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Mass Schedule Saturday: 4:30PM Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00AM
Weekday: 9:00AM Vigil of the Holy Day 6:30PM(except for 12/31 4:30PM) Holy Days 9:00AM & 6:30PM
Confessions: Saturday 3:00 to 4:00PM and Tuesday Morning After Mass

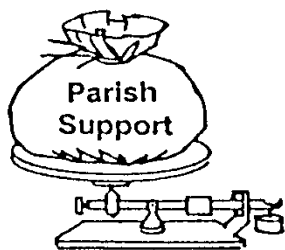


Masses For The Week

Saturday	3/2	9:00am	†Joseph Krenitsky
		4:30pm	†Kathy Smith-Mellott
Sunday	3/3	8:30am	People of the Parish
		11:00am	Ints. of the Living Welshko Families
Monday	3/4	9:00am	Ints. of Fr. Chidi
Tuesday	3/5	9:00am	†Martha Minsky
Wednesday	3/6	9:00am	†Kate Havko
Thursday	3/7	9:00am	†Robert "Opa" Keller
Friday	3/8	9:00am	Ints. of Fr. Chidi
Saturday	3/9	9:00am	†Louella Grace Sappington
		4:30pm	Special Intentions
Sunday	3/10	8:30am	Ints. of Fr. Marsi
		11:00am	People of the Parish



PRAY for those who are Sick. Help us keep our list current by letting us know when we may remove a name. Sharon Aanensen, Tom Miller, Avery, Craig & Diane Cruttenden, Carol Schorn, Joy Brown, Irene & Bernard Zaborowski, John Powlen, Gordon & Mary Ann Shuman, Mike Bunch, LJean, Lt. Col. Gerrid Gall & Company, Daryl Crunkleton, Mary & Ed Digiulio, Monica Dembrowski, Phyllis Grabowski, Rick & Paulette Nidel, Fr. Mike, Anita Bell, Margy Orner, Anthony Venzin, Rose Crespo, Richard Storm, Chad Sprankle, Fred Sprankle, Janice Keller, Angelo Agosta, Philip Ulzheimer, Larry Weikert, Blaine Beatty, Michele Maturo Piper, Pat Devlin, Teresa Rodgers, Joan Deyo, Donald Weikert, Mary Jo & Melvin Losovsky, Ok Cha Jones, Mary Conway, Dorothy Drechsler, Mary Little, Tracy Bozzonetti, Darlene McCleaf, Lottie Pecher, Ashley Dimartino, Mellissa & John Gilliland, Bill Devlin, Linda Warner, Ron & Doreen Harris, Robert Lewis, Betty Roy, Rich Zula Jr, Shannon Boyle, Connie Keller, Frank Berry, Beau & Pamela Beatty, John & Sandy Soffe, Marilyn Crawford, Bill Martino, Elaine & Mark MacLellan, Lynn Moody, Charlotte Folkenroth, Dave Gallo, Brenda & Dave Pine, Francis Poslosky, Brandon Sites, Gene Goetz, Pete Crawford, Karen Ford, Lilah Zepp, Ian Skoch, Johnny Parkolay, Christine Stehmer, Gene Rosensteel, Paul Macuirles, Fiona Hefe, Adalyn Clark, Miriam Barefoot, Harriet Noye, Nick, Melvan Welsh, Pat & Danielle Barb, Joyce Spielman, Alicia Poslosky, Steve Weiblinger and Stephanie Resetar. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Don Sprankle.



Sunday Collection: \$2,828.35

Change of Address: If you are moving or have a change in your name, address or phone number, or need to register, please contact the Parish Office at 642-8815.

Bulletin Announcements must be submitted to the parish office 10 days before the bulletin date.

The Sacrament of Baptism: Please call the parish office to schedule.

The Sacrament of Marriage: is celebrated throughout the year. Diocesan policy requires that engaged couples begin sacramental preparations with a priest at least nine to twelve months before the desired wedding date. Please call the parish office for details at 717-642-8815.

