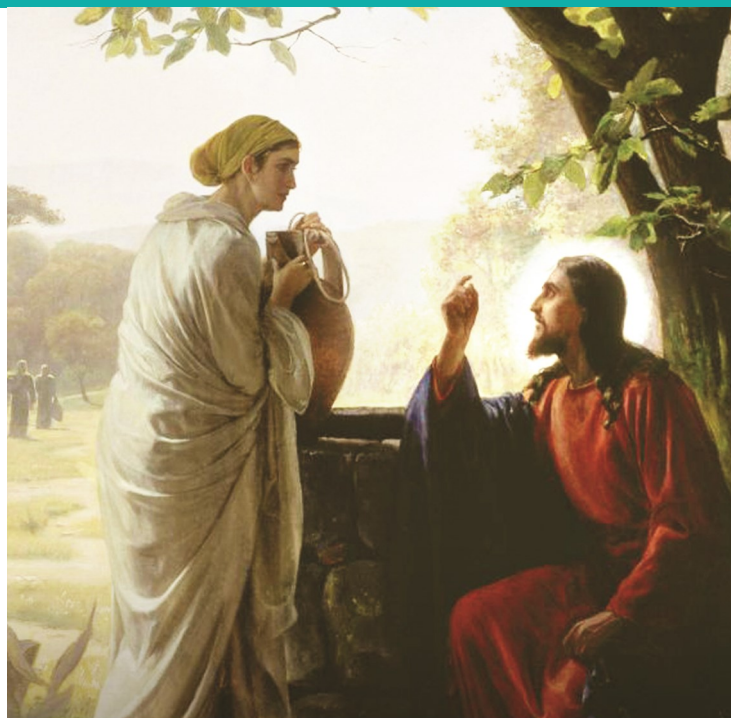


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MARCH 15, 2020



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

WEEK DAYS

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Monday – Thursday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

(closed for lunch Noon - 12:30 pm)

Note: Parish Office is on the west side of the Church

Mass Intentions

Monday	March 16 Lenten Weekday
7:30 am	Communion Service
Tuesday	March 17 St. Patrick
7:30 am	Paul Keller (Chuck & Penny Keller)
Wednesday	March 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem
7:30 am	Frances Dzeskewicz (Arline Hido)
Thursday	March 19 St. Joseph
7:30 am	Bernard D. Malone (Alice)
Friday	March 20, Lenten Weekday
7:30 am	Mark Chernicky (Mom, Dad & Family)
Saturday	March 21, Lenten Weekday
5:00 pm	Bill Harvey (Chuck & Penny Keller)
Sunday	March 22, 4th Sunday of Lent
8:00 am	For Our Parishioners Living and Deceased
10:30 am	James Lynch (Family)

