

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun March 14 Fourth Sunday of Lent
Wed March 17 5:15-6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary
Fri March 19 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross



Monday, March 15

8:30 a.m.
†Anthony Vinglas (*Holy Trinity Catholic School*)

Tuesday, March 16

8:30 a.m.
†William Luther (*Eugene & Darlene Crist*)

Wednesday, March 17 St. Patrick

8:30 a.m.
†John Sutusky (*Family*)

Thursday, March 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem

8:30 a.m.
†Spero Tsikalas (*Carolyn Sylvester*)

Friday, March 19 St. Joseph

8:30 a.m.
†Eleanor Berry (*Dorothy & Don Beiswenger*)

Saturday, March 20

4:00p.m.
†Charles & Josephine Love (*Family*)

Sunday, March 21 Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Mass For the People
10:30 a.m. †Richard, Betty & David Drabic (*Family*)

PASTOR'S CORNER

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is the midpoint and known as Laetare Sunday. Laetare means "rejoice" and the Church expresses hope and joy in the middle of our penitential Lenten practices.

Catholic Relief Services Collection



This weekend, we will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection at Mass! #JesusInDisguise #1church1mission www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary



In celebration of the Year of St. Joseph, we pray today for all fathers, that through the example of St. Joseph, they may fully embrace their vocation and accept the privilege and responsibility of caring for their children as St. Joseph cared for Jesus.

The Year of the Family

Today marks the fifth anniversary of the Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris laetitia*, on the joy and beauty of familial love. Pope Francis announced the Year of Amoris Laetitia, which will conclude on with the X World Meeting of Families in Rome on June 26, 2022. We pray for each of you and your families!



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-MARCH 6-7, 2021

Regular	\$8603.00	Christmas	\$ 53.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 54.00	Candle	\$ 5.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 165.00	CRS	\$ 40.00
Black & Indian	\$ 45.00		
Candlemas	\$ 15.00	Total	\$8980.00

Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

In eating the forbidden fruit, Eve broke the image and likeness of God she possessed. In the blessed fruit of her womb, Mary, and with her all Christians, found what Eve was seeking: union with God through Christ and the resemblance of God. Eve sought pleasure and joy, but she found pain and nakedness. In the fruit of the womb of the Virgin, we find grace and salvation: he who eats this fruit will have eternal life.

Eve was after a kind of transitory beauty and she picked a deadly fruit, whereas Mary has given mankind the most beautiful fruit that angels will ever contemplate. He is the most handsome among the sons of men (cf. Ps 44: 3) because He is the splendor of the glory of the Father (Heb 1,3), Jesus, the Lord.

Let us therefore seek what we desire in the fruit of the Blessed Virgin, because it is God's blessed fruit. The Virgin is blessed, but her fruit, Jesus, is even more blessed." (Saint Thomas Aquinas' Commentary on the Hail Mary)

Mgr. Francesco Follo
The Vatican, December 30, 2016, Zenit.org

Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Job Openings

Job Seekers: There are various openings available throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese. Log on to <https://www.dioceseaj.org/employment/> to apply.

BIRTHDAY CARD

We would like for you to remember Olive Savino, a long time parishioner of St. Rose of Lima, who will be 100 years old on March 18. Please consider sending a card congratulating Olive to 2418 14th Avenue, Altoona, Pa. 16601.

