



St. Catherine Church

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SATURDAY, February 22: VIGIL OF SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 p.m. MASS – † Fred Snair by Catholic Daughters

SUNDAY, February 23: SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 a.m. MASS – † Living and Deceased Members of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish

Monday, February 24: Weekday

8:00 a.m. – † Tony and Cindy Miele by Mary and Family

Tuesday, February 25: Weekday

8:00 a.m. – † Health and Welfare of John Bell by Betty Gerlock

Wednesday, February 26: Ash Wednesday

8:00 a.m. – † Toni Hancock by Family

5:00 p.m. – † People of Parish

Thursday, February 27: Thursday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 a.m. – † Bernardine Witychak by Bob and Ann Gilliland

Friday, February 28: Friday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 a.m. – † Deceased Clara Puchalla Family by Joe and Maria Danish

7:00 p.m. – † Stations by Parishioners

SATURDAY, February 29: VIGIL OF FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 p.m. MASS – † Fred Renninger by Joan Renninger

SUNDAY, March 1: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 a.m. MASS Living and Deceased Members of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish

Today is Commitment Sunday for the Catholic Ministries Drive, Ignite Your Faith for Christ's Mission. Your sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate impact on ministries that care for poor, strengthen family life, nurture our youth, and provide leadership development for clergy and laity. The Catholic Ministries Drive supports 14 ministries that provide programs and services beyond the resources of any single parish. The programs of our local parishes are essential because much of the work of the Church takes place at the local level. By having the Diocese coordinate programs, we eliminate the duplication of services and save both time and money. It would be impossible for any individual parish to duplicate the scope of these ministries; we must all share the responsibility. If you didn't bring your Commitment Card to Mass this weekend, please bring it next weekend. All donations received beyond our parish target amount of \$8,439.00 will be returned to the parish.

SPAGHETTI DINNER Saturday, March 28th in the Holy Family Hall 3 p.m.-6 p.m. Take-outs available. Adults: \$8.00 Children 4-12 years old: \$4.00 under age 4: FREE. Proceeds Benefit Sr. Madeline's Vietnam Mission.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 23, 2020

Schedule of Liturgical Ministries for February 29/March 1 2020

MASS	Lectors	Altar Servers	Hospitality Ministers (Greeters)	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Dayton Shugarts	Mary Secrest	Janet Daschbach	Maria Danish
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Dennis Drake Beth Lear	Abe Weirich Juliam Weirich	Lori Varner	Beth Lear

PRO LIFE CORNER

When you arise in the morning, think of what a precious privilege it is to be alive, to breathe, to think, to enjoy, and to love. Over 62,500,000 babies have never had that privilege because their mothers chose abortion.



Working to Reduce Poverty in America.

OVERWHELMED BY BILLS? NEED HELP WITH UTILITY TERMINATIONS?

Catholic Charities, a program of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, offers qualified applicant's emergency financial assistance to help pay utility costs, medications, rent and temporary housing, and transportation expenses. Please call them at 944-9388.

Question:

Every Year during Lent I'm asked why Catholics fast and abstain. How can I explain our Lenten practice?

Answer;

Explain that Lent is the 40 days before Easter in which Catholics pray, fast, contemplate, and engage in acts of spiritual self-discipline. Catholics do these things because Easter, which celebrates the Resurrection of Christ, is the greatest holy day of the Christian year (even above Christmas) and Catholics have recognized that it is appropriate to prepare for such a holy day by engaging in such disciplines. (Archbishop Fulton Sheen noted that the Protestant attitude is summarized by the line, "First comes the feast, then comes the hangover," while the Catholic attitude is "First comes the



SANCTUARY CANDLE:

The Sanctuary Candle acknowledging The Real Presence of Christ in the tabernacle is burning this week in loving memory of **Poor Souls**



GIFT BEARERS for:

Saturday, February 29, 2020: Ushers
Sunday, March 1, 2020: Ushers

COLLECTION COUNTING SCHEDULE for:

Sunday, February 23, 2020: Kathy Lantz
Sunday, March 1, 2020: Will Crouse

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

Giving the shirt off your back, turning the other cheek or walking/driving the extra mile is normal stuff in families. We do that for one another. Today's gospel reminds us all people, even those we don't like, are our brothers and sisters. Our family should prepare us to be FAMILY to others.

