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Welcome

Easton Rocco LaScola
to Good Shepherd along with his parents
Terry and Stephanie Sikora LaScola and big brother Jacob.

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MASS INTENTIONS



MONDAY, MARCH 4th

8:30 AM - Brian Irving
c/o Judy Miller

TUESDAY, MARCH 5th

8:30 AM – Guido & Lee Pagliarini
c/o Catherine Fekete

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6th – Ash Wednesday

8:30 AM – Alphonse Wiercinski
c/o Frank & JoAnn Zubek

7:00 PM – Marge Stefanak
c/o Rick & Deb Woge

THURSDAY, MARCH 7th

8:30 AM – Rosemary Pearce
c/o Husband, Geoffrey

FRIDAY, MARCH 8th

8:30 AM – Judi Banas
c/o Mike & Fran Feltoovich

SATURDAY, MARCH 9th – Vigil

6:00 PM – Helen Gladysz
c/o Janet L. Kunczt

SUNDAY, MARCH 10th

9:00 AM – For our Parishioners
11:30 AM – Jack Kerins

c/o Dave & Helen David

ALTAR SERVERS E. MINISTERS

Ash Wednesday

3/ 6 8:30 am **Volunteers** **4 Volunteers**
7:00 pm **Volunteers** **4 Volunteers**

3/ 9 6:00 pm Emma Pringle Brian Rogers
 Jack Pringle Ed Robich
 Nolan Songer Cliff Sederland
 Bob Bleggi
 Mary Burke
 Frank Langosh

3/10 9:00 am Devaun Jordan Tom Hubert
 Layla Jordan Dan Vellone
 Volunteer Toni Vellone
 Pat Graney
 Bonnie Smith
 Charlotte Barton

11:30 am Paul Morelli David Morelli
 Martina Zrile Michael Morelli
 Volunteer Arlene Repko
 Patti Chupak

LECTOR #1 LECTOR #2

Ash Wednesday
3/ 6 8:30 am **Volunteer** None
7:00 pm **Volunteer** None
3/ 9 6:00 pm Nora Songer James Sobey
3/10 9:00 am Mary Svirbly Jan Kaufman
11:30 am Tonya Morelli Myrissa Donaldson

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – Week/March 3, 2019

Sunday, March 3rd

9:00 & 11:30 am – Children’s Liturgy/the Word - Church
10:00 am – Religious Ed Classes Grs. 1 - 11

CSA 2019 Pledge Drive sign-up at both Masses

Monday, March 4th

9:30 am - Gospel of Luke Scripture Study
6:00 pm – Gospel of Luke Scripture study

Tuesday, March 5th

9:00 am – Book Club discussion – Youth Rm.

Wednesday, March 6th - Ash Wednesday

6:30 am - Service & Distribution of Ashes

8:30 am - Mass & Distribution of Ashes

12 Noon – Service & Distribution of Ashes

12: 15 pm – Lenten Lunch / Social hall

6:00 pm - Book Club discussion / Youth Rm.

7:00 pm – Mass & distribution of Ashes

Thursday, March 7th

6:30 pm – Altar Rosary Society Meeting / Hall

Friday, March 8th

7:00 pm – Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 10th

10:00 am – Religious Ed classes Grs. 1 – 11

12:30 pm – Anointing of the Sick / Church

With a reception to follow

CSA 2019 Pledge Drive sign-up at both Masses

WEEKEND COLLECTION – February 24, 2019

Number of Adult envelopes issued518
Adult Offertory Collections\$ 4,,669.25
Children’s Offertory\$ 25.00
Loose Offertory\$305.00
of envelopes used.....180
Attendance at Mass480

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR HOMEBOUND, THOSE ON OUR PRAYER CHAIN & HOSPITALIZED:

Dottie Stefanak – Hillside Rehab. , Warren, OH Rm 2401
Dolores Medvec – Sharon Reg.

BAPTISM We welcome into our parish family Corey Alexander Brown son of Christopher and Christine (Jenkins) Brown who was baptized this weekend.

Congratulations to the family!

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

Thursday, March 7

Rosary at 6:00 & Meeting at 6:30 pm

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS

Ash Wednesday
3/ 6 8:30 am **3 Volunteers**
7:00 pm **3 volunteers**

3/ 9 6:00 pm Tony Russo/Kathy Bauer
 Patrick Miller/Bob & Lois Fetsko

3/10 9:00 am John Moroco/Carol Palmer
 Tom Graney/Rose Palmer
11:30 am Deb Sokolak/Brian Friedrich
 Ray Repko/Amiee Zrile



SAVE THE DATE!
March 24, 2019

O Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

FROM OUR PASTOR

“From the fullness of the heart, the mouth speaks.” (LK 6:45) It’s not often that the Word of God can be trumped by the speech of human beings, but I think that Abraham Lincoln came as close as any in comparison to today’s scriptures when he reportedly said: *“Better to remain silent and thought a fool, than to speak up and remove all doubt.”*

God’s word today prompts us to reflect on the care that is needed in speaking. These days where public discourse, particularly if it is political, often degenerates into name-calling, spinning false accusations and questioning the good character of others, a person of faith stands out by his/her refusal to speak ill of others. In addition, today’s gospel passage warns that one who is blind to the goodness in others, and who speaks evil instead, reveals his/her own puny measure of openness to the goodness of God. Those who see only their neighbors’ tiny faults and rush to point those out run the risk of exposing the “logjam” that blocks their own eyes and hearts from receiving God’s endless love and mercy.

