

3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF  
*LENT*



March 20, 2022

*St. Rose of Lima Church*



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“Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the grounds around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.”

*Luke 13:8, 9*

## PASTOR'S CORNER

**OUR 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY: RENEW! REPAIR! REJOICE!** These three words capture well the spirit of our upcoming anniversary! It is a time to **RENEW**, not only our physical plant, but especially to rekindle the bonds of love and friendship which shape us as the Living Body of Christ. It is a time to **REPAIR**, not only ceilings and parking lots, but much more importantly to restore and strengthen our parish family by *outreach* to those who may seem alienated. It is a time to **REJOICE**, for we all have joyous memories of the many ways that we have experienced God's presence here at St. Rose, and as we continue to celebrate our companionship with Christ into our second century of parish life!

**POPE FRANCIS PLEADS FOR PEACE!** Having just prayed the Angelus in Vatican Square, on Sunday Pope Francis pleaded: "In the name of God, I ask you: stop this massacre! We have just prayed to the Virgin Mary. The city that bears her name, Mariupol, has become a city martyred by the ruinous war that is devastating Ukraine. Faced with the barbarism of the killing of children, and of innocent and defenseless citizens, there are no strategic reasons that hold up: the only thing to be done is to cease the unacceptable armed aggression before the city is reduced to a cemetery. With an aching heart I join my voice to that of the common people, who implore an end to the war. In the name of God, let the cries of those who suffer be heard and let the bombings and attacks cease! Let there be a real and decisive focus on negotiation, and let the humanitarian corridors be effective and safe."

**ST. OLGA, PATRONESS OF KYIV** - We are in solidarity with the Ukrainian people in this time of great adversity. You will notice an Icon of St. Olga of Kyiv in the church, with a Ukrainian flag beside it, so that we not forget to pray for our suffering brothers and sisters. Holy cards are also available.

Ukrainians are used to adversity and they have a special medieval role model who personifies their bravery in the face of hardship: **St. Olga of Kyiv**. The Mongol horde destroyed her tomb in Kyiv in 1240 but a Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral was dedicated to her was consecrated there as recently as 2010. Olga of Kyiv, is today recognized as one of Eastern Orthodoxy's greatest saints. A fierce and proud woman who protected her young son and avenged her husband's death, she was a crucial figure in the consolidation of the medieval kingdom of Kyivan Rus' as a political entity and in its peoples' conversion to Christianity. The Eastern Orthodox and Greek Catholic Churches recognize her with the venerable and extraordinary title "Isapóstolos": Equal to the Apostles. She and Kyiv's patron saint, St Michael the Archangel, remain key figures of intercession among those who need comfort in an hour of greatest need.

**UKRAINIAN RELIEF FUND** – Special envelopes are being distributed so that we can all make a generous gift to the suffering people of Ukraine. Checks can be made out to St. Rose of Lima Parish. These funds will then be sent to Catholic Relief Services (CRS), which is coordinating their distribution. You can also make your contribution online at their web site. The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) is also directing funds directly to the refugees, and gifts can be given on their website as well.

**LENTEN REMINDERS!** Abstinence is obligatory on all Fridays of Lent. Stations of the Cross at 5:30 on the Fridays of Lent.

**CONFESSIONS IN LENT** - All are encouraged to take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Lenten season. Repentance is at the heart of the Lenten message. Please note our usual scheduled time for confession on Saturdays at noon. Our parish Penance service is scheduled for Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 PM. The celebration of the Sacrament of Penance is our sharing in the mystery of Christ's redeeming death and resurrection.

**OUR TRIP TO OVERAMMERGAU** - We have two openings for our trip to the Passion Play this June. In addition to the Passion Play in Bavaria, we will be visiting Munich (Germany), Prague (the Czech Republic), Krakow (Poland), Budapest (Hungary) and Bratislava (Slovakia). The trip begins on June 3 and we return home on June 16<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$5,990 per person for a double. If you are interest, please contact Msgr. Becker at the parish rectory.

**OPERATION RICE BOWL** - Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. By using the Rice Bowl provided by Catholic Relief Services, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Our main altar was designed and built by craftsmen of the Carrara vicinity of Italy. It is fashioned in the form of a chalice from solid Botticino (white) and Verde d'Issori (green) marble. It is 9 feet long and weighs 8000 pounds! The base of the altar is decorated with three medallions made of Venetian glass mosaic to enhance the design of the chalice. Knowing this, we look at the altar with new eyes!