DATE	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	MONEY COUNTERS
3/9 4:30pm	J. Lowrie/M. Brennan	B. Lowrie	Volunteers	3/10 M. Crawford 3/17 M. Lawrence 3/24 J. Kenney 3/31 K. Bilder 4/7 F. Ganoe
3/10 8:30am	J. Crawford/D. Fawks	M. Rathvon	Volunteers	
3/10 11:00am	S. Sappington/P. Cliber	J. Orlando	Volunteers	

Second Collection today is for the repairs and maintenance to our Church property. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting There will be a meeting Thursday, March 7th, at 7PM in the parish hall at 7:00PM. All members please attend.

Stations of the Cross will be every Friday, during Lent at 6:30pm **except for Friday March 29 (Good Friday) they will be at NOON.**

St. Rita's Fish Fry: Fried Fish, Mac & Cheese, coleslaw. Adults \$15.00 per person and 12 & under \$7.00. Time 5 to 6:30PM in St. Rita's Parish Hall, **March 8 & 22.** Eat-in or Take out. **MUST PRE PURCHASE TICKETS, NO WALK INS.** Contact Kevin at 301-471-8621 for tickets.

Lenten Simple Suppers at St. Mary's This meal and video series (6 sessions) begins Wednesday, following the 630PM Mass. With Soups from Chef Bob Fritts and a video presentations by Fr. Dave Pivonka. March 6, 13, 20 and 27.

Diocese Annual Campaign (DAC) Nourished by Faith will begin March 2/3. We will have our In Pew Campaign for 3 weekends March 2/3, 9/10, & 16/17. If you received a contribution envelope in the mail from the Diocese, you can use that envelope; if not, there will be extra's in the church and at the entrances to the church. You can mail the envelope to the Diocese or drop it in collection basket and we will send it for you. Our goal this year is \$23,662.00. *All contributions exceeding our goal come back to the parish.* If you have any questions please call the parish office or send us an email. The contact information is listed on the left hand side of the bulletin. Thank you for your support!

Cemetery Decorations: Now that the Liturgical season of Christmas has ended, parishioners are asked to remove any Christmas decorations from the graves of friends and departed loved ones. The cemetery will be cleaned of any remaining Christmas decorations on **March 10th.** Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

St. Rita's Ladies Society Meeting next meeting will be Wednesday, March 13th, at 10:00AM in the parish hall. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

This LENT, grow closer to Jesus through prayer by going Into the Deep. Join St. Rita's parish community to grow in faith by going deep into prayer during this 5-week mini-retreat. You will have the opportunity to grow and develop your relationship with Jesus and deepen your prayer in a way that leads to an intimate knowing of God. Each week you will enter into an environment of prayer, quiet and contemplation. Yes! At St. Rita's Parish Hall! Jan DiIulio will facilitate this experience that will be held on **Wednesday evenings at 6:30PM and Thursday mornings at 10:00AM beginning March 6th and 7th, in St. Rita's parish hall. Please register!!!** Fill out the registration form at the entrance to the church. Or, contact Jan DiIulio by email at jandiulio@icloud.com (notice the two "I's" in a row in her last name or text/call (563) 940-4907. We need to know your name, cell phone number, email and the sessions you wish to attend.

St. Rita's Book Club: All adults are welcomed to join our book club! Our next book club meeting will be **Tuesday, March 12th at 10am OR 7:00pm** (you pick the time that works best for you) in Saint Rita's Parish Hall. We will be discussing the book, *The Rocking Chair Prophet* by Matthew Kelly. You can pick up a free copy of the book at the entrance to the church. If have any questions, please email dianerobertson77@yahoo.com

Lenten Penance Service for both St. Rita's and St. Mary's will be Saturday March 16th at 11AM at St. Mary's. All are welcome.

Will you consider sponsoring Altar flowers in honor or memory of a loved one or special occasion. The dates available are for 2024 are May 12 through June 16, there are more. Cost for the 2 altar vases is \$50 - Donation may be placed in an envelope marked flowers with your intention and preferred date. Please call the parish office or email maryrita256@comcast.net to confirm date.

Eucharistic Moments for March " I loved above all the processions in honor of the Blessed Sacrament, What a joy it was for me to throw flowers beneath the feet of God! Before allowing them to fall to the ground, I threw them as high as I could and I was never so happy as when I saw roses *touch* the sacred monstrance." St. Therese



Pro-Life Corner For each expectant mother considering abortion: May the Lord provide for her needs and give her the grace to and resolve to choose life for her child.