

# Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

1101 Willow St., Peckville, PA

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday 9 am - 4:00 pm

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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ASSISTANT: Mrs. Betsy Kondrat

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DIRECTOR OF LITURGICAL MUSIC:

Mr. Ernest Mengoni

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil - 4:00 pm Sunday - 8:00 am & 10:00 am

\*\*Tues & Thurs - 12:10 pm; Wed & Fri 7:00 am\*\*

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 pm, or by appointment

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**MEMORIALS MARCH 12– MARCH 18, 2018****Tabernacle Lamp & Bread & Wine**

In Memory of Goldyn/Santarelli/Malinoeski Families  
(Family)

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday, March 12**

\*No Mass

**Tuesday, March 13**

12:10 pm Marie McCurry (Betty Ploskanka)

**Wednesday, March 14**7:00 am Aniska/Marcincavage Families (Family)  
Joseph Kearney (Kevin O'Donnell)

2:30 pm Lackawanna Rehab

**Thursday, March 15**12:10 pm Joan Ciaglia (Greg/Sharon Halenda)  
Ken Santarelli (Mark Rudalavage)**Friday, March 16**7:00 am Diomira Ceci (Lisena Romitelli)  
Alfred Romitelli (Ercolani Family)**Saturday, March 17**4:00 pm Florence Malecki (Daughter, Claudia)  
John Kochis (Wife/Daughters)**Sunday, March 18**

8:00 am Dec'd members of the parish

10:00 am Lawrence/Ann Renaldi (Bill/Debbie Dustone)

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the sick,  
the suffering, the bereaved, and the recently deceased.

**A WORD FROM FR. ANDREW**

Dear parishioners and friends

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally referred to as Laetare Sunday. It means to "Rejoice" because we are halfway through our days of Lenten penitence. It is a time for us to review and continue our Lenten program of prayer and discipline and it sets the tone for encouraging us as we continue our journey toward Easter. So how have you done so far?

This season always gives us an opportunity to step back and to look at what improvements we can make in our day-to-day lives. At this particular point it's good for us to review and to ask ourselves, "have I moved in a more positive direction during this Lent?" "Have I made great strides or have I made barely none at all?" "Have I been truly honest up until this point in trying to establish a more personal relationship with Jesus Christ?" I can't speak for anyone else, but only for myself. I truly feel that it has been a pretty good Lent so far. But when being totally honest I realize that there is still so much more that I can do. When being totally honest with myself I realized that I still need more time. And perhaps I will never get this whole thing called "Lent" right at all, let alone perfect it.

The good news for this weekend is that there is still time. Perhaps you have not even tried. Maybe you've tried and stumbled. Maybe you're doing quite well. But wherever you are on this journey realize that God is with you and he will take you by the hand and walk alongside of you whether the road is smooth and well paved or filled with the potholes of NEPA. It's a great time to grow closer to Jesus Christ and to walk closer with him than at any other time of the year. Don't waste it. There's still time!

Love,  
Fr. Andrew

**Sunday Collection for March 4, 2018 was \$8,478.50**

May God bless you for your continued support of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish.

**EASTER BASKET PROJECT**

Our parish is participating in an **Easter Basket Project** being conducted by the Friends of The Poor. We are looking for individuals and/or families who would be willing to make an Easter basket to give to families with children at the Friends of the Poor's Easter Food Giveaway on Tuesday, March 27, 2018. If interested, a simple basket (nothing elaborate) with snack, sweet, and a surprise (Stuffed animal, game or small toy) wrapped in clear cellophane would be greatly appreciated. Donated baskets need to be brought to the parish rectory no later than **Friday, March 23rd**. If interested in serving on a committee to coordinate this project, or, if you have any questions, please call Donna Lisowski at 570-489-4202. Thank you!

**NEW BULLETIN**

You may notice that we have been working at enhancing our bulletin. Since we are working more directly online with our bulletin publication company, it is important that we have all information for the Sunday bulletin into the rectory office no later than noon on Monday before you want it published. Thank you for your cooperation.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Each Friday during Lent a **different format for the Stations of the Cross** will be prayed in our church at 7 PM. Please consider making it a resolution to attend stations each Friday as a way of doing something a little extra during the Lenten season. All are welcome!

**CONFESSIONS! EXTRA! EXTRA!**

In an attempt to provide for extra opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, confessions will be heard from 11:00 AM until noon each Saturday morning in our prayer chapel located near the Willow Street entrance between the church and parish center.

**CHRISM MASS**

All the faithful of the Diocese are invited to attend the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter, on Tuesday, Mar. 27th at 4:00 p.m. At this Mass priests from throughout the Diocese will renew their priestly promises before the Bishop, and the oils to be used for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders will be blessed. Participation in the Chrism Mass is a beautiful way to pray for and support the priests of the Diocese. For reserved seating, please call Diane Franklin in the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213 ext. 1103 or e-mail Diane-Franklin@dioceseofscranton.org.



