

**MARCH 3, 2019**

**THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SIRACH. 27: 4-7.** One's speech shows the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he or she speaks.

**PSALM 92.** Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

**1 CORINTHIANS. 15: 54-59.** We are given victory over death through Jesus. In the Lord our labor is not in vain.

**LUKE. 6: 39-45.** A good person produces good, an evil person produces evil. The mouth speaks from the goodness of the heart.



**LENTEN 'TURNING': SPRINGTIME RE-BIRTH:** During the next few weeks, the world around us will change dramatically: the days will grow longer and warmer; the ice and snow will melt away and the first buds of spring will appear; the raw winter iciness will be replaced by the warmth of summer; the drab grayness of winter will be transformed into the color and promise of spring. Likewise, the symbols of ashes and somberness that the Liturgy for Ash Wednesday will be eclipsed in six weeks by the light and flowers and *Alleluias* of the Easter celebration. In fact, the very word "Lent" has come down to us from the ancient Anglo-Saxon word, *lencten*, meaning *springtime*. The season of Lent that will begin on Wednesday is a time to stop the "busyness" of our everyday lives, to realize the many blessings we possess in this world and the promised blessings of the next. As Jesus began his ministry with a 40-day "retreat" in the desert wilderness, Lent should be our own "desert experience," a time to peacefully and quietly renew and re-create our relationship with God, that he might become the center of our lives in every season.

**Mass Intentions**  
**FOR THE WEEK**



**INTENTIONS FOR OUR WEEKLY LITURGIES**

**SAT. 4:00 P.M.** David Falbo (Wife, Children, & Grand Children)

**SUN. 8:00 A.M.** Nicholas Serniak (The Family)

**SUN. 10:30 A.M.** People of the Parish

**DAILY MASS IS HELD IN THE CHURCH**

**MON. 8:00 A.M.** Louis O'Bell (Annette O'Bell)

**TUE. 8:00 A.M.** Joseph, Josephine, Thomas & Nancy Matte (Rosemary Riberdy)

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**WED. 8:00 A.M.** Bernard Ziomek (Judy Hine)

**WED. 4:00 P.M.** LITURGY OF THE WORD

**DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES**



**WED. 6:00 P.M.** People of the Parish

**THU. 8:00 A.M.** Adeline Patel (Pete & Sheila Wilkes)

*Ss. Perpetua & Felicity*

**FRI. 8:00 A.M.** Pasquale Santacroce (Tony & Marie Spataro)

**FRI. 8:30 A.M.** MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS

**FRI. 7:00 P.M.** STATIONS OF THE CROSS

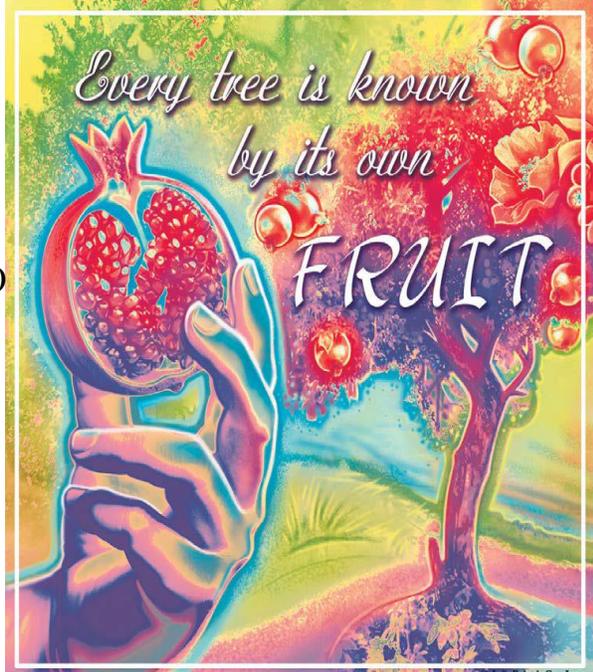
**SAT. 4:00 P.M.** Anthony & Eleanor Nietupski (Arlene Kissolovege)

**SUN. 8:00 A.M.** Barbara Serniak (The Family)

**SUN. 10:30 A.M.** People of the Parish

**SUN. 4:00 P.M.** LENTEN HOLY HOUR

**SUN. 5:00 P.M.** HOLY HOUR CONCLUDES WITH BENEDICTION



**WORD OF LIFE:** "Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living." ~USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
"Every Life is Worth Living" Prayer, [www.usccb.org/worth-living](http://www.usccb.org/worth-living).

