

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 6, 2016

March Parish Stewardship

Migrant Ministry,
Special Olympics,
and
CAER Center

Budget amount
needed for each week:
\$7,300.00

February 27 and 28

Stewardship Back to the Lord

Envelopes:\$4,978.00
Youth:\$1.00
Total:\$4,979.00
EFT:\$175.00
Total: \$5,154.00

Sunday Contributions YTD \$255,500.00
Actual YTD \$243,323.76

Thank You

Stewardship: The stewardship message in the parable of the prodigal son is that it is never too late to become a good steward. Blessed is the elder brother who had been a good steward all along, but blessed, too, is the prodigal, who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he'd been given.

Lent Rosary Devotions: from 8-9 am
The Angelus & Luminous Mystery
Prayers of Divine Mercy
Sorrowful Mystery with Stations of the Cross
Glorious Mystery



CAER Food Pantry: Items being collected for the month of March are: personal items: tooth paste & brushes, deodorant, diapers. There is a basket in the gathering area for your donations. Donations of any kind are always welcome. Thank you for your continued support.

This Week's Events

Sunday, March 6

8:00 am Rosary
8:30 am RCIA
9:45 am Presentation of the Creed by Katherine Paul
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)
2:00 pm Passion Play practice
4:00 pm High School Youth Group
5:00 pm Children's Choir
6:00 pm Faith Formation
6:00 pm Junior High Youth Group

Tuesday, March 8

7:00 pm Ensemble/Choir practice

Wednesday, March 9

9:00 am BeFriender
9:30 am Adult Choir
6:45 pm Worship & Christian Service
Commissions meet

Friday, March 11

12:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 12

8:00 am Rosary

Sunday, March 13

Daylight Saving Time Begins

8:00 am Rosary
8:30 am RCIA
2:00 pm Passion Play practice
4:00 pm Youth Lenten Event
5:00 pm Children's Choir
6:00 pm Faith Formation
6:00 pm Lenten Mission

Faith Formation

Classes will be held this Sunday, March 6th beginning with family prayer in the church at 6 pm. There will be a class for those receiving first Eucharist (and their parents) on Sunday, March 6th, beginning at 6 pm in the church. Doris

Youth Ministry

Both Youth Groups will meet on Sunday, March 6th in the Youth Room. High School Youth Group meets from 4-5:30 pm and Junior High Youth Group meets from 6-7:30 pm. Forms for the Middle School Retreat and Cardboard City will be available. Bring a friend for some food, faith and fun! Katie

Daylight Saving Time: Begins on the weekend of March 12/13. Remember to turn your clocks ahead 1 hour.

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, March 6

Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30 am Mass

Wednesday, March 9

9:00 am Mass (Bannister)

Thursday, March 10

8:00 am Mass

Saturday, March 12

4:30 pm Mass

Lectors:

Jeanne Gewirtz and Mike Maxa

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sarah Mahoney, Paulette Fuoss, Nanette Scott-Muirhead, Doris Mahoney and Mike Maxa

Altar Servers:

Helena Czeisperger and Nanette Scott-Muirhead

Sunday, March 13

Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30 am Mass

Lectors:

Alice Dowd and Ray Gengler

Eucharistic Ministers:

Bernard Coonrod, Michelle Vrable, Penny Apsey, Mary Baese and Bob Corrin

Altar Servers:

Isaac Tessman and Gavin Tessman

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Jn 8:1-11

Sponsor of the Week



1115 W. Broad St,
Chesaning
845-WELL (9355)

Beth Tomac, CPhT Owner

Greg Jenkinson,
Pharm. D Pharmacist

Tamara Mason,
Pharm. D Pharmacist

Funeral Dinner Coordinator: We are in need of people to be a funeral dinner coordinator. Responsibilities are: calling parishioners to donate food, help set up/clean up, help serve the food. This is a much needed stewardship for our parish. Husbands and wives coordinators are also an option. Please call Colleen at 845-1794 for more information or to sign up. Thank you.

Lenten Mission: The heart of the Mission is the evening service; evening service will begin on Sunday, March 13th at 6 pm; and be held each evening at that time until the close of the Mission on Wednesday, March 16th. Each night a practical and inspiration sermon will be preached on one of the great themes of Scripture. Completing the whole Mission will bring the greatest amount of spiritual benefit, of course. But if you can only attend some of the evenings, by all means, do so. Be sure to come Sunday evening for the opening of the Mission. In addition to the evening service, Fr. Jack will celebrate Mass each morning, Monday through Wednesday at 8:00 am. He will also be available for the Sacrament of Penance after each service; he also will be available for spiritual counseling for those who want to share a problem or insight. Every one is welcome!