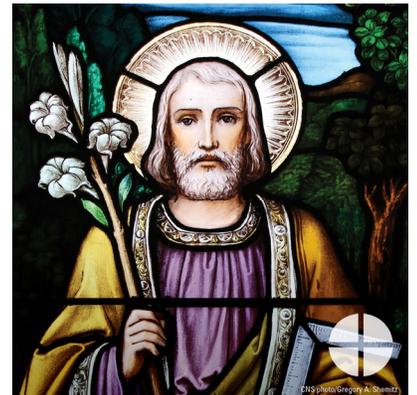
CANDLE: For the Intentions of Matthew P. Zakrzwski (Son) by Linda Zakrzwski.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Joseph

First Century
Solemnity—March 19

The spouse of Mary the mother of Jesus and the legal father of Jesus according to Jewish law, Joseph is a model of humility and obedience to God's will. He followed God's instructions, given by angels in dreams, and took the pregnant Mary into his home as his wife, protected her and Jesus at the child's birth in Bethlehem through the family's sojourn in Egypt, and provided for them as a carpenter in Nazareth. This feast, which was celebrated locally as early as the ninth century, became a universal feast in the fifteenth century, when it was placed on the liturgical calendar. Pope Pius IX named St. Joseph Patron of the Universal Church in 1870; he is also the patron saint of carpenters, the dying, and workers.



"Being a guardian is the distinctive trait of Joseph: Being the guardian is his great mission . . . We look to Joseph as the model educator, who watches over and accompanies Jesus as he grows 'in wisdom, age and grace,' as the Gospel says. He was not Jesus' father: the father of Jesus was God, but he was a father to Jesus, he was a father to Jesus in order to help him grow. And how did he help him grow? In wisdom, age and grace." —Pope Francis, March 19, 2014

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2021 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

GOAL: \$43, 235

TODAY IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY FOR THE
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE -

BE A DISCIPLE OF HOPE!

Your sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate impact on ministries that care for the poor, strengthen family life, nurture our youth, and provide leadership development for clergy and laity.

During Lent, and throughout the year, we are challenged to renew our spiritual devotions and duties—and one of those holy duties is to support the Church. We are challenged to open our eyes and see those in our midst that bring hope to life through their time and talent in serving the community through the 14 ministries supported by the Catholic Ministries Drive.

- ***Caring for the Poor & Strengthening Families***
Catholic Charities, Family Life, Fulton County Catholic Mission, Mandeville Diocese in Jamaica.
- ***Nurturing Our Youth***
Campus Ministry, Educating Youth, Sacramental Preparation, Youth Ministry.
- ***Forming Clergy & Laity***
Adult Enrichment, Christian Initiation (RCIA), Evangelization, Lay Ecclesial Ministry, Priests' Vocations, Ongoing Formation of Priests & Deacons.

If you didn't bring your Commitment Card to mass this weekend, please bring it next weekend or you may make an online gift at www.dioceseaj.org/giving. 100% of your gift goes directly to these ministries!

Knights of Columbus #551 Membership Drive:

Join the Knights of Columbus Council #551 (Altoona) for an evening of socializing, food and an NCAA men's basketball sweet sixteen game 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday, March 27, as part of the council's membership drive.

The Knights of Columbus is located at 1502 12th Ave. Altoona. All practicing Catholic men ages 18 and older are welcome to join the Knights of Columbus. There is no cost and a cash bar will be available. Masks and social distancing will be followed. Pre-registration is encouraged by calling Bob Kasum, K of C Council #551 membership director, at (814) 935-2031 or [emailing kofc551@gmail.com](mailto:kofc551@gmail.com) or bobkasumvb21@gmail.com

Year of Saint Joseph Liturgical Reflections

Sunday, March 14, 2021

The Saint Joseph Table

The Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is always on March 19th, in the middle of Lent, and is especially commemorated and celebrated in Italy, particularly in Sicily. Saint Joseph has been long-regarded as the island's patron saint. It is there that the tradition of the "Tavola di San Giuseppe" or "St. Joseph's Table" has its origins.

The celebration is a symbolic "thank you" and a renewal of the Sicilian people's devotion to Saint Joseph. It is a shared celebration with the entire community where the riches of food are given as alms to the poor: traditional etiquette is that no one can be turned away from this table. The origin of the celebration comes from the Middle Ages and is attributed to the end of a devastating drought and famine through a prayer-devotion that the Sicilian people made to St. Joseph. Food crops for both people and livestock withered and died. The people prayed to Saint Joseph for help. Desperately-needed rain poured down. After the harvest, to show their gratitude, they prepared a table with special foods to honor St. Joseph. After thanking and honoring the saint, they distributed the food to the poor and less fortunate. It became an annual tradition and eventually spread throughout the world. The feast itself is celebrated after Mass.

