




The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 16, 2020



Jesus said to His disciples: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish, but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place.
— Mt 5:17-37

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Mon. - Feb. 17 7:30 am † Jane Turner
Tues. - Feb. 18 7:30 am † Leo Stanek, Anniv.
Wed. - Feb. 19 7:30 am † William & Edith Yahner
Family
Thurs. - Feb. 20 7:30 am † Robert Leonard
Fri. - Feb. 21 7:30 am † Paul & Rosemarie Yahner
Sat. - Feb. 22 7:30 am † Elizabeth Bobby
Sat. - Feb. 22 5:00 pm Parish Mass
Sun. - Feb. 23 7:00 am † Dec. of the Paul Yahner Fam.
Sun. - Feb. 23 9:00 am † Kay Satterlee
Low Mass, Latin 11:00 am † Robert Schellenberg
Quinquagesima Sunday

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, 4 – 4:45 PM, or anytime by appointment



The Sanctuary Lamps burn
For the Poor Souls in
Purgatory,
The week of
February 16 – February 22

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Families using Sunday Envelopes:

	NUMBER	PERCENT
February 9, 2020	131	44%
February 9, 2020, weekly / monthly - \$3,273.00		
Repair Fund, February 9, 2020 - \$91.00		
Fuel Fund, February 9, 2020 - \$55.00		
St. Vincent de Paul, February 9, 2020 - \$150.00		
† SVDP Conference - \$0		
† SVDP Food Pantry - \$150.00		
Ash Wednesday - \$2.00		

Ash Wednesday is February 26

Mass times are 7:30 AM and 7 PM, with distribution of ashes at both Masses. In addition, the second collection will benefit the people of the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica. As you begin your Lenten journey, please consider making a sacrificial gift to help those who live in one of the poorest countries on Earth. An envelope is provided for you in your packet.

May God reward your generosity.

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, February 22

5 PM Amanda Price & Kylee Karlheim

Sunday, February 23

9 AM Melissa Sopata, Malia Anderson & Bryson Nagle

LECTORS

Saturday, February 22

5 PM Barb Barnosky

Sunday, February 23

9 AM Jennifer Anderson

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Under a directive from the Bishop, the distribution of Precious Blood is suspended until further notice, as is bodily contact during the Sign of Peace...

Chicken Dinners – This Sunday, February 16

from 11 AM – sold out in the upper level of the Parish Center. Dinner is prepared by the local Queen of Angels Council of the Knights of Columbus. Dinners are \$8 and are available for takeout only. No phone orders taken. Thank you for your continued support.

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**Parish Prayer List** – We entrust to the care of Christ the Divine Physician, those members of our Parish Family in need of Healing in Body, Mind, or Spirit especially **Ronald Greiner, Renee Pellas, Virginia Crowell, Bernie Ropchock, Dolores Shatrosky, Nicole Fleming, Lincoln Dignan, Marianna Carthew, Steve Doughty, Alvin Spacht, Leona Hoover, George Yuknavich, Dorothy Sheehan, Dorothy Boyle, Bernard Caber, Kara Vozniak, Dick Anna, Rose Moxley, and Derek Miller**. May they embrace their trials in union with the Crucified Christ for the salvation of souls, and the remission of sins.

**OOPS!!!** In last week's bulletin, I incorrectly typed the wrong amount for the re-plating of the Chalices. The amount is **\$900/ chalice**, not \$1,900. I "mis-read" Father's notes, and I apologize for the typo! All donations, no matter how large or small are greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate on-line, go to <https://queenofpeacepatton.org/chalices-replating>. *May God Bless You...*

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HOLY CONVERSATIONS MEETING – Tuesday, February 18 immediately following morning Mass @ 8:30 AM in the Spiritual Resource Room in the lower level of the Parish Center. (In case of inclement weather, we will reschedule). As we enter the Lenten season, we reflect and meditate on Jesus' life. This month's meeting will present a short documentary about the place where it began. The house where our Blessed Mother once lived is still in existence today! You may learn things about "The Holy House of Loreto", that you never knew. Let's get together and have a chat about this. All are welcome!

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**THE SAINT VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY** will hold their monthly meeting on **Wednesday, February 19**, following morning Mass @ 8:30 AM in the Queen of Peace Spiritual Resource Room. All members are urged to attend.

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CCD NEWS – Classes will be held on **Sunday, February 23**, immediately following the 9 AM Mass.

