

# Third Sunday of Lent March 12, 2023

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Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday,

Wednesday:
9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Thursday—OFFICE CLOSED

Friday: 9:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil ~ 4:00 p.m.
Sunday ~ 8:00 a.m.--10:30 a.m.
Monday-Tuesday-WednesdayFriday ~ 9:00 a.m.
Thursday ~ no daily Mass

 $\frac{Adoration}{\text{Monday} \sim 6:00 \text{ p.m.}} -7:00 \text{ p.m.}$ 



"In their thirst for water, the people grumbled" (Exodus 17:3)

Dear Parish Family,

We are at the half-way point of Lent. Now, that is, depending on your point of view, either good news or bad. Do you find yourselves saying, "Three more weeks until I don't have to give up..." (whatever your Lenten sacrifice was). Perhaps you find yourself saying something like, "Yikes! I have really blown it this year, and there are only three weeks left for me to make a good Lent." Yet another response might be, "This is the best Lent ever. I was thirsting for the living water that our Lord promised. All my fasting, prayer and almsgiving has really helped me become more aware of how Jesus satisfies all our desires, all that for which we thirst!.

I hope that so far you are having a happy and holy Lent. I love the season of Lent. It gives us all a chance to reflect on the extraordinary love our God has for us. There is, for me, that rather painful reminder of how I have failed the Lord so often by what I say, think, feel, do and forget (fail) to do. That pain is quickly relieved by the loving presence of Jesus and His gift of living water. I realize this gift of living water especially in the Sacrament of Confession, where our God pours out the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins.

We still have 3 more weeks to get ready for our Easter celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Can I hear a "Yay"? Maybe a "thanks be to God" or a "thank you, Jesus" is more your style. Show your joy and your gratitude, and don't be that guy or gal who grumbles. Rejoice in the Lord always. He is, after all, living water.

Joyfully yours,

Fr. Michael

# **OLOL FISH DINNERS**

Friday, March 17 and 24 5:00 PM ~ 7:00 PM Carry ~ Out Only

(There will be a self-service eating area available)

Dinner to include: Baked Fish, Mac & Cheese, Cole Slaw,

Stewed Tomatoes. Roll & Dessert

TICKETS are available in the Church Office

(M, T, W ~ 9:30 A.M ~ 3:30 P.M. & F 10 AM ~ 1 PM) \$12.00 Adults \$6.00 Children (10 & under)

Delivery available to homebound. Please call the office to make arrangements.

# Thank You

Thank you to Bishop Bambera, who was here this past week for our Deanery Lenten Holy Hour. His words are always uplifting and helpful for our lives. Thank you, too, for the members of the St. Ann, St. Boniface, Resurrection, St. Lawrence, and St. Joseph the Worker parish choirs who joined us in prayer and song on this very special evening, and for all those who helped put this evening together so beautifully.

# Welcome!



Holy We want to welcome Jozef Paul Baptism Stolberg, son of Eric and Rachael Stolberg, who was baptized last weekend

# To Love and Serve Jesus Christ Come Home for Lent and Easter

### The Light Is On For You-Confession

- $\sim$ Mondays during Lent  $\sim 5:30-7:00$  p.m.
- ~Fridays ~ 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- $\sim$ Saturdays  $\sim 3:00 \sim 3:30$  p.m.

# **Adoration**

 $\sim$ Mondays  $\sim 6:00-7:00$  p.m.

# **Stations of the Cross**

 $\sim$  Fridays  $\sim 4:00$  p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

# **Stations of the Cross for Families**

 $\sim$  March 31  $\sim$  5:30 p.m.

# Fish Dinners

 $\sim$  March 17 and March 24  $\sim$  5:00-7:00 p.m.

### **Holy Lent: Nourishing Body and Soul**

- ~ Adult formation conversation over dinner
- $\sim$  March 22 and March 29  $\sim$  6:00 p.m.

# Holy Lent: Nourishing Body and Soul

Please join our Lenten Adult Faith Formation Series, to be held on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>March 22</u>, <u>and Wednesday</u>, <u>March 29</u>, <u>at 6:00 p.m</u>. We will hold a discussion over dinner focused on the Real Presence in the Eucharist. Call or email the office for more information or to sign up for the dinners.

# **Knights of Columbus**

**Gun Bingo:** The Knights of Columbus 14329 would like to thank all the Knights and OLOL parish volunteers who helped to make our 2nd Annual Gun Bingo a success. Final numbers are still being compiled and will be published at a later date.

**Postmortem Meeting:** A postmortem meeting relating to the K of C Gun Bingo will be held on Monday, March 20, at 7:00 p.m., in the church hall. All those individuals who helped with the event are encouraged to attend this important meeting to help make 2024's event even better. Thank you.

