

# FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 19, 2023

## MASS INTENTIONS

### March 19, Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00AM+John Duffy (Greg & Kathy Clemens)  
10:00AM+Cyril & Mary Kibler (Jerry & Rita Kibler)  
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church is at 11:30 AM**

### March 20, Monday, Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:00PM+Dan & Miriam Burns (M/M Dave Hanekamp)

### March 21, Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

12:00PM+Joseph Gallagher (Family)

### March 22, Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

12:00PM+Richard & William Drass (Eileen Hmel)

### March 23, Thursday, Saint Tribius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

12:00PM+Jim Doud, Anniversary (Debbie Ball)

### March 24, Friday, Lenten Weekday

12:00PM+Geraldine Rose, Anniversary (Family)

### March 25, Saturday, The Annunciation of the Lord

12:00PM+Sandy Cuzzolina, Anniversary (Family)

### Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:00PM+Edward Matosziuk III, Anniversary (Family)

### March 26, Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00AM+Jean Fusco (Kathy Grove)  
10:00AM+John Vargo, Anniversary (Family)  
5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church is at 11:30 AM**



### Contribution Reports

Contribution reports for income tax purposes may be obtained by calling Paula at the Parish Office: 944-4603.

## Readings for the week of March 19, 2023

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**Monday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

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

**Next Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-4



Since the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of Mary, March 19, falls on a Sunday this year, it has been transferred to Monday, March 20th.

### STRENGTH IN CHRIST

Our diocesan Men's Conference is on Saturday, April 29, at Mount Aloysius College in Cresson.

Registration forms are available at our entrances. The cost is \$20.00. The conference begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. Bishop Mark will be celebrating Mass at 4:00 p.m.



Our parish's Annual Lenten Fish Fry Lunch is on the Fridays of Lent, except Good Friday. The drive-thru lunches will be available from 11:00 A.M. until 1:30 P.M. The cost is \$10.00 for a large fish sandwich, mac & cheese, and cole slaw. For ten or more lunch purchases, delivery is available but you need to call ahead at 814-944-4603. Take out and cash only.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION  
Sunday, March 12, 2023, \$8,556.16  
Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

### Stewardship Reflections

The curing of the Blind Man gave hope to the community that they were deserving of God's love no matter what their circumstance. Reflect on the words of Pope Francis this week, "To protect creation, to protect every man and every woman, to look upon them with tenderness and love, is to open up a horizon of hope; it is to let a shaft of light break through the heavy clouds; it is to bring the warmth of hope!" (Pope Francis, March 19, 2013)

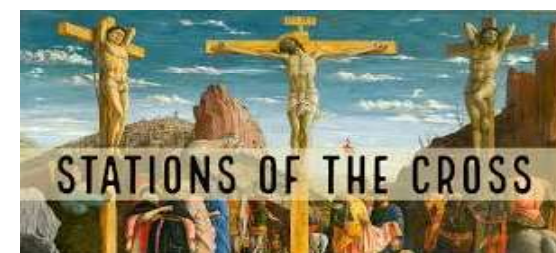
May I be the light in the darkness of this world by generously sharing my time, my talents, and all my resources, in the name of Jesus. (Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2020/02/14)

### Confirmation Meeting

April 2, Grade 11, **candidates and sponsors**, final meeting! 2:30-4:30, Cathedral Hall. All make up work and eligibility forms MUST be turned in at this time. Interviews will take place at this meeting.



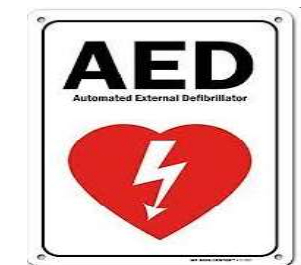
On March 25th, nine months before the Solemnity of our Lord's Nativity, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.



**Stations of the Cross will be prayed during Lent on Fridays at 5:30 P.M.**



You are encouraged to pray sung evening prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on the Sundays of Lent at 6:30 P.M. Vespers will be concluded with Benediction.



Thanks to the generosity of a benefactor, an Automated External Defibrillator has been donated to the cathedral. Persons interested in being trained to use the AED and in CPR are asked to call the rectory office. The parish will pay for the training.



Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Abstinence refers to not eating meat at all on those days. Persons 14 years of age and older are to abstain. Fasting refers to one full meal, with two small meals, no eating between meals. People who have reached their 18th birthday and up to their 59th are obligated to fast. In addition to these obligations, additional forms of fast and abstinence may be observed.

