

Strykersville:

Saturday, February 29–Vigil-First Sunday of Lent
5:00pm [+Tom Crosby-Dave & Carol Comstock]
[All Parishioners]

Sunday, March 1-First Sunday of Lent
8:00 am [+Robert Matevia-Chuck & Ginny Minkel]
[All Parishioners]

Monday, March 2-
9:00am [+Ronald Smith-Steve Reisdorf]

Tuesday, March 3-
9:00am [+Peter McNulty-Estate]

Wednesday, March 4-
no mass

Thursday, March 5-
9:00am [+Felicia Redden-Ed & Barb Logel]

Saturday, March 7–Vigil-Second Sunday of Lent
5:00pm [+Dorothy Sanford-Larry & Mary Lou Kibler family]
[All Parishioners]

Sunday, March 8-Second Sunday of Lent
8:00 am [Joyce Cullen & Larry Burger-Perl & Hager family]
[All Parishioners]

Sheldon:

8:00pm [+Carl Dominesey-Alfred & Marie Sacharowski]
[All Parishioners]

10:30 am [Joe & Florence Zielinski-John Zielinski family]
[All Parishioners]

Friday, March 6- Stations & Mass
7:00pm [+Bernard Perl-Estate]

8:00pm [+Marie Dominesey-Ed & Marie Redden]
[All Parishioners]

10:30 am [+Diane Warmus-Gerry & Kathy Schwab]
[All Parishioners]

Please Pray for: world peace, our country, for those serving overseas, for victims of war, violence and natural disaster, for the sick and suffering including: Bernie Possinger, Fred Marcheson, Todd Hart, Lacey Bach Moore, Carl Schiltz, Gert Hyman, Cathy Keem, Jean H., Elizabeth, Madonna Zittel, Sheri Zittel, Kathleen Anderson, Paul Switalski, Len Mazurkiewicz, Diane Paquin, Ruth Z., Isabelle, Prudy Allein, Peter, Gayle Lane, Jeanine Peehler, Bob Daniel, Jean Dominesey, Esther Roberts, Anne, Donna, Leona Meyer, Judy Perl, Diane Dutton, Betty Becker-Beu, Rose Gielow, Shirley Becker, Bernie Eley, Michael Bankers, Annabelle Ziegler, Father Jim Fugle, Bob Schuessler, Bill Calmes, Sylvia Nowak, Marilyn Noecker, Mildred Ash, Liz, Lorne LeMieux, Norm Kehl, Ellsworth Smith, Sabrina Marlowe, Nancy Cox, Gerry Fugle and Father Johnson. Please be advised after 60 days the names will be removed from the prayer list unless otherwise notified.

PARISH OFFICE: Russ Reisdorf, Office Manager
Faith Formation Director –Melissa Weisenburg e-mail: mw.sjnchurch@gmail.com or call the office and leave a message

SACRAMENTS POLICY

Baptism: Call the office for preparation ☐ 585-457-3222 – Baptisms on Saturdays: 12:00 Noon – Strykersville Site and Sundays: After 10:30am Mass- Sheldon Site

Marriage: Six months lead time. Diocesan approved preparation program (Pre-Cana) required, after Pastor interview

Communion to the sick: Please contact Pastor for special circumstances. Monthly and Sundays by Eucharistic Ministers or Pastor

Anointing of the Sick: Night or day ☎ 585-457-3222 or daily during Mass prior to surgery.

