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## **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**February 22, 2015**

**Rectory Office Hours: 8 AM - 3 PM Monday-Thursday**

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **MONDAY—Lenten Weekday**

8:00 A.M. John Lynch  
(Req. by Jim & Pam Sestrich)

#### **TUESDAY—Lenten Weekday**

8:00 A.M. Bill & Becky Figura  
(Req. by Family)

#### **WEDNESDAY—Lenten Weekday**

8:00 A.M. Prayer/Communion Service

#### **THURSDAY—Lenten Weekday**

8:00 A.M. Ron Hobbs  
(Req. by D.G. Yuengling & Sons)

#### **FRIDAY—Lenten Weekday**

8:00 A.M. Carol Tresselt  
(Req. by Lucille & Steve Terebus)

7:00 P.M. Stations of the Cross

#### **SATURDAY—Lenten Weekday**

11:00 A.M. No Mass

4:00 P.M. Bai Tran  
(Req. by Family)

#### **SUNDAY— Second Sunday of Lent**

8:00 A.M. Charles & Kathryn Krumenacker  
(Req. by Dick & Gaille Krumenacker)

10:30 A.M. Intentions of Parish Family

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:** Florence Cabo  
Req. by Helen & Pat Balagusz

**MASSES FOR SUNDAY:** Saturday 4:00 P.M.  
Sunday 8:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:** Sat. 3:30 P.M.  
Sunday 7:30 A.M. and Sunday 10:00 A.M.

**INFANT BAPTISM:** Arrange in advance for  
pre-baptismal instructions.

**COMMON POLICY FOR BAPTISM:** The  
parents must attend an  
instruction/preparation class on the  
Sacrament of Baptism. Arrangements are  
made through the Parish Office. Catholic  
Sponsors need a letter from their Pastor  
stating they are in full communion with the  
Catholic Church.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** By  
appointment with the Pastor at least nine  
months prior to the date of marriage.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Done after any  
Sunday Mass when requested.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Please contact the Rectory  
Office to register as a member.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK:**

**Mon 2/23:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/ Mt 25:31-46  
**Tue 2/24:** Is 55:10-11/ Mt 6:7-15  
**Wed 2/25:** Jon 3:1-10/ Lk 11:29-32  
**Thu 2/26:** Est C:12, 14-16,23-25/ Mt 7:7-12  
**Fri 2/27:** Ez 18:21-28/ Mt 5:20-26  
**Sat 2/28:** Dt 26:16-19/ Mt 5:43-48  
**Sun 3/1:** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Rm 8:31b-34/ Mk 9:2-10



*We are praying for...*

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 All the Men and women fighting for our country in the military services, all the elderly, homebound, sick and

hospitalized members of our parish family, especially the following: Shirley Barbato, Sharon Birch, Phyllis Brady, Jack Bulisok, Margaret Case, John Correll, Kevin Cyburt, Frank Daly, Tom & Norma Fabina, Ida Fallon, Gloria Fenik, Josephine Formica, John Frieko, Josephine Gallo, Joseph Guydo, Deborah Hockey, Mary Ann Holtz, Carol Houghton, Rosemary Kiser, Dorothy Kleinosky, Madeleine Krueger, Ron & Robert Luden, Bob Mardis, James McCabe, James McCaffrey, Loretta Meyers, Ethel Pavlik, Eileen Rengh, Anna Petro, Stephanie Poltrack, Atlas Rea, Charlotte Rollins, James Rovon, Marion Saia, Maria (Petro) Sanders, Joseph Serafin, John Slovikovski, John Sweeney, Joe Taresco,  
**If any of the above has sufficiently recovered and can be removed from the list, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.**

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**SERVERS: February 28-March 1**

**SAT 4:00 PM** Noah Rastall & Jacob Corona  
**SUN 8:00 AM** Max Smith  
 10:30 AM Angelina & Ariel Pribozie

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**LECTORS: February 28-March 1**

**SAT 4:00 PM** P. Balagusz  
**SUN 8:00 AM** S. Maestra  
 10:30 AM O. Standley

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**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: February 28-March 1**

**SAT 4:00 PM** (Plate) Ja. Bulisok, N. Vavrek, J. Correll  
**SUN 8:00 AM** (Plate) M. Carney, J. Kuswara, E. Hobbs  
 10:30 AM (Plate) B. Nagle, A. Kozak, D. Boyle

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**GREETERS: February 28-March 1**

**SAT 4:00 PM** (ST) D. & V. Hummel  
 (VP) F. Petro  
**SUN 8:00 AM** (ST) M. Carney  
 (VP) R. & A. Albert  
 10:30 AM (ST) S. Barbato  
 (VP)

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**INCOME**

**FEBRUARY 15, 2015**

Sunday Envelopes	\$2,330.00
Loose	533.06
Fuel	10.00
Catholic Education	23.00
Initial Offering	10.00
Ash Wednesday	10.00
Votives	185.00
Parking	165.00
Catholic Register	<u>10.00</u>
	\$3276.06
Catholic Schools Collection	\$565.48



When you give alms do not let your right hand know what your left hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret. Matthew 6.3



The penitential nature of Lent calls for fasting, prayer and giving alms to the poor. During Lent penance should be not only inward and individual, but also outward and social.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR  
PARISHIONERS WHO  
ARE CELEBRATING A  
BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK  
FEBRUARY 23-MARCH 1**

Hannah Wenderoth, Deborah Buchan, Donna Decker, James Kelly, Quinn Larkin, Mary Alice Quinn, Darlene Pejack, Lynne Koontz, Ann Lecci, James Spangler, Donald Zolnosky, Patricia Adams, Joanne Slater, Sampson Morris.



