

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

MARCH 15—THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

- 4:30 pm **Sat** Ray Frederick—Joe & Nancy Walko
- 9:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish
Liturgy of the Word for Children
- 11:00 am *Choir* Jennie Ciferno—Joe & Irene Muccino

MONDAY, MARCH 16

- 8:00 am (Birth) Dolores Livingstone—Myron Metro
After Mass: Miraculous Medal Novena & Rosary
- 8:00 pm Valley of Hope Mass

TUESDAY, MARCH 17—ST. PATRICK

No Morning Mass Today

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18—ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM

- 8:00 am Madonna MacDonald—Daughter, Kate Sopko & Grandchildren
- 6:30 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction

THURSDAY, MARCH 19—ST. JOSEPH

- 9:30 am *School Mass* (Birth) David Smith—Mom & Dad
- 7:00 pm *Lenten Penance Service*
St. John the Baptist, Perryopolis

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

- 8:00 am Connor Lee Lisovich—Grandparents, Mary Ann & Ed
- 2:15 pm Stations of the Cross for Children
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross and Benediction

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

- 11:30 am Sacrament of Penance

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT—LAETARE SUNDAY

- 4:30 pm *Choir* For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

- 9:00 am George & Anna Sepic—George & Doris Sepic
Liturgy of the Word for Children
- 11:00 am Joseph Lancas—Teresa Trozzi & Family

LITURGICAL MINISTERS—SERVERS & MASTER OF CEREMONIES

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| Weekdays, Mar. 16,18,20 | 8:00 am | L. Perozzi—A. Osiol |
| Wed., Mar. 18 <i>Evening Prayer</i> | 6:30 pm | <i>D. Kossol</i> |
| Thursday Mar. 19 | 9:30 pm | <i>School Mass</i> |
| <i>Friday, Mar. 20 Stations</i> | 7:00 pm | <i>D. Kossol, J. & D. Columbus</i> |
| Saturday, Mar. 21 | 4:30 pm | RJ Kozura—H. Heilman
(MC) T. McCullough |
| Sunday, Mar. 22 | 9:00 am | A. & G. Iacoboni
(MC) B. Antal |
| | 11:00 am | C. Necciai—C. Foglia
(MC) K. Pokol |

LECTORS

Wednesday, Mar. 18

- 6:30 D. Free

Saturday, Mar. 21

- 4:30 C. Gorski
- L. Forbeck L. Aul, M. Nogy, J. Wiggins
J. Stringhill, M.A. Cialone, D. Atkinson

Sunday, Mar. 22

- 9:00 C. Williams
 - 11:00 M. Patterson
- M. Pesi K. Keene, G. Rush, D. Seman
J. Krossoff, S. Raymond, T. Rodriguez
G. KlamerusJ. Morris, M. Druciak, M. Blevins
J. Santoro, E. Studnicki, J. Frederick

Second Collection this Weekend is the annual EASTER FLOWER collection.

SUNDAY COUNTERS

- Mar. 15—T. Rodriguez, S. & B. Monro, S. Schussler, F. Fundy
- Mar. 22—C. Shernisky, B. Forbeck, D. & G. Sepic

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS Please remember in your prayers those who died last week: CATHERINE DOENGES, our parishioner and JULIUS FUGO, brother of George Fugo, our parishioner. We extend our sympathy to their families. May they rest in peace.

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

- Monday - Rel. Ed., Grades 1—5, School, 6:15 pm
- Valley of Hope, Church/Hall, 8:00 pm
- Tuesday - Girl Scouts, Parish Center, 6:00 pm
- Athletic Association, Parish Hall, 6:30 pm
- Wednesday - Choir, Church, 7:00 pm
- RCIA, Parish Center, 7:00 pm
- Finance Council, Parish Center, 7:00 pm
- Saturday - Bethlehem Religious Items Sale, Parish Hall following Mass
- Sunday - Bethlehem Religious Items Sale, Parish Hall, following Mass

Stewardship of Treasure

	Sunday Stewardship	Needed for Budget	Over/Under + / -
Mar. 7/8	\$9,237.66	\$9,200.00	+\$37.66
Fiscal Year to Date	333,299.90	\$331,200.00	+\$2,099.90
Utilities & Maintenance collection—\$1,930.50			

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THE SICK OF OUR PARISH especially Leda Arrigoni, Sister Mary Vera Bartley, Joseph Beresik, Donna Biagini, Peter Carrozza, Jenna Christner, Irene Colborn, Neil Cope, Alex Danyi, Darlene Engle, Thomas W. Galley, Jr., Madison Marie Gardner, Stanley Gates, Rudy Halgas, Betty Jean Henderson, Philomena Iacovangelo, Barbara Kubik, Debbie Kurtis, Mary Ann Lenio, Ann Krossoff, Rev. Leonard McAlpin, Kathleen McCullough, Mike Mendicino, Janet Misenko, William Molnar, Sr., Mary B. Nagy, Joseph Naylor, Karen O'Neil, Eleanor Pidanich, Stella Povlick, Lemma Premus, George Rue, Mary Ann Rocco, Virginia Salko, Barbara Sedlak, Joseph Semancik, Steve Semancik, Loretta Senich, Guido Simboli, Afton Smereczniak, Joseph Smith, Patti Smith, Mary B. Snyder, Darla Staff, Chuckie Stringhill, Joseph Turcheck, Jim Webb. Lord, we ask that you bless our friends who are sick. Give them strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience in pain. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN FAMILIES will be selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries, all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem, the weekend of March 21 & 22 after all Masses in the Parish Hall. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the Holy Land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. Sale of these goods will help them and give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the Holy Land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Sponsored by

BOY SCOUT TROOP 1543

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2009

From 12-Noon until 4:00 pm

St. Sebastian Parish Hall

Adults—\$6.00 and Children—\$4.00

Menu includes: Spaghetti, meat balls, bread/butter, salad, drink & dessert.