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

Sun. March 20 - Third Sunday of Lent  
Wed. March 23 - 5:15-6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary  
Fri. March 25 - 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross



**Monday, March 21**

8:30 a.m.  
†Adaline and Paul Cassarly (*Mike and Laurie Beckel*)

**Tuesday, March 22**

8:30 a.m.  
†Richard, Betty and David Drabic (*Family*)

**Wednesday, March 23 - Memorial of Saint Toribio de Mogrovejo, Bishop**

8:30 a.m.  
†Mary Jane and Ronnie Repko (*Kathryn Seymore*)

**Thursday, March 24**

8:30 a.m.  
†Dolores Matzik (*Donald and Carolyn Beegle*)

**Friday, March 25 - Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**

8:30 a.m.  
†Catherine Gruber (*Linda Turcovski*)  
5:30 p.m.- Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 26 - Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Lent**

4:00p.m.  
†Jean Stein (*Jake and Sonja Stein*)

**Sunday, March 27 - Fourth Sunday of Lent**

8:00 a.m. Mass For the People  
10:30 a.m.  
The Kling Family - Donna, Kirk and Madeline (*Pat and Linda Nagle*)

**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING  
March 13, 2022**

Regular	\$3,795.00	Children's	\$15.00
Loose	\$370.00	Altar Rosary	\$5.00
Parish Life	\$8.00	Easter Flowers	\$296.00
Christmas Club	\$57.00	Ukranian Fund	\$304.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$45.00	Ash Wednesday	\$25.00
Holy Trinity	\$18.00	Total	\$4,938.00

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** Today's Gospel reminds us that life is precious and the gift of time on earth is just that, a gift. None of us knows how much time will be granted to us, so we must use this gift intentionally to glorify God and serve our neighbor. The season of Lent is a time to carefully reflect on the way we spend our time.

Do we make God our first priority, tending to our spiritual growth and sacramental life with diligence? Do we give the next priority to our loved ones, focusing intentionally on them each day without distractions from phones, screens, or thoughts of work? If not, now is the moment to repent of our waste of time or of misplaced priorities on our use of time. God is merciful but also just. Let's turn to Him and ask Him to make our lives fruitful while we still have time to do so. (*Stewardship Reflections*, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2022/2/21)

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

*Weekends:*

Saturday 4:00 P.M.  
Sunday 8:00 A.M. 10:30 A.M.

*Weekdays*

Monday through Friday 8:30 A.M.  
Holy Day Vigil 7:00 P.M.  
Holy Day 7:00 A.M. 8:30 A.M. 7:00 P.M.

**Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 5:30 P.M.**

**March Prayer Intention of Pope Francis**

*For a Christian response to bioethical challenges*

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.



**PRAY FOR OUR CANDIDATES:** We have placed the names of our First Communion, Confirmation, RCIA, RCIC candidates on the branch found in the gathering space. Please feel free to take a card, and pray for that person.



**March 20 - SERVICE HOURS DUE!**  
**March 27 - LAST CLASS FOR 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**  
**April 3 - 10:30 AM Mass - Rite of Sending for Confirmation Candidates, Sponsors & Parents (reception following in social hall)**

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

Anne Eugenie Milleret was born on August 26, 1817, in Metz, France to a wealthy but non-practicing family. A happy childhood was followed by hard times, her father lost all his fortune, her parents separated, and her mother died. She remained alone.

At 19, she heard the renowned Father Lacordaire preach at Notre Dame de Paris: "I was truly converted. I had conceived the longing to devote all my strength, or rather all my weakness, to the Church which, from that moment I saw as holding the only key to the knowledge and achievement of what is good." She dreamed of founding a congregation dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

A year later, Anne Eugenie met Father Combalot in Paris. Under his guidance, she founded the first community in a Parisian apartment with three other girls. They made their religious profession and opened their first school in 1842. Soon other communities were founded: Under the name of Sisters of the Assumption, a new Marian congregation was born. The foundations multiplied, new communities were born in France, England, Spain, New Caledonia, Latin America, Italy and the Philippines.

### **BUS TRIP TO SALAMANCA NEW YORK CASINO:**

Mount Carmel parish, Altoona, is sponsoring a bus trip to Seneca Casino in Salamanca, NY, on Saturday, April 23rd. We will be leaving the Church Parking Lot at 9 am and departing from the Casino at 8 pm. The cost of the trip is \$35.00 per person. We get back \$25 slot play (Casino Bonus subject to change). To receive this bonus please bring a valid photo ID. Also, bring a face mask since they are required in the Casino. Please call the Parish Office at 814-942-8501 between 9 am--4 pm, Monday--Friday to make your reservation.

**JOURNEY THROUGH LOSS:** Grief is a journey. It is a wilderness that we wander through without a map. Grief changes, but it doesn't end. We don't move on instead we move forward, carrying our heartache and learning to live in a life that is very different, without a person we love.

Adults who have a family member or close friend who has died are invited to join Journey Through Loss. We will come together to share or to listen, to connect with others who understand the journey, to learn about common grief experiences, and to cling to Christ our great hope.

