bought, paid and sacrificed the lamb and then everyone went home. In the temple understood as a house, on the other hand, the oppo-site happens: we go there to encounter the Lord, to be close to Him, to be close to our brothers and sisters, to share joys and sorrows. Moreover, in a market, all prices are negotiat-ed, whereas at home, there is no calculating; in the market, one seeks one's own interests, at home, one gives freely. And Jesus is harsh today because He does not accept that the market-temple replaces the house-temple. He does not accept that our relationship with God is distant and com-mercial instead of intimate and trusting. He does not accept that selling stalls take the place of the family table, that pric-es take the place of hugs, and coins replace caresses. Why not? Because in this way, a barrier is created between God and man and between brother and brother, whereas Christ came to bring communion, mercy, and forgiveness, and to bring us universal closeness.

At his Wednesday audience, Pope Francis continued his catechesis on the virtues and the vices. Francis turned to pride, the first of the capital sins and, for the ancient writers, “the queen of all vices.” Indeed, the sin of pride hides an even greater sin: the absurd pretension to be like God. In Dante's Divine Comedy, the sin of pride is punished on the very first level of the mountain of purgatory; a sign of how difficult it is to overcome, as well as the distance it cre-ates between us and God. Sooner or later, “pride comes be-fore the fall,” and this can lead, by God’s grace, to a salutary humility. In the Magnificat, Mary sings of God who hum-bles the proud and exalts the lowly. Writing to his commu-nity that is wounded by infighting caused by pride, the apos-tle James echoes this stating, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” (Jas 4:6). Finally, He prays that this Lenten season be an opportunity for us to conquer pride and embrace humility, so that we may draw ever closer to God and receive his grace in abundance.

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MEAT/CASH RAFFLE – There will be a meat/ cash raffle at the St. Francis Activity Center on Mar 23rd, 2024. Tickets are \$10 & includes Kiel-basa, Hot Dogs, Kraut, Macaroni Salad, Baked Beans and coffee & soda. Beer bracelets will be available for \$5.00. Doors open at 5:00PM and the activity lasts until 6:00PM – 9:00PM. For tickets, contact Fran King at (814)536-3667.

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**JUBILEE CORNER - IMPORTANT AN-NOUNCEMENT – March 15**

**All of those planning on participating in the pil-grimage must have their down payment of \$500 paid by Friday, March 15, 2024. This does not mean that you cannot be part of the pilgrimage; however, this does assure you the best airline prices and hotel rooms.**

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**REST IN PEACE:** Last week God brought two of our parishioners from time to eternal life with Him. First, **Sue Karmanocky**, died on February 21, 2024. Mother of three children, and numerous grandchil-dren she clearly embraced Jesus command to “to love one another as I have loved you.” She also be-longed to various civic groups and worked at River-side Market and the greater Johnstown School dis-trict, showing that her love extended beyond her family. Naturally, she was a religious woman shown by her active membership in Visitation parish. We pray that she now enjoys God’s mercy. **Sue, requi-escat in pace (rest in Peace).**

Additionally, **James Rován**, moved from life to the fullness of life on Sunday, March 25, 2024. He was the father of seven chil-dren and had numer-ous grandchildren loving the all equally and respecting their individu-ality as Peggy expressed so beautifully at the Funeral Mass which truly emulated Jesus’ love for his Apos-tles. I will always remember his love of the Eucharist sitting in the last seats in the back of the Church, Sunday, weekdays, and Holy Days. He also shared in the suffering of Christ making him a worthy recip-ient of Jesus’ love and mercy. Not only was he a de-vout Catholic, being a lifetime, active member of Vis-itation parish, but also he loved humanity as a teach-er in the Greater Johnstown School District, helping students to prepare for life and to respect life. Jim, you will be missed by so many people, we truly hope you are at home with the Lord, experiencing God’s mercy face to face. **Jim, requiescat in pace (rest in peace).**

