

Fourth Sunday of Lent



Sunday, March 30, Fourth Sunday of Lent	
8:00 a.m.	+Joe Bearer
10:00 a.m.	For our Parish Family
Monday, March 31, Lenten Weekday	
8:00 a.m.	+Angelo and Elizabeth Mondri
6:30 p.m.	+Ed Farabaugh
Tuesday, April 1, Lenten Weekday	
8:00 a.m.	+Alice Belinsky
Wednesday, April 2, Lenten Weekday	
8:00 a.m.	+Shirley Pagano
Thursday, April 3, Lenten Weekday	
8:15 a.m.	+Maurita Grimes
Friday, April 4, Lenten Weekday	
8:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart League
Saturday, April 5, Lenten Weekday	
4:00 p.m.	Living and Deceased Members of the James and Bernadine Stevens Family
Sunday, April 6, Fifth Sunday of Lent	
8:00 a.m.	Living and Deceased Members of the Holy Name and Altar Rosary Societies
10:00 a.m.	For our Parish Family

Monday, March 31, 8:00 a.m.	S. Gregory	
6:30 p.m.	B. Fox	
Tuesday, April 1, 8:00 a.m.	S. Cronan	
Wednesday, April 2, 8:00 a.m.	M.C. Hoover	
Thursday, April 3, 8:15 a.m.	SBS Children's Mass	
Friday, April 4, 8:00 a.m.	M. Farabaugh	
Stations of the Cross 6:30 p.m.		
M. Eckenrode		
R. Eckenrode		
E. Eckenrode		
Saturday, April 5, 4:00 p.m.		
S. Fisanick	S. Cronan	B.A. Bensor
R. Kirsch	S. Gray	
E. Lamb		
Sunday, April 6, 8:00 a.m.		
R. Deckard	K. Lallemand	G. Yahner
J. Deckard	B. Westrick	
P. Cornelius		
10:00 a.m.		
M. Greene	B. Fox	M.C. Hoover
C. Greene	F. Sutton	
A. Groer	R. Boland	

Holy Thursday

As a sign of their liturgical ministry, **all Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and the Confirmation Class** are asked to participate in the Entrance Procession at the Mass on Holy Thursday. They are to gather in the Church Hall at 6:40 p.m. The blessed oils will also be part of the Offertory Procession at this Mass. The three oils will then be placed in the ambry. After Mass, the Eucharist will be transferred to a place of reposition where the Faithful are encouraged to continue adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration will follow until midnight.

Solemn Vespers

Please join us on **Sundays during Lent at 4 p.m.** beginning with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Solemn Vespers, sung by our St. Benedict Schola.

Baptized in Christ



With joy we welcome into the Family of Saint Benedict Parish and the Family of God, Avery Marie Basile, daughter of Adam and Justine. We extend our love and best wishes to Avery Marie and her parents.

Masses Sent to Saint Vincent

The following Masses were sent to the Archabbey to be satisfied at the conventual Masses of the Benedictine Monastic Community: +Florence Rizzo (1), +Esther Sclesky (1), +Michael Kovall (2), + Francis Holtz (17), +Shirley Pagano (16), +Edna Westrick (2), +William A. Westrick (1), +Theresa Morealli (1).

Sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent

The Sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent from Belarus will visit our Parish on Monday April 7th after the 8 a.m. Mass. *The Sisterhood of St. Elisabeth was founded in 1996. Our missionary began its National mental hospital located not far from the Convent. Sisters take care of mentally challenged children and adults. Life of the child with diagnoses such as Down syndrome, birth traumas or congenital physical defects may be quite short and it is painful to see them suffering. Also the adult patients need constant support owing to the fact that their illnesses make it impossible for them to adapt socially.*

In the recent years a shelter and house of Labor for former drug and alcohol addicted people was organized 20 miles away from the Convent. A lot of homeless, struggling and lost people get a chance for a new start in life to find God.

In order to help these people some workshops were organized on the premises of the Convent where vulnerable people have a possibility to express themselves in art for God working together with nuns and sisters making icons (including hand painted), crosses, crucifixes, wood carvings, embroidered and ceramic gifts, rosaries and vestments. All these goods made with love and prayer bring blessings to their owners.

We are happy and thanking God for the opportunity to introduce and offer them to you.