### Life in the Spirit

Holy Spirit Ministry will be hosting a diocesan-wide Life in the Spirit Seminar on Saturday, March 25, at St. Mary's Church, Hollidaysburg. The retreat, which focuses on the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, will include dynamic teachings and testimonies by Fr. Natan Malavolti TOR, Fr Alan Thomas, Andre McCarville, Fr. Brad Baldwin TOR, and others. It will also include praise and worship, small group faith sharing and more. Lunch and dinner provided. To register call 814-931-0192. Registration deadline is March 15. Suggested donation \$25.00.



**March 19, 2023**

God asks a rhetorical and slightly sarcastic question to Samuel, the prophet: "How long will you grieve for Saul, whom I have rejected as king of Israel?" Like us, Samuel is depressed that the old king failed. It's painful to admit that the old regime is done. But God won't let us wallow our pity-party forever. "I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem," announces the Lord, "for I have chosen my king from among his sons." Samuel finally goes and anoints the young David as the new king. And his kingdom is glorious; it's the golden age of Israel's earthly history.

How discouraging to see that my own selfish ego is no longer in charge! How long will I grieve that money, power, pleasure, and reputation have been rejected as the ruler of my life? How wonderful that God has a new future in store for you and me. He is sending us to Bethlehem to anoint the new David as our king. His kingdom won't fail us. He'll slay our goliaths, unite our dispersed energies, and build a Temple where God himself will dwell.

So how long will you grieve? How long?  
Father John Muir ©LPi



You are encouraged to experience God's mercy during Lent by participating in one of the local Penance Services: Sunday, March 19, St. John the Evangelist Church (Lakemont) at 4:00 P.M.; Sunday, March 26, St. Rose of Lima Church at 5:00 P.M.; Monday, March 27, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church at 7:00 P.M.; Wednesday, March 29, Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:00 P.M.; Thursday, March 30, Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 5:30 P.M.; and Sunday, April 2, St. Mary Church (Hollidaysburg) at 4:00 P.M.

**An Extra Time for Confession**

On Saturday, April 1, Msgr. Carson will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 8:30 A.M. and at 12:30 P.M.



The 2023 Catholic Ministries Drive target for the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament is \$42,000. The target is calculated as 10% of our regular offertory averaged over the previous three years (2020-2022). Dollars raised over our goal will be returned to the parish.

The 2023 Catholic Ministries Drive campaign---TOGETHER WE SERVE---supports 14 ministries which people in our Diocese are accompanied on their faith journey There are so many gifted and generous laypersons who share their time and talent to support our Catholic ministries. Without their help and our help, we could not fulfill our mission. This year, more so than others, our world, our nation, our communities, our parishes, and our families need tangible expressions of hope.

The diocese provides a tremendous amount of financial support to the Cathedral parish. It is important for us to do our share in supporting diocesan sponsored ministries.



From Monday to Friday from 7:45 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., you are asked not to park in the spaces reserved for Catholic Charities. Those spaces are needed for staff and clients.

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- CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:**  
The process of formation for those seeking God through membership in the Catholic Christian community.
- INFANT BAPTISM:**  
Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.
- CONFIRMATION:**  
Ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students are invited to participate in the Confirmation Preparation Process.
- RECONCILIATION:**  
Wednesday: 7:00 PM, Saturday: 12:30 PM.  
Communal Penance Services: Advent and Lent.
- ANointing OF THE SICK:**  
Upon Request and Communal celebration
- MARRIAGE:**  
Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program.
- DEVOTIONS:**  
Eucharistic Adoration - First Wednesday - 12:30 PM - 8:00 PM  
Eucharistic Day - Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.
- RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:**  
September through April: Pre-Kindergarten thru 12.  
Sunday morning 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM  
Pre-Kindergarten thru 8.  
Sunday Evening 6:15 PM- 8:15 PM  
Grades 9 thru 12.

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Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil)  
8:00 AM  
10:00 AM  
5:00 PM

Weekday: 12:00 Noon  
Saturday: 12:00 Noon

**Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, J.C.D., Bishop**

**Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Administrator**

**Paula Clemens, Parish Secretary**

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**MAIL MINISTRY TO ELDERLY, HOMEBOUND, SERIOUSLY SICK, AND GRIEVING - 814-944-4603**

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Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011  
Hollidaysburg Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 695-6112  
Middle School Campus (Grades 5 thru 8) - 942-7835

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