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**FAT TUESDAY – ITALIAN FEST – Tuesday, February 25**, from 4 – 7 PM in the upper level of the Queen of Peace Parish Center. **Menu includes:** wedding soup, salad, fresh baked Italian bread, lasagna (meatless), meatballs, dessert & beverage. Takeout meals will be available. **Prices:** Adults, \$10 / Children (5-12), \$5 / Children (under 5), free. Any questions, call the Parish Office (674-8983.)

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LENTEN FISH FRIDAYS – Will begin on Friday, February 28 and continue thru and including **Good Friday, April 10**, from 4 – 7 PM. For your convenience, please park in the upper parking lot. **Menu includes:** your choice of baked **OR** fried fish **OR** 2 salmon patties; your choice of baked potato **OR** french fries; fresh baked rolls; stewed tomatoes; mac 'n cheese; haluski, dessert & beverage. Pierogies a la carte. ALL HOMEMADE... **Prices:** Adults, \$10 Children (5-12), \$5 and Children (under 5), free. Take out dinners are available in the lower level of the Parish Center. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED – Friday mornings are a very busy prep time, so if you're available, we need you!!** In addition, cakes are needed each week for the upstairs dessert tables, and for the take out dinners in the lower level. Please bring them on Friday morning. **If you want your cake container returned, please put an address label on it.** Any questions, call the Parish Office (674-8983.)

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**Catholic Ministries Drive – Ignite Your Faith for Christ's Mission** launches today throughout our Diocese. During Lent and throughout the year, we are challenged to renew our spiritual devotions and duties – and one of those holy duties is to support the Church. This drive focuses on a select group of ministries with emphasis on the poor, families, youth, seminarians, and leadership development of clergy and laity. All contributions received beyond our parish goal will be returned back to us. Thank you for supporting these vital ministries with sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure. 100% of your donation goes directly to these ministries...

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Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Ebensburg is sponsoring a Vera Bradley, Thirty – One and more BINGO on **Sunday, March 1** at 1 PM. Doors open at Noon. Pre-sale tickets for \$20 by calling (472-7500 ext. 103). Tickets will be available at the door for \$25. There will be complimentary beverages and desserts!

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**Lenten Journey Series at St. Bernardine Monastery, "From Ashes to Alleluia"** – Join the Friars at St. Bernardine Monastery, 768 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg for a time of reflection, prayer, and fellowship during this Lenten season. **Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18 and April 1** from 10 AM – 1 PM. Lunch is provided and a free-will offering will be taken. Registration is necessary by calling the Monastery office at (814-695-3802) by February 28.

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WHY CATHOLICS FAST AND ABSTAIN?

LENT is the 40 days before Easter in which Catholics pray, fast, contemplate, and engage in acts of spiritual self-discipline. Catholics do these things because Easter, which celebrates the Resurrection of Christ, is the greatest holy day of the Christian year (even above Christmas) and Catholics have recognized that it is appropriate to prepare for such a holy day by engaging in such disciplines. The reason Lent lasts 40 days is that 40 is the **traditional number** of judgment and spiritual testing in the Bible (**Gn 7:4, Ex 24:18, 34:28, Nm 13:25, 14:33, Jon 3:4**). Lent bears a particular relationship to the 40 days Christ spent fasting in the desert before entering into His public ministry (**Mt 4:1-11**). Catholics imitate Christ by spending 40 days in spiritual discipline before the celebration of Christ's triumph over sin and death. **FASTING is a biblical discipline that can be defended from both the Old and New Testaments. Christ expected His disciples to fast (Mt 9:14-15) and issued instructions for how they should do so (Mt 6:16-18). Catholics follow this pattern by holding a partial fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.** Abstinence from certain foods is also a biblical discipline. In Daniel 10:2-3, we read, "In those days I, Daniel, was mourning for three weeks. I ate no delicacies, no meat or wine entered my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, for the full three weeks." Catholics use a practice similar to Daniel's when, as a way of commemorating Christ's Crucifixion on a Friday, they **abstain from eating meat on that day of the week during Lent. The only kind of flesh they eat on Friday is fish, which is a symbol of Christ.** Even the Ash Wednesday practice of having one's forehead signed with ashes has a biblical parallel. Putting ashes on one's head was a common biblical expression of mourning (1 **Sm 13:19, Est 4:1, Is 61:3**; see also **Est 4:3, Jer 6:26, Ex 27:30, Dn 9:3, Mt 11:21, Lk 10:13**). **By having the Sign of the Cross made with ashes on their foreheads, Catholics mourn Christ's suffering on the cross and their own sins, which made the suffering necessary.**