

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

*THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT*

Sat. Mar. 25	5:00 PM	For †Tommy McNay
Sun. Mar. 26	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish
Mon. Mar. 27	8:00 AM	For †Joe McNay
Tue. Mar. 28	8:00 AM	For †David McNay
Wed. Mar. 29	8:00 AM	For †Helen Fariello
Thur. Mar. 30	8:00 AM	For †Vincent Fariello (NO ADORATION THIS WEEK)
Fri. Mar. 31	8:00 AM	For †Patrick Fariello
<i>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</i>		
Sat. Apr. 1	5:00 PM	For †Joseph Fariello
Sun. Apr. 2	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish

**PRAYER LIST**—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Charles Taylor, Chris Rauf, Katie Davis, Barry Bergman, Andrew Lauck, Bradley Franzen, Pam Babbington, Dave Kordenbrock, Kate & Colton Sherold, Karen Reilly, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, John Jackson, Hank Bond, Hudson Feinauer, Mike and Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Bonita & Jim Happe, Dave Verst, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Larry Slusher, Brenda Johnson, Verna Payne, Roger High, Rita Funke, Johnathan Briggs, Cheryl Miller, Missy Fryman, Sherry Jackson, Sarah Gripshover, Jeanne Eames. Bill Schneider (In Storrypoint Assisted Living, 9255 US 42, Apt. 44, Union, KY. 41091), and Ree Wagner.

**BIRTHDAYS**—Mar. 25-Joe Schmiade, Mar. 27– Tim Schlacter, Mar. 31- Eileen Ehlman, Apr. 3-William Beck, Apr. 4-Ethan Thorwarth, Apr. 10-Caity Schroeder, Apr. 11-Bailey Downs, Apr. 13-Gabrielle Feinauer, Apr. 13-Tori Schroder, Apr. 13-Cap Kiser, Apr. 14-Peter Cooper, Apr. 20– Hudson Feinauer, Apr. 27-Jill Schmiade

*Please send any requests for prayers or memorials to the parish email or call to make a request. If you birthday or anniversary is not listed, let Linda know.*



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Worship Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays – 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursdays 6-7:00 PM

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Thursdays—6:00-7:00 PM

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## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 26, 2023

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDIES**—We will be having Lenten Bible studies on Monday evenings at 6:30 PM. These will be led by Matthew Wiseman who teaches Old Testament and Theology so we are in for a treat. We will be continuing this series at least through Lent.

**FISH FRIES**—Our last fish fry is this coming Friday! If you can help in the kitchen or garage feel free to help. We also could use some young people to run food from the garage to the kitchen. Thanks to all who continue to help each year to make our fish fries the best one around.

**EGG HUNT**—We will have an egg hunt after Mass next week (weather permitting). All children are welcome!

**WITH ONE HEART**—The diocesan wide portion of the With One Heart initiative has begun. Every individual is asked to take the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) connected to their parish. Please see the handouts near the bulletins for information about how to take this survey online. You can also find a link to it on our website. We will be working to make it available to everyone through other means as well. The DMI will close on April 3, so please finish the survey soon!

**DPAA**—This year's DPAA campaign has begun. Our goal this year is \$12,100. You should have received pledge envelopes in your mail recently. Please fill these out and return them either straight to the diocese or you can drop them off in the collection bin. Thank you for all your support!

**EASTER FLOWERS**—Please get any donations in for Easter flowers before Good Friday if you would like your memorial/"in honor of" recognized in the Easter bulletin.

**LECTOR**— Mar. 26-Bill Funke, Apr. 2-Linda Fryman (plus additional person)

**CLEANING**—Tom and Darlene Schutte

### LENTEN SCHEDULE

Mon. Mar. 27—Lenten Bible Study 6:30 PM

Thur. Mar. 30—ADORATION CANCELLED TONIGHT DUE TO PENANCE SERVICE

Lenten Penance Service @ St. Cecilia Church 7:00 PM

Fri. Mar. 31—Fish Fry 4:30-7:00 PM (final fish fry)

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK—AMENDMENT OF LIFE

We cannot discuss contrition of the repentant sinner without discussing the last yet most vital aspect of this penitential action: amendment of life. It is absolute folly to continue down the same path when one realizes it leads to a deadly fall; so too is it folly to continue to live the same way when we realize it keeps leading to sin and to eternal death. We must change our ways if we are truly sorry for our sins and desirous of avoiding repeated or even further sin.

We must first eliminate the sources of sin. Remember the word of the Lord: "If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and throw it away; it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell." (Matthew 5:29) The Church Fathers always saw this statement as a metaphor for the removal of whatever causes our fall. This can be media or access to that media (a common root for sins such as pornography and lust). This can be any item which induces temptation. But this can also be people as well. Is it really worth maintaining a friendship that does not elevate us but causes us to fall to damnation?

We ought to replace these sources of sin with holy items. Which would actually help us grow more in Christ: the television as the center of our living room or the crucifix? Which should see more usage: the smartphone or the bible? Is it better to collect things which we cannot keep forever or to live simply and give without thought? We may not be called to monastic poverty, but we could live simpler lives preparing for the riches of Heaven.

Above all, we must replace our sinful actions with the virtuous and holy. We cannot live as if everything is fine and God's mercy will do the rest. While His mercy is deep and profound, we must do our part to desire holiness and eternal life. Again from Christ Himself: "the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life, and those who find it are few." (Matthew 7:14) What excuse will you present when the Just Judge enumerates so many sins and asks "Did you truly love Me?" It is never too late to ask for pardon, but we cannot continue full steam ahead on the path of destruction. Receive the mercy of the Crucified Lord, and do as He commands: "Go and sin no more."

*Fr. Jacob Straub*

### 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 must not equal as much as one main meal; liquids permitted

#### ABSTINENCE – ASH WEDNESDAY & ALL 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.