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**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**March 1, 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.	Feb.	28	4:00 pm	+Rose Graham req. by Mary Galla
Sun.	Mar.	1	8:00 am	<b>MASS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>
			10:30 am	+Franceska Norwich req. by OCIA Team
Mon.	Mar.	2	8:00 am	+David L. Kiel req. by People Helping People
Tues.	Mar.	3	8:00 am	+Agnes Zock req. by Mike & Linda Babiak
Weds.	Mar.	4	8:00 am	+Melvina Shiber req. by People Helping People
Thurs.	Mar.	5	8:00 am	+George Alexander, Jr. req. by Dad
Fri.	Mar.	6	8:00 am	+Robert “Duck” Gahagen req. by Mark & Janice
Sat.	Mar.	7	4:00 pm	+Dave Gentile & Robyn Huschak req. by Paula/Mom
Sun.	Mar.	8	8:00 am	<b>MASS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH</b>
			10:30 am	+Ronald Martynuska req. by Tom & Patty Oravec

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for **Allen Nickol** requested by Grandchildren.  
 The Rectory Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for a **Special Intention** requested by Anonymous.

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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** begins throughout our diocese this weekend. 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.” (Peter 4:10).

Our Catholic Ministries Drive supports 9 ministries throughout our diocese, which all fall into one of our three main focuses of evangelization, serving those in need, and formation of our priests and deacons.

Please reflect on Bishop Mark’s invitation when it arrives in your mail and prayerfully consider supporting our diocesan ministries. You may return your pledge card and donation through the mail, make your payment online, or return your pledge card and donation to your parish.

**MYSTERY BINGO** – March 15<sup>th</sup> 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 before and after all Masses or contact the Parish Office!

**UPDATE: Please call the Parish Office with any change of address, new phone or cell phone numbers, e-mail addresses or if you have joined another parish. We are trying to stay in touch with all of you!**

We received a letter from PIME Missions thanking our parish for the generous offering of \$2,522.00 given to the mission appeal offered by Fr. Dennis Koltz, on July 19 & 20, 2025. May the Lord reward your generosity and grant your heart’s desire.

**SYMPATHY** – Our Parish Family wishes to extend their sincerest sympathy to Russ Kiel and family on the recent death of his sister **Mauvette (Kiel) O’Dowd**. May she rest in the peace of the Lord.

**PARISH FINANCES – The stats of week 02/22/2026**

Sunday/Monthly	\$4,474.80
Children	25.25
Loose	130.00
Holy Day	15.00
Church Improvements	10.00
Initial	10.00
Energy	120.00
Ash Wednesday	832.00
Lenten	960.00
Black & Indian	<u>296.00</u>
Total	\$ 6,873.05

**UP-COMING MEETINGS & EVENTS 2026**

- Mar. 1 – Bible Miniseries Noon to 2 PM
- Mar. 1 – SHUC Rosary 5:30 PM Meeting 6:30 PM
- Mar. 4 – Lenten Luncheon Noon Hammers Street Church of God
- Mar. 6 – Stations Vox Nova 7:00 PM
- Mar. 9 – K of C Rosary 6:30 PM Meeting 7:00 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.27 – Fish Dinner Eat- In or Drive thru 4-6 PM or until sold out.

**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.

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, Cole slaw, 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.

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.

The only remaining portion of our Flooring Project is the remodeling of the Confessional. It was over 10 years ago that the project was discussed and for a variety of reasons was delayed. My gratitude to all those who helped raise the funds to pay for the project. Also, to those who helped move all the things we needed for Mass down to the parish hall and then back up again. As mentioned last week, other parishioners helped do extra cleaning so that our space of worship is fitting for the Lord. I hope you like what you see and share with me in a spirit of Thanksgiving! Fr. Tom

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](mailto: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.

The Portage Food Pantry would like to send a big THANK YOU for your generous donations to the Food Pantry. All of your donations are extremely appreciated.