

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Feb 21 First Sunday of Lent
Wed Feb 24 5:15-6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary
Fri Feb 26 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross



Monday, Feb. 22 The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8:30 a.m.

†Dorothy Andrews (*Betty & Al Covino*)

Tuesday, Feb. 23 St. Polycarp

8:30 a.m.

†Betty Dionis (*Julie & David Lucas & Family*)

Wednesday, Feb. 24

8:30 a.m.

†Patricia Way (*Donna Kelly*)

Thursday, Feb. 25

8:30 a.m.

†Justin Dodson (*Judy Resick & Gary Baumgartner*)

Friday, Feb. 26

8:30 a.m.

†Dorothy Skupien (*Family*)

Saturday, Feb. 27

4:00p.m.

†David & Patricia Shellenberger (*Family*)

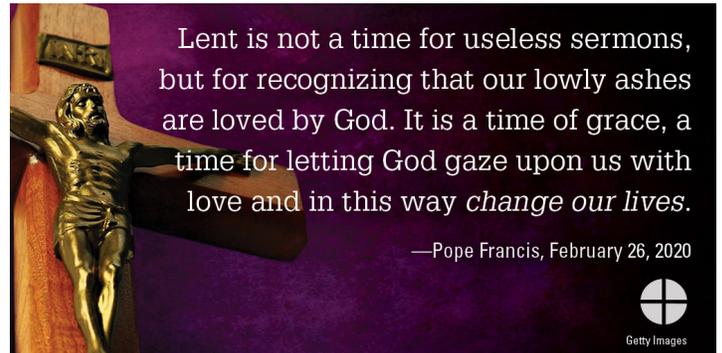
Sunday, Feb. 28 Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Mass For the People

10:30 a.m. †Diane Stasky (*Olive & Jamie*)

PASTOR'S CORNER

The First Sunday of Lent



On the First Sunday of Lent, begin your journey with self-reflection and allow yourself to experience the mercy of the Lord. How will you renew your commitment to prayer, fasting and almsgiving this season?

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl



Lent looks a little different this year. Catholic Relief Services has resources to keep your family engaged, including reflections, meatless recipes and stories from around the world. Participate in CRS Rice Bowl and learn more at <https://www.crsricebowl.org/families>.

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-FEB. 13-14. 2021

Regular	\$5250.00	Christmas Club	\$ 11.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 26.00	Candles	\$ 10.00
Candlemas	\$ 130.00	Solemnity-Mary	\$ 10.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 93.00		
Black & Indian	\$ 24.00	Total	\$5554.00

Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

Saint Josemaria Escriva commented on the passage about the woman in the crowd who praised the mother of Jesus, and the Jesus' enlightening response: "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it" (Lk 11: 27-28)

He wrote that this last statement "was the praise of his Mother and her fiat, manifested not by blind actions, but by daily, silent and hidden sacrifice." He added: "Here, we can understand the logic of God a little better. It is not the accomplishment of great actions that make up the supernatural value of our life, but the faithful acceptance of God's will and generosity in the sacrifice of each day..."

In a society like our own, dominated by consumerism and the search for pleasure, people lose the ability to appreciate small joys. Fewer and fewer people experience what Saint Augustine described: "When there is love, either the sacrifice does not cost us anything, or we like the sacrifice that it costs us."

Mary teaches us the pleasure of small everyday joys—those that are within the reach of all but that our hectic life make invisible...These are treasures that the frenetic pace of modern life wants to rob us of, and that we must recover.

Pray, Fast, Give

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PALM COLLECTION

A basket will be available in the foyer throughout Lent to collect your palm from past year. The palm will be burned during the Easter Vigil.

CANDLES

Art & Jayne Whitman by Linda L. Zakrzwski, Rosie Gewert by Linda L. Zakrzwski



The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle (February 22)

Today is the feast of the Chair of St. Peter! This feast reminds us of the significance of the ministry of St. Peter and the succession of popes who followed in his footsteps.

Saint of the Week



Saint Margaret of Cortona

DATES: 1247–1297

FEAST DAY: FEBRUARY 22

This Italian penitent was the daughter of Tuscan peasants and, for nine years, the mistress of a young nobleman near Montepulciano. After her lover died violently, Margaret and her illegitimate child were given a home by the Franciscans in Cortona. She became a Franciscan tertiary and practiced severe self-denial. Until her son grew up, she earned their living and performed works of charity. In one vision, Christ told her she was "the third light" of the order, after Francis and Clare. Her prayers and counsel prompted many conversions, and she was considered a living saint.

Zoom Christian Prayer and Spirituality Class

Adult Religious Education nurtures the lifelong development of the whole person-body, mind, heart, and spirit. Deacon Michael Russo will be teaching the 8 week course **Christian Prayer and Spirituality via Zoom** beginning Tuesday, March 2nd from 6:30-8:30 p.m. In this course participants will explore both traditional and contemporary expressions of Christian prayer and spirituality. The cost of this course which includes registration and material fee is \$55.

