



## St. Catherine Church

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### **SATURDAY, March 23: VIGIL OF THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**5:00 p.m. MASS** – † Clara Cholewinski by Ken and Kathryn Ross

### **SUNDAY, March 24: THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

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**Monday, March 25:** The Annunciation of the Lord

**8:00 a.m.** – † Joseph Giacobello by Sam and Carmela Ciccaglione

**Tuesday, March 26:** Lenten Weekday

**8:00 a.m.** Elizabeth Goodman by Joe and Maria Danish

**Wednesday, March 27:** Lenten Weekday

**8:00 a.m.** – † Joseph S. and Catherine Danish by Joe and Maria Danish

**Thursday, March 28:** Lenten Weekday

**8:00 a.m.** – † Willie Leone by Family

**Friday, March 29:** Lenten Weekday

**8:00 a.m.** – † Ralph Laughlin by Laughlin Estate

**7:00 p.m.** Stations by Parishioners

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### **SATURDAY, March 30: VIGIL OF THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**5:00 p.m. MASS** – † Mercy Miller by Catholic Daughters

### **SUNDAY, March 31: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

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*Today is Commitment Sunday for the Catholic Ministries Drive, Be A Good Shepherd. Give Help. Build Hope. Change Lives.* Through it, your sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate impact on ministries that care for the poor, strengthen family life, nurture our youth, and provide leadership development for clergy and laity. If you didn't bring your Commitment Card to mass this weekend, please bring it next weekend or you may make an online gift at [www.dioceseaj.org](http://www.dioceseaj.org). All gifts received beyond our parish target amount will be used in the parish. 100% of your gift goes directly to these ministries!

**Parish Mission-**The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel, Loretto will hold their third annual *Lenten Mission in Honor of Our Lady of Loretto* on March 31-April 5, 2019. Fr. Michael Caridi, St Anne Parish, Pittsburgh, PA, is the Mission Director. The Mission opens Sunday, March 31 at 7 PM with Prayers, homily and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Bishop Mark Bartchak presiding. Mass with mission prayers and homily will be offered at 7 PM Monday through Friday. Confessions are offered at 6 PM Monday through Friday. Eucharistic Adoration offered at 6 PM Mon-Fri. Prayer intentions may be sent to: Fr. John D. Byrnes, Rector PO Box 10, Loretto, PA 15940

Next week, our parish will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection**. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection, and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

## Schedule of Liturgical Ministries for March 30/31 2019

MASS	Lectors	Altar Servers	Hospitality Ministers (Greeters)	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday <b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Ed McGarvey	Mary Secrest	Maria Danish	Mary Lyons
Sunday <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Dennis Drake Louise Ketner	Aubrey Roddy	Steve Renninger	Louise Ketner

**Liturgical Reflection** Eucharistic Adoration is a hallmark of Catholic piety. All are encouraged these Lenten days, and throughout the year, to spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Pope Saint John Paul II said that “adoration of the Most Holy Sacrament is an important daily practice and becomes an inexhaustible source of holiness.” Believers place themselves in the divine presence of the Lord who suffered and died for our salvation when praying before the Holy Sacrament. This is the source of our spiritual nourishment as we pray before the holy bread that has become the Body and Blood. Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. *Instruction on the Eucharist*, Chapter VI, Number 136. 2019. Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

### Spring into Light

On the first day of Spring, the northern world officially moves from the season of darkness into the season of light. We are called to be “children of light.” Like the Spring, we are called to be people of hope, new life and warmth. The warmer sun is a key element in the appearance now of flowers, green grass, blossoms and all the preparations for crops. Not many years ago, the first week of Spring contained three days of fast and abstinence. They were called Ember Days. In many rural areas, the farm fields were blessed on these days so that the crops would be plentiful. The Fast was to remind us all of the value of food-the gift of food that had sustained us through the long winter months-and the value of the labors that would bring more crops later in the year. Something of these old traditions can easily be celebrated in our homes today. If you have a garden, this would be a good day to bless it with a prayer that might also be used as a meal prayer also.

*God our Creator, maker of all things, help us grow in our appreciation for the good earth You have given us. We thank You for all the gifts of food You have given from the garden to the table. Today, we*



*SANCTUARY CANDLE:*  
Poor Souls



*GIFT BEARERS for:*

**Saturday, March 30, 2019:** Catholic Daughters  
**Sunday, March 31, 2019:** Ushers

*COLLECTION COUNTING SCHEDULE for:*

**Sunday, March 24, 2019:** Mary Secrest  
**Sunday, March 31, 2019:** Maggie Stiffler

**Gospel: Luke 13:1-9**

The owner of the fig tree was impatient because the tree did not live up to his expectations. In families there are those who don't live up to our expectations. Imitate the gardener and give them more time and help. Don't cut them out of your life. Love asks us to be connected, not productive.



**The Knights of Columbus** are having a Marianna Hoagie and pizza fundraiser starting Sunday, March 24 to Sunday, April 28 (last day to order). Delivery will be Friday, May 10. A paper is in the vestibule. Please put your phone number on the sheet when you order.

ask You to bless it still with many new and vibrant forms of life in food that will sustain us. Grant this through Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

**WE REMEMBER** all the sick parishioners in our prayers, especially all our parishioners in the nursing homes and all homebound of our parish:

**Nancy States-** Room B46 290 E. Windchester Ave. Langhorne, PA 19047

**Stella Los, Elmcroft,** 55 Carriage House Ln Reedsville, PA 17084

**Helen Crouse, Woodland Retirement Center,** Rt. 522, Orbisonia, PA 17243

*a card or visit would be greatly appreciated!*

*Mary, health of the sick, pray for them.*



**prayer chain:** if you have someone for whom you would like to request prayer, please get in touch with Maria Danish, 542-2233; Liz Stasenکو, 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 Stasenکو: 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.*



**Birthdays** Michael Bielski, Sam Ciccaglione, Valerie Leonard.

**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.

**PRO LIFE CORNER** In the 1800's, black people were considered "non-persons". During World War II, Jews were considered by the Nazi's to be "inferior beings." Both of these injustices were totally wrong, just as today it is wrong to consider the unborn baby as a person. We must stop abortion-our future as a nation depends on it.



### **DEPRESSED OR ANXIOUS? NEED SOME HELP AND SUPPORT?**

Catholic Charities, an agency of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown offers professional, confidential counseling for individuals, children and youth, families, and couples. Please call them at 944-9388 for more information.



*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.

### **Faith & Light- Sharing Faith & Friendship with Intellectual Disabled Persons**

A faith sharing group which also includes family members, caregivers, friends. Meets monthly, Sundays, 1:00-4:00 p.m. at a handicap accessible location. Call Gaye (814) 472-7317 of Family Life Office (814) 886-5551. [www.faithlife@dioceseaj.org](mailto:www.faithlife@dioceseaj.org)