



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 15, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Table with columns for day, date, time, location, and activities for the Third Sunday of Lent (March 14-20).

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Table with columns for day, date, time, location, and activities for the Fourth Sunday of Lent (March 21-22).

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: FIRST READING: 1 SAMUEL 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; RESPONSE: PSALM 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 5:8-14; GOSPEL: JOHN 9:1-41

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Calendar listing daily activities from Sunday 3/15 to Sunday 3/22, including Faith Formation, Bingo, Choir Practice, Parish Council Meeting, Lenten Penance Service, and Yost Food Pantry.



OUR LADY OF THE LAKES

VOCATIONS: "BUT WHOEVER DRINKS THE WATER I GIVE, WILL NEVER BE THIRSTY." ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW THIRSTING FOR AN UNDERSTANDING OF YOUR VOCATION? TO QUENCH YOUR THIRST, CONTACT FATHER SCOTT KOPP AT 330-744-8451 OR EMAIL: SKOPP@YOUNGSTOWNDIOCESE.ORG.

Liturgical Ministers: Fourth Sunday of Lent

Table listing liturgical ministers for March 21, 2020 and March 22, 2020, including Lectors, E. Ministers, and Servers.

Table for Bingo Schedule with columns for Caller, Floor, Kitchen, and Cashier for Sunday, March 15 and Sunday, March 22.

FAITH FORMATION: Faith Formation Sessions for March are March 15, & 29.

BINGO HELP NEEDED: We have not had bingo games on Thursdays during January, February and March due to a lack of help. In order to start playing on Thursdays in April, we need to demonstrate that we have people to fill all positions.

THANK YOU: To Dave Bailey and Carol Yarab for helping to prepare the church for Lent.

2020 Annual Bishop's Appeal: Our parish has been asked to join together with parishes throughout the Diocese of Youngstown in offering our support to the 2020 Annual Bishop's Appeal. Our Goal this year is to reach 100% participation.

MEN'S CLUB SPAGHETTI DINNER: Our Lady of the Lakes Mens' Club Spaghetti Dinner is on April 19th from Noon to 4:00 pm. Dinner tickets are available from any Men's Club Member.

HELP NEEDED TO PREPARE FOR PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH: If you would like to help prepare the hot cross buns or help with the brunch for Palm Sunday, please contact Vickie Takacs, 330-322-7908, or Karen Klodt, 716-345-3867.

LENT 2020 - "SOUP FOR THE SOUL" Save the date for "Soup for the Soul." This coming Lent, try something new. Instead of giving something up, why not come to a soup supper and learn more about the Eucharist?

ITEMS OF INTEREST

CHURCH SUPPORT RECORD: Offertory amounts for March 7/8:

Offertory: \$3,441.00 Easter Flowers: \$25.00 Easter: \$50.00 Ash Wednesday: \$719.00

Stewardship: "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again." JOHN 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions we always want more. True joy and peace only comes when we follow Jesus; when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

Third Sunday of Lent: Almsgiving (Acts of Mercy) "Sir, give me this water, that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here for draw water."

A request for water and the Samaritan woman's act of mercy develops into an encounter with Jesus as living water and into a proclamation of the Good News. The third discipline of faith, almsgiving is not limited to throwing coins into a homeless person's hat. Almsgiving is the spiritual practice of giving ourselves in acts of mercy. Jesus asks an outcast woman for a drink of water. Her act of kindness opens her to the possibility of receiving what she needs. This woman needs a life-change found in the mercy of Jesus. This is a holy encounter at its very best. Mercy begets mercy. Like Jesus in the desert or in the mountains, this woman is in a wilderness of her very own. Following her encounter with Jesus, her sins are made whiter than snow. Then she joyfully shares this experience with others.

When have you encountered mercy? What difference did it make in your life?

What acts of mercy does your parish practice?

Choir and Bell Choir Practices will be held on Monday, March 16, with choir practice at 6:00 p.m. followed by bell choir at 7:15 p.m. at St. Catherine.

Percussionist needed: We are in need of a percussionist to play for our Good Friday Mass, April 10, 7:00 p.m. at SS. Mary and Joseph church (during the reading of the Passion). Although the parts are fairly simple, an ability to execute a drum roll on standing drums and suspended cymbal would be necessary. If interested, please contact Len Suzelis (330) 719-5021. Thank you.

Coronavirus/Flu Concerns: In response to concerns about the Coronavirus and flu, Bishop Murry is instructing that the following prudent steps and liturgical adaptations be implemented. These are temporary measures that will be reviewed before Holy Week:

1. If you are sick, do not come to Mass. Mass can be watched on television until you are restored to health.
2. Cover your mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or cough/sneeze into your elbow.
3. Use hand sanitizer if you cough or sneeze at any time.
4. Exchange the sign of peace by simply bowing to those around you and say "Peace be with you," without shaking hands.
5. All ministers of Holy Communion must use hand sanitizer before distributing Holy Communion.
6. The distribution of the Precious Blood from the cup is temporarily suspended with the exception of those who must receive the cup due to severe cases of celiac disease.
7. Consider receiving Holy Communion in the hand. For those still desiring to receive on the tongue, make every effort not to come in contact with the minister's hand or fingers.
8. Intinction (*the practice of dipping the host into the wine*) is not to be utilized as a means of distributing Holy Communion.
9. Holy Water fonts are to be drained, cleaned, and disinfected regularly. Small personal bottles of Holy Water can be made available.

Both the Coronavirus and flu are serious health hazards. Everyone has the responsibility to take common sense steps to prevent the spread of these diseases. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Catholic Men's Fellowship Annual Conference scheduled for March 21 at St. Thomas Aquinas High School has been cancelled due to the coronavirus outbreak.

First Friday Club: Our First Friday of Greater Youngstown Speaker is an Evening Dinner!

Join us as we welcome Nancy Bird on Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. to Avion on the Water Banquet Center, 2177 W. Western Reserve in Canfield. Ms. Bird, Director of Training & Professional Development at RCL Benziger will speak on "Simple Pleasures and the Sacramental Life: Living Our Baptism." There will be an opportunity for participants' questions to follow. Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. with the presentation beginning at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$18.00. Call today, 330-720-4498, reservations are limited! Visit the website at www.firstfridayclubofgreateryoungstown.org.

MARCH 14/15, 2020
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The Most Reverend George V. Murry, S.J., Bishop

Reverend David W. Merzweiler, Pastor

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Mon. Wed. & Thurs. & Fri. 8:30 am - 1:00 pm