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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**March 15 2026**

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**Prayer Chain:** Elaine Schaffranek, 814-736-9375  
**Parish Hall:** Ext. 110

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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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<b>Sat. Mar. 14</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>+Melvina Shiber req. by Lawrence &amp; Stephanie Pacsai</b>
<b>Sun. Mar. 15</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>MASS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>+Margaret Stevens req. by Family</b>
<b>Mon. Mar. 16</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>+Alan Zajdel req. by Gerri Ciesielka</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>PENANCE SERVICE</b>
<b>Tues. Mar. 17</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>+Dave Cyran req. by Susan &amp; Derek Cyran</b>
<b>Weds. Mar. 18</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>+Raymond McConnell req. by Tony &amp; Nancy Kush</b>
<b>Thurs. Mar. 19</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>+Vic Cordek req. by Family</b>
<b>Fri. Mar. 20</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>+John Bandzuh, Jr. req. by Family</b>
<b>Sat. Mar. 21</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>+Kathleen Petryshak req. by Family</b>
<b>Sun. Mar. 22</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>+Dave Cyran req. by Holy Family Lectors</b>
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>MASS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for **John Bandzuh, Jr.** requested by Family.  
 The Rectory Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for **Quinn Pollock** requested by Mary Ann.

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**VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE OFTEN FOR THE LATEST UPDATES. [www.holyfamilyportage.org](http://www.holyfamilyportage.org)**

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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.**

**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.

**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 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](mailto:holyfamilyportage@dioceseaj.org).  
**Class size is limited!**

**PARISH FINANCES – The stats of week 03/08/2026**

Sunday/Monthly	\$ 6046.00
Children	34.25
Loose	120.00
Missals/Bulletin	371.00
Ash Wednesday	5.00
Lenten	190.00
Black & Indian	<u>45.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,811.25</b>

UP-COMING MEETINGS & EVENTS 2026	
Mar. 15	– Mystery Bingo Doors open at 11:30 AM Games begin at 1:00 PM
Mar. 16	– Penance Service 7:00 PM
Mar. 18	– Formed! Divine Mercy Video 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM
Mar. 22	– Bible Miniserries 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 Miniserries 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.

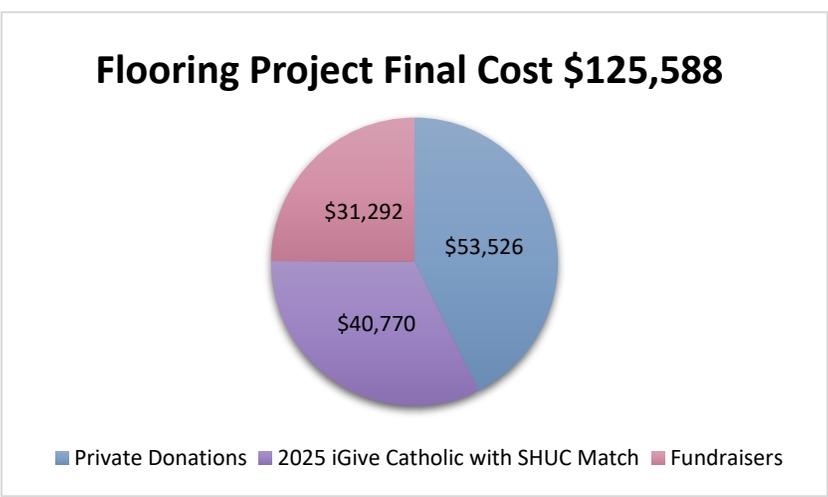
To further the implementation of our Parish Vision to bring the church family closer together, our parish purchased licensures to show some inspirational movies in the months ahead. We are in the 4<sup>th</sup> week of the miniserries, *The Bible*, with episode 7 (of 10) showing Sunday. The full schedule 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 the Palm Sunday 10:30 AM Mass.

**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.

**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>.

**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 8<sup>th</sup>. 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.



Fundraisers:	
2025 Mother’s Day/End of Year Tickets	\$ 4,045
2024/2025 Turkey Bingo	6,269
2025 Basket Party	12,300
2025 Mystery Bingo	4,603
2025 Painless Envelope	4,075
2025 #iGiveCatholic w/SHUC Match	40,770
Individual donations/memorials	<u>53,526</u>
<b>Total Funds Raised/Used</b>	<b>\$125,588</b>
* \$588 was for Parish Hall technology “fixes.”	