

**Preble County Catholics
St. John, St. Mary and Visitation Churches**

March 8, 2020

Mass Schedule for March 7th-15th

- Sat. 7th 5:00 p.m. - Rick & Sharon Spahr (Visn) (Fr. DD)
- Sat. 7th 7:00 p.m. - Parishioners (St. J) (Fr. GV)
- Sun. 8th 8:00a.m. - Victor Geise (St. M) (Fr. DD)
- Sun. 8th 9:30a.m. - Anne McLaughlin (St. J) (Fr. GV)
- Sun. 8th 11:00a.m. - Victor May (Visn) (Fr. DD)
- Mon.9th 9:00a.m. - Bob & Wilma Bruns (Visn)
- Tues. 10th 9:00a.m. - Ed O'Malley (Visn)
- Wed. 11th 12:00p.m. - Holy Souls in Purgatory (Visn)
- Thurs. 12th 9:00a.m. - Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life (Visn)
- Fri. 13th 9:00 a.m. - Fr. Angie Caserta (Visn)
- Sat. 14th 5:00p.m. - Ron Pitson (Visn) (Fr. GV)
- Sat. 14th 7:00p.m. - Fr. Charles Caserta (St. J) (Fr. DD)
- Sun. 15th 8:00a.m. - Pinky Broermann (St. M) (Fr. DD)
- Sun. 15th 9:30a.m. - Parishioners (St. J) (Fr. GV)
- Sun. 15th 11:00a.m. - Juanita Hake (Visn) (Fr. DD)

Confessions heard 30 minutes before weekend Masses

Offertory 3/01/20

	<i>Goal</i>	<i>Ash Wed.</i>
Visitation-\$4,241.00	\$4,063.00	\$689.00
St. John- \$1,038.00	\$1,062.00	\$269.00
St. Mary- \$ 520.00	\$1,275.00	\$773.00



***Knights of Columbus
LENTEN FISH FRY
Fridays - 4:00-6:30 p.m.
March 13, 20, & 27***

*Visitation Church Hall
\$8.00 adults (13 and up)
\$4.00 kids (12 and under)*

*\$20.00 family (2 adults + 2 or more kids under 13)
(includes: 2 piece meal, dessert, and drink)*

*****Fresh USA caught & processed Pollock*****

###Gluten Free & Dairy Free Meals Available####

Full menu on Facebook and Website

Calendar Visitation:

- Sun. Mar. 8 **RCIA** 9:30 a.m.
- Sun. Mar. 8 **Confession** 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- Tues. Mar. 10 **Faith & Fitness** class 10 a.m.
- Tues. Mar. 10 **No Greater Love** 6:30 p.m.
- Wed. Mar. 11 **No Greater Love** 10:00 a.m.
- Wed. Mar. 11 **CCD HS** 6:00 p.m.
- Wed. Mar. 11 **CCD** 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs. Mar. 12 **Faith & Fitness** class 10 a.m.
- Thurs. Mar. 12 **Way of the Cross** 7:00 p.m.
- Fri. Mar. 13 **Fish Fry** 4:00 p.m.
- Sun. Mar. 15 **RCIA** 9:30 a.m.
- Sun. Mar. 15 **Knights of Columbus 1st Degree Ceremony** 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- Sun. Mar. 15 **K of C & Friends** 1:00 p.m.
- Sun. Mar. 15 **Lectio Divina** 6:00 p.m.
- Mon. Mar. 16 **St. Anne's Sodality** 9:30 a.m.

Calendar St. John:

- Tues. Mar. 10 **Way of the Cross/Rosary** 7:00 p.m.
- Sun. Mar. 15 **Presentation of the Gifts:** The Morans
- Mon. Mar. 16 **Parish Council** 7:00 p.m.

Calendar St. Mary:

- Sun. Mar. 8 **Breakfast in the Basement** following Mass.
- Mon. Mar. 9 **Parish Council** 7:30 p.m.
- Wed. Mar. 11 **Way of the Cross** 7:00 p.m.

The Light Is On For You-Encounter the Peace of Christ During the Season of Lent

The Light Is On For You! On Tuesday, March 24 from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm all Catholic parishes/pastoral regions will open their doors and provide the opportunity for private confession. If you have been reluctant to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, have been away from the Church for some time, or just find it difficult to get to a regularly scheduled confession time or communal penance service, this is your chance to experience the reconciling peace of Christ through the grace of the Sacrament. No stress, just peace! Learn more at: www.EncounterPeace.org.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Pastor's Column

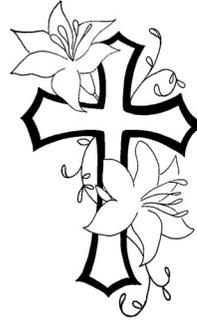
Dear Friends in Christ,

The second word/saying of Jesus before his death is addressed to the "good thief." He says from the Cross, "Today, you will be with me in paradise." This beautiful exchange between a repentant thief and the unjustly condemned Jesus, who is the King of all righteousness, enters into our hearts and minds this week. The word, "paradise" really means "garden." So, Jesus is telling this repentant sinner, who admits his faults and the innocence of Christ, that today we will be back in the garden God planned for us from the beginning. This means that all this affliction and pain should lead us to enter into paradise where we once again will walk with God in the cool of the eve. The word "Paradise" should restore in our hearts and minds the hope for eternal rest and peace in God's presence. This repentant thief hangs in opposition to all the thieves or sinners who justify their actions, thoughts, words or deeds. Perhaps we should learn to ask with our whole heart, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom." May we have ears, eyes, and hearts to see that today is an acceptable time to turn away from being bad thieves and learn from this good thief. Let Christ restore our hopes and dreams of heaven and let him steal our hearts forever.

In Christ,
Fr David Doseck

Thank you for your generous contributions on Ash Wednesday to the *Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe*. This collection supports the Church in more than 20 countries that still struggle to recover from Communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

Thank you to all who help with our monthly Community Dinners at Visitation in any way - whether you donate items, cook, serve, set up or clean up, we are so very grateful for your help. The meals are greatly appreciated by many in our community and we couldn't do it without you!



Memorial Crosses

For Easter beautiful crosses will be placed on a live tree in Visitation Church to honor loved ones. The cost of each cross will be \$5.00. If you wish to order see Marcia Hoskins after the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass or send the names and your check to: Marcia Hoskins, 1409 Williams Parkway, Eaton, OH 45320. All checks should be made payable to St. Anne Sodality. Orders will be accepted until March 15, 2020.

If Your Marriage Needs Help . . .

Retrouvaille . . . A Lifeline

Retrouvaille is a confidential peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and healing, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faith as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. No couple is ever denied the chance to heal and renew their marriage because they face financial difficulties. For more information about our upcoming Retrouvaille of Cincinnati/Tri-State Weekend— March 27-29, 2020, go to www.cincyretrouvaille.org, www.retrouvaille.org, www.helpourmarriage.org, or call: 513-922-6045

“Praying the Scriptures”

Introduction to Lectio Divina

Visitation Church Hall

Sunday, March 15th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Please bring your Bible and smart phones

Contact: Fr. David Doseck @ 937-456-3380

St. Anne's Sodality Scholarship

St. Anne's Sodality of Visitation will be presenting \$1000 in scholarship funds to a worthy student, not just a new high school graduate, but for any woman of any age who is furthering her education. Application guidelines will be available at the church entrances March 14. Applications must be submitted by May 11.