ST. JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Church Bulletin

Rev. Johnson Machado, Pastor

John Zielinski, Deacon

*First Sunday of Lent
February 29 & March 1, 2020*



PARISH CENTERS

The worship site at:

Strykersville

3854 Main St., Strykersville, NY 14145
Masses: Sat. Vigil- 5:00pm, Sun. 8:00am
Weekday Masses: Mon., Tues, Thurs. & Fri. 9am
Confessions: Sat. 4:15-4:45pm

The worship site at:

Sheldon

991 Centerline Rd. Strykersville, NY 14145
Masses: Sat. Vigil -8:00pm, Sun. 10:30am
Confessions: Sat. 7:15-7:45pm

Office: 585-457-3222 Fax: 585-457-3222
@ 3854 Main St. School Building
Office Hours: Monday- Friday 8:00am-3:00pm

Email: stjohnneumannparish@gmail.com
Parish Website: www.sjnchurch.org

Catholic Cemeteries: Donations greatly appreciated for all Cemeteries.
St. Cecilia's Cemetery, Sheldon Site **St. Mary's Cemetery, Strykersville Site**
St. Nicholas Cemetery, North Java **St. Patrick's Cemetery, Java Center**
Inquiries: 585-457-3222

Eucharistic Adoration: Strykersville Site --- 9:30am -7:00pm
First Friday of the Month or as announced

Today's Readings:

Genesis 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7
Romans 5: 12-19, or 5: 12, 17-19
Matthew 4: 1-11

The serpent tempts Eve and Adam in the garden of Eden. The devil tempts Jesus in the desert. Though Adam and Eve are talked into disobeying God, Jesus resists the devil's repeated attempts. Saint Paul relates the two and explains that the effects of Jesus' obedience to God's will—from the desert to the cross—far exceed the harmful effect of Adam's disobedience. Let us listen now to these stories of temptation.

Next week's readings:
Genesis 12: 1-4a
2 Timothy 1: 8b-10
Matthew 17: 1-9

Did you Know??
What is Lent?

Lent (Latin: **Quadragesima**, 'Fortieth') is a solemn religious observance in the Christian liturgical calendar that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends approximately six weeks later, before Easter Sunday. Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays. Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, meaning "lengthen" and refers to the lengthening days of spring. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, Fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by new converts and then became a time of penance by all Christians. The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer for Easter through prayer, doing penance, mortifying the flesh, Repentance of sins, Almsgiving, and Denial of Ego. Today, Christians focus on relationship with God, growing as disciples and extending ourselves, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of ourselves for others. Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection

Pastor's Pen

Rediscover the Saints

Rediscover the Saints by Matthew Kelly is going to be our next book study starting the first week of March! "When we have the courage to collaborate with God and pursue our truest self, he lights a fire within us that is so bright and warm, it keeps shining long after our days on this earth have come to an end. The lives of the saints have captivated the people of every age for this very reason." M. Kelly

Come join one of our groups and learn more, have a cup of coffee and enjoy fellowship with your neighbors and friends. Each family received this book at Christmas time. If you did not get one, let us know and we will have one there for you.

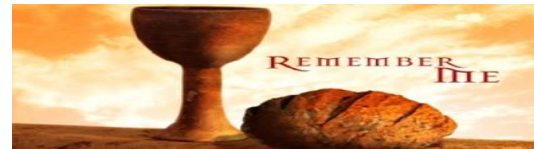
There is a Monday morning group at 9:40am at the Strykersville school bldg. that will begin on **Monday March 9th**.

Another group meets at Tim and Joanne Heffernan's home beginning with a light lunch—they meet on Wednesdays beginning on **March 11th** @ 11:30am.

There is a Thursday night group that will meet at the Strykersville school bldg. at 7:00pm and will begin on this **Thursday March 6th**. With Ron Georae being the facilitator.

Upcoming Meeting: Social Committee will meet on Thursday March 5th @7:00pm—Strykersville Parish Council will meet on Monday March 9th @ 7:00pm—Strykersville site.

St. John Neumann Prayer Chain: If you have any requests for prayers please contact Michelle Schubert (585-689-0098) or Carol Comstock (585-317-9459) or email st.j.n.prayer@gmail.com.



Gifts to God
 February 22 & 23 - \$2928.00
 God Bless you for your generosity!

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Likewise, in places of solitude we too can hear the voice of God. Take some time to listen this Lent. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535



We will be reciting the rosary every Saturday morning during Lent @ 9:00am in the chapel at Sheldon school. Please join us!

