



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT ~ March 5, 2017

Sunday Scripture Meditation: Genesis 2:7-9; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

God never turns away from us. He is always ready to help us. That's why Lent is such a vital time. It's our chance to change directions and cling to the Lord and His word. It's our chance to say no to the temptations we face and turn back to our heavenly Father.

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CELEBRATION OF MASSES THIS WEEK

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| Sat. | Mar 4 | 4:30 PM | +DOROTHY KUCHTA, <i>Anniversary</i> ~ <i>The Guild of the Mother of Jesus</i> |
| Sun. | Mar 5 | 7:30 AM | +JOHN SANDOR ~ <i>The Family</i> |
| | | 9:00 AM | +BETTY KARCSINSKI ~ <i>The Gruber Family</i> |
| | | 11:00 AM | +MATTHEW and +ROBERT CARRION ~ <i>The Family</i> |
| Mon. | Mar 6 | 7:30 AM | +FR. JOHN J. FILIP ~ <i>Rita McManus and Family</i> |
| Tues. | Mar 7 | 7:30 AM | FOR BLESSINGS ON LAM'S CAREER |
| Wed. | Mar 8 | 7:30 AM | +NANCY DRONIAK, <i>Anniversary</i> ~ <i>Maryjean daSilva</i> |
| <i>Convent Chapel</i> | | <u>12:00 PM</u> | +MSGR. JOHN PITONAK ~ <i>Requested by a parishioner</i> |
| Thurs. | Mar 9 | 7:30 AM | +BIAGIO MUCCIACCIARO, <i>Anniversary</i> ~ <i>Wife and Family</i> |
| Fri. | Mar 10 | 7:30 AM | +JOSEPH FEDA ~ <i>Catherine Ciacci</i> |
| | | <u>7:00 PM</u> | STATIONS OF THE CROSS |
| Sat. | Mar 11 | 8:00 AM | +COMMUNITY MASS |
| | | 4:30 PM | +RICHARD LAVERY ~ <i>The Guild of the Mother of Jesus</i> |
| Sun. | Mar 12 | 7:30 AM | +SUSAN MARCINOV ~ <i>Daughters, Marge and Dianne</i> |
| | | 9:00 AM | +JOHN GRAND ~ <i>John Tkacik</i> |
| | | 11:00 AM | +JOHN MINO ~ <i>David Margonis</i> |
| <u>Healing Mass</u> | | <u>2:00 PM</u> | FOR ALL IN NEED OF OUR LOVING GOD'S MERCY & HEALING |



FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH ~ WEEK OF 2-26-2017


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


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| Sunday Collection | \$ | 5,831 |
| Other Collections: Annual, Monthly, Holy Day... | \$ | 741 |
| TOTAL WEEKLY INCOME..... | \$ | 6,572 |
| SHORTFALL | \$ | <u>3,403</u> |


FISCAL YEAR TO DATE OVERVIEW Operating Costs Year to Date \$9,975 x 35.....\$349,125


Actual Weekly Income Year to date \$338,173 Shortfall \$10,952





 **PRAYER CORNER:** 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:
Jay Behan, Betty Jane Berchem, Ted Bielen, William Charney, Mark Charney, Frank Masso, Glen Masso, Fr. Robert Maty, Richard Miller, Dottie Millo, Helen Mino, Michael Nevells, Janet Onze, Peter Panicali, Jo-Ann Petreycik, Charles Rader, T.J. Recupido, Roger Silhavy, Jennie Tesla


Our Parish Nurses are available this weekend  to take blood pressure readings and answer any medical concerns. The nurses will be in the Vestibule Confessional Room following all the weekend Masses.


 **Youth Choir News:** We thank our Youth Choir for their singing at last week's Sunday, 9:00 AM Mass. Your voices lend beauty to our Eucharistic Celebration. ~ Rehearsal is held on Wednesdays from 5:15 PM to 6:15 PM in the Church choir loft.

 **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - March 5** ~ Religious Education Classes/Children's Liturgy ~ K through 8 ~ No Confirmation Class **March 12** ~ Religious Education Classes/Children's Liturgy ~ K through 8 ~ Confirmation Class in Convent

 Our sympathy and assurance of prayer is extended to the families of **Evelyn Kundrac and Margaret Nemec** who recently died.