Take-out available, bring your own container.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross are prayed during Lent. All are invited to attend these services. Please check the bulletin for changes in the schedule. If there is no school, the children's Stations of the Cross will be cancelled. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, March 16—No Stations

This Friday, March 20, 2:15 pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN

This Friday, March 20, 7:00 P.M.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Followed by

BENEDICTION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT**LENTEN EVENING PRAYER**

Evening Prayer is prayed each Wednesday during Lent at 6:30 p.m. in Church, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Evening Prayer is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, the official prayer of the Church. It is prayed at various hours of the day by priests, deacons and men and women in many religious communities. There will be a Prayer Basket for your special intentions. We will place these intentions before the altar and make intercession for them each Wednesday throughout the season of Lent. All are invited to join in this "sanctification" of the hours of our daily lives during these weeks of Lent.

2009 DAY by DAY LENTEN BOOKLETS

The LITTLE BLACK BOOK for adults and the LITTLE PURPLE BOOK for young people are again offered this year. These Lenten booklets, with prayers and reflections for this Lenten season, are available for \$1.00 each at the entrances to the Church. Please place your offering in the envelope provided. Envelopes may be placed in the collection basket or brought to the Parish Office or dropped in the night deposit box.

AREA LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

This Thursday, March 19—7:00 p.m.
Saint John the Baptist, Perryopolis

Monday, March 23—7:00 p.m.
Epiphany of Our Lord, Monessen
(Main Church)

Thursday, March 26—7:00 p.m.
Holy Family Church, West Newton

Monday, March 30—7:00 p.m.
Saint Sebastian, Belle Vernon

Thursday, April 2—7:00 p.m.
Church of St. Anne, Rostraver

ST. LUKE SOCIETY of the Diocese of Greensburg is hosting a meeting on Thursday, March 26 at 7:00 pm at the Bishop Connare Center. This Society was established to help health care personnel in their struggles to preserve Catholic values and beliefs in caring for the sick. The Guest Speaker Monsignor Roger Statnick's topic is: "End of Life Care and Roman Catholic Teaching—A Recent Case in Italy in a Feeding Tube Removal." All health care personnel are invited and encouraged to attend. For more information call 724-837-3805.

YOUTH GROUP RETREAT

Our Parish Youth

(Grades 6—12)

are invited to a Lenten Retreat

today, Sunday, March 15

In our Parish Hall—1:00 to 4:00 pm

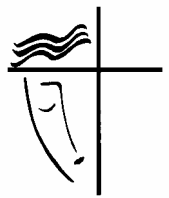
"Celebrating a Fulfilling Lent:

Looking at How We Live the Gospel."

How is our relationship

with God and others?

PRAYER, FUN & FOOD!



Baked Fish Dinner The Youth Ministry at St. Joseph's on Walnut Hill, Uniontown is sponsoring a Baked Fish and Halushki Dinner on Friday, March 20th, from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph Parish Hall. Adults—\$7.50 & Children—\$4.00. Menu: fresh baked fish, halushki, beverage, salad, bread, and dessert. Take outs available. To place an advance take-out order please call 724-620-1717.

ST. JOSEPH OUR GUARDIAN

Dear Padre, Why does the Church honor St. Joseph, and is there a prayer to St. Joseph that I can use?

Honoring the Saints

Dear Honoring,

St. Joseph was chosen by the Lord to be spouse of Mary and guardian of the Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ. The little we know about Joseph is taken from the gospels. In Matthew's Gospel, we learn that Mary is betrothed to Joseph, a "righteous man." When Joseph learns that Mary is already with child, he decides to dismiss her quietly so as not to disgrace her publicly. But an angel of the Lord appears to him in a dream and tells him not to be afraid to take Mary as his wife, and informs him that she will bear the child of the Holy Spirit, the one who will come to save people from their sins. Joseph obeys the angel without question.

Joseph heeds God's call once again when instructed by an angel of the Lord to flee to Bethlehem to escape the murderous Herod. Matthew tells us: "Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt" (Mt. 2:14).

It is this faithfulness, this steadfast and complete trust in God, that makes Joseph such a wonderful example for us, and for this, the Church honors him.

Here is a short prayer we can say to St. Joseph:

St. Joseph, shadow of the Eternal Father,

Pray for us.

St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

Pray for us.

St. Joseph, protector of the child Jesus,

Pray for us.

St. Joseph, guardian of the Church,

Pray for us.

The Padre,

Rev. Paul Coury, C.S.S.R.