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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 8, 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.	7	4:00 pm	+Dave Gentile & Robyn Huschak req. by Paula/Mom
Sun.	Mar.	8	8:00 am	MASS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			10:30 am	+Ronald Martynuska req. by Tom & Patty Oravec
Mon.	Mar.	9	8:00 am	+Ronald Rakar req. by Wife: Jean & Family
Tues.	Mar.	10	8:00 am	+Agnes Zock req. by Gerri Ciesielka
Weds.	Mar.	11	8:00 am	+Doug Blais req. by Karen Blais
Thurs.	Mar.	12	8:00 am	+Walter Orlosky req. by Evette M. Sliko
Fri.	Mar.	13	8:00 am	+Jennifer Schrift req. by Joe & Alice Lee
			7:00 pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Sat.	Mar.	14	4:00 pm	+Melvina Shiber req. by Lawrence & Stephanie Pacsai
Sun.	Mar.	15	8:00 am	MASS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			10:30 am	+Margaret Stevens req. by Family

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for **Ronald Rakar** requested by Wife: Jean & Family.
 The Rectory Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for **Rose Graham** requested by Ruth Ann Long.

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The 2026 Catholic Ministries Drive. Today is Commitment Weekend for the 2026 Catholic Ministries Drive.

Your sacrifice gift of prayer and treasure will make an immediate and lasting impact on our ministries that focus on evangelization, serving those in need and formation of our priests and deacon.

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).

Please prayerfully consider making a donation this coming week or in the future. Our diocese’s ministries need your support.

MYSTERY BINGO – March 15th at Holy Family Parish Hall. **Only 200 tickets for sale @ \$25 each.** Ticket includes: Admission, 3 bingo cards, meal with beverage, and door prize drawing (\$200) and 25 Mystery Cash Prizes awarded at \$50 or more. In the event there are multiple winners Siri will select the winner, and they will choose an envelope, the runners up will receive a cash prize of lesser value also a Mystery! Available for purchase will be concessions, 50/50’s, specials and qualifiers. To buy 50/50’s & qualifiers the purchase of an Admission ticket is required! Doors open at 11:30 AM and Games begin at 1:00 PM. Tickets will be on sale at the door.

The Sacred Heart Ushers Club will be holding fish dinners during Lent. The dates are March 13 and March 27. Dinners 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.

PARISH FINANCES – The stats of week 03/01/2026

Sunday/Monthly	\$7,875.00
Children	36.70
Loose	165.00
Holy Day	22.00
Church Improvements	20.00
Energy	155.00
Initial	32.00
Mssalettes/Bulletins	95.00
Ash Wednesday	73.00
Lenten	607.00
Black & Indian	<u>255.00</u>
Total	\$ 9,335.70

UP-COMING MEETINGS & EVENTS 2026	
Mar. 8	– Bible Miniseries Noon to 2:00 PM
Mar. 9	– K of C Rosary 6:30 PM Meeting 7:00 PM
Mar. 11	– Formed! 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM
Mar. 13	– Fish Dinner Eat- In or Drive thru 4-6 PM or until sold out
Mar. 15	– Mystery Bingo Doors open at 11:30 AM Games begin at 1:00 PM
Mar. 22	– Bible Miniseries Noon to 2:00 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

Religious Education

- **2nd grade First Reconciliation Retreat: Saturday, March 21, 2026, from 9-11:30am**
- **Confirmation Retreat: Friday, March 27, 2026 @ 6pm. Attending: Students, parents and Confirmation sponsors.**
- **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. The first to be shown is the miniseries, The Bible, consisting of 10 episodes depicting Creation through the Book of Revelation. The full schedule has been made into a flyer and 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 the Palm Sunday 10:30 AM Mass.

Formed - Beginning on Wednesday March 11th, 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. There will be FIVE Wednesday 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 Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12, 2026. Please indicate your interest by signing up on the registration sheet available on the credenza in the church vestibule.

Holy Family Parish will hold **Pysanky** classes in the parish hall on Saturday, March 14th and 21st from 12:30 - 3:00 PM. Attend one or both classes to learn how to make beautiful Ukrainian eggs and carry on this ethnic Lenten tradition! We look forward to seeing friends from past years and welcoming new participants! No artistic skill is needed, just enthusiasm to learn! Children age 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. *Class size is limited!*

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.

PARISH MISSION - The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel, Loretto will hold their annual **Lenten Mission in Honor of Our Lady of Loretto**, March 15 – March 19, 2026. **Rev. Fr. John Petrikovic, OFM Cap**, is the Mission Director. The Mission opens Sunday, March 15 at 7 PM with Prayers, homily and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Bishop Mark Bartchak, JCD, presiding. 9 other priests of the area will be available to hear confessions the first night. Mass with mission prayers and homily will be offered at 7 PM Monday through Thursday. Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration offered at 5:30pm – 7pm Mon-Thurs. Prayer intentions may be sent to: Fr. John D. Byrnes, Rector PO Box 10, Loretto PA 15940

On March 22 following the 10:30 AM Mass Sister Tatsiana of the Sisterhood of Saint Elisabeth located in Minsk, Belarus, will be selling handmade religious articles and souvenirs. The Sisters have been rendering spiritual, social and financial assistance to the sick and the suffering, who stay at the National Psychiatric Clinic, the boarding home for children with special needs, the boarding home for mentally challenged adults and the rehabilitation center for the mentally challenged children for more than 15 years. Please be receptive and possibly purchase an article.