



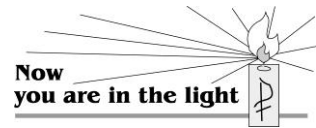
## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ March 26, 2017

**Sunday Scripture Meditation: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7,10-13a; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41**  
Jesus wants to enliven our faith. Although we can't touch Jesus physically, we can still experience His presence. He is always reaching out to us each day, urging us to look to Him for help and inspiration. His Holy Spirit is in us, convincing us that we are God's beloved children.

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### CELEBRATION OF MASSES THIS WEEK

- Sat. Mar 25 The Annunciation of the Lord**  
4:30 PM +FLORENCE RADER, *Anniversary ~ Son, Charles and Wife, Marion*
- Sun. Mar 26**  
7:30 AM +JOHN KOKINDA ~ *Marge and Joseph Goda*  
9:00 AM +JEAN and +EUGENE CURNOW ~ *The Family*  
11:00 AM +JOHN MINO, *Anniversary ~ Wife, Helen*
- Mon. Mar 27** 7:30 AM +MILDRED CLARK ~ *Rita McManus and Family*
- Tues. Mar 28** 7:30 AM +JOHN and +MARY ROBICK ~ *Sister Joseph Therese*
- Wed. Mar 29** 7:30 AM +FAUSTA FERNANDEZ, *Daughters, Sons and Grandchildren*  
*Convent Chapel* 12:00 PM +FR. STEPHEN A. GROHOL, *Pastor HNJ 1932-1936*
- Thurs. Mar 30** 7:30 AM +GEORGE MARUS
- Fri. Mar 31** 7:30 AM +JENEATH QUICK ~ *The Tran Family*  
7:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
- Sat. Apr 1** 8:00 AM +RITA KANUCH ~ *The Family*  
4:30 PM +BARBARA PAVLUVCIK, *Anniversary ~ Cousin, Dolores Mihalik*
- Sun. Apr 2** 7:30 AM +GEORGE M. FUCHS & +BERNARD GONO  
~ *Dorothy Fuchs & Daughter, Gail*  
9:00 AM +MARK PINTO ~ *Jo, Michael & Kathy Dogali, Anthony, Celine & girls, Mike & Matt*  
11:00 AM +JOHN MINO ~ *George and Marta Suchyak*



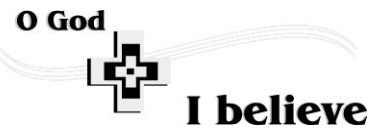
### FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH ~ WEEK OF 3-19-2017

Operating Costs – Weekly amount needed to meet expenses of all five buildings ---- \$9,975

Sunday Collection .....	\$ 5,462
Other Collections: Annual, Monthly, Holy Day...	\$ 245
TOTAL WEEKLY INCOME.....	\$ 5,707
SHORTFALL	\$ 4,268

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE OVERVIEW Operating Costs Year to Date \$9,975 x 38.....\$ 379,050

Actual Weekly Income Year to date \$ 356,818 Shortfall \$ 22,232



#### PRAYER CORNER: Your prayers are

requested for the sick and the suffering, those in ongoing treatment and/or rehabilitation and those whose lives are heavily burdened. If you are a parishioner or know of a parishioner who would like to be included in the Prayer Corner, please call the parish office at 203-375-5815. Please pray for the good health of:

**Arline Barber, Jay Behan, Betty Jane Berchem, Ted Bielen, Caterina Caruso, William Charney, Mark Charney, Ray Clarkson, Fr. Robert Maty, Richard Miller, Dottie Millo, Helen Mino, Michael Nevells, Janet Onze, Peter Panicali, Jo-Ann Petreycik, Charles Rader, T.J. Recupido, Roger Silhavey, Jennie Tesla**



We extend our sympathy and assurance of Prayer to the families of **Beverly Niedermier and Margaret Bily** who recently died.



**The Sanctuary Candle in the Convent Chapel** for the **March 29 Mass** is for a **Special Intention** requested by Mrs. Anna Kmec

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - March 26:** Religious Education Classes /Children's Liturgy ~ K through 8 **The Confirmation retreat** takes place Sunday, **March 26 at Our Lady of Grace Church** with Mass at **10:00 AM** followed by the retreat till **2:30 PM**. **April 2** ~ Religious Education Classes/ Children's Liturgy ~ K through 8. Confirmation Class in Convent. **Monday, April 3** ~ Confirmation Class ~ **Dinner and Interviews at Parish Rectory 5:30 PM**

We welcome into our Parish Family **Noveah Gracie Sainval**, who was baptized in our church last weekend.



