

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 26, 2023



MASS INTENTIONS

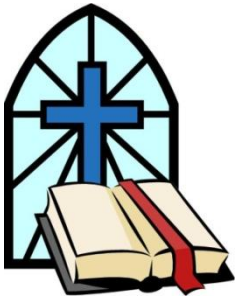


Sat	02/25	5:00 PM	Alfie Leipfert by Jeremy Stec and Family
Sun	02/26	10:15 AM	Jocelyn Laurel by Holly Jeziorski
Wed	03/01	8:00 AM	Mitchell Davis by Pastore Family
Thu	03/02	8:00 AM	Edgar Gower, Sr. by William J. Feissner
Fri	03/03	8:00 AM	William Schneider by His Family
Sat	03/04	5:00 PM	Edgar Gower, Sr. by Alberta Mariner and Jimmy
Sun	03/05	10:15 AM	Josephine and Walter Burke by Son, James

Confession Schedule: Sat, 4:00 to 4:45 PM - Sun, 9:00 to 9:45 AM or by Appointment

OFFERINGS: Wkly \$3,317 Outreach \$323

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION is March 3. Sign-up sheet is on the table entering the Church.



Message from Father Mike...

This past Ash Wednesday you received a wood coin imprinted with four different words: Abstinence, Almsgiving, Fasting and Prayer. During the next four weeks we will focus on each one of these words.

ABSTINENCE: Many of us will Abstain from something during the Lenten Season. As children we probably gave up candy, sugar and sweets. We Kloton Kids gave up ice cream – ironically, because ice cream was expensive, we rarely got it.

This Lent you are encouraged to move from candy, sugar and sweets to abstaining from hate, gossip and slander. Lent is a time for us to make important changes in our lives. This first week, you are encouraged to do a little self-searching and practice appropriate Abstinence.

CHILDREN'S GIFT CARD BINGO: The Confirmation classes from Immaculate Conception, Good Shepherd, and St. Patrick will be holding a children's gift card bingo on Sunday, March 12. There will be tricky trays, food, and great prizes! If any parishioner would like to donate a tricky tray or a gift card to their bingo, please contact Katie Ventra at (570) 956-4481.



YOUNG ADULT RETREAT: The Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations is hosting a Young Adult Retreat March 3-4 at Holy Family Spiritual Renewal Center in Nanticoke. This year's theme is, *Master, to Whom Shall We Go? How to Know the Lord and Be Rooted in His Plan for Your Life*. Father Joe Evanko will be our retreat leader. The retreat is open to young adults ages 18-35, and the registration fee is \$20. To register, please visit <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/word/young-adult-ministry/young-adult-retreat/>

LENTEN SCRIPTURE SESSIONS: Rev. Connell A. McHugh's, Lenten Scripture series begins on Wednesday, March 1 at 9AM in Good Shepherd Hall. This week's topic is The Letter to the Hebrews.



To dedicate a Rose for Life, call Roseann Kolensky, 570-443-8688.

ST. PATRICK'S CHOIR is looking for new members. Ministers of music provide many ways to participate in the Mass and offer your voice or musical abilities to the praise of God and to the worship experience of the Parish. Adults and children in grades 3 and up are invited to join. Practices are on Mondays from 6:30 to 7:15 PM.



SAINT JOHN BOSCO BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY: Sharing the Journey "Grief Shared is Grief Diminished". The Bereavement Ministry of St. John Bosco church will provide the Spring Support Group Sessions in March that are open to all people who are grieving the death of a loved one and are having difficulty in their grief. The overall goal of the support group is to provide insight into one's grief and to help them to move toward a resolution of their grief. It is designed to be flexible. When the worst has happened and everything changes, get the support that you need to remember with more love than pain. Attending these grieving overview sessions is greatly encouraged for they not only give you some guidance now but also lay a foundation for future ongoing "Resilient Heart" sessions. The program consists of seven weekly sessions on Monday evenings from 6 to 8 PM in the parish multi-purpose room, beginning on Monday, March 6. Registration is required to assure seating and materials. If interested, please call Marie (Bereavement Ministry) at 570 455- 3874 to register. Sessions are non-denominational.

Please join us for a new book reading on Sunday mornings in the parish hall from 9 to 10 am. The book is "Don't Give Up: Faith That Gives You the Confidence to Keep Believing and the Courage to Keep Going". You can purchase the book on Amazon, link is <https://a.co/d/4KXlxtE>



ST. PATRICK BINGO is on Wednesday, March 8. Progressive jackpot is \$1,000. Food is available at 5 PM. Games begin at 6 PM.

PARISH HALL RENTAL: Contact Anna, PH: 570-233-5506
Email: awestern1951@gmail.com

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.

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, 570-862-7551.