

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

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



### Monday, March 22

8:30 a.m.  
†Joann Reese (*Mary Stoy*)

### Tuesday, March 23 St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

8:30 a.m.  
†Eugene Bettwy (*Linda Turcovski*)

### Wednesday, March 24

8:30 a.m.  
†Dave McMullen (*Dorothy & Don Beiswenger*)

### Thursday, March 25 Annunciation of the Lord

8:30 a.m.  
All God's People (*Altoona Catholic Daughters*)

### Friday, March 26

8:30 a.m.  
†Deborah Dillon (*Donna Eggerstorfer*)

### Saturday, March 27

4:00p.m.  
†William Luther (*Bill & Grace Smith*)

### Sunday

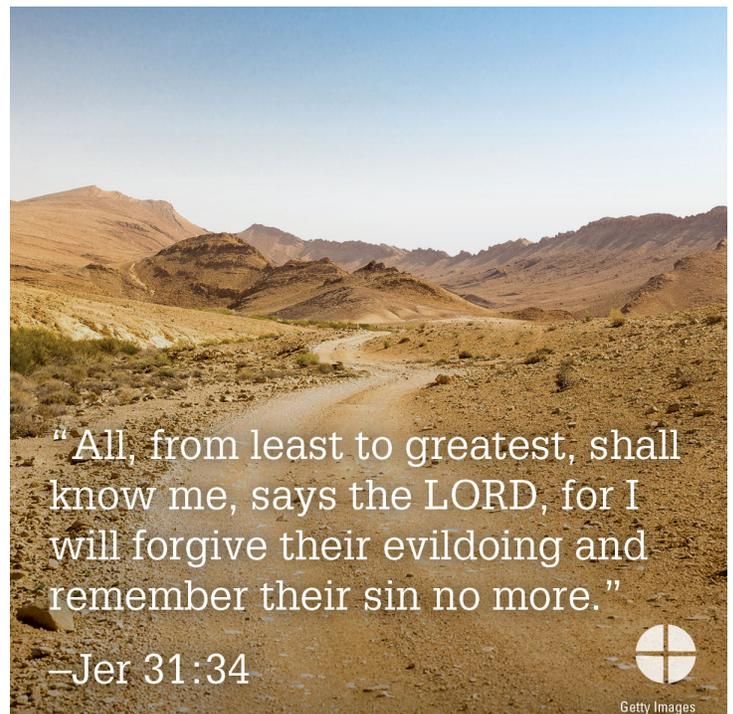
8:00 a.m. Mass For the People  
10:30 a.m. †Josephine Schachtner (*Kathy Yingling*)

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### Triduum/Easter Schedule

Beginning with the Mass of the Lord's Supper, Holy Thursday Evening, we will be moving back into the church. There will be limited seating and so I ask that you sign up using Flocknote or calling the rectory for the celebrations of the Triduum and Easter.

- Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 P.M. Adoration will continue in the church until 10:00 P.M.
- Good Friday, Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 12 Noon. Adoration of the Cross will be by a simple bow before the cross. Following Communion please exit using the side aisle doors.
- Good Friday, Tenebrae, 7:30 P.M.
- Blessing of Easter Food—Saturday, 12-12:30 P.M.; drive thru at the main church entrance.
- The Easter Vigil will be celebrated at 4:00 P.M. and the Easter Sunday Masses at 8:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.
  - We will continue our COVID-19 protocols. After receiving communion we ask that you exit through the side aisle doors.



"All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more."

—Jer 31:34



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-MARCH 13-14, 2021

Regular	\$7229.00	Christmas	\$ 12.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 6.00	Easter Flowers	\$ 513.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 5.00	Candles	\$ 30.00
CRS	\$ 205.00		
		Total	\$8000.00

### Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

Pope Francis granted the Shrine of Fatima the right to offer a plenary indulgence to pilgrims- according to the usual conditions- during the jubilee year of the centenary of the apparitions of the Virgin Mary, starting on November 26, 2016.

Sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the Holy Father's intentions are the conditions for the pilgrims, in a spirit of penance, to receive this grace of total liberation which the Church calls "plenary indulgence." "This indulgence is really a "Christological" indulgence, since the Church draws on the infinite merits of Christ to free souls from sin and its consequences.

The diocese of Leiria-Fatima recommends that pilgrims actively participate in a celebration or a prayer in honor of the Virgin Mary, pray the Our Father, recite the Creed, and invoke the Virgin of Fatima. The indulgence may be granted to Catholics who participate in a celebration or a prayer in honor of Our Lady of Fatima in another church where the image of the Virgin is exposed, on the anniversary date of the apparitions, namely the 13<sup>th</sup> of each month between May and October 2017.

### 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.

### ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

As you may have noticed the branch with the names of our First Communion and Confirmation Candidates is not displayed this year, so please keep the children in your prayers during Lent and beyond.

### 2021 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE GOAL: \$43, 235

#### "BE A DISCIPLE OF HOPE"

Thank you to all parishioners who have responded to the 2021 Catholic Ministries Drive  
"Be a Disciple of Hope"

Please join them in supporting our parish and a select group of ministries that provide outreach to the poor, family life, youth and seminarians. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, please use the envelopes available in the gathering space, or you may give online at [www.dioceseaj.org/giving](http://www.dioceseaj.org/giving). 100% of your gift goes directly to these ministries!

On behalf of these vital ministries, thank you for your sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure.

#### THANK YOU

The members of the Relay Team, "Praying for a Cure" would like to thank the parish for their Involvement in the Marianna Fundraiser. Thanks to you we were able to raise a little over \$1,600. We could not have made such a difference without you! Thank you again!

