



Fourth Sunday of Lent March 19, 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-Wednesday-

Friday ~ 9:00 a.m.

Thursday ~ no daily Mass

Adoration

Monday ~ 6:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.



I was blind, but now I see.

Eyesight to the Blind

God's ways of seeing are not our ways, we hear in today's First Reading. Jesus illustrates this in the Gospel as the blind man comes to see and the Pharisees are made blind.

The blind man stands for all humanity. "Born totally in sin," he is made a new creation by the saving power of Christ.

*As God fashioned the first man from the clay of the earth (see **Genesis 2:7**), Jesus gives the blind man new life by anointing his eyes with clay (see **John 9:11**). As God breathed the spirit of life into the first man, the blind man is not healed until he washes in the waters of Siloam, a name that means "Sent."*

*Jesus is the One "sent" by the Father to do the Father's will (see **John 9:4; 12:44**). He is the new source of life-giving water: the Holy Spirit who rushes upon us in Baptism (see **John 4:10; 7:38-39**).*

*This is the Spirit that rushes upon God's chosen king, David, in today's First Reading. A shepherd like Moses before him (see **Exodus 3:1; Psalm 78:70-71**), David is also a sign pointing to the Good Shepherd and King to come—Jesus (see **John 10:11**).*

The Lord is our shepherd, as we sing in today's Psalm. By His death and Resurrection He has made a path for us through the dark valley of sin and death, leading us to the verdant pastures of the kingdom of life, the Church.

In the restful waters of Baptism He has refreshed our souls. He has anointed our heads with the oil of Confirmation and spread the Eucharistic table before us, filling our cups to overflowing.

With the once-blind man we enter His house to give God the praise, to renew our vow: "I do believe, Lord."

"The Lord looks into the heart," we hear today. Let Him find us, as Paul advises in today's Epistle, living as "children of light," trying always to learn what is pleasing to our Father.

Scott Hahn



OLOL FISH DINNER

Friday, March 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—570-368-8598—to make arrangements.

Knights of Columbus

Postmortem Meeting: A Gun Bingo postmortem meeting 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.



Holy Lent: Nourishing Body and Soul

Please join our Lenten Adult Faith Formation Series, to be held on Wednesday, March 22, and Wednesday, March 29, at 6:00 p.m. 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.

Youth Group Meeting

The OLOL Youth Group, the Worship Warriors, will meet on Saturday, March 25, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Grades 5-8 are invited to attend for: Packing service project; glow-in-the-dark bowling; beanbag toss; mini skeeball; and active Rosary.

Living Lent!

OLOL Parish Family Service Project

Many of our parishioners are buried at Resurrection Cemetery. We want to honor them and others buried there by tidying up around headstones and placing flowers at their graves. Let's live out our Lenten journey together. We will meet at the cemetery on Saturday, April 1, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., weather permitting. All are welcome, and light refreshments will be provided.

Ministry Corner Knights of Columbus Deb Steinbacher

Inspired by the exemplification ceremony earlier this year, this Ministry Corner features our Knights of Columbus Council. Founded on the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity, the first council was established in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney. Charity is at the heart of their work and is one of the many ways that they express their Catholic Faith (K of C website). Our Knights of Columbus Council has certainly been true to Father McGivney's vision. They have raised funds for multiple charities and causes, including our parish mission, Good Counsel Homes, other pregnancy care centers, our parish Pro-Life Group, and our parish. When you think about almsgiving this Lent, please consider a donation to any of the entities supported by our Knights of Columbus Council or to our Council members directly. God bless you and our Knights of Columbus members.

The Practical Catholic

Frequent the Sacraments whenever possible. Can you attend one daily Mass this week? When was the last time you were at confession? Is it possible to stop by a Catholic Church on your lunch break to spend some time with Jesus? Can you listen to a Catholic-centered podcast during your drive to work? The more you nurture your relationship with Jesus, the more it will grow!

Around the Deanery

St. Joseph the Worker Parish will be hosting a Christian Women's Meeting on Sunday, March 19, at 3:00 p.m. in the Fleming Center. Guest speaker will be Mark Brumbach, Shepherd of the Streets.

St. Boniface Parish will be presenting a Tenebrae Service on Sunday, March 26, at 4:00 p.m. with music and Scripture readings. Free admission—all are welcome.

March is dedicated to St. Joseph

To Love and Serve Jesus Christ This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

- ~ **Sunday, March 19**
Family Catechesis—grades 3—6—9:00 a.m.
Religious Education—grades 1, 7 & 8—9:00 a.m.
- ~ **Monday, March 20**
The Light Is On For You ~ 5:30 p.m.
Holy Hour & Confession ~ 6:00 p.m.
- ~ **Tuesday, March 21**
Mass at Valley View ~ 1:30 p.m.
Parish Finance Council ~ 6:30 p.m.
- ~ **Wednesday, March 22**
Nourishing Body & Soul Dinner ~ 6:00 p.m.
- ~ **Friday, March 24**
Stations of the Cross ~ 4:00 p.m.
Confessions ~ 4:30-6:00 p.m.
Stations ~ 7:00 p.m.
Fish Dinner ~ 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- ~ **Saturday, March 25**
Youth Group Meeting ~ 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- ~ **Sunday, March 26**
RE-Grades 1-7 ~ 9:00 a.m.
Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting ~ 11:30 a.m.

Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contributions)

3/11-12/23

Loose	\$ 723.00
Offertory	\$ 7,879.00
Maintenance	\$ 268.50
Fuel	\$ 87.00
Votives	\$ 94.00
Religious Education	\$ 21.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 731.00
Total	\$ 9,803.50

Diocesan Collections

Catholic Relief	\$ 3.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 25.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 20.00
Care & Education of Priests	\$ 183.50
Total	\$ 231.50

Collection Counter Schedule

- March 20—Group 1**—Darl Simms, Mary Ann Hollenbach, Wendy Marshalek
March 27—Group 2—Glenda Farrington, Mary McNamara, Carol Everett

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 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

Monday, March 20

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 a.m. James & Irene Eck & Mary Lou O'Neill
(Romey Fagnano Family)
2 Sam 7:4-16; Ps 89:2-29; Rom 4:13-22; Mt 1:16-24

Tuesday, March 21

9:00 a.m. Louise Patterson (*Bob & Chris Pulizzi*)
1:30 p.m. Sally Ann Hummel
(John & Mary Lou Fulginiti)
Ez 47:1-12; Ps 46:2-9; Jn 5:1-6

Wednesday, March 22

9:00 a.m. Joe DeGregorio (*Family*)
Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, March 23

NO MASS
Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday, March 24

9:00 a.m. Tim Crotty (*John & Diana Konkle*)
Wis 2:1-22; Ps 34:17-23; Jn 7:1-30

Saturday, March 25

The Annunciation of the Lord
Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Lent
4:00 p.m. Michael Sullivan (*Carol Sullivan*)
Is 7:10; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

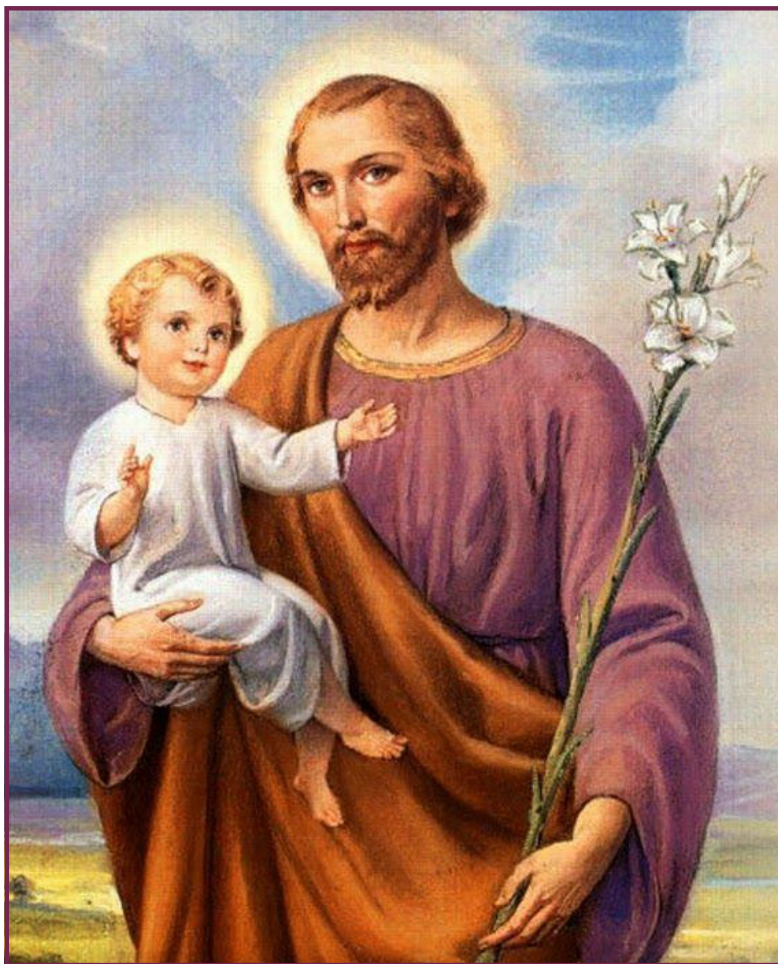
Sunday, March 26

Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. John Null (*Daughter Alicia & Family*)
10:30 a.m. The People of the Parish
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, Harry Specht, Robert Steinbacher, Sofia Steinbacher, Stanley Steinbacher, Carl Ulsamer, Debbie Winterer



ST. JOSEPH PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

DEAR ST. JOSEPH,
PROTECT MY FAMILY
AND ME
AS YOU DID THE HOLY
FAMILY.
KINDLY KEEP US
EVER UNITED
IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST,
EVER STRONG
IN IMITATION
OF THE VIRTUE OF OUR
BLESSED LADY,
AND ALWAYS FAITHFUL
IN DEVOTION TO YOU.
AMEN

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