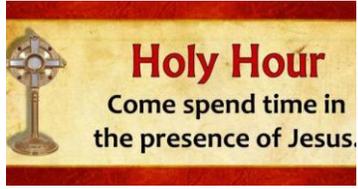


**SPRING FORWARD:**  
Don't forget next week-end to turn your clocks Ahead!!

**PASTORAL CARE FOR THE SICK:** Please note, the recently enacted privacy laws have made it difficult for the parish priests to obtain information regarding a parishioner's status in one of the local hospitals or his/her placements in one of the area's long-term facilities. We respectfully request that if a family member or friend is hospitalized (**especially if they are admitted through the Emergency Room**) or placed in a long-term facility that you contact the Parish Office so that Father Tracy or Deacon Pat may visit them. We apologize to any parishioner that may have been hospitalized recently and did not receive a visit from a priest. Thank You for your understanding and cooperation.

**LENTEN HOLY HOUR BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>:**

Next Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, we will begin our Parish's long-standing tradition of Liturgy of the Hours-Evening Prayer, along with praying the Rosary, time for reflection and quiet prayer and concluding with benediction. Please consider spending some time with the Lord this Lenten Season.



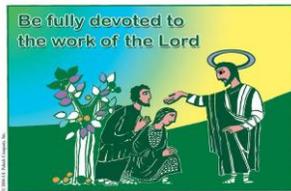
**ALTAR BREAD, WINE AND SANCTUARY CANDLE**

**DONATION:** Given in loving memory of M/M Sam Falbo, Jr. & John Falbo by Angie Falbo & Family. Thank You!

### **THE INSIDE SHOWS:**

In this third Sunday of our reading from the Sermon on the Plain Jesus speaks of the inner soul and its outer expression.

He uses images as he teaches/ He addresses all of us. Jesus sees a plumb line connecting the soul with the soul's expression-words and actions. He uses exaggeration to drive home his point. we are urged to clear out the debris that blinds us. He knows that we have an uncanny ability to be blind to our own weaknesses, though they be as big as a board. He knows, too, how willingly we seem to ferret out others' smallest speck-like flaws. And this, too, is for our general consumption; solid old goodness and solid old badness will show eventually. The old Latin saying, which echoes Jesus' images, is true: "What is bred in the bone will out in the flesh." By and by, the inside will show through.

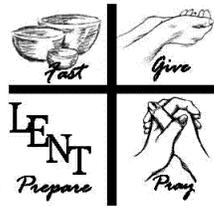


### **IN LENT WHY DO WE...???:**

Lent is a special season where the Church prepares for the great feast of Easter.

In many ways, it is a forty-day retreat of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

At Mass, we mark this time of preparation with several liturgical actions.



### **WHY IS THE GLORIA NOT SUNG DURING LENT?**

The Gloria is always omitted during Lent, although it is sung on solemnities such as St. Joseph's Day, The Annunciation, St. Patrick. By suppressing the joyful song of the Gloria, the liturgy places greater emphasis on the Act of Penance. This gives the whole liturgy a more somber air, suitable for a season of preparation and penance.

### **WHY IS THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION DIFFERENT?**

The Gospel Acclamation (the Alleluia) is a way of honoring Jesus Christ and elevating the Gospel reading above others. However, during Lent the word Alleluia is not used. This is another sign of the season's character of sin and the need of conversion.

