

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Feb. 21	\$1,578
Bereavement	\$90.00
Donations	

Please do not forget to mail or drop off your weekly offerings for our collection.

MASS SCHEDULE

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat. Feb. 27	5:00 PM	For Hugh and Helen Kloentrup
Sun. Feb. 28	9:00 AM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Mon. Mar. 1		<i>No Public Mass</i>
Tue. Mar. 2	8:30 AM	For Mary Presnell
Wed. Mar. 3	6:30 PM	For All the Poor Souls
Thur. Mar. 4	8:30 AM	For Tom Klump
Fri. Mar. 5		<i>No Public Mass</i>

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat. Mar. 6	5:00 PM	For Helen Bach
Sun. Mar. 7	9:00 AM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish

Prayer List—Jerry Ehlman, Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, the family of Kenny Neuspickel, Kathy Barth, Charles Taylor, Ed Gripshover, Joy Sowder, Kathy Proctor, Steve Elmlinger, Sarah Hoffman, Mary Louise Cross, Cotton Teegarden, Mike Newcomb, Ed Grant, Don Bornhorst, John Hofstetter, Vernon Dixon, Bill Schneider, Chris Rauf, Katie Davis, Barry Bergman, Andrew Lauck, Bradley Franzen, Pam Babbington, Dave & Barb Kordenbrock, Tony Kidwell, the family of Bill Woodall, and everyone affected by the coronavirus.

BIRTHDAYS – Mar. 3—Andy Schroder, Mar. 6—Rira Funke, Mar. 11—Bill Kappesser, Mar. 18—Elissa Baker, Mar. 21—Howard Kleusener, Mar. 27—Tim Schlacter, Mar. 31—Eileen Ehlman.

ANNIVERSARIES – Feb. 14—Patty & Kenny Neuspickel, Feb. 16—Dan & Lisa Cooper



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Worship Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays – please check each week's schedule

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Wed. 5:30-6:20 PM

Parish Staff and Volunteers

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FEBRUARY 28, 2021

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONTHLY COLLECTIONS FOR NEEDY—We have reached out to the St. Vincent de Paul group to see what they need the most so until we hear back we will hold off on posting the March collection needs.

OUR FISH FRY—We have decided to have three carry our fish fries this Lent: March 12, 19, and 26. Several people signed up to help. Hopefully everyone can spare a few hours for those days. More info on our needs will be forthcoming.

LOCAL FISH FRY—Please patronize one of our local Catholic fish fries to help our neighboring churches. St. Cecilia 5-8PM, St. Mary, Alexandria 4-7 PM, St. Patrick, Taylor Mill 4:30-7 PM. Go early and stop by here for Stations of the Cross at 7 PM.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

- Stations of the Cross—Fridays during Lent @ 7:00 PM
- Fish Fries—March 12, 19, & 26 @ 4:30-7:30 PM ALL HANDS NEEDED!
- Lenten Penance Service TBA

CHURCH RULES FOR LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE

FASTING – ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY

Must be done by all aged 18-59; one main meal; two other lesser meals may be consumed which should not equal as much as one main meal; liquids permitted

ABSTINENCE – ASH WEDNESDAY & FRIDAYS OF LENT

Must be done by all who are at least 14 years old; no consumption of flesh meat (beef, pork, chicken, etc); seafood (fish, shrimp, shellfish, etc) permitted

Other circumstances may merit a dispensation from these rules (pregnancy, disease, etc); please talk with Fr. Straub if you have any issues or questions or would like a dispensation from these rules.

FROM THE PASTOR – CONFESSION: RESTORING THE LIGHT

The Second Sunday of Lent always sees us on top of Mount Tabor, beholding with the inner circle of the disciples (Peter, James, and John) the transcendent glory of Christ which is the mystery of the Transfiguration. The most defining feature of this event in the life of Jesus is His appearance: St. Matthew writes in his Gospel that “his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light” (Mt 17:2). The mediaeval theologians and bible commentators saw this as the absence of a miracle, for it allowed the divine dignity to shine through the humanity of Christ for all to behold and marvel.

St. John calls Jesus the Light that shines in the darkness and cannot be overwhelmed (Jn 1:5). He is indeed the Light of the world, which overcomes the darkness of sin, and restores us to the luminous presence of God the Father. We are reminded of this when we receive a lit candle at our baptism. We, who were once shrouded in the darkness of error and sin, have been opened to the Light and must maintain that Light for when the Lord comes on the last dark day.

This statement of maintenance is not a promise, but a command to us. We are commanded by the Church to keep the light burning. Jesus never tells us to rest our laurels, but to follow Him. The season of Lent reminds of the difficulty of carrying the cross. The flesh, the world, and the devil all seek to shove us off the path and avoid reaching our desired goal with God. And sometimes we indeed give in to temptation and fall back into sin.

But what happens if we fail to live up to our baptismal promises? What happens if we do not keep the light burning but extinguish it by our disobedience of God? For the Christian who has failed and sinned, there is hope for restoring the light. Jesus will forgive all of our sins if we come to Him in the sacrament of confession. Not only that, He will give us the help we need to sin no more. Do not fear the judgment of God, but receive His mercy and grace. Let us be restored to being bearers of the light and shine with the brilliance of Christ in all we do. Let us be aided to not remain darkened by sin but illuminated along the path of salvation and eternal life.



Fr. Jacob Straub