**PARISH RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION—  
FEBRUARY SCHEDULE:**

**February 22- CLASS    March 1- Class**

**CONTEMPLATIVE  
PRAYER**

**PRESENTATION:** Deep prayer is the opening of mind and heart, body and feelings, “our whole being” to God. If you would like experience God in this way,



you are invited to attend a “*Centering Prayer Workshop*” at St. Clement Social Hall on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM until 2:30 PM. Sister Dolores Partsch, CSJ, will be the presenter. If you are interested, please call 535-8868 before February 27<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a bag lunch. There is no fee, but a donation would be appreciated.

**Bishop McCort Mini-THON** will be held from 8pm Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> to 8am Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup> in the Bach Center gym. Mini-THON is an offshoot of the annual THON held at Penn State, and all proceeds go toward pediatric cancer research. Registration for student dancers starts on Tuesday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$20 /dancer. The project is headed solely by students and is not affiliated with Bishop



McCort High School. Anybody wishing to contribute financially may make a check payable to Bishop McCort with “Four Diamonds Mini-THON” in the memo line or donate online by going to [fourdiamonds.donordrive.com](http://fourdiamonds.donordrive.com) and clicking on “Donate to this event”. For further information or questions, please call Kate McGrath at 814-322-2261.

**JOURNEY THROUGH LOSS  
Support Group-**

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish is offering a six-week program to discuss positive ideas for coping with loss through death – recent or some time ago. The program begins on Tuesday, February 17 from 1- 3 p.m. at Our Mother of Sorrows Rectory. Call Carroll Green at 255-5478.

**St. Andrew School** will be hosting a Lucky Leprechaun Cash Bash on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 6-10 PM. You must be 21 to attend. The \$20 ticket includes delicious food and drinks and 17 chances to win a cash prize every 15 min. beginning at 6 PM – a total of \$3,400 will be chanced off. Winners need not be present to win. Doors will open at 5 PM. Please contact the school office at 288-2811 for more information or to purchase tickets.

**Turn to the Infant of Prague –  
NOVENA** - March 8-16 at St. Andrew’s Church, 1621 Ferndale Ave. Devotions (Mass) each evening at 7:00 PM. Confessions each evening after devotions.

*Ask the Infant For The Favor You Need!*

Give a Gift



**“Three gifts we each  
can give today:  
a cheerful smile, an  
encouraging word, and  
a helping hand.”**

-William Arthur Ward

## Beginning My Lenten Patterns

### ***So, what needs changing?***

Our Lord is calling us to a "change of heart." And, we know from experience, that nothing will change, unless we change our patterns.

We come to know that by asking for help. "Lord, help me to know what needs changing." It is often said, "Be careful about what you ask for." This is one of those requests that God must surely want to answer.

Then, we have to listen. With a little bit of reflection, most of us will begin to "name" things that make up our ordinary habits and ways of being who we are, that we aren't very proud of. Things we do and things we never get around to doing. We can "feel" the call to change our attitudes, our self-absorption, or our way of interacting with others. Maybe I don't take God very seriously. I go to Church on Sunday, and contribute my share, but I don't really take time to deal with my relationship with God. I might begin to name a number of self-indulgent habits. I may realize that I rarely, if ever, hear the cry of the poor, and can't even remember when I've answered that cry. It could be that dishonesty has become a part of life. One of the roadblocks in my relationship with God and others may be deep wounds or resentments from the past, things I continue to hold against others or myself.



Something all of us can do is to commit ourselves to being more reflective during Lent. It means that I'm going to make a point of being more observant, more aware of what I'm experiencing - paying more attention to what is "automatic" behavior.

Let these reflections guide the choices we make to establish new patterns for Lent.

In our busy world, Lent provides us with an opportunity to reflect, to pray more deeply, to experience sorrow for what we've done and failed to do, and to be generous to those in need.

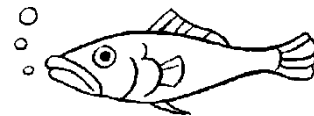
Lent offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship



with God by attending Stations of the Cross and daily Mass. By making small sacrifices of our time we

reap great rewards.

**May Our Lord grant us all the graces we need and desire.**



### ***Lenten Fish Fries:***

**St. Benedict Parish** in Geistown - Dinners served in the school hall from 3-7 PM. Take-outs available. Orders may be placed from 1-6 PM at 266-9718, Ext 206 or fax to 814-269-4220 until 4 PM. We have **online ordering**: [www.stbenedictchurch.org/fishfry](http://www.stbenedictchurch.org/fishfry)

**The Church of the Transfiguration**, 201 Third St, Conemaugh - from 3:30 to 6:30 PM. Take-outs are available by calling 535-2698. Baked & Fried. Cost: \$9.50.

**Ss. Gregory & Barnabas** – features Fried or Baked Haddock and Shrimp from 4-7 PM at 480 Luzon Ave in Bon Air and from 3:30-6:30 PM at 120 Boltz St. in Daisytown. Take-outs are available. 539-6213

**St. Therese Piroghi Sale** – Homemade potato and cheese piroghi made fresh each week. Call to order every Monday from 9-11 AM. Cost is \$6.50/dozen (with or without onions). Pick up orders on Fridays from 9 AM-2 PM at our Social Hall, Upper Decker Ave. No orders taken during Holy Week.