### **WHY DOES THE PRIEST USE THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYERS FOR RECONCILIATION?**

There are two Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation; both are appropriate for the season of Lent as a time of repentance and preparation for baptismal renewal. The first Eucharistic Prayer for reconciliation reminds us: "Now is the time for your people to turn back to you and be renewed in Christ your Son, a time of grace and reconciliation."

### **PARISH SAVINGS ACCOUNT:**

Donations to this fund have been made in memory of Frank Ryczak, Sr. by: Ellen & Ron Malinchak, M/M Chester J. Kulsea, Mary L. Serniak, Pastor Linda Eckersley, Charles H. Batternberg, M/M Kevin Pittack, M/M Bob Chelik, M/M Paul Farrell. Also, a donation to the Parish Savings in memory of Ann Moskovitz by: M/M Bob Chelik. Thank You!

### **SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER PERFORMANCE OF**

**"JESUS":** Carl's Tours is sponsoring a bus trip to Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster Pa. for a matinee performance of "Jesus" **on Wednesday, April 24, 2019.** The bus leaves from Eynon, Pa. (the old Burlington parking area). The trip includes dinner at Shady Maple Smorgasbord and the cost for all (bus trip, Theater performance and dinner is \$115.00 per person payable in advance). Phone 570-347-5687 or 570-347-4284 for reservations and further information.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Fifth Annual Catholic Men's Conference for the Diocese of Scranton will be held **on Saturday, April 27, 2019, from 8 A.M. to 3 P.M. at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 South Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilkes, Barre.**

### **SPIRITUAL ADOPTION:**

Your baby is making progress developing all of his external features and internal organs.

His brain is functioning at 40 days.

His mother can hear his heartbeat now on an ultrasonic stethoscope. His milk-teeth buds are present at 6 ½ weeks. And it has been reported that a two-month old baby can suck his thumb. From this moment onward, your spiritually adopted baby grows and refines his body. But everything he needs to survive once he is born is already present by the end of the eighth week.



SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

### **MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS:**

With the beginning of Lent on Wednesday, we will begin a new way to pray the Stations of the Cross. "Mary's Way of the Cross".

Mary, the Mother of Jesus, made that first Way of the Cross. These Stations attempt to present that viewpoint. we will see through Mary's eyes what Jesus was going through on the way to Calvary. So, during the Friday's of Lent, we will recite Mary's Way of the Cross. Join us during the Friday's of Lent.



### **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES/OPERATION RICE BOWL BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY: ENCOUNTER LENT**

Join our faith community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States---in a life changing Lenten Journey of encounter with Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl. There are Rice bowls at the entrances of the Church on the tables. During the 40 days of Lent, we will encounter the needs of the world!

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS AND CELEBRATION**

**JUNE 30, 2019:** His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Sranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2019 to a Dicoesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 30. The event includes a 2:30 P.M. Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through Annette at the parish Office before April 2.

### **COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE:**

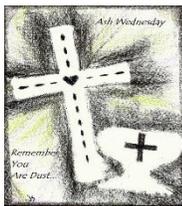
Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 20 countries that are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week.



## LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**MARCH 6**  
**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**E. MINISTER**  
**LECTOR**  
**ACOLYTES**

**WED. 8:00 A.M.**  
**Mr. Tony Spataro**  
**Mrs. Judy Hine**  
**Mrs. Mary Vadala**



**WED. 4:00 P.M.**  
**LITURGY OF THE WORD &**  
**DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES**  
**Miss Annette O'Bell**  
**Mrs. Julie Rzucidlo**

**WED. 6:00 P.M.**  
**Deacon Pat Massino**  
**Mr. Charles Barlow**  
**Mr. Vince Bullet**  
**Mrs. Janice Joyce**

**MARCH 9/10**  
**THE FIRST SUNDAY**  
**OF LENT**  
**E. MINISTER**  
**LECTOR**  
**ACOLYTES**

**SAT. 4:00 P.M.**  
**Mrs. Judy Hine (Chalice)**  
**Mr. Joseph Esgro (Chalice)**  
**Mrs. Diane Mosley (Host)**  
**Mr. Ted Prusinski (Host)**  
**Mrs. Ann M. Prusinski**  
**Tommy Johnson**  
**Tyler Moncinelli**

