

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

March 15, 2020

Mass Schedule for March 14th - 22nd

Sat. 14th 5:00 p.m. - Ron Piston (Visn) (Fr. GV)
 Sat. 14th 7:00 p.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)
 Mon. 16th 9:00a.m. - Sick & Homebound of our Community (Visn)
 Tues. 17th 9:00a.m. - Andrew Adams (Visn)
 Wed. 18th 12:00p.m. - Marjorie Walsh (Visn)
 Thurs. 19th 9:00a.m. - Private Intention (Visn)
 Fri. 20th 9:00 a.m. - Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life (Visn)
 Sat. 21st 5:00p.m. - Royal Harris (Visn) (Fr. DD)
 Sat. 21st 7:00p.m. - Parishioners (St. J) (Fr. GV)
 Sun. 22nd 8:00a.m. - Dorothy Schulte (St. M) (Fr. DD)
 Sun. 22nd 9:30a.m. - Dennis Wilhoit (St. J) (Fr. GV)
 Sun. 22nd 11:00a.m. - Jean DeRegnacourt (Visn) (Fr. DD)

Confessions heard 30 minutes before weekend Masses

Offertory 3/15/20

		Goal
Visitation-	\$3,080.00	\$3,627.00
St. John-	\$1,331.00	\$ 917.00
St. Mary-	\$1,298.00	\$ 775.00

The Goal amount has been revised to exclude capital project expenses and reflects funds needed for normal operating expenses.

Knights of Columbus

LENTEN FISH FRY

Fridays - 4:00-6:30 p.m.

March 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. 15 **RCIA** 9:30 a.m.
 Sun. Mar. 15 **Knights of Columbus 1st Degree Ceremony** 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.
 Sun. Mar. 15 **Knights of Columbus and Friends** 1:30 -3:00 p.m. Vancrest
 Sun. Mar. 15 **Lectio Divina** 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 Mon. Mar. 16 **St. Anne's Sodality** 9:30 a.m.
 Tues. Mar. 17 **Faith & Fitness class** 10 a.m.
 Tues. Mar. 17 **No Greater Love** 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
 Wed. Mar. 18 **No Greater Love** 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
 Wed. Mar. 18 **CCD HS** 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Mar. 18 **CCD** 7:00 p.m.
 Wed. Mar. 18 **Confession** 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 Thurs. Mar. 19 **Faith & Fitness class** 10 a.m.
 Thurs. Mar. 19 **Way of the Cross** 7:00 p.m.
 Fri. Mar. 20 **Lenten Fish Fry** 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.
 Sun. Mar. 22 **RCIA** 9:30 a.m.
 Sun. Mar. 22 **Kitchen Sunday** 11:00 - 12 noon

Calendar St. John:

Mon. Mar 16 **Parish Council** 7:00 p.m.
 Tues. Mar. 17 **Rosary** 5:30 p.m.
 Tues. Mar. 17 **Way of the Cross** 6:00 p.m.
 Sun. Mar. 22 **Presentation of the Gifts** John & Arlene Berger
 Sun. Mar. 22 **Food Bank Sunday**

Calendar St. Mary:

Sun. Mar. 15 **Breakfast in the Basement** following Mass.
 Wed. Mar. 18 **Way of the Cross** 7:00 p.m.

To protect the health of our faith community we ask that you temporarily:

- *Refrain from holding hands during the "Lord's Prayer".
- *Refrain from shaking hands during the Sign of Peace (if part of the Mass).
- *All ministers of Holy Communion use hand sanitizer prior to the distribution of Holy Communion.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Pastor's Column

Dear friends in Christ,

This fourth word / saying of Christ is this, "My God! My God! Why have you forsaken me?" This saying is to remind us of the intense suffering that Christ endured for our salvation. Also, to remind all of us that any suffering we endure will always have a temptation to think we have been abandoned by God or others, i.e. to think we carry our cross alone.

The Lord spoke these words from the cross when "darkness covered the earth." Even the sun, which by nature rises and falls in both the beautiful weather and also in the most dangerous storms, somehow did not shine in the midst of the suffering of the cross. On the day when Christ was crucified, truly, all was darkness, perhaps like an eclipse. Have we ever felt such abandonment by God? Perhaps, we can say that we have endured intense suffering, but can we say that the sun did not shine in our suffering?

These words of our Lord should console us and place before us a decision. In our sufferings and difficult decisions in life we can choose to either abandon God, doubt his presence with us, or become altogether indifferent to whether God has a say or not. This word/saying of Jesus while on the cross, assures us that Christ has atoned for those moments when we are neither hot nor cold but indecisive and/or confused about our mission. As Venerable Fulton J. Sheen once wrote, "No longer can anyone complain that God does not know the wounds of an inquiring heart which feels not the divine presence." We are not alone and Christ faced that temptation of loneliness on the Cross so that we might never carry a cross alone ever again.

God love you,

Fr David Doseck

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



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.

*Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Juanita Hake & Marjorie Walsh** who were buried from Visitation on Saturday, March 7th and for their families. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.*

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.

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