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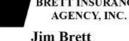
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4th Sunday of Lent, March 10th, 2024

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 Rovan Req. by David & Alexis Kozak



The daily readings; may be found at either USCCB.ORG or under the headings of daily readings listed in back of the missalette.

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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 arranged 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 marriage. Four preparation sessions with the pastor, 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 celebrated during one of the Sunday Liturgies. Prebaptismal instructions must be completed by the parents at least 3 weeks prior to the celebration of the sacrament. Catholic godparents 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.

<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>: Forms are located on the back page of the bulletin (or on the parish website) to be filled out and sent to the parish. Registrations are also welcome by phone.

\$\$ INCOME \$\$\$

Collection - March 3, 2024

Loose Money	¢426.00
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Sunday Collection	\$2723.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$5.00
Votive Shrines	\$79.00
St. Peregrine	\$20.00
Sanctuary Candle	
Perquisites - Rovan Funeral	\$200.00
Apartment Rent - March	\$625.00
Parking Lot Rent	\$155.00
Bequest in Memory of Sue Karmanocky	

TOTAL: \$4313.00

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 Harnish, Catherine Heinlein, Mary Carol Hill and children, Donna Johnson, Baby Gianna Kniss, Karen Kohan, Betsy Konar, Marylee Konicky, Madeleine Krueger, Gaile Krumenacker, Victoria Leflie, Michael Letzo, Joanne Macri, Patricia 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 Rovan, Leonard Russell, Doctor Larry Rutledge, Stephen Sanders, Jennifer Schellhammer, Ernestine Schmidt, Rose Sigg, Allegra Slick, Father John Slovikovski, Shirley Slovikovski, Megan Varmecky, Coralie Williams, Christi and Nancy Vavrek, Carrie Young

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



Gregory Percosky Chris Houghton Karen Conrad Dave Kozak Margaret Blough Linda Garanich

Catherine Stephens Zoe Nagle Sharen Bukowski Thomas Trigona Marlene Gahagan Connie Pribozie

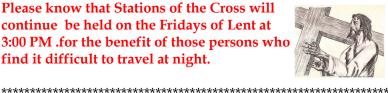
For the Good of the Vinevard and Our Particular Part of It:

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 Sacrament until 6:30 PM continue to be extended 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 vour own. ************************

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.



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 Thursdays at 10:00 AM in the school cafeteria. We hope to see you there. Also, I am asking you to patronize our Fish Fry. I am sad when I hear of parishioners 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!

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

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. *************************

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 essential 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 reflects upon the gospel's harsh scene: Jesus drives the merchants 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 opposite 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 negotiated, 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 commercial instead of intimate and trusting. He does not accept that selling stalls take the place of the family table, that prices 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 creates between us and God. Sooner or later, "pride comes before the fall," and this can lead, by God's grace, to a salutary humility. In the Magnificat, Mary sings of God who humbles the proud and exalts the lowly. Writing to his community that is wounded by infighting caused by pride, the apostle 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.

MEAT/CASH RAFFLE - There will be a meat/ cash raffle at the St. Francis Activity Center on Mar 23rd, 2024. Tickets are \$10 & includes Kielbasa, 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.

JUBILEE CORNER - IMPORTANT AN-NOUNEMENT – March 15

All of those planning on participating in the pilgrimage 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. **********************************

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 grandchildren she clearly embraced Jesus command to "to love one another as I have loved you." She also belonged to various civic groups and worked at Riverside Market and the greater Johnstown School district, 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, requiescat in pace (rest in

Peace). Additionally, James Rovan, moved from life to the fullness of life on Sunday, March 25, 2024. He was the father of seven children and had numerous grandchildren

loving the all equally and respecting their individuality as Peggy expressed so beautifully at the Funeral Mass which truly emulated Jesus' love for his Apostles. 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 recipient of Jesus' love and mercy. Not only was he a devout Catholic, being a lifetime, active member of Visitation parish, but also he loved humanity as a teacher 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).