



March 15, 2020 ✠ 3rd Sunday of Lent

Mass Schedule for the Week:

Saturday, March 14, 2020

5:00 PM Special Intention for Our Parishioner Mary H.

Sunday, March 15, 2020 ~ 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Joann T. Kidron

10:30 AM Mary Rusnak

Monday, March 16, 2020

9:00 AM James & Mary Tiehl

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

9:00 AM

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

9:00 AM Josephine Mireenna

Thursday, March 19, 2020

12:00 PM Special Intentions for: Jeff, Seth & Shane Savitsky

Friday, March 20, 2020

9:00 AM

Saturday, March 21, 2020

5:00 PM Our Parishioners

Sunday, March 22, 2020 ~ 4th Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Francis Schaab

10:30 AM Special Intentions for: The Gombar Family

Parish Schedule

THIS WEEKEND: Blood Pressure Screening

Sunday, March 15

9:00 am PREP Gr 1-7

10:30 am PREP PreK-K

Tuesday, March 17

7:00 pm Holy Hour

Wednesday, March 18

12:00 Noon Lenten Worship @ Trinity Lutheran ELCA,
Wernersville

1:00 pm Prayer Shawl

6:30 pm RCIA

Friday, March 20

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 22

7:35 am Pray the Rosary

NEXT WEEKEND: Rice Bowl Collection

Lector & Server Schedule

Saturday, March 21st ~ 5:00 PM

Servers: Callahan, O'Neill Lector: Broskey

Ushers: Deemer

Sunday, March 22nd ~ 8:00 AM

Servers: Kopcik, Wagner Lector: Milligan

Ushers: Scudner

Sunday, March 22nd ~ 10:30 AM

Servers: Areiza, Dye Lector: Areiza

Ushers: Vanzin

Pray For Our Sick

Lucille Anderson, Virginia Bagnato, Edward Bellina, John Binder,
Jim & Joan Bross, Rosemary C., Rick & Wren Dillon, Mary Ann
Flemming, Judith Goelz, Maria Graupp, Nicholas M. Headley,
Lorraine Held, Mark Hyde, Joe Kluscarits, Robert Koch, Leslie
Livinghouse A. Pawelski, Pat Snyder, Andrew Strangarity, Peggy
Swope, Edwin Zeltzer

Let us pray for our priests:

March 15 Our Sick & Infirm Priests
March 16 Our Deceased Priests
March 17 Our Seminarians
March 18 Rev. Msgr. John G. Chizmar, V.F.
March 19 Rev. Donald W. Cieniewicz, M.Div.
March 20 Rev. Richard Clement, M.Div.
March 21 Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Coll



Spiritual Thought:

Amen, Amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.
(Jn. 6:46)

Eternal life is not only something that Christians hope for and expect in the future. It is also something that they actually possess in seed-form in the present. Those who do not have it now, through a living faith, will not have it after death either. What a duty and responsibility for me!

Almighty and eternal God, help me to drink daily from Your fountain of grace. Let Your divine life grow steadily in me.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

Monday

2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday

Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday

Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14



Our Return to the Lord

Week of March 8, 2020

Offertory ~ \$ 4,158.00
Maintenance ~ \$ 4,099.00

This Lent, put your faith in action with CRS Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program to pray, fast, learn and give. **Next weekend,**



for
Lent
for
life

March 21 & 22, we will take up a 2nd collection for Operation Rice Bowl. Through CRS Rice Bowl, you are helping those in need both around the world and in your

community. Please be generous. You can also donate online at www.crsricebowl.org/give



OFFERING
COUNTERS

We are currently in need of forming additional two-person teams to count our weekend Mass offerings. This ministry is one more way of living out the Call of Stewardship for our parish and it would be asking for a once per month commitment. If you are interested in volunteering to become a Sunday Offering Counter, please contact the parish office at 610-693-5851 or email us at stfrancisrob82@verizon.net.

The Garden Club is looking for several high school students to help with spring clean-up. The primary tasks are raking the grounds around the church, hauling debris and helping to shovel and haul mulch. This can count towards Community Service hours. Clean up is planned for Saturday April 4th at 9:00 AM; rain date Sunday Apr 5th at 1:00 PM. Interested volunteers can email either Linda Ruth at laruth158@comcast.net or Gloria Koller at gandskoller@verizon.net by March 21st.

7th ANNUAL LENTEN CRAB SALE ENDS NEXT

Sunday, March 22nd!! Pick up from the church will be **Friday, March 27th** from 4-7 pm.