LIVE MASS aired Every Sunday from Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown on **WATM-TV ABC Channel 23** If you are homebound and not able to attend the Sunday Mass, please watch our Diocesan Program Proclaim at 10:30 a.m. and the live telecast of Sunday Liturgy at 11:00 a.m.



Birthdays Ellen Booher, Lewis Bellucci, Frank Miller.

fast, then comes the feast.”)

The reason Lent last 40 days is that 40 is the traditional number of judgment and spiritual testing in the Bible (Gn 7:4, Ex 24:18, 34:28, Nm 13:25, 14:33, Jon 3:4). Lent bears a particular relationship to the 40 days Christ spent fasting in the desert before entering into his public ministry (Mt 4:1-11). Catholics imitate Christ by spending 40 days in spiritual discipline before the celebration of Christ's triumph over sin and death.

Fasting is a biblical discipline that can be defended from both the Old and New Testaments. Christ expected his disciples to fast (Mt 9:14-15) and issued instructions for how they should do so (Mt 6:16-18). Catholics follow this pattern by holding a partial fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Abstinence from certain foods is also a biblical discipline. In Daniel 10:2-3 we read, "In those days I, Daniel, was mourning for three weeks. I ate no delicacies, no meat or wine entered my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, for the full three weeks." Catholics use a practice similar to Daniel's when, as a way of commemorating Christ's Crucifixion on Friday, they abstain from eating meat on that day of the week during Lent. The only kind of flesh they eat on Friday is fish, which is a symbol of Christ.

Even the Ash Wednesday practice of having one's forehead signed with ashes has a biblical parallel. Putting ashes on one's head was a common biblical expression of mourning (1 Sm 13:19, Est 4:1, Is 61:3; see also Est 4:3, Jer 6:26, Ez 27:30, Dn 9:3, Mt 11:21, Lk 10:13). By having the Sign of the Cross made with ashes on their foreheads. Catholics mourn Christ's suffering on the cross and their own sins, which made that suffering necessary.

Sacrament of Matrimony:

Make the arrangement with the Parish Office at least nine months *prior* to celebration of your wedding.

prayer chain: if you have someone for whom you would like to request prayer, please get in touch with Maria Danish, 542-2233; Liz Stasenko, 542-4987, or Carmela Ciccaglione, 542-4281; they will contact the people on their list. if you want the person's name to remain anonymous, just ask for a special intention, etc. the lists include: **Maria Danish:** Ed and May Galla **Liz Stasenko:** Bonnie Melnyk,



Maggie Stiffler, Jeannette Bumbaugh, Cathy Wilson; **Carmela Ciccaglione:** Ann Gilliland, Carmen Rivera, Valerie Thomas, Melissa Fleming. Those on the list will be called when a request is received, but the prayer chain will not be held up if the contact person is unable to reach you. if anyone else would like to be added to the prayer chain, please call the rectory or one of the contact persons.

please let us know when you or a family member is admitted to the hospital.

Marian Devotions:

Approximately 30 minutes before each Mass begins with the recitation of the Holy Rosary.

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If you know of ***Prayer Requests for a sick parishioner:*** Write the name or petition in our Parish Prayer Request Book located in the vestibule of our church. The Prayer Request Book is brought into the church at each weekend Mass and all the intentions are included in the General Intercessions.

Sacrament of Baptism of Infants:

By appointment, preferably celebrated within the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, families, regardless of religious affiliation, are encouraged to attend and participate in Baptismal Sacramental Preparation and Celebration. Sponsor certificate must be received at the Parish Office if the sponsors are not members of Saint Catherine of Siena Church.