**Flowers on the St. Joseph Altar** are given for **Prayers Answered** requested by **Mary Ann Salvaggio**



**The Altar Sanctuary Candle for the Month of April** is given in **Loving Memory of Richard Sokolowski** from wife **Veronica and Family**



**EASTER BAKE SALE★REMINDER★**  
**Please PICK UP YOUR ORDER THIS**  
**Sunday, March 26 between**  
**10:00AM- 12:00 PM in the parish hall.**  
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**Congratulations to our Winter Raffle Winners!**

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize \$500 David Margonis
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$300 Louise Miser
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$200 Mark Augustine



Thank you to everyone who participated. Funds raised by the raffle go towards the ongoing maintenance and repairs of our five parish buildings.

**SLOVAK ALLIANCE of Greater Bridgeport**  
**The next General Membership Meeting will be on**  
**Thursday, March 30 at 7:00 PM in the School Meeting**  
**Room.** For more information please call Marta Suychak  
 203-377-1874 or Monique Antonelli 203-878-2214



**Our Parish Nurses will be available next weekend, April 1 and 2** to take

blood pressure readings and answer any medical concerns. The nurses will be in the

Church Vestibule - Confessional Room following all the weekend Masses.



"Singing is praying twice"  
- St. Augustine

**Youth Choir News:**

**The Youth Choir will be singing next Sunday, April 2 at the 9:00 AM Mass.** Please join us. Rehearsal is held on Wednesday from 5:15 PM to 6:15 PM in the church choir loft.



**The Guild of the Mother of Jesus will meet on Wednesday, April 5 at 7:00 PM for a "FUN NIGHT of BINGO".** \*\* Please note: this is a revised date from the original calendar date of April 12.

The business meeting will follow to finalize plans for the Guild's Annual May Crowning on May 10. Refreshments will be served and members are asked to bring a new item for the small raffle table.

**New members always welcome!**

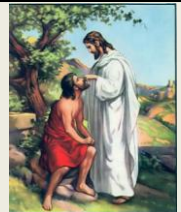


**The Holy Name Men's Society Meeting will take place Thursday, April 6 at 6:30 PM in the parish Hall.**

**The Holy Name Men's Society is sponsoring a PIEROGI and POTATO PANCAKE DINNER on Friday, April 7 from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall** featuring Pierogi, Potato Pancakes, Applesauce, Dessert, Coffee, Tea and Soda. Free~Will Donations gratefully accepted. **Take-Out Dinners are \$6.00 and Frozen Pirogi \$4.00 a dozen.** Questions, please call Paul Scioletti at 203-377-2397.

**EVANGELIZATION CORNER**

At every hour we are called to awake from the darkness of spiritual sleep into the glorious light of Jesus Christ. We put our trust in the promise of that eternal day when all shall awaken, with the man born blind, in the kingdom of light, where they shall drink from the stream of delight and see all things by the one true light.



**LENTEN SCHEDULE: On Wednesday afternoons during Lent, Mass will be celebrated at 12:00 Noon in the Convent Chapel. Friday nights in Lent – Stations of the Cross** are held at 7:00PM in the church.



We invite you to join together to Pray as a parish family the Stations of The Cross followed by Benediction. **Why Pray the Stations of the Cross? 8 Reasons from Pope Francis,** (continued) **5. They Help Us Make a Decision For or Against Christ.** "The Cross reveals a judgment, namely that God, in judging us, loves us. Let us remember this: God judges us by loving us. **If I embrace His love then I am saved, if I refuse it, then I am condemned, not by Him, but my own self,** because God never condemns, He only loves and saves" **6. They Reveal God's Response to Evil in the World.** "The Cross is the word through which God has responded to evil in the world. Sometimes it may seem as though God does not react to evil, as if He is silent. And yet, God has spoken, **He has replied, and His answer is the Cross of Christ: a Word which is Love, Mercy, Forgiveness."** Address, *Good Friday, 2013 focusoncampus.org More to follow.*

**2017 Annual Catholic Appeal – We have received 69 gifts worth \$23,640 from 67 parishioners bringing our parish to 42% of its \$55,000 goal.** Thank you to those who have made their gift and we ask that all parishioners consider making a gift so we are able to reach our goal. Your gifts have helped educate and train 26 men for ordination to priesthood in our Diocese; educate and train 11 men for ordination to the Permanent Diaconate program; care for 64 senior priests in their dignified retirement; afford our youth with meaningful opportunities to mature as holy and active members of society through a wide range of faith-based programs and aid the spiritual, educational and social needs of persons with disabilities through the St. Catherine Center for Special Needs.

**Defending Our Religious Liberty** On December 7, 1965, the Second Vatican Council approved *Dignitatis Humanae*, the Declaration on Religious Liberty. The Declaration addresses a question that comes up in every generation: How do we understand freedom, truth, and the relationship between church and state?

**Visit: [uscgb.org](http://uscgb.org) and search for: Human Dignitatis Humanae for a comprehensive explanation.**

✠✠✠✠*To show His love, Jesus died for us; to show our love, we live for Him.*✠✠✠✠