A Message from Your Parish Nurse Ministry:

Lymph Nodes

In the lymph nodes are the cells (lymphocytes) of the immune system. These recognise and eliminate invading pathogens

White Blood Cells

How white blood cells attack pathogens both in the blood itself and in other tissues of the body

Respiratory System

The Cilia (fine hair-like projections) line the airway and move mucus and contaminants upward and out of the respiratory tract.

Skin

The skin forms a very effective barrier against invading pathogens

Spleen

The Spleen assists the body in protecting itself against bacterial infections

Stomach and Intestines

Stomach acid kills most harmful bacteria. Antibodies secreted by the intestinal cells attack viruses and other pathogens that have landed in the intestinal tract.

STRENGTHEN YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM

Source: Wellness, Productivity and You

Authors: Mazzitti and Sullivan, EAP

Vaccinations may boost resistance, but cures for virus-based illnesses do not exist. So, keep your immune system "tuned"- it's the only one you've got. Boost your immune system with:

- 1) adequate sleep
- 2) getting recommended vaccinations
- 3) eating a variety of colorful fruits and vegetables rich in antioxidants
- 4) getting recommended exercise
- 5) washing your hands and maintaining good hygiene
- 6) avoiding smoking and heavy alcohol use
- 7) maintaining a healthy weight.

The immune system becomes less efficient with age. Examine gaps in your immune system health maintenance plan and talk to your medical provider or health/wellness adviser to overcome roadblocks. It may be a first step to a longer life.



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From generation to generation, this is a timely (even a perennial) question, more often than not raised in moments of crisis and confusion or in the experience of suffering, tragedy, injustice or loss. Angry, frustrated and disillusioned, the Israelites - our spiritual ancestors - posed the question to Moses in the midst of the seemingly aimless desert trek on which they had been led. We ask the same question in our own ways every day, whether due to global events like terrorism, war, famine and disease or our own personal struggles, including unemployment, illness, death and relational issues.

Moreover, it is the perfect question to reflect upon as we progress in our Lenten journey.

At least intellectually, we do believe that God is truly in our midst. Francis de Sales certainly did, but for him, this was no mere intellectual assent: this was a core belief: “There is no place or thing in this world in which God is not truly present. Just as wherever birds fly they always encounter the air, so also wherever we go or wherever we are God is truly present.” (Introduction to the Devout Life, Part II, Chapter 2)

However, in our eagerness for God to spring water from the rock in times of doubt or adversity, we often forget the fact God has been with us all along the way. In moments of crisis, those who encourage us with a kind word, good turn, or attentive ear can reflect to us the immediacy of God's faithful, ongoing presence: a presence likewise experienced in Scripture heard, Eucharist shared and prayer raised up.

Still, despite our best intentions and attention, we sometimes panic and miss the obvious in our frantic search for the Lord, especially in times of great need. God is, as it were, ‘hidden in plain sight.’ We forget that God is as near to us as the very air we breathe a mistake that the Samaritan woman almost makes in her own encounter with Jesus at the well. The Lord is in her midst – in fact, he is right in front of her – but this spontaneous request for a drink from a Jewish male is so astonishing that she almost fails to recognize who is speaking with her. Happily, she realizes that it could “possibly be the Christ” and gratitude stirs her to abandon her water jar, run to town and announce to the people the Good News of her encounter with Jesus.

Whether in the desert or at the well, signs of God's presence are always in our midst and, like the woman in the Gospel, this is something for which we should be grateful. The gratitude we feel and express for these signs produces trust: trust in God and trust in those who are signs of God's love for us. “Just trust in the Lord,” St. Francis de Sales writes, “and He will continue to lead you safely through all things. Where you cannot walk, God will carry you in His arms.”

In gratitude for those times when we have been carried in the Lord's arms, may we become signs of God's presence for others.

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Gospel Today Third Sunday of Lent / John 4:5-42

Year A

When Jesus came to Jacob's well, He spoke to the Samaritan woman about living water - the Holy Spirit flowing within us. The well water is needed for this life but the living water gives us eternal life. The woman returned to Samaria and **lent** her new beliefs to her neighbors, who also became believers.

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Lent

The season of being sorry for sin, asking forgiveness and helping others.

lend / lent

The act of giving assistance or support to helping others.

WEEK
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Dear God,
This week I...

LEND
for
LENT

Love,

Examples

- Invite a new student to share recess with you and your friends.
- Read a simple book to someone who doesn't speak English well and wants to learn.
- As spring sports begin, be kind and friendly to all of your teammates.

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As Jesus traveled He went into surrounding foreign regions lending spiritual support, teaching, finding believers and expanding the kingdom.

Be guided by the living water, and by simple actions, **lend** God's love and goodness to the world and witness new believers expand the kingdom. Write your lend/lent action on the cross. Color in the cross.