As there is no meat on the Saint Joseph Table, a dispensation is unnecessary if March 19 falls on a Friday.

(Learn more at <https://yearofstjoseph.org/devotions/st-joseph-table>)

There are parishes in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown who have assumed this tradition but are unable to do so this year. Please go to www.dioceseaj.org for a taped presentation on the Saint Joseph Table with Fr. Brian Saylor, Pastor of Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Altoona.

2021, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Liturgy Committee, Liturgy Office, Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center, 2713 W. Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, Pa. 16601

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FISH DINNER

Cathedral Parish Drive Thru Fish Dinner
Fridays during Lent -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

TURKEY DINNER

The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel Annual Men's Turkey Dinner will be held on **Sunday, March 21st** as a drive-thru dinner. Simply stay in your vehicle ~ multiple lines for faster service!
11:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. or sold out. Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings- \$12.00.

SOUP SALE

Our Lady of the Alleghenies Roman Catholic Church in Lilly, Pa. will sponsor a **Soup Sale Saturday, March 27th**. Soups offered will be Homemade Chicken Noodle and Beef Vegetable. The cost will be \$8.00 per quart. Pick-up time will be 10:00 a.m. until Noon. All soups will be prepared under license and COVID compliances at Custer's Market in Lilly. If you are interested in pre-ordering any soup, please contact Amy Hazlett, 814-418-0516.

FRIED FISH SANDWICH DINNER

Friday, March 26th
St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joseph's Church, Williamsburg. 3:30-6:30 p.m.
Takeout only
\$12.00 per Dinner
Dinner Includes: Fried Haddock Sandwich, Macaroni & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Coleslaw, & Dessert
Advance Tickets Only, No Sales at the Door
For Tickets Call: Jim 814-832-2139-Sandy 814-658-3600 - Charlotte 814-832-2314

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

Please remember to renew your membership in the Altar & Rosary Society. As a member of the Society you partake in the graces of a Mass each month, and at the time of your death. The Altar Society provides flowers, candles and altar linens used throughout the year. Please use the envelope provided in your pack of envelopes.

St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul Conference Weekly Reflection for March 14 - Fourth Sunday of Lent:

In today's Gospel, God demonstrates great love for us by sending his Son so that we may believe in him. We demonstrate our great love for God by doing good works: reaching out to others, acting in justice and charity.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Know that your nickel, dime, quarter or dollar is multiplied by coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.

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!

Service Paws of Central PA collects aluminum can tabs as a small part of their fundraising. Service Paws helps purchase service dogs (from accredited schools) and/or help with extraordinary veterinary expenses for an existing service dog. Tabs can be dropped off on the front porch at 413– 58th Street.

Please join us at the fifth annual PAWing IT FOREward golf tournament on July 22, 2021. Joe Fagnani, Chairman
814-940-0270 or servicepawsofcentralpa@gmail.com
servicepawsofcentralpa.org

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

4th Sunday of Lent

The Lord's words to Samuel about who should become the next king of Israel cut right to the heart of what matters in God's eyes, "man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart." We often embrace the misconception that status and appearance are what is most important in life. Yet, God clearly states that it is our hearts that matter most.

Jesus tells us that if we live our lives as faithful stewards our deeds will shine out and be clearly seen as we reflect God's dream. What can we do so our deeds will bring lift to the world in those around us? And how do we cultivate hearts worthy of God?

It starts in prayer, giving God undivided attention each day. Through this week set time aside for our Lord, He will work on our hearts so that they will become more like him.
(*Stewardship Bulletin Reflection*, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, February 15, 2021)