Prayer Request— Artie & Stacey, Marsha A. & daughter, Cassandra Aho,

Marsha Badach, Kit & Joe Balinski, Patty Bennett, Rachel Bourne, David Boyd, Patty Brown, Randy Brucher, Amanda Bryant, Shelly Buffalari, Sam Burns, Carole C., Tim C., Amy Campoli, Debbie Carrick, Todd Carrier, Abigail Carullo, Doug Chernicky, Christi Claxton, Rod Coburn, Eleanor Collings, Earl Corbin, Colin Cunningham, Dale & family, Trudy DeCarolis, Artie Defoy, Karen Dickson, A. Dodick, Helen Dombkowski, Katie Dombkowski, Ron Dombkowski, Danielle Dorder, Jonathan Ledger Dougherty, Bill Drakes, Dawn Duran, Bill Eberlein, Sr., Ashley English, Lynn English, Luke F., Ron & Helen Feldman, Carrie & Jake Fiske, Mary Fiscus, Eleanor Fox, Carol Fullom, Denise Fulton, Shawn Furman, Ben G., Julia G., Linda Gidos, Sally Gradler, Debbie Grove, Jerry H., The Haynes Family, Larry Hanas, Frank Harrison, Nicholas Hendericks, Michelle Hetrick, Kathy Highhouse, Harold Hites, Gloria Hollenbeck, Molly Holmes, Holly, Rich Hudacky, Denise Hudson, Carrie Jaco, Scott James, Trevor James, Jeremy, Jim, Charles, Luke Johnson, R. Juarez & Family, Kathleen, Kevin K., Craig Kayden, Kelly King, Linda Kloecker, Judy Konkol, Betty Korrel, Thomas Kowalczyk, Carol Kuchcinski, Ed Kuligowski, L.L. & Family, Roberta Laird, Rose Lapenz, Gail Laughner, John Lewis, Margie Loeffler, Janet Lombardo, Robin Macial, Tim Maciulewicz, Jason Mager, Lexxi Maloney-Barnes, James Mantsch, Paul Mayer, Greg Mays, Clara Meyer, Morinelli/Quinn Family, Shawn Morgan, Jr., Bill Muenz, Kathy Murr, Kathy N., Ron and Lynn Nash, Leny Nipper, Tom O., Buddy O'Leary, Bill Oshinski, Rick P., Kayden Painter, Michael Pamula, Patrick, Liz Pauly, Ron, Paige, David Peter, Annmarie Phillips, Kathy Piotroski, Andrew Pitcher, Mike Pitonyck, Nathan Post, Erin Potter, Michael Potter, Carrie Powell, Denise Pulson, Audrey & John Reese, Christi Reilly, Lucas Reynolds, McKenna Ritter, Melissa Rindfuss, Joan Robinson, Rocky, Alan Rodgers, Debbie Rose, Bob Rudzenski, Lindsey Ryan, Jim S., Dave Sarra, Shirley Sayers, Mary Lou Scalzitti, Jim Scully, Joseph Seth, Greg & Rochelle Sharrer, Therese Sauer, Clyde Schulte, Madeline Sienecki, Dave & Loren Swanson, Tina, Patricia Vadala, Dan Via, Debbie Vanucci, Margaret Wasser, Mark Watts, Dan Weber, Lisa Weber, Robert Weber, Sr., Maureen Wentzel, Caitlin Wentzel, Joe Wardanski, Lois Whitcomb, Denise Wilson, A Special Intention, and all the sick.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, MARCH 16

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TUESDAY, MARCH 17

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

- Confessions 5:00 pm, Stations 6:00 pm, Soup Supper to follow.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

- Bible Study Group 7:00 pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

- "24 Hours for the Lord" St. Peter Cathedral (SFX hour 10-11 pm)

SATURDAY MARCH 21

- Mass at 5:00 pm Confessions to follow
- Bingo at the Parish Center after Mass

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

- Mass at 8:00 am & 10:30 am
- Confessions after 10:30 Mass
- Boy Scouts at 6:00 pm Parish Center



Pray for the men and women in the military:

Petty Officer 3rd Class Jack Kaulis, Chief Petty Officer Aurelio Velazquez, Jr., Private Jeff Kinnear, Major Jenny Stewart-Allen, Major Alan Herbol, PFC Jacob Lenhardt, Capt. Natalie Rambish Long



Sanctuary Candle

burns for

Katherine Vincent

Liturgical life

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March 8, 2020

Families receiving envelopes 440 Envelopes received 146

Goal: \$5,215.00 Total Collection: \$4,088 Capital Improvements: \$753

Bills paid: Clergy Cont. Ed. \$75 Penelec \$649 Living Faith \$30 Spectrum \$200

McKean Beverage \$264 National Fuel \$996 Time Warner \$227

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday - 4:00 p.m. and by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Classes are required. Call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND:

Regular visits are made on the first Friday of the month. Please call the office if you would like a visit.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Call the Parish Office to make arrangements with the Pastor at least 6 months prior.

R.C.I.A.: The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children is an opportunity for any interested person who desires to become a full member of the Church. For more information call the Parish Office.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule—March 22, 2020

Masses	5:00 am	8:00 am	10:30 am
Ushers	K. Hansen T. Weber D./J. Lichtinger J. Lazan	J. McLaughlin H. Dunkel S. Kargol J. Johnson	D. Morehouse R. Damore J./E. Lacey S./N. Wiest
Eucharistic Ministers	T. Kitcey D. Herbol	L. Glaspell Greg Soltys	C. Gray R. Gray
Lectors	D. Herbol	P. Flynn	C. Villanueva
Altar Servers	M. Huber E. Huber D. Myers	C. Haywood N. Seeders	T. Vavreck J. Sickles C. Morehouse
Cantor	G. Jerioski	M. Whalen	B. Neuburger

Readings for the week of March 15, 2020

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf. Ps 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34