Passion Play Practice: Play practice has begun for the annual Passion Play presented by St. Peter Youth Ministry. Practice is from 2-4 pm in the church and no acting experience is needed. We are in need of more participants to make this a success. Ask your friends to be a part of this great service to our parish community. Contact Katie if you need more information.



THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Carol Moore, Tiffany Dankert, Abby Aldrich, Joe Pine,

Robert Tufts, Charles Guziak, Helen Gasser, Tim Amman,

Margaret Bolinger, Matt Coughlin, Geri Sholtz, Eugene Sutter, Jim

Meder, Terry Kennelly, Joann Richardson, Bradley Blakeselle,

Chantel Fondren, Tim Apsey, Irene Nietling, Laurie Tufts, Brenda

Lienau, Mechelle Kuchar, Vickie Daniels, Mark Zvonek, Wolfgang

Franke, Albert & Judy Storch, Sherry Storch, Fran A. Gross, Joseph

Klasek, Ray Tithof, Rose Bonkowski, Roger Nietling, Jim Fusina,

Esther Lickman, Brady Carroll, Fred Lane, Ernie

Newcomb, Rita Amman, Jay & Kay Glover, Susan

Addington, Nancy Dennis, LuAnn Greenfelder, Joey

Kligar, Barb Wenzlick, Diane DeVoe, Roxann Timm,

Gayle Shooltz, Judy Wakeman, David and Marianne

Sutter, John Sims, Bessie McSwain, Judy (Willitts)

Balderrama, Melanie Thiel, Brian Clark, Gloria Bates,

Jeannette Somers, Kim Bruder, Gary Cech, Edward List Sr., Virginia

Lawton, Gary J. Tanner, Mel Gross, Nichole Horn, Franklin Bates,

Henry Huntoon, Will Lucio, Al Hundt, Ruth Vrable, Johannes

Vogelaar, Jerry Hoover, Tom & Julia Mahoney, Jennie Hunt, Bob &

Jacob Albers, Madeline Klopp, and Joseph Sedlar Sr.

Joshua Mesh, Christopher Lickman, Garrett Mishler, and Bill Lickman Jr.

Bids for Mowing Cemeteries: Thank you to the four people who have submitted bids to mow the Resurrection and Mt. Calvary cemeteries. Unfortunately, the two bids that were mailed to the parish office have been misplaced. If you, or someone you know, mailed a bid to the office please ask them to resubmit the bid. Or you may call me, Jean Burns, Business Manager at 845-1794. Please have bids resubmitted by Thursday, March 24, 2016.



Easter Egg Hunt: The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held after 8:30 am Mass on Sunday on the lawn of St. Peter Parish. We are in need of candy. Please donate your wrapped candy (please nothing with nuts) in the container in the back of church. We do not need eggs this year! Thanks.

World Youth Day: We are so close to our goal!! We are within \$2,000 dollars needed to attend this pilgrimage to Poland for World Youth Day 2016! Thank you to everyone who has prayed for us and donated through this process! It's not too late! Every dollar helps. Please prayerfully consider taking an envelope from the World Youth Day Envelope Board in the back of church and give to this once in a lifetime experience. Thank you!

Catholic Relief Services (CRS): The Catholic Relief Service Collection works at home and abroad to give aid to struggling poor, and underrepresented families. This collection offers an opportunity for each of us to **help Jesus in disguise**. The collection will be taken up on the weekend of March 19th & 20th.

A Reflection on the Gospel from the 2016 Living Liturgy:

This Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called "Laetare Sunday," from the Latin meaning "to rejoice" or "to be joyful." This a perfect Sunday on which to proclaim this gospel about the Prodigal Son. The father is so joyful at his son's return home that he forgives his wanderings and squanderings and orders a feast to be prepared and celebrated. Sinners though we are, just so does our merciful Father long to embrace and celebrate with us. We have only to return to him

Expecting, hoping, anticipating minimal response from his father the son returns home and receives lavishly from his father. The father doesn't answer the son's confession with words. Rather, he begins the concrete actions of showing lavish mercy and welcome. The point: Jesus' welcome of sinners makes visible the love and mercy of God our Father, a love and mercy we all need because we all are sinful and in need of forgiveness. Forgiveness brings us to accept others (and ourselves) as weak human beings who often hurt others and cause them anguish. Forgiveness helps us to not let the past determine our choices and actions.

In the parable, the prodigal son entertained all the wrong desires! The elder son entertained anger and jealousy, pettiness and closed heartedness! On the other hand, the father tendered reconciliation leading to feasting. In our lives, God tenders mercy and forgiveness leading to new Life. What do we entertain in our hearts? What do we tender in our relationships? With whom do we feast?