**SUN. 8:00 A.M.**  
**Mr. Greg Selvenis (Chalice)**  
**Mrs. Ann Selvenis (Chalice)**  
**Mrs. Marie Spataro (Host)**  
**Mrs. Suzanne Serniak**  
**Antonio Spataro**  
**Giovanni Spataro**  
**Dominico Spataro**  
**PRESENTERS OF GIFTS**

**SUN. 10:30 A.M.**  
**Deacon Pat Massino (Chalice)**  
**Mr. Jamie Owen (Chalice)**  
**Mrs. Kylene Owen (Host)**  
**Miss Mary Golden**  
**Emma Shaffer**  
**Noah Shaffer**

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**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**WED. 8:00 A.M.**  
**Hine Fam.**

**WED. 6:00 P.M.**  
**OPEN**

**MARCH 9/10**  
**THE FIRST SUNDAY**  
**OF LENT**  
**STATIONS OF THE**  
**CROSS**  
**MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**SAT. 4:00 P.M.**  
**OPEN**

**SUN. 8:00 A.M.**  
**Serniak Fam.**

**SUN. 10:30 A.M.**  
**OPEN**

**FRI. 7:00 P.M.**  
**Olivia & Jessie Cunningham**



### NOTICE REGARDING REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A

MINOR: It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at [www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis). It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G. at (570-207-2269).

### HAVE YOU BEEN ASKED TO BE A GODPARENT FOR A SPONSOR FOR BAPTISM OR CONFIRMATION?

**First-** You must be registered in a Catholic Church for at least 6 months. This means that you have filled out a registration form, receive envelopes, and your name is on a file in the Parish Office.  
**Second-** You must be a practicing Catholic. This means you have a regular attendance at our parish Church. If you attend another church, you must contact THAT church for the proper documents.  
**Third-** We ask all our own parishioners who are looking for sponsors for either Baptism or Confirmation that they choose people who are fulfilling their obligation and going to church on Sunday. Also, we ask that they are practicing the values of the Catholic Faith. Thank You!!

### SACRED HEARTS ADULT FAITH FORMATION LENT, 2019:

The *Activated Disciple* Based on the book by noted bible scholar, Jeff Cavins, the *Activated Disciple* class will teach you how to imitate God, so you can become an instrument for Him to transform the world. If you yearn for a life that moves beyond believing and practicing, if you yearn to become an "activated" disciple, then this 6-week study is for you. Join us each Monday of Lent-beginning March 4-at 6:00 P.M. in the Parish Center if you want to

- Take your faith to the next level.
- Transform every area of your life to become more like Christ.
- Learn how to overcome the obstacles that keep you from being the disciple you are called to be.
- Move beyond believing and practicing your faith, and begin radically *living* it.
- Learn how to become an instrument of transformation in the lives of others.

What: Activated Disciple Lenten Study

When: 6:00 P.M. each Monday of Lent, beginning March 4

Where: Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish

Cost: Free!!

For more information feel free to contact Brendan Murphy @ [murph50@hotmail.com](mailto:murph50@hotmail.com)

### 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE:

The Second Annual Catholic Women's Conference will be held on

**Saturday, June 22, 2019.** This year the Conference is again hosted at the University of Scranton and the focus is "Come to the Well". The day will be filled with faith, hope and joy for Catholic women of all ages. Included in the program for the day will be: Speaker Teresa Tomeo, syndicated Catholic talk show host; Jill Metz, artist and personal faith witness; and Sr. Mercy Marie, Sister of Life. The Nashville music group, His Own, will be providing music ministry again this year. More detailed information and registration is available at Catholic Women's Conference.



*Come to the well. Refresh your faith!*  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Catholic Women's Conference NEPA-2019