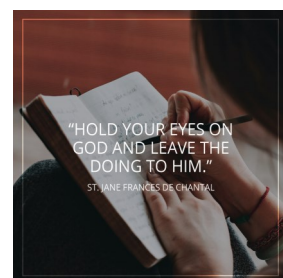
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



**March 21!
HERE!**
Right after
5:00 pm
Mass.

Doors open at 6:00 pm with Bingo starting at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$30 and it is a cash bingo night. Extra game sheets, specials, etc. available. Basket Raffle and giveaways. Kitchen will be open for food purchases. For more information and tickets, contact the Parish Office or Kathy Orlando 814-450-2411. Call Kathy if you would like to work at Bingo as well.



March 15th, 20203rd Sunday of Lent

We give the definition of ourselves over to so many things. We allow our society, friends, family, work, social groups, ethnicity, and even institutions define, classify, and color how we perceive ourselves. When we listen predominantly to the voices of others, we lose touch with what is happening within our own inner voice. If we listen carefully within, we can easily discover that we are in want and need. We know our incompleteness and also know that loneliness, sadness, and self-images can propel us outward in attempts to fill those gaps. We can become not only victims of our own prejudices but can find ourselves overly self-indulgent in things that can only satisfy for a short time, if at all.

It is no wonder that money and power are things that are so fervently sought after. As long as we can keep a steady supply going, the illusion of fulfillment and satisfaction can falsely persuade us as craftily as a master magician's act. We live with illusions not truth. It is no wonder, then, that some of the wealthiest folks are also really the unhappiest. Whether we admit it, the lies we live and pursue will ultimately expose our superficiality. We all have to wrestle with who we are and what gives our lives purpose and meaning. Learn to listen more deeply, not to what others are saying about you, but to what God is echoing in your heart.

We can easily get confused and misunderstand, not only about who we are but who God is. Even the disciples and the Samaritan woman at the well missed the point Jesus was trying to make. There is only one Person who can satisfy the deepest yearnings and longings of our hearts — Jesus the Messiah. It is not the work of corporate America that will lead us to happiness or greatness but the work of the soul. We continue to resist acknowledging this and are happier in our world of misunderstanding and illusion. The life-giving water we truly need doesn't come from the source of a well but from the Source of Life. Only God can reveal the truth of our sinfulness, the superficiality of our pursuits, and the illusions we hold so dear. Only Jesus can save us from ourselves and give us what we really need. If only our heads can catch up with where our hearts know they need to be, then will we find real contentment and life!

March 15—Grades 9—11 9:05-10:05 am Crime Victim Presentations

March 22—Grades 3—5 9:05-9:35 am Crime Victim Presentations.

Grades K—2 9:40-10:10 am Crime Victim Presentations.

Grade 2 and Grade 3 Parent Classes

March 29—Grade 2 and Grade 3 Parent Classes

Grade 2 Retreat

Grade 11 Mass and Sponsor Class

Catechist Mtg. after 10:30 am Mass

Gospel of Matthew Bible Study is this Thursday, February 13, at 7:00 pm.

Upcoming events

ERIE CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM—Please consider supporting our school system with a gift to **Faith in Our Future Fund**. You may designate which school you wish to support. There are gift support applications in the parish office. See Debbie or call the office to get yours today.

TRANSITIONS—is a monthly support group for Separated, Divorced and Widowed persons. They will meet on Sunday, March 29, from 2-4 pm at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd. Program includes a short presentation, discussion, followed by refreshments. This month's topic is: "Prayer." For more information call 824-1265.

LENTEN PARISH MISSION—A Human Emergency—A Catholic Response to a Dehumanizing Culture—Monday—Wednesday, March 16-18 at 7:00 pm at St. Agatha Church, 353 Pine St., Meadville, PA. Directed by Fr. Herald J. Brock, CFR. See bulletin board for flyer for more information.

1:38 WOMENS' CONFERENCE—"BEE the ATTITUDE!" The conference will be held on Saturday, March 28, from 9:00—3:30 pm at Our Lady of Peace Parish. Registration is \$40 adults, \$35 seniors, \$25 for college students, \$10 high school students. Register at www.138women.com or call 455-7364. The conference includes lunch and free parking. See bulletin board for more info.