*"The Round Church ... Where There's Room For Everyone."*

### **EATING WITH JESUS: A LENTEN SERIES**

All are invited to attend the Wednesday evening worship services at 7:00 PM at a different church each week within the Mid-Valley Ministerium. Refreshments and fellowship will follow each service. The fourth service in the series will be hosted by:

**SS JAMES & GEORGE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**398 WASHINGTON AVE., JERMYN**

Host Pastor: Rev. William Marshall

Message: Rev. Andrew Kurovsky

"Feeding the 5000"

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**

### **RECONCILIATION AT AREA CHURCHES**

During the Lenten season we are given the opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) at area Catholic churches. The church is in our deanery which will provide for extended times for confessions with multiple confessors:

+++Thurs. Mar. 15	6:30pm	Blessed Sacrament, Throop
+++Sun. Mar. 18	3:00pm	Christ the King Parish Archbald
+++Mon. Mar. 19	6:00pm	Queen of Angels, Jessup
+++Tues. Mar. 20	6:00pm	Sacred Hearts of Jesus Mary, Jermyrn
	6:30pm	Holy Cross, Olyphant

### **THE DAYS WE LIVE FOR**

**Just why do we do the things that we do during holy week? Why are the services so long? What does it all mean?**

As we prepare to celebrate the Triduum, the 3 holiest days of the year for Catholic Christians (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday-The Easter Vigil) why not come out on Monday March 19, at 7:00 pm for an interesting and informative session with guest presenter, Msgr. Rich LaVerghetta. Fr. Andy's classmate is a pastor of a mega-church in the Diocese of Trenton, NJ., and is a former adjunct professor of homiletics at Seton Hall University. His very bright, energetic and witty demeanor will help us to delve more deeply into what these three days are all about, thus enhancing our celebration of Easter. Bring a friend. All are welcome!

### **ATTENTION ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

You will notice that assignments for the Sacred Triduum as well as for Easter have purposely been left off of your recent schedules. All ministers for these liturgies will be called individually and they will be posted in the bulletin on Palm Sunday weekend. For some, you will be asked to attend a special practice as we will be doing things a bit differently this year. **All Eucharistic ministers are asked to be in attendance for the Holy Thursday celebration and to walk in procession. Also I'd ask that all liturgical ministers plan to attend the one hour Adult Faith Formation workshop being given on March 19.**

### **THE CROSS IN THE SANCTUARY**

One cannot help but marvel at the dramatic cross which lays against the sacrificial table of our Lord, called the altar, in our sanctuary. There is absolutely nothing beautiful about the cross of Jesus Christ and so it is fitting that the cross made for our church was made from very rustic pieces of wood which began as a seedling for a hemlock tree in the mid-1700s. The tree continued to grow near Aldenville, Pa. until it was cut down about 100 years later and became part of the rear frame of a new building housing the Aldenville Baptist Church. Those beams which were once a tree, saw so much history, then witnessed and listened to hymns, sermons, Bible readings, marriage vows, funeral eulogies, and professions of faith resulting in the waters of baptism. If only that cross in our sanctuary could talk. However, for all of us who gather here this Lent, it speaks of a much greater reality. It speaks of God's ultimate act of love for humankind. It speaks of the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! This cross which will be used on Good Friday and venerated by the faithful was gifted to our church by **Dan Droppa** of "Aldenville Log and Lumber." When I asked some parishioners to find a large wooden cross for us to use in our sanctuary during Lent, little did I know that they would bring back such a piece of history which was made especially for our church. As this cross plays such an integral part of our Lent as a parish this year, we pray for Mr. Droppa, we are connected to our brothers and sisters of other Christian faiths, and we find in this dramatic symbol a reminder of Jesus' passion, death and above all else, the Father's great love for each and every one of us!

**The Cross: A Sign of Hope**



**LOVE LIFE**  
**LIVE  LENT**  
**TRANSFORM YOUR WORLD**

### **BLOOD DRIVE**

Donate Blood in memory of The Santarelli Family. Fernando Santarelli—Ken Santarelli—A.J. Veno. Celebrate life and make a difference by giving blood. Blood is needed for many different kinds of patients. It could be a young child with a rare blood disorder, a family member fighting cancer, or a friend involved in a car accident. Please schedule an appointment to donate at this special blood drive. You'll feel good knowing you've helped change the lives of patients in need. Blood Drive will be held on Monday, March 26, 2018 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Hall. Please call Brenda Conlon to schedule an appointment: at (570) 202-0748.