 **The Altar Sanctuary Candle for the month of March** is given in loving memory of **+Susan Marcinov** by Daughters, Marge and Dianne

 **The Candle on Our Lady of Perpetual Help Altar for the month of March** is given in loving memory of **+Veronica Charnitski** by Daughter, Cathy Tringhese

 **The Candle on the St. Joseph Altar for the month of March** is given in loving memory of **+Joseph and +Marion Gresko** by the Children

LENTEN SCHEDULE:

On Wednesday Afternoons during Lent, beginning March 8, 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.



This weekend at the Sunday, 9:00 AM Mass, we commission our newest Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Ministers of the Word.



“Lord you know that I love you.”

(Jn 21:15-17) The Eucharist is, in a certain way the culminating point of this answer. I wish to repeat it together with the whole Church to Him, who manifested His love by means of the Sacrament of His Body and Blood, remaining with us “to the close of the age” Saint John Paul II.



“The Lord God has given me a well trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them.” Isaiah 50:4-5

We ask God to bless all our ministers as they serve God and parish.



Each Friday during Lent at 7:00pm we invite you to join together to pray as a parish family the Stations of The Cross followed by Benediction. The Stations of the Cross began

as the practice of pious pilgrims to Jerusalem who would retrace the final journey of Jesus Christ to Calvary. Later, for the many who wanted to pass along the same route, but could not make the trip to Jerusalem, a practice developed that eventually took the form of the fourteen stations currently found in almost every church. *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website www.usccb.org*



THE ANNUAL EASTER BAKE SALE sponsored by the Ladies Guild will take place Sunday, March 26. Orders are now being taken by phone on a “First Come,

First Served” basis. Nut and Poppy Rolls are \$12.00 each and Paska (plain or with raisins) is \$6.00 each. **To place an order, please call Gert Balamaci at 203-377-3597 or Dolores Mihalik at 203-378-3426.** Orders will be taken for all items until the available supply runs out. **Orders must be picked up Sunday, March 26** between 10:00AM and 12:00 Noon in the parish hall. *****

Loaves and Fishes Envelopes are available at the church entrances. 100% of the proceeds go directly to provide food for the neediest in our community. Any amount you give will make a difference. *“Let us help one another at times of difficulty & lighten each other’s burdens... Let us be families which are a support for other families.”* Pope Francis



EVANGELIZATION CORNER It is when we are hungry that we most need the Bread of Life and not the banquet spread by temptation. It is when we are thirsty that we most need the Cup of Salvation and not the wine held out by sin. **It is when we are weak that we most need the strength of Christ and not our own.**



The Guild of the Mother of Jesus Membership will meet on Wednesday, March 8, at 6:30 PM in Church for “Mary’s Way of the Cross”.

A business meeting to discuss the upcoming Easter Bake Sale will follow in the Parish Hall. Refreshments will be served and members are asked to bring a new item for the small raffle table. New Members always welcome.



Our next Community Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, March 11 at 8:00 AM. If you would like to have your loved ones remembered at this Mass, please call the parish office at 203-375-5815 by Thursday.



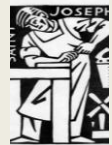
Join us at Holy Name of Jesus Church Sunday, March 12, at 2:00 PM for a Mass of Healing. This Mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation. All are invited ~

those in need of healing, whether it is physical, emotional or spiritual ~ anyone in need of God’s healing. **Please let us know if you will join us and how many people will attend by calling the Parish Office at 203-375-5815.** For those whose family members are homebound and unable to attend –there are intention cards at the church entrances which can be filled out and returned to the parish office, placed in the offertory basket, or a family member may bring the intention the day of the Healing Mass. Intentions will be placed on the altar for this Mass.



Holy Name of Jesus Parish Celebrates St. Patrick’s Day! Friday, March 17, at 6:00PM in our Parish Hall.

Doors open at 5:30PM. Come join us for a fun evening with a traditional Irish meal of Corned Beef & Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots, Rye Bread, Soda and Coffee. For dessert we will celebrate **St. Joseph’s Feast Day** with an Italian dessert. ****Paid Reservations of \$15 per person are due THIS WEEKEND **No Tickets will be sold at the door.** Please call the parish office 203-375-5815 for more information.



PARISH RAFFLE: The raffle drawing will be held at 8:00 PM during our St. Patrick’s Day Dinner on Friday, March 17, in the Parish Hall.

1st Prize \$500, 2nd Prize \$300 and 3rd Prize \$200.

2017 Annual Catholic Appeal - Next Weekend is Commitment Weekend in the Diocese. We ask that you re-read the Appeal information from Bishop Caggiano that has been sent to your homes and prayerfully consider your gift. You may return your completed pledge card in next week’s offertory basket. Thank you for your support.