**With Love in Christ,
Sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent**



*This week the votive candle will
burn in front of the statue of
Saint Joseph the Carpenter
In Loving Memory of
Joe Bearer
From the Ken and Michele Bearer Family*

Pastor's Reflection

It is the young who run to their elders; never do the old run to the young. But the parable of the prodigal son paints a different picture; a father runs to his wayward son. God so desires our salvation that He never stops coming to us. His mercy is always available to those who seek it.



Peace,

Father Michael

Families and the Gospel

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We may feel like the Prodigal Son but the gospel wants us to focus on the father who was forgiving and understanding. We all make mistakes and need forgiveness. Who in your family needs your forgiveness and acceptance this Lent? ("A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar)

Stewardship Reflections

For too many of us, Lent is a season of doom and gloom, a time to feel bad about all the ways we are not "measuring up" in our spiritual lives. But this view could not be further from the truth. Lent is a season of refreshment and love, of awakening and rebirth. In fact, the word "lent" comes from the Old English word, "lencten," which means spring. Lent is intended to be a springtime for us in our spiritual lives where all can become new again.

We owe God everything! But let's start by giving him one little thing. Take even a faltering step closer to Him - go to confession, join in the Stations of the Cross, call a family member or friend you are at odds with and try to reconcile. With just the tiniest bit of spiritual "spring cleaning" we can be sure we will be swept up in our Father's loving embrace and find ourselves feasting in His presence. That is what lent is all about.

Catholic Relief Services

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to **reveal Christ's love** to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Sponsor of the Week

We wish to thank **Morchesky Auto Truck & Trailer Sales, 814-344-8448**, for sponsoring an ad in our bulletin. Please patronize our advertisers; as they make the bulletin possible. If interested in advertising in the bulletin call Tony Melchiorre at 717-421-3242.

Lenten Penance Service

We will have a Lenten Penance Service on Tuesday April 15th at 6 p.m. with several priests available to hear confessions. During Lent, Father Michael will also have confessions on Mondays after the 6:30 p.m. Mass and Fridays at 5:45 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.

Easter Special Lottery Tickets

Parishioners are reminded to return their sold or unsold Easter Special tickets to the Parish Office by Sunday, April 13th; drawings begin on Wednesday, April 16th. Proceeds will help defray the high cost of fuel and utilities. If you do not want to buy your tickets, please return them to the Parish Office as soon as possible. There is a waiting list for tickets.



Laetare Sunday

Laetare is the first word - meaning "rejoice" - in the Latin text. On Laetare Sunday (as similarly with the Third Sunday of Advent's Gaudete Sunday) the Church expresses hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances. Call it pink - or, more fittingly, rose - this change in color indicates a glimpse of the joy that awaits us at Easter, just before we enter into the somber days of Passiontide.

Laetare Sunday is the Church's way of giving us a "shot in the arm" as we approach the darkness and horror of the days through Good Friday and Holy Saturday. It's an opportunity to savor and keep in the back of our minds what awaits us on Easter Sunday - the reality that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, and that our hearts will always be filled with joy!

Bishop Carroll Drama Club

The Bishop Carroll Drama Club is proud to present the musical "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" this spring! The production runs Thursday April 3rd, Friday April 4th and Saturday April 5th. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and curtain rises at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, and only available at the door on a first come, first serve basis. If you have any questions, please call 814-472-7500.

From other parishes and organizations...

Lenten Fish Dinners:

Queen of Peace, Patton: Fridays during Lent, Eat-in Upper level, Take-out Lower Level. Adults 13+ \$15; Children 5-10 \$7. Menu: Choice of baked or fried fish or 2 salmon patties, choice of baked potato or french fries. In addition: fresh baked roll, stewed tomatoes, mac n' cheese, haluski, coleslaw and dessert. Pierogies a la carte: \$1 each. Prices: Adults (13+) - \$15 / Children (5-12) - \$7 / Children under 5 - Free (must accompany an adult to get free meal).

Visitation Parish BVM, Johnstown: Fridays during Lent (except Good Friday) from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. The cost is \$13. Menu includes 8 oz fish sandwich with coleslaw and choice of macaroni and cheese, french fries, or sweet potato fries and a beverage. Gobs are also available at an extra cost of \$2 each.

Immaculate Conception Parish, New Germany Grove Hall: Fridays during Lent, including Good Friday. 4 to 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$15, Children 6-11: \$7.50, Under 6: Free. Menu includes: Choice of Baked or fried fish; baked potato, french fries, mac 'n' cheese, haluski, green beans, coleslaw, cake and refreshment. Fish sandwich meal: \$8 includes baked potato and coleslaw. Take out will be drive thru only: \$15.