We will meet in the St. John's Parish Center from 6:30 -8:00 for 6 weeks on Tuesday evenings, from April 19th through May 24th. Please register by April 12th. To register or for more information contact Mary Petrak, (814) 502-6076 or [mfpetrak@hotmail.com](mailto:mfpetrak@hotmail.com)

### Readings for the Week of March 20, 2022

#### Sunday Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8,11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

**Monday** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday** Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

#### **Wednesday Memorial of Saint Toribio de Mogrovejo, Bishop**

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday** Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23

#### **Friday Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**

Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

**Saturday** Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

#### Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5,6-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3,11-32

**FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL:** The owner of the fig tree was impatient because the tree did not live up to his expectations. In families there are those who don't live up to our expectations. Imitate the gardener and give them more time and help. Don't cut them out of your life. Love asks us to be connected, not productive. *Reprinted with permission: A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar.*



**FORWARD IN FAITH!** Today is Commitment Sunday for the Catholic Ministries Drive. 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. 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](http://www.dioceseaj.org/giving).



**OUR LADY OF LOURDES FISH FRY:** Every Friday during Lent including Good Friday. Baked or hand dipped fried haddock Homemade mac & cheese or fresh cut french fries Choice of two: homemade stewed tomatoes, coleslaw, or applesauce. Home-made dessert, roll, coffee and beverage  
Price: \$14.00

**ST. PATRICK'S SEAFOOD DRIVE-THRU:** 4 p.m. until ? *Fridays, March 4th to April 15th, 2022*  
Drive-thru is located in the school parking lot, located at 731 Patrick Lane Newry, PA 16665.  
Meal includes choice of 6 oz. portion of baked or fried haddock or 8 butterfly shrimp; coleslaw, macaroni & cheese, stewed tomatoes, roll & butter, and condiments. Price is \$13. Thanks for your support!

**CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ANNUAL FISH FRY:** Fridays (except Good Friday), 11:00 AM-1:30 PM - \$10.00  
Drive-Thru only. Beer Battered Fried Fish; Macaroni and Cheese; Haluski; Cole Slaw; Sandwich Roll

**SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS FISH FRY:** Fridays (except Good Friday), 4:00-7:00 PM or until sold out. Take-Out only. Drive-thru or Call-in.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEXT WEEK**

**March 26th 4PM**

John Donley *Lector*  
Joseph Maschue *Lector*  
Bernice Shoenfelt *Eucharistic Minister*

**March 27th 8:00 AM**

Charles Wolf *Lector*  
Linda Wolf *Lector*  
Madison Hooper *Eucharistic Minister*

**March 27th 10:30 AM**

Joseph Breton *Lector*  
Laverne Previte *Lector*  
Ronald Eberhart *Eucharistic Minister*

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – Serving Christ's Mission:** Vibrant faith communities are important for the living out of Christ's mission. The Parish Pastoral Council explores how communities can best respond to the invitation of Jesus Christ to "go and make disciples". Deacon Michael Russo will be offering a Zoom class on the role, the members and the responsibilities of the Pastoral Council. This two evening class will be from 6:30-9:00 PM. The dates are to be determined. If you are interested in attending this class please contact Marybeth at (814) 361-2000 or email at mheinze@dioceseaj.org. All are welcome.

**St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul Conference Weekly Reflection for March 20: Third Sunday of Lent**

In today's Gospel Jesus is quite clear in his message: "bear fruit or be cut down." This Lent we are called to cultivate and fertilize our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

**Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Know that your nickel, dime, or quarter is multiplied by the coins donated by others to worthy charities.**

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!

**WORKING TOGETHER CHICKEN BBQ:** The Knights of Columbus Council 4245 (Hollidaysburg) and Council 551 (Altoona) are joining forces for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Working Together Chicken BBQ to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

The chicken BBQ will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 3 at the Knights of Columbus, 324 Bedford Street, Hollidaysburg. Meals will be available for drive thru service only.

Tickets for the meal are \$10 and includes our famous BBQ chicken, baked beans, applesauce and roll. Deadline to order dinners is March 27. For tickets, contact Frank Goss (814) 329-6094, Terry Anderson (814) 932-0465 or leave a message at (814) 695-4752.

**SACRED HEART NOVENA:** This year's Novena will be held from March 28th through April 5th. Bishop Mark Bartchak will be the Celebrant and Homilist the opening night of the Novena at 7:00 p.m. on March 28th. There will also be morning Mass at 7:45 a.m. and also, at 11:30 a.m. and the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each day.

**ENCOUNTER JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST- an opportunity for adults!!** Bishop Guilfoyle's student evangelization organization is hosting a two-night presentation aimed at helping adult Catholics have a profound and spiritual experience of Jesus in the Eucharist from 7-9 pm on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> and Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Bishop Guilfoyle. "Encounter Jesus in the Eucharist" will be held as two different presentations on successive nights at BG so that either or both sessions can be attended. Open to ALL interested adults and teens. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Sutton at (814) 552-0267.