6:15 AM Communion Service—Monday thru Friday
 During Lent—Strykersville site

JOIN US AT THE MOVIES!

On **Sunday, March 8th at 6:30pm** the Aurora Theatre, 673 Main St., East Aurora, is showing the Christian movie *Overcomer* for our parish. From the creators of the #1 box-office hit, *War Room*, life changes overnight for coach John Harrison after he loses his basketball team and is challenged by the school's principal, Olivia, to coach a new sport he doesn't know or like. As John questions his own worth, he dares to help the least likely cross country runner take on the biggest race of the year. Filled with a powerful mix of faith, humor, and heart, this inspirational story will have you on the edge of your seat. You may learn more about the film at overcomermovie.com

Bring your family and friends so we can fill the theatre! Immaculate Conception Youth Ministry is sponsoring this night. We hope the movie will be a beautiful addition to your Lenten journey!



First Friday Adoration
March 6th --- Strykersville Site
9:00am -7:00pm

BROKEN
and
 BLESSED

Saturday, March 14th 8am-12pm—sponsored by Catholic Women of Buffalo—register online CatholicWomenofBuffalo.org St. Mary's High School in Lancaster (Across from Our Lady of Pompeii Church) --Heather Renshaw, author of *Death by Mini Van* and Rev. Jack Mattimore, S.J. \$20 Students | \$30 General
 7:30 am Registration | 8:00 am Mass Continental breakfast; Adoration

Brrrr---these nights are still cold – we need to do something about them. The Social Committee is again sponsoring their “Annual Soup Supper” on Saturday March 21st following the 5:00pm mass in the Strykersville School Hall. It has been well attended in the past few years and hope you can stop by and have a bowl of warm soup (all homemade), breads and desserts. All donations dropped into our “cast iron pot” to stir, will go to a local non-profit organization. ALL ARE WELCOME for a delicious bowl of soup and a gathering of friends and family!



Card Party Social

Sunday March 8, 2020

Weber Hall—light lunch @ 11:45am and cards begin @12:15pm

Come join the fun!



Boy Scout Troop #56 Annual Pancake Breakfast & Basket Auction
 Sunday March 8th – Strykersville Fire Hall
 Breakfast 7:00am – noon
 Auction @ 12:30pm
 Anyone interested in joining (11-17 yrs. old) 716-548-7796

Ministry Schedule March 7th & 8th:

5:00pm--
Eucharistic Ministers: Beth Reisdorf
Cantor: Pat Lefort
Lector: LeeAnn Day
Altar Server: Lilli Harloff
8:00pm—
Eucharistic Ministers: John Meyer
Lector: Paul Johnson
Altar Server: Joshua Kirsch, Rachel Zielinski
8:00am--
Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Skrzypek
Lector: Dan Norton
Altar Server: **HELP NEEDED**
10:30am--
Eucharistic Ministers: Peggy McCormick
Lector: Tony Molik
Altar Server: Natalie Shanahan, Cailin Shanahan

Please arrange for substitute if you are unable to make your scheduled ministry.

 One on the Road participant was hesitant about attending the weeklong leadership training for high school students, but at his parents' urging, he went. To his surprise, it turned out to be quite the impactful week! “On the Road was truly a life-changing experience for me. The most significant thing I learned was different ways to pray that were comfortable to me. Since on the Road I have begun to incorporate prayer into songs that I write,” he said. “I am so grateful for this amazing experience!” **Your gift to the Fund for the Faith through 2020 Appeal can help other young people like this young man find new inspiration and strength in their faith.** Will you think of him and so many others like him? Make a secure donation online at ccwny.org/donation or by calling (716) 218-1400. **Think of Me.**



SPECIAL COLLECTION—This weekend
Black & Native Mission Appeal

Please drop your envelope in the regular collection!

Ascension Parish of Batavia NY
Is hosting “Life of the Beloved” Retreat
 March 5, 6 & 7 at the Abbey of the Genesee—Piffard, NY
 More info posted on bulletin board,
 Registration & payment due by March 2nd