Saint Benedict writes that speech is related to silence, and just and gentle speech rises from a quiet heart. How “just” and “gentle” is our everyday speech? What sort of work do we need to do to rid ourselves of the harshness our words sometimes leave behind?

Have a good week, Fr. Glenn

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

- 6:30 am Scripture service & distribution of ashes
- 8:30 am Mass & distribution of Ashes
- 12 noon Scripture service & distribution of ashes
- Complimentary Lenten lunch to follow in social hall
- 7:00 pm Mass & distribution of ashes

Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity book club discussion on Tuesday mornings from 9 to 10 am OR Wednesday evenings from 6:00 – 7:00 pm starting March 5th & 6th. Both to be held in the Youth Room.

Gospel of Luke Scriptures study sessions on Monday EITHER in the morning from 9:30 – 11:00 OR from 6:00 to 7:30 in the evening. Sessions begin March 4th.

The Fast & Abstinence Regulations... Abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. Fasting (nothing between meals and only one full meal) only on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. See the insert in today’s bulletin for more information.



Every Friday evening during Lent at 7:00 pm in the Church. Attend as a family and make the Stations a part of your Lenten journey.

40 CANS for 40 DAYS

Help the Altar Rosary Society fight hunger by giving a little...to feed a lot! Bring canned goods or non-breakable, non-perishable food items with you when you come to Mass during Lent. Look for the grocery cart in the Gathering Space.

RICE BOWLS – Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls will be given to all Religious Education students on March 3rd. Each box comes with information to share with your family. Please return boxes on Sunday April 7th.

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS – Teen Dating Violence and Protecting our Youth:

Teen dating violence is a serious problem in the United States. A national survey found that 10% of teens had been victims of physical dating violence within the past year and approximately 29% reported being verbally or psychologically abused in the previous year. Teen dating violence can be physical, emotional or sexual. Teen dating violence can be prevented through empowering teens to lead healthy lives and establish healthy relationships. Healthy relationships consist of trust, honesty, respect, equality and compromise. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help maintain safe environments, check out www.eriecd.org/protectyouth/

2019 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

COMMITMENT WEEKENDS March 2/3 & 9/10

Today and next weekend are Commitment Weekend’s for the 2019 CSA. The theme of this year’s CSA is: *Forward Together...with truth...with hope...with Christ.* Together, we make it possible for parishes, Catholic Schools, Catholic charities, clergy and the Catholic faithful to live and share Christ’s teachings. You may wonder why you should support the CSA. The truth is, we all must. Our diocese still has work to do on behalf of the Lord. The church needs your help to remain focused on Christ and the needs of the people of God. Your gift is so important. Thank you for giving.

THANK YOU very much to the following who made donations to our parish in memory of Ed Janusko: Mary Lynne Piroga.

MARY GARDEN BRICK ORDERS are once again being taken by the Altar Rosary Society. Call Joyce Blanke at 330-448-2426. Orders are being taken thru March.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

SPAGHETTI DINNER TO GO - Next Sunday, March 10 from 12 pm – 3 pm at Kennedy Catholic H.S. **PRE-SALE TICKETS ONLY.** Tickets \$10/adult & \$5/Child portion. **Curbside pick-up:** Pull up to Front Door, redeem your ticket(s) then proceed to back door to pick up your dinner(s). For more information or to purchase your Pre-sale tickets contact Jan Mancino @ 724-730-5266 or email jmancino7186@gmail.com

WOMEN’S EMMAUS WEEKEND RETREAT – March 22-24 @ Spiritan Center, Bethel Park, PA. Contact Debbie Starr @ 815-529-4652 or dlstarr528@gmail.com Who am I? What is my purpose? Is Jesus part of my daily life? Come and discover real faith for real life.

AREA FISH FRY’S: St. Anthony’s Ch., Sharon, 4 – 7 pm. Serving every Friday in Lent & Good Friday. Fried or baked fish & Palacinka plus sides. Take outs available.

St. Patrick Ch., Hubbard, 4 – 7 pm. Every Friday in Lent. Baked, Fried, Italian Haddock Fish plus sides. Other dinners: Pierogie, mac & cheese, ravioli, haluski. Take outs



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