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### Saint Basil the Younger

Feast Day – March 26

Died circa 952



As a young man, Basil began living as a hermit near Constantinople, now Istanbul, Turkey. Courtiers of the Byzantine emperor, alarmed at his appearance and fearful of his influence, had him arrested and questioned as a spy. Basil would say only that he was a pilgrim and stranger on earth, but he denounced their immoral lifestyles. According to his hagiography, he survived their cruel tortures and being thrown to a lion unharmed, and was saved from an official drowning by two dolphins. These miracles won him freedom. Thereafter, many of the faithful came to his hermitage for healing, prophecies and instruction. Basil reportedly lived to the age of 110.

## HE MADE HIS DWELLING AMONG US The Annunciation and the Gospel of Life

The Annunciation celebrates the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to inform her that she was to be the mother of Jesus. On this great feast day, we not only recall Mary's courageous "yes" to God, we also celebrate the Incarnation of Christ, our Savior. For it was there, in the womb of a woman, nine months before the celebration of the manger, that "the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (John 1:14). The celebration of the Annunciation coincides with the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (The Gospel of Life). This prophetic document on the dignity and inviolability of every human life was put forth by Pope John Paul II on the Solemnity of the Annunciation in 1995. The intimate connection of these two events highlights a profound reality about the identity and value of every human person. Luke's Gospel tells us that by the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ would be conceived within the womb of Mary. It was there, in the womb of the Blessed Mother, that Christ first took on human flesh and made his dwelling among us. Like us, the unborn child Jesus grew and developed beneath the shelter of his mother's loving heart. Through Christ's Incarnation, God chose to share fully and intimately in our humanity and bridge all distance between God and man, so that we may dwell together. The Church teaches us that "by His incarnation the Son of God has united Himself in some fashion with every man."<sup>1</sup> God desired to dwell among us, as one of us, in order to bring us salvation. This truth "reveals to humanity not only the boundless love of God... but also the incomparable value of every human person."<sup>2</sup> Each of us is made in the image and likeness of our Creator, to share in the very life of God himself. This reality "reveals the greatness and the inestimable value of human life."<sup>3</sup> The human person is "a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory."<sup>4</sup> Created through the love of the Father, each one of us bears "an indelible imprint of God."<sup>5</sup> By sharing in our humanity, Christ invites us to share in his divinity, that we might dwell with him for eternity. Therefore, "the Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel."<sup>6</sup> Through Christ's descent to earth God desires to raise each one of us to the heights of heaven. May we recognize that to proclaim the Gospel of Life is to proclaim Christ, the one who made his dwelling among us.

<sup>1</sup> Pope Paul VI, *Gaudium et spes*: Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1965), 22.2 Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1995), 2. <sup>3</sup> *Ibid.* Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 34.5 Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 35.6 Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 2. Scriptural excerpt from NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission. All rights reserved. Excerpts from *Evangelium vitae* © 1995, *Gaudium et spes*: Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World © 1965, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved. iStock.com/TatianaDavidova; iStock.com/sedmak. Photos used with permission. All rights reserved. Copyright © 2020, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved.

## Year of Saint Joseph Liturgical Reflections

### ***Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of our Spiritual Father***

During this Special Year of Saint Joseph you may want to enter into the 33 day prayer to consecrate yourself to Saint Joseph. What does it mean for a person? It is basically you acknowledging that he is your spiritual father, and you want to be like him. To show it, you entrust yourself entirely into his paternal care so that he can help you acquire his virtues and become holy, you make a formal act of entrustment in prayer to your spiritual father. Saint Joseph in turn, will give those consecrated to him his undivided attention, protection, and guidance.

Father Donald Calloway, MIC has written a book, *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of our Spiritual Father*, to assist you. The prayer can be made in a group or by a single person. Based on the Litany to Saint Joseph and his 24 different titles, a series of special prayers and quotes of holy men and women is followed by a reflection on a wonder of St. Joseph. You are bound to be enlightened by your broadened sense and appreciation of the "silent St. Joseph" and find a trusting companion and protector in him and the entire Holy Family.

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

### **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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bobkasumvb21@gmail.com)

### **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.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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### FISH DINNER

Cathedral Parish Drive Thru Fish Dinner will be held this Friday, March 26.

Drive thru only-Pick up at alley door from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Menu: Beer Battered Fried Fish; Mac & Cheese; Cole Slaw; Sandwich Roll

Price—\$9.00

**There will be no Dinners on April 2, Good Friday.**

### TURKEY DINNER

The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel Annual Men's Turkey Dinner will be held on this **Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>** 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.

### FRIED FISH SANDWICH DINNER

Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

**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

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

You are like a grain of wheat. Keeping your time, talent, and treasure to yourself yields no harvest. With God's grace we can die to ourselves and bear fruit for His kingdom. When you live for others, the evangelizing mission of Jesus Christ is revealed. Is God calling you to be charitable in a specific way this week?

We are called to detach from our own desires and entrust our lives to all that God has in store for us. As this Lenten season comes to a close, let us strive to partake in the richness God has offered to us through his covenant by more faithfully living out our call to be disciples of Christ, with frequent reception of the sacraments, and heartfelt service to our families and neighbors.

*(Stewardship Bulletin Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, February 22, 2021)*

### St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul Conference Weekly Reflection for March 21 - Fifth Sunday of Lent:

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." When we help the poor, we are truly followers of Jesus, servant of the poor.

**As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them Easter hope and joy.**

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](mailto:servicepawsofcentralpa@gmail.com) [servicepawsofcentralpa.org](http://servicepawsofcentralpa.org)

### SOUP SALE

Our Lady of the Alleghenies Roman Catholic Church in Lilly, Pa. will sponsor a **Soup Sale Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**. 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.