

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 4, 2018

Monday	Mar 5	8:30 a.m.	Everett McElhaney ~ Family
Tuesday	Mar 6	8:30 a.m.	No Mass
		7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Wednesday	Mar 7	8:30 a.m.	Joseph Petrykowski ~ Children
Thursday	Mar 8	8:30 a.m.	Lil Biello ~ Larry & Gertrude Wells
Friday	Mar 9	8:30 a.m.	Rosary ~ Communion Service
Saturday	Mar 10	4:30 p.m.	Bruce Alter ~ Dunham Family
Sunday	Mar 11	10:00 a.m.	Rudy Bodnar ~ Olek Family



Today is the Third Sunday of Lent. This weekend we hear from the Gospel of John in a very vivid depiction of the cleansing of the Temple. The money changers and those selling unblemished animals for sacrifice were gouging the traveler and the poor, who had no recourse but to purchase what they needed to offer at the Temple. This outburst by Jesus was very threatening to the authorities and they mocked him in his declaration that he could raise the Temple up in three days. Of course, he was referring to his body, not the holy building. It is very likely that this moment set into motion the desire of the authorities to turn Jesus in to Rome.

The 2018 Bishop's Appeal is underway! It runs every year during the Lenten Season. You can find commitment cards in the pews. Take one home and return it by Easter. The Bishop holds this drive every year during Lent to put into practice the call of helping the poor through almsgiving. Proceeds from this Appeal remain local and help fund Catholic Charities and other Diocesan social service agencies and programs throughout the upcoming year. A perfect way to show your gratitude for not needing additional help would be to give to this Appeal. Please be generous.

Welcome all our visitors who are with us this weekend. You are always welcome... we would love to have you join our parish family. You can find on the welcome/information table in the gathering space, new parishioner packets if you would like to join our parish family. You can also find a book of our parish organizations and who to contact if you would like to join... maybe you can offer us something to improve our faith community. We all bring different gifts to the church and to the altar. It is our call to share those gifts.

Stations of the Cross will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. except the Tuesday of Holy Week. Reconnect yourself to this traditional devotion. Bring a friend!

Our Lenten Luncheons are on consecutive Wednesdays through Lent, except the Wednesday of Holy Week. Lunch is free and will be served at 12 noon, and the area pastors will speak at 12:30 p.m. Thanks to Pastor Mary Prior from the Fowler/Vienna Methodist Church who spoke last Wednesday. Pastor Judi Bender, from the Vienna Presbyterian Church will be our next guest speaker. Bring a friend!

Our Fish Dinners are happening!! Our dinner starts at 3:00 pm for takeout, and 3:30 for dining in. For just \$10.00, you will receive your choice of fried or baked fish, perogies, buttered potatoes, apple sauce, homemade coleslaw, bread/butter, dessert and a drink. Last week we sold 770 dinners! **New this year... we are open for lunch!** Serving from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm you can enjoy a delicious quick lunch for just \$5.00. Our version of "Fish and Chips" will include a fish sandwich, a bag of chips and a pickle. The lunch will only be available from 11:00 – 1:00 and is take out only. Pick up a lunch for you and a friend! Last week we sold 80 lunches!

No winner yet on the "Pot of Gold" drawing. Last week the number was 022. The winner is now guaranteed at least \$776.00! Good luck! Join the weekly fun by using your "Pot of Gold" \$2 envelope in your envelope packet. All envelopes must be in the parish office by 10:00 a.m. Monday morning to be eligible for the drawing!

Thanks to all those who took advantage of "an Evening of Reconciliation" last Wednesday. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available any Saturday during Lent from 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. or at the Warren-area Communal Reconciliation Service to be held at Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m.

T.G.I.F. (Together Growing in Faith) meets Sunday, March 4 at 3:30 p.m. Our guest speaker is Rev. John Jerek. The topic will be "Catholic Legends." Please be in your seat by 3:20 to prepare for Mass. This program is for people of all ages. **Everyone is invited.**

First Communion Parent and student class (required) Wednesday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Women's Guild Meeting - March 11 in rooms 3 & 4 after 10:00 a.m. Mass.

CRS Helping Hands Project for March 11, 2018 at JFK. This Year our Parish is responsible for clean-up at 5:00 p.m. Call the office to volunteer 330 394-2461. Register on line at <http://helpinghands.crs.org/events/diocese-youngstown> or call Brenda at [330-372-2215](tel:330-372-2215). We plan to buy and package 15,120 meals (\$7560.00 needed) to send to CRS sites in Burkina Faso!! **Please collect change in container (available on TGIF Table in the Vestibule or given out at TGIF) and drop off in office.** In addition to the meals, a portion of funds also go toward projects that promote lasting change in the lives of the people! All Trumbull county Parishes are working together. (The two "feet" of social justice in action!)

Cleveland Performing Arts Ministries' musical passion play "Tetélestai" will be presented at St. Patrick Church in Hubbard. This dramatic stage production tells the story of Jesus' trial, execution and resurrection in a visual way that will leave a lasting impression. This is a great way to prepare for the Holy Days of the Easter season. Performances will be 8:00 p.m. on March 16 and 17, Friday and Saturday, and 1:00 p.m., Sunday, March 18. Doors will open approximately 1 hour before performance time. There is no charge, but free-will offerings will be accepted.

Project Rachel Outreach Something to Remember during Lent:

There is no sin, including abortion, that is greater than God's forgiveness. There is Hope and Healing available. For CONFIDENTIAL help contact Project Rachel of N.E. Ohio at 888-259-4806 or [sup-port@projrachneo.zohosupport.com](mailto:support@projrachneo.zohosupport.com)

Calling all "Holy Rollers" We are looking for adults to help roll out nuts rolls on Monday, March 12th no experience needed!!! **We will start at 10:00 a.m. Bring a rolling pin.** If you cannot come during the day we need help wrapping nut rolls after 1 pm. Please call 330 394-2461 if you are able to help. **This fundraiser helps defray the cost of the Together growing In Faith Program (TGIF).**

DELICIOUS NUT ROLLS will be sold starting Monday March 12th 1-6pm and that weekend at Mass March 17th and 18th. (Nut rolls will be double wrapped so you can freeze for Easter.) **They are still only \$10.00!**

The Ladies of the Bishop McFadden Assembly #819 will be selling chances for a lottery tree at TGIF on March 4 and after 10:00 a.m. Mass on March 11 and 18. The tree holds \$100.00 worth of lottery tickets and a \$20 bill. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Winner will be drawn on May 5.

Fish Dinners started February 16 and we need your help!

7:00 a.m. ~ Fish cutters
 9:00 a.m. ~ Breeding of fish and preparing carry out items.
 10:30 a.m. ~ Cooking pierogis.
 3:00 p.m. ~ Carry out opens; cutting dessert for main hall.
 3:30 p.m. ~ Hall opens; servers and table bussers; tray washer needed.
 6:30 p.m. ~ Need people for clean up.

We need your cake and pies for our famous desserts!

Thank you ~ Bob and Jerry

Want to help Bob and Jerry with organizing the Fish Dinners? They can use your help too!

Monthly calendar news for April must be submitted as soon as possible due to early publication deadlines.

TIME, TALENT, TREASURE

Sunday 2/18/2018	\$6241.10	182 Envelopes
Heating	165.00	8 Envelopes
Exponent	60.00	4 Envelopes

Can't be here every weekend?
 Sign up for electronic giving at
theapostlethomas.com

Please mark your envelope with the amount of your contribution. This ensures the correct amount will be credited to you.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME



Don't forget to turn your clocks back NEXT Saturday night!