

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**March 10, 2024**  
**Mass Intentions**

**March 10, Sunday, Fourth Sunday Of Lent**

8:00AM+Barb Knott Chisko (Kathy & Greg Clemens)  
 10:00AM+Alfred Rutolo, Anniversary (Family)  
 5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People  
**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30 AM**

**March 11, Monday, Lenten Weekday**

12:00PM+Joseph Anthony Moffa, Ann. (Estate)

**March 12, Tuesday, Lenten Weekday**

12:00PM+Gail Sloan, Birthday (Family)

**March 13, Wednesday, Lenten Weekday**

12:00PM+Joe Wiedemer, Anniversary (Family)

**March 14, Thursday, Lenten Weekday**

12:00PM+John Bettwy, Ann. (Tim & JoAnn Bettwy)

**March 15, Friday, Lenten Weekday**

12:00PM+Karl Burgmeier, Ann. (Daughter Carol Talley)

**March 16, Saturday, Lenten Weeday**

12:00PM+Ray Kelly (Pat Rhoa)

**Vigil: Fifth Sunday Of Lent**

5:00PM+James Roland (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)

**March 17, Sunday, Fifth Sunday Of Lent**

8:00AM+Linda Cacciotti, Birthday (Carl & Family)  
 10:00AM+Kirk Kling, Birthday (Weaver Family)  
 5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People

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



Our parish's Easter Egg Hunt is on Sunday, March 24th, beginning at 2:00 P.M. in the lower level parking lot. Bring your own basket. There will be a special appearance by the Easter Bunny. Hop on over for egg-cellent fun!



**Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes & Discovery of Barcelona**

Msgr. Carson will be leading a pilgrimage from September 15-24, 2024.

Pilgrimage information is available in the brochures in this weekend's bulletin, at our Facebook page, and at <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1213040>. As of Monday, March 4, 18 people have signed up for the pilgrimage.



The 2024 Catholic Ministries Drive has begun. Our sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate and lasting impact on our ministries that focus on evangelization, serving those in need, and the formation of priests and deacons.

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 our Church. This year, our campaign's theme is **Encountering Christ**. During this time of the Eucharistic Revival, **Encountering Christ** is an invitation to grow in our living relationship with Christ in the Eucharist, to open our hearts to serving our brothers and sisters, and to fulfill our holy duty of supporting the Church by gifts of our time, talent, and treasure.

Our diocese's ministries need our support.

Our parish's target is \$45,930. All contributions beyond our parish goal will remain for use within our parish. As of March 6, 25 parishioners have pledged/contributed \$7,815.00. Thank you.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**  
 Sunday, March 3, 2024 \$ 12,461.79  
 Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

**Inquiry Sessions of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Are you interested in the Catholic Church? Do you know someone who might be interested in seeking information about our Catholic faith? The Cathedral Christian Initiation Team will begin weekly meetings in the Church from 11:00 AM until 12:00 Noon (after the 10:00 Mass) for all those seeking information on the Catholic Church. No commitments are made at this time. These are informal Inquiry Sessions to discuss aspects of our faith with anyone who might be thinking of joining the Catholic Church. All are welcome; bring a friend. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact Carol Galioto at (814)327-4841.



**Fish Lunches**

Our parish's Annual Fish Fry Lunch is being sold on Fridays during Lent, except Good Friday. The drive-thru lunches will be available from 10:30 A.M until 1:00 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 and pre-order at 814-944-4603. Take out and cash only.

**WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER**

Readings for the week of March 10, 2024  
**Sunday:** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21  
**Monday:** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54  
**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:** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53  
**Next Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33



Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days 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.

**Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction**

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

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



Our parish now has the entire exhibit of Eucharistic miracles prepared by Blessed Carlo Acutis (1999-2006). Portions of the exhibit will be displayed in the side chapels of the cathedral. You are encouraged to deepen your appreciation of the Eucharist by reading about the extraordinary ways the Lord has revealed Himself in the gift of the Blessed Sacrament.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

March 10, 2024

4th Sunday of Lent

Our national pastime isn't baseball. It's what the Bible calls "condemning the world." We generally enjoy pronouncing curses upon those whom we see as trouble, wrong, or evil. Don't believe me? Listen to almost any podcast, cable news network, or social media platform to hear it. It will be some version of: "We all agree that if they are eradicated, things will be great." Condemning is almost always clothed in virtue. It basks in its good intentions. That's why it is so attractive. Condemning seems like our best path to saving what is good.

What a shock, then, to hear Jesus announce: "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him" (Jn 3:17). He comes to save the world, as we all want, but he will accomplish it without an act of condemnation. How hard it is to accept this! Condemning feels godlike. I judge who and what must be lost to protect the good. But in the light of Jesus' endless mercy and love, this is the least godlike thing we can do.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to give up the delicious experience of condemning whomever in the world you most would like to see gone. Perhaps write down their names. Secondly, I invite you to consider fasting from any media that feeds the tasty but deadly tendency to condemn.

**Basket Bingo Coming Soon**

Now taking donations for Basket Bingo. New items, gift cards, monetary donations. Our basket bingo will take place on Sunday, September 29, 2024.

**Life in the Spirit Seminar**

Holy Spirit Ministry will be holding a Life in the Spirit Seminar on Saturday, March 16th, from 8:00 A.M. to 6:30 P.M. at St Mary Church, Hollidaysburg. This one day retreat includes dynamic spiritual teachings and testimonies from Fr. Brad Baldwin TOR, Msgr. Stan Carson, Mandy Conrad, Fr. David Dodd, Fr. Mike Pleva, Deacon Mike Anna, Doug Putchko and Dominic Tornatore. Spirit-filled praise and worship, small group faith sharing and much more. Donation is \$20.00 if registered by 2/26/24, \$25.00 afterwards. Students are free. Lunch and dinner provided. To register contact 814-931-0192 or e-mail holyspiritministry20@gmail.com. Deadline to register is 3/6/24. All are welcome!

**Contribution Reports**

Contribution reports for income tax purposes may be obtained by calling Paula at the Parish Office, 814-944-4603.



**Vienna Boys Choir**

The world famous Vienna Boys Choir will be returning to the Cathedral for a concert on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 7:00PM. All tickets have been distributed.

In preparation for the concert, the cathedral will be locked at 2:00 P.M.

The doors will open for the concert at 6:15 P.M.



**Cathedral parish's Lenten Penance Service is on Wednesday, March 20, at 6:00 P.M. (7:00 P.M. Confessions are cancelled that evening.)**

The season of Lent begins with the call to "Repent, and believe in the Gospel." We have all sinned and are in need of repentance...we need to turn away from sin and turn to the Lord. The Holy Spirit helps us to acknowledge our sins; and then, is present in the Sacrament of Reconciliation where we experience the tender mercy of God.

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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**

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Chris Laraia - Pre-K thru 12 - 814-312-7317

Religious Education Office: Sundays - 814-943-7424

E-mail: claraia@dioceseaj.org

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY**

Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO

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**CHRISTIAN INITIATION TEAM - 814-944-4603**

**CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 814-944-4603**

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

**HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school

Eldorado Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 5) - (814)942-7835

Fairview Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 5) - (814)381-7011

**BISHOP GUILFOYLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

Web: www.bishopguilfoyle.org - 814-944-4014

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