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Ash  
WEDNESDAY



# 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 2, 2025



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday March 2

10:30 AM Marie Bozentka– Christian Women

### Wednesday March 5      Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM Joseph & Stella Falkowski– Grandson,  
Norbert & Wife, Patty

5:30 PM Dolores Woychik– Christian Women

### Friday March 7      Stations of the Cross 5:30 PM

8:00 AM Robert & Trina Bogumil– Mom

### Saturday March 8

4:00 PM George Martin– Bill & Margaret  
Sharksnos

### Sunday March 9

10:30 AM Richard Moyer– Russ Halchak

Sanctuary Votives– Good wishes and prayers for  
Pope Francis

Blessed Mother Votive– In Memory of Marie Rosiak  
By Russ, Sue, Heather and Albert

<u>Sunday Collection</u>	\$7,549.00
<u>Loose</u>	\$272.00
<u>Fuel</u>	\$1,209.00
<u>Air Conditioning</u>	\$580.00

In Memory of Maryanne Charnichko– Thank you to Maria Zabofski and Maureen Chamberlain for your generous donations to the parish in memory of Maryanne Charnichko. God bless you.

Lenten-Jubilee Mercy Outreach– This year our outreach has a special charitable dimension. The Jubilee Year asks that we demonstrate some charitable gesture. Consider donating some hygienic items for the young people (ages 11-13) in our area. Items such as shampoo (African American hair requires certain shampoos), conditioner, soap, tampons, toothpaste, Q-tips, T-shirts, hair brushes and combs, deodorant, etc. Place items on the right side altar railing.

*The 50th Anniversary Committee, celebrating Fr. Terry, has mailed the anniversary advertising and donation forms to all parishioners. We urge you to take the necessary time to make your commitment to Father Terry's program book at your earliest convenience. Please note, checks are to be made payable to and mailed to the CYC. Deadline for ads is March 14th.*

## IN LIEU OF PACZKOWY "PRE-LENTEN RAFFLE" -

The Easter Raffle replaces the traditional Paczkowy Raffle this year. It will predominantly be a cash raffle but there will be additional prizes. Be on the lookout for your tickets in the mail, drawing to be held April 12th after the 4:00 PM Mass. Thank you to all those who have donated!

Lenten Booklets– Available for your Lenten preparation for Easter, we offer several pamphlets. For adults: RENEWING OUR HOPE (for Jubilee year) GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE; PEACE PATH OF HOPE; LIVING THE PASSION  
For Families: HOPE LIGHTS THE WAY  
For Children: OUR LENTEN JOURNEY and A JOURNEY THROUGH LENT WITH JESUS

Ash Wednesday- Two Masses are scheduled for this Ash Wednesday. They will be celebrated at 8:00 AM and 5:30 PM. Blessed ashes will be administered following a brief homily. Ashes will be available for anyone unable to attend. When you bless someone with the ashes, place them on the forehead (with a Q-tip) and say:  
"Remember, You are Dust and Unto Dust You Shall Return". Follow it by reciting the Our Father.

Fast and Abstinence - The regulations for the Lenten practices for fast and abstinence are: Fasting- On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, those who are 18 but not yet 60 are allowed only one full meal. Two smaller meals are allowed as needed, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Abstinence from meat- Those who are 14 years of age or older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent.

Stations of the Cross - Starting this Friday we will begin this devotion starting at 5:30 pm. Bring the family.

## St. John the Evangelist Selling Potato Pancakes and Pizza

35 William St, Pittston, will hold food sales each Friday in Lent as well as Good Friday (March 7-April 18) Potato Pancakes 3/\$5 and your choice of take and heat Red Pizza or White Pizza with Broccoli for \$15/tray. Pickup from 3:30-6PM each Friday in the Pastoral Center. Call their parish office by Thursday of each week to place your order. 570-564-0053.

**Forgiveness Prayer**

Lord Jesus, I truly forgive my MOTHER. I forgive her for all the times she hurt me, she resented me, she was angry with me and for all the times she punished me. I forgive her for the times she preferred my brothers and sisters to me. I forgive her for the times she told me I was dumb, ugly, stupid, the worst of the children or that I cost the family a lot of money. For the times she told me I was unwanted, an accident, a mistake or not what she expected. I forgive her.

Lord Jesus, I truly forgive my FATHER. I forgive him for any non-support, any lack of love, affection, or attention. I forgive him for any lack of time, for not giving me his companionship, for his drinking, arguing and fighting with my mother or the other children. For his severe punishments, for desertion, for being away from home, for divorcing my mother or for any running around, I do forgive him.

*Stay tuned for the next excerpt...*

**Diocesan Annual Appeal**– We are behind in reaching our goal by \$10,000.00. We are hard pressed. We need those who have failed to make a pledge to please help. Through the years, we are proud to not only reach goal but pass it. Thanks to all who have pledged. God bless.

**The Jubilee Prayer**–Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us in to tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever. Amen.

**First Friday Visitations**– This Friday, March 7th, is the First Friday of the month. Communicants will also receive ashes. Everyone will be called beforehand. If unavailable, please call.



**FROM THE PASTOR**

How should we think about Lent this year? How can I explore Lent as an opportunity for a new beginning and not a contest with myself about keeping a resolution (like New Year’s resolution)? How to practice believing during Lent that these 40 days are about being loved, loving and not being punished and unloved? How to choose a daily practice or prayers to say daily that would help me let go of an image of God who prefers punishing to loving? I find for myself that Lent brings out all the “old” images of God and spirituality that I think I’ve let go of in recent years. Childish thoughts arise as I attempt to embrace this season with sincerity and authenticity:

**If I give up** (fill in the blank for 40 days), then God will reward me. Lent is a time to feel sad and disappointed because I am not perfect.

**Recognizing the love of God** for me is not the substance of Lent, that’s Christmas and Easter.

**Lent is hard work**, like pulling weeds. As a child of God, I need to be more loving, more courageous, most truthful. This does require sacrifice, openness to others, insights about my shortcomings and gifts and spiritual exercises that makes me more fully the person God wants me to be. Don’t get me wrong, I don’t mind a season of taking a long look at myself who knows God as loving, wise, patient, all forgiving, and always with us. I need time to find practices, people, readings that help me receive from God the energy I need to live a Christian life. I’m sure coming to a place I wish to be is hard work, living up to my baptismal commitment and to model the love of Jesus in my life. I sometimes long for the good old days. Giving up candy, cigarettes, booze and gambling is much easier than loving others and myself. I wish all of you well as you begin Lent and by the grace of God envelop, embrace and encourage you to be able to mirror God’s love. I wish you well in celebrating Lent in whatever way makes sense to you as a child of a loving God.

**ATTENTION NEWCOMERS, VISITORS AND PARISHIONERS**

Please complete and return this form if it applies to you

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply

I am new in the parish & wish to register

I would like to join a parish ministry

Change of Address or Phone Number

Moving out of Parish

**Please drop Membership Form into the offertory basket or mail to the Parish office.**