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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 22 2026

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Weekdays: Mass is celebrated at 8 AM Monday through Friday.

Adoration & Benediction Fridays, after the 8 AM Mass.

Confessions are scheduled for Saturdays, from 3 to 3:40 PM and by appointment.

Weekend Masses: Saturday at 4 PM, Sunday, 8 AM and 10:30 AM.

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Sat.	Mar.	21	4:00 pm	+ Kathleen Petryshak req. by Family
Sun.	Mar.	22	8:00 am	+ Dave Cyran req. by Holy Family Lectors
			10:30 am	MASS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon.	Mar.	23	8:00 am	+Walter Orlosky req. by Jim & Bunny Lamison
Tues.	Mar.	24	8:00 am	+Mr. Jack Amantia req. by Fr. Tom
Weds.	Mar.	25	8:00 am	+Agnes Zock req. by Jean (Kuntz) Costlow
Thurs.	Mar.	26	8:00 am	+Aunt “Babe” Rose Graham req. by Judy Garbacz
Fri.	Mar.	27	8:00 am	+John Trusik req. by Janet Fisher
Sat.	Mar.	28	4:00 pm	+John & Helen Kachur req. by Chip & Mary Ann Kissell
Sun.	Mar.	29	8:00 am	MASS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			10:30 am	+Veronica Novak req. by Joe, Michelle & Angela

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for **John & Helen Kachur** req. by Reagan & Judy Smith.
 The Rectory Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for **Fr. Dan O’Neil** requested by Randy, Pat & Steve.

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The 2026 Catholic Ministries Drive. 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’s theme, **Sent To Serve**, reminds us that, by virtue of our baptism, each of us has been Sent To Serve, entrusted with gifts that are meant to be shared for the good of others. Saint Peter teaches us, “As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Peter 4:10).

The Sacred Heart Ushers Club will be holding a Lenten fish dinner on March 27. Dinner will be Eat-In or Drive Thru. The menu will be fried haddock, French fries, haluski, mac & cheese, green beans, coleslaw, roll and cake, Cost is \$15. Dinners will be from 4pm to 6pm or until sold out. No pre-orders. Pick-up will be at the handicap entrance to the church hall on Orchard Street.

Following today’s 10:30 AM Mass Sister Tatsiana of the Sisterhood of Saint Elisabeth located in Minsk, Belarus, will be selling handmade religious articles and souvenirs. Stop by and purchase something and say Hello!

MYSTERY BINGO – With some generous donations of cash (\$2,150.00) and food, our profit was \$3,915.75. Thank you to all who helped in any way. God Bless.

SPRING TEA – St. John the Baptist Altar Rosary Society, Summerhill, PA invite the women of our parish to a Spring Tea, Sunday, April 12 at 12:30 PM. Please RSVP by March 23 to Mary Beyer (814) 495-9092 or Pam Hoke (814) 495-5241.

SYMPATHY Our Parish family wishes to extend their sincerest sympathy to Ellie Brusko on the recent death of her husband Ed. May he rest in the peace of the Lord.

PARISH FINANCES – The stats of week 03/15/2026

Sunday/Monthly	\$ 7,808.00
Children	29.00
Loose	100.00
Missals/Bulletin	92.00
Ash Wednesday	23.00
Catholic Relief Services	683.00
Lenten	80.00
Black & Indian	<u>20.00</u>
Total	\$ 8,835.00

UP-COMING MEETINGS & EVENTS 2026
Mar. 22 – Bible Miniseries Noon to 1:00 PM
Mar. 25 – Formed Divine Mercy Video 6:30 to 7:30 PM
Mar. 27 – Fish Dinner Eat- In or Drive thru 4-6 PM or until sold out.
Mar. 29 – Movie King of Kings Noon to 2:00 PM
Mar. 29 – Bible Miniseries 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM
Apr. 12 – SHUC Rosary 5:30 PM Meeting 6:30 PM
Apr. 19 – K of C Rosary 6:30 PM Meeting 7:00 PM
Apr. 19 – Pinochle 1:00 – 4:00 PM Parish Hall

Religious Education

- **Confirmation Retreat:** Friday, March 27, 2026 @ 6pm. Attending: Students, parents and Confirmation sponsors.
- **All Re. Ed Stations of the Cross:** Friday, March 27, 2026 @ 7:00pm in Church
- **Service hours:** Grades 1-8 are due on Sunday: April 12, 2026

Child & Youth Protection: All Parish volunteers & personnel are required to have themselves fully cleared. Clearances are to be renewed every FIVE years. Stop by the rectory office or Call Sr. Vivian @ 814-736-4279 ext. 104 to check what clearance you need to update. Sr. Vivian will walk you through the process in case you need assistance.

To further the implementation of our Parish Vision to bring the church family closer together, our parish purchased licensures to show some inspirational movies in the months ahead. We are in the 4th week of the miniseries, *The Bible*, with episode 7 (of 10) showing this Sunday. The full schedule is posted on our bulletin boards, the parish website and our Facebook page. *The Bible* is rated PG-14 and recommended for ages 14+. The second movie is an all-Parish family event to watch the movie, *The King of Kings*, (Rated PG) on Sunday, March 29 after Palm Sunday 10:30 AM Mass.

Holy Family Parish will hold Pysanky classes in the parish hall on Saturday, 21st from 12:30 - 3:00 PM. No artistic skill is needed, just enthusiasm to learn! Children ages 5 and older are welcome, but each child must be accompanied by an adult. Please call or email the rectory to register. holyfamilyportage@dioceseaj.org.

FISH FRY – April 3, Good Friday---New Germany Grove Hall, 1635 New Germany Road, Summerhill, PA Time is 4 pm – 6:30 pm. Cost is \$15.00 per meal, children 6-11 cost is \$7.50. Take out (Drive thru only) is available and is also \$15.00.

LENTEN FISH DINNER – April 3 from 4pm to 7pm Queen of Peace Parish Center, 500 Palmer Ave, Patton. Menu: Choice of Baked or Fried Fish or 2 Salmon Patties, Choice of Baked Potato or French Fries in addition mac & cheese, stewed tomatoes, mac & cheese, haluski, roll cole slaw & dessert. Pierogies a la carte: \$1 each. Price adults \$15 Children 5-12 years \$7. Pierogies available \$12/baker’s dozen. Pre-order pierogies by calling 814-674-8983 or online at <https://queenofpeacepatton.org>.

Please support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

Formed - A program series “Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told,” will be presented in the Parish Hall from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm on Wednesdays. There will be FIVE sessions, concluding on April 8th. The brilliant cinematic artistry of this video series shows the vast panorama of God’s work of mercy in the world – from St. Faustina, Fatima, Maximillian Kolbe to Pope St. John Paul II, this is a story to be experienced. The objective is to educate and prepare parishioners to participate in the Chaplet of Divine Mercy after weekend Masses for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12, 2026. Please join us this week, even if you weren’t able to attend the first session.