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Top of the Weekend to you! I'm in the Irish Spirit as we celebrate our Diocesan Patron this weekend with fellow-ship! Remember, Sundays (or Saturdays after Mass is over, as it is now considered Sunday) do not count towards your Fast of Lent. That is why we are having a "lil' celebration" to honor Saint Patrick. I hope that you can stay after Mass for a few minutes, and thank you to our Hospitality Committee!

As we heard last weekend at our Masses from the Bishop's letter regarding the evolving situation with the Corona Virus, please continue to use common sense and to also wash your hands. While the whole Campus is cleaned regularly, we are taking additional measures to keep things clean. Rest assured, we are safe and sanitary as we continue our Worship of the Lord, and I am thankful to Mario and our volunteers who help us with this. Further, continue to pray for the intercession of St. Roch and Rosalie, who are patrons of sickness/disease for a quick end and cure for all of this. Their Story can be found on our Facebook Page. Finally, again, a reminder, please make sure you are staying up to date, not only on this saga, but the latest Parish News by downloading MyParishApp (instructions are at the entrances and in the bulletin); liking our Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram Pages; and checking our Website Regularly. As I said, these are the "real-time" vehicles of communication that we have.

As our Lenten Season continues, it's a time that we both renew and rediscover God's ever abiding love for us. We can do that by going back to our "roots" and finding more out about the Tradition of our beautiful Faith. For instance, that is, as I have said, why we are using the Latin Mass Parts for Mass during most of the Season. It is not to scare you, or turn back the clock, but it is a way to make us slow down and not go on autopilot, and to recognize that we are part of something more universal than the English Language, but a faith that transcends Continents, as God Transcends our individual lives. Hence, why Latin is still considered the universal language of the Church. Beyond that, we can also find out more about the other parts of our faith's many traditions that interest us and do some of our own reflection and learning. We do this so that we know more about WHO we worship (Jesus) and not only WHY we do what we do (traditions, rules, etc.). We can do this by exploring the different information offered on our App and Social Media Platforms, but also by picking up a "good ol'" book. That is also why we have heard from Karen Adams and Jared about ways we can live out our Faith in the practices of Lent beyond the Season, as Lent is called to transform us as disciples, not just for 40 days, but for life!

As we continue our time of Prayer, Fasting, and Alms, don't be afraid to learn a bit along the way. Also, don't forget that we have Stations of the Cross every Wednesday with Soup Supper at 6pm (*thank you to Barb Davies for organizing the supper, but she could still use more volunteers to help with food, see Gathering Space Bulletin Board for Sign Ups*) and Adoration on Thursday's at 8pm. Further, this week we also have the additional opportunities for Confession beyond our weekly time of every Saturday from 4pm-4:40pm, **this Sunday, March 15 after 10:30am Mass and Wednesday, March 18 from 5-5:50pm**. There is another great opportunity to be a part of and that is **"24 Hours for the Lord"**. This has become an annual event in our Diocese where the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for 24 hours (from 5pm Friday, March 20-5pm Saturday, March 21 and beginning/ending with Mass), and the Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered for 24 hours. We, as a Parish are asked to take **10pm-11pm**. Please sign up in the Gathering Space if you would be able to join us. You don't need to sign up, but that helps me know it will be covered. All you need to do is show up to the Cathedral at that time and to pray.... That's it! I will be there as well.

Thank you for thinking about and signing up for the "Traveling Chalice Program" and "31 club". If you did sign up, you will be receiving more information this week via email. If you are looking to still sign up for the "31 Club", please look at the calendar to see which days are still needing coverage, and kindly sign up on those days as we hope to have each day covered. That will be your day every month. Regarding the "Traveling Chalice", April and May are now filled up, but June is not. We will have the sign up for the "Traveling Chalice" quarterly.

In the meantime, I hope you have a great week and can enter more deeply into this beautiful Season and be assured of my continued support and prayers.

Fr. Jason



FOOD PANTRY—

Pancake mix, syrup, juice, baked beans, bread, tuna, apple sauce, fruit, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, razors, cleaning supplies.



Don't forget to take advantage of all the wonderful Lenten Dinners taking place at the Parishes around us. Please see the bulletin board in the Gathering Space for all the flyers.

St. Francis Xavier is a very active parish with so many opportunities to open your heart to God. This Lenten Season, do just that. Take advantage of Stations, Confession, Adoration, join us for hospitality. We'd love to see you!