### To Love and Serve Jesus Christ

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card. If you have not sent yours in, it is not too late to do so. We invite all faithful parishioners to complete a card, as our parish goal is 100% participation, and it allows us to update your contact information. You may return your card by mailing it to the church, bring it to Mass, or complete an electronic Commitment Card at our website, https://www.ourladyoflourdesmontoursville.org.

# All cards need to be returned to the parish by Sunday, March 12.

As a friendly reminder, electronic giving is an **easy**, **safe** and **secure** way to support our parish. To set up a recurring or a one-time donation please visit our website (listed above) and follow the instructions. We are **grateful for your support!** 

# March is dedicated to St. Joseph

## This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

~ Sunday, March 12

NO RÉLIGIOUS EDUCATION—-SPRING BREAK

~ Monday, March 13

The Light Is On For You  $\sim 5:00$  p.m. Holy Hour & Confession ~ 6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Meeting  $\sim 7:00$  p.m.

Tuesday, March 14

Mass at Embassy ~ 2:00 p.m. Parish Pastoral Council ~ 6:30 p.m.

~ Friday, March 17

Stations of the Cross  $\sim 4:00$  p.m. Confessions  $\sim 4:30-6:00$  p.m. Stations  $\sim 7:00$  p.m.

Fish Dinner  $\sim 5.00-7.00$  p.m.

~ Saturday, March 18

First Holy Communion Retreat ~ 10:00 a.m.

~ Sunday, March 19

RE-Grades 1, 7 &  $8 \sim 9:00$  a.m.

Family Catechesis-3, 4, 5 &  $6 \sim 9:00$  a.m.

# **Offertory Collections** (Includes on-line contributions)

### 3/4-5/23

Loose	\$ 808.00
Offertory	\$ 5,914.00
Maintenance	\$ 56.00
Fuel	\$ 2.00
Votives	\$ 126.00
Religious Education	\$ 1.00
Easter	\$ 3.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 10.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 35.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 5.00
Total	\$ 6,960.00

# **Diocesan Collections**

Eastern Europe	\$ 122.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 30.00
<b>Care &amp; Education of Priests</b>	\$ 11.00
Total	\$ 163.00

#### **Collection Counter Schedule**

March 13—Group 3—Judy DeGregorio, Barbara Gallagher, Jan Ransdorf

March 20—Group 1—Darl Simms, Mary Ann Hollenbach, Wendy Marshalek

### Faith in Action

For the month of March, we will be collecting cereal. Please place any donations in the collection bins.

We continue to collect **16 ounce jars of peanut** butter to help support the Montoursville School District Backpack Program. Please help us feed the hungry. Drop off donations inside the church.

### **Mass Intentions**

# Saturday, March 11

Vigil of the Third Sunday of Lent 4:00 p.m. William & Jeanette Eiswert (Josephine Schaffer & children)

## Sunday, March 12

Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. John Catino (Catino Family) 10:30 a.m. The People of the Parish

Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-9; Rom 5:1-8; John 4:5-42

### Monday, March 13

9:00 a.m. Yvonne Campbell (Romey Fagnano Family) 2 Kings 5:1-15; Ps 42:2, 3, 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

### Tuesday, March 14

9:00 a.m. Joseph & Patricia Hendrick

(Dave & Joanne Mondell)

2:00 p.m. Elenor & Charles Boyer (The Family) Dan 3:25-43; Ps 25:4-9; Mt 18:21-35

### Wednesday, March 15

9:00 a.m. Mary Fedorko (Family) Deut 4:1-9; Ps 147:12-20; Mt 5:17-19

### Thursday, March 16

NO MASS

Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-9; Lk 11:14-23

#### Friday, March 17

St. Patrick, Bishop

9:00 a.m. Helen Schamberg (Fr. Mike & the Parish) Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6-19; Mk 12:28-34

# Saturday, March 18

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Lent 4:00 p.m. Michael Sullivan (Joi & Tim & Family)

Hosea 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-21; Lk 18:9-14

#### Sunday, March 19

Fourth Sunday of Lent—Laetare Sunday

8:00 a.m. Anthony & Doris Rotondi

(Dave & Linda Rolley)

10:30 a.m. Helen Churba & the People of the Parish

(Family)

1 Sam 16:1-13: Ps 23:1-6: Eph 5:8-14: Jn 9:1-41

#### **Prayer List for the Month of March**

If you or a loved one would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact the parish office.

Dave Bonus, Karen Boyle, Ann Marie Dorin, Margie Foulds, Carissa Foulds, Charles Gries, Geraldine Hamm, Michael Hook, Cliff Hales, Chuck Ligosh, Kathleen Maiolo, Karen Marlett, Tyler Morton, Mary Myers, Linda Phillips, Nicole Selleck, Sylvia Rook, Harry Specht, Robert Steinbacher, Sofia Steinbacher, Carl Ulsamer, Debbie Winterer

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