Registration forms are available online at www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry/ or by calling Marybeth at (814) 361-2000. **Deadline for class registration is February 22nd.** **All are welcome!**

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

1st Sunday of Lent

Today's readings remind us that "baptism is God's most beautiful and magnificent gift" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*;1216). In your Lenten Journey, may you recommit yourself to living as Jesus' disciple and a passionate steward of all God's gifts in the kingdom of God. We should strive to fully participate in this Lenten season by mirroring Jesus, the model steward by whom we are called to imitate. Through our time in the desert, we will confront evil by weeding out the roots of sin in our lives through fasting. May we be sustained and nourished in the desert by prayer. (Stewardship Reflections, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, January 25, 2021)

May we also model ourselves after Saint Joseph who was a creative hardworking and courageous child of God. We must strive to be the caretakers of all the sons and daughters who are in need of food, clothing, shelter, security and safety. It is in the Spirit of the Living God that we may build up the Church in the earthly Kingdom of God that is here and now.

CHURCH HISTORY ZOOM CLASS

Church History: The story of diversity, multiple developments, and pluralism. In this **8-week Zoom online** class, Deacon Don Gibboney gives an overview of Church history focusing upon Christianity in Europe from apostolic times to the present. Classes are Wednesdays from 6:00-8:30 p.m. beginning February 24th. Registration fee is \$45.00. To register please contact the Office of Lay Ecclesial Ministry at (814) 361-2000 or mheinse@dioceseaj.org. **All are welcome!**

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND RESCHEDULED

Since there is uncertainty concerning overseas travel, we have rescheduled our pilgrimage to the Holy Land. **The new dates are April 25 to May 4, 2022.** If you have ever wondered what it would have been like to witness the Gospel events this is the pilgrimage for you. Imagine being in the boat with the disciples on the Sea of Galilee when Jesus calmed the storm. Picture yourself standing on the Mount of Olives, walking through the Garden of Gethsemane.

Our Holy Land Experience will:

- Bring the Bible to life
- Inspire passionate faith and Christian living
- Enrich your understanding of the Gospel
- Energize the call to ministry
- Enhance knowledge and understanding of the contemporary culture and issues.

Because the date has been rescheduled, we are able to open the reservations to more pilgrims. For a copy of the brochure and more information, please contact Deacon Michael Russo: 288-3036 or michael.russo@atlanticbb.net.

Marianna Hoagie Sale

St. Rose is participating in the American Cancer Society's Pray for a Cure Marianna Hoagie Sale. Hoagies (*Italian, All American, Ham & Swiss, Ham Club, Roast Beef, Smoked Ham & Cheddar, Turkey, Traditional, or 3 Cheese*) are \$8.00 and Pizzas (*Pepperoni, White, Cheese*) are \$9.00 each and can be purchased by calling the rectory. Orders are due by March 5 and can be picked up Saturday, March 13.

Local Faithful Aiding Missionary Outreach

As the pandemic forced churches to close and spirituality meetings to cease this past spring, St. Benedict Church in Johnstown expand their website to include, Mass, spiritual devotions and website links to help the faithful during the difficult time. The success of the website has opened spiritual programs to the world. Christians from Africa, Pakistan, Uganda, Malawi, and India have contacted Deacon Michael Russo, who is in ministry at St. Benedict, wanting to share both prayer and life experiences.

Through this outreach, Deacon Michael befriended Linus, a young seminarian in Africa who is affiliated with the Missionaries of Jesus the Savior and Imran Mustaq, a Christian in Pakistan, who has started a school for Christian children in his area, teaching from his home so that they can receive a religious education. This missionary effort, supported by several members of the Diaconate Community, parishioners of St. Benedict Church and from others around the country, has enabled rosaries, Bibles, and other prayer aids as well as financial support for children's clothing, school supplies, and food to be sent to help the missionary outreach. A GoFundMe page has been established to assist with costs such as postage. All are invited to support this effort.

For more information on how you can be part of this missionary outreach, please contact Deacon Michael (814) 288-3036 or by email at michael.russo@atlanticbb.net.

FISH DINNER

Cathedral Parish Drive Thru Fish Dinner
on Ash Wednesday 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Fridays 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Take out only—Pick up at alley door
Menu— Beer Battered Fried Fish
Mac & Cheese
Cole Slaw
Sandwich Roll
Price—\$9.00

St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul Conference Weekly Reflection for February 21 First Sunday of Lent:

In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings light into the darkness surrounding the heart of those living in poverty bringing them the real, lasting, and deep joy of God's love this Easter.

God Bless You!

If you know of someone in need, please visit our website (<http://strosesvdp.org>) to inform us of their situation. We will do our best to help out in any way we can. We encourage all parishioners to use our website to help us help those in need. Thank you!

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

February 21, 2021

Jesus went into the desert to put his life in perspective. This lent, take a fresh look at a difficult relationship in your life. Concentrate on the positive things that person does, not just the negatives. Try to understand why their behaviors "bug" you. Can you honestly share your feelings with them without attacking them? Make Lent a time to MEND and FORGIVE!