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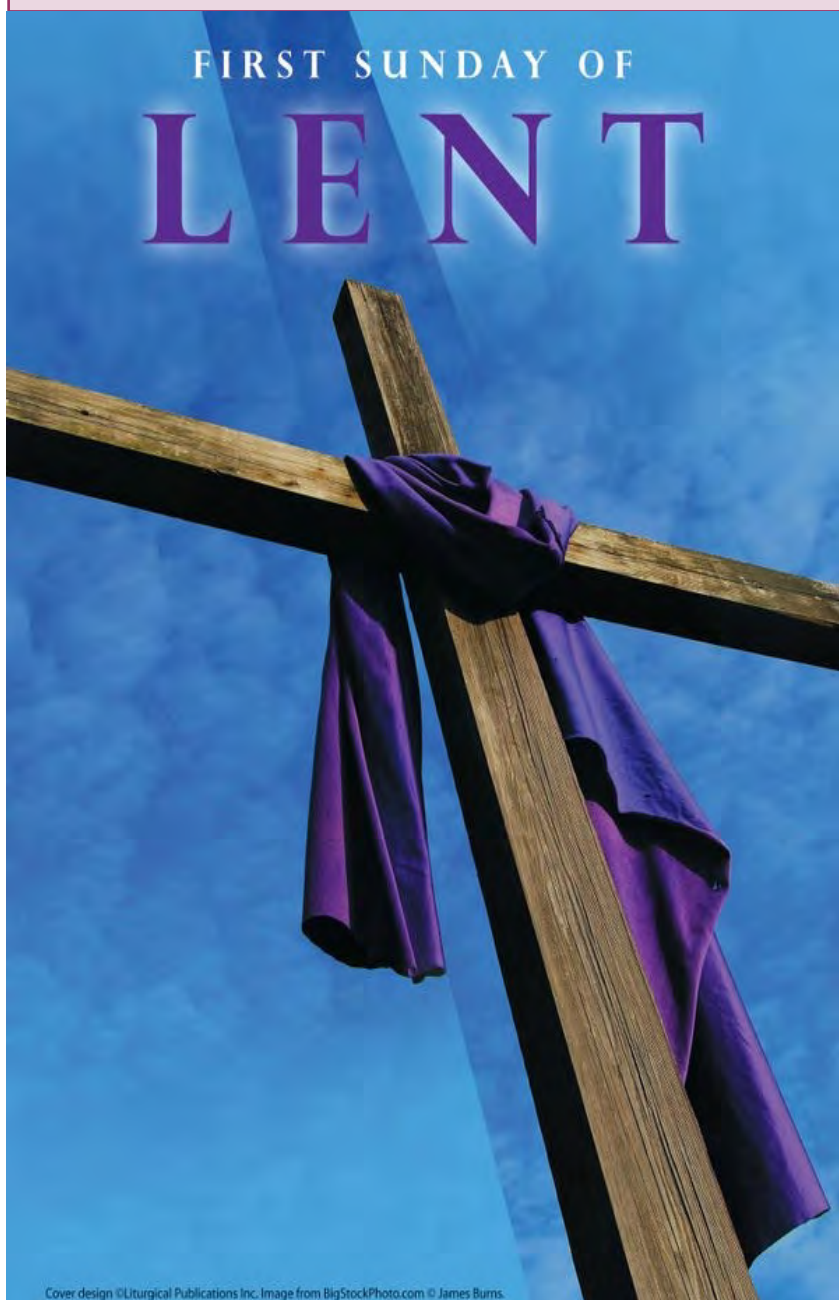
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# Mass Schedule and Intentions

## **Saturday, March 8, 2025**

4 pm Deceased Members of the Barkac Family  
(Mike & Lois)

## **Sunday, March 9, 2025**

8:30 am Alice Spore (Cynthia Barr)  
11:30 am Betsy Bachy (Dennis & Kris Kissane)

## **Monday, March 10, 2025**

8:30 am Dolly Lowry (Kathy & Ed Luckasevic)

## **Tuesday, March 11, 2025**

8:30 am Thomas Watson (Doug & Lois Watson)

## **Wednesday, March 12, 2025**

8:30 am Health for Vince & Donna Barbarella (Joe Perozich)

## **Thursday, March 13, 2025**

8:30 am For the Parish Family

## **Friday, March 14, 2025**

8:30 am Dee Simkovic (Christian Mothers)  
6:30 pm + Stations of the Cross +

## **Saturday, March 15, 2025**

4 pm John B. Gergely (Brother and Sisters)

## **Sunday, March 16, 2025**

8:30 am Patricia Hoetzlein (Anthony & Virginia Mols)  
11:30 am Deceased Members of Kendro and Nicoletti Family  
(Linda and Tom Kendro)

CONFESSIONS – SATURDAYS\* 3 pm – 3:45 pm

\*On 1st Saturdays – Confessions will follow 8:30 am Mass (no confessions at 3 pm)

There are several Mass Intention openings for 2025 – please fill out a form in the back of the church or contact the office.

## **MEMORIALS**

*Sanctuary Candle* – March 8-14:  
Helen McDonell (Bill & Kathleen Bellis)  
*Altar Bread/Wine* - March 8-14:  
Harry Lynch (Bill & Kathleen Bellis)

## **CHRISTIAN MOTHERS**

Please continue to bring in gift bags and items for St. Anne visits.

## **ST. VINCENT DEPAUL**

Nutritious snack items are still needed for Kid's Lunch Bags to be distributed at SVDP Food Bank. Thank you for your generosity!

The next SVDP clothing collection is next weekend March 15/16.

(Please bring donated items ONLY on the designated weekends since storage is limited.)

SVDP appreciates all donations—Thank you!

(Any questions or concerns please contact Julie McNamara at 412-310-1505).

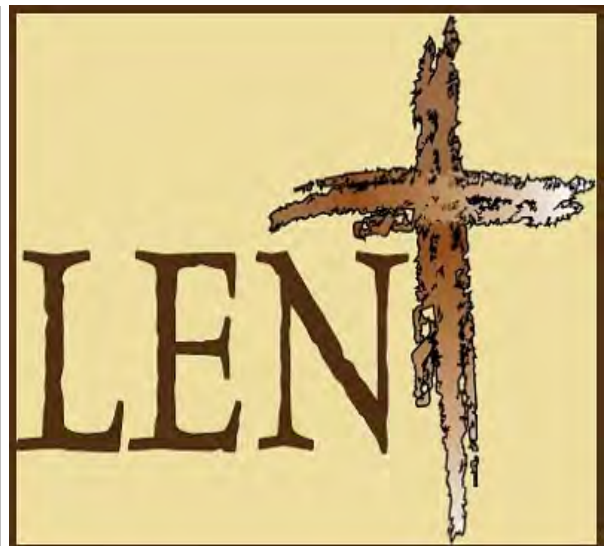
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**Please pray for all of our faithful departed and their families.**

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## **Readings for the week of March 9, 2025**

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/  
Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13  
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46  
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15  
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32  
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12  
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26  
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48  
Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/  
Phil 3:17—4:1  
or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36



# Fr. Mike's Message

## Temptations of Life

We begin Lent the same way we do every year, with the story of Jesus being tempted in the desert. Sometimes we think that we have heard the story so often that we know and understand all of its meaning and ramifications. However, if we look closer at what is happening, we see that there is much for all of us to learn from this familiar story. First of all, the desert into which Jesus went was a dangerous place. It was full of wild animals and bandits. The people of that time believed that the desert was the haunt of demons, so it is no surprise that Jesus meets the devil there. The 40 days is a reminder of the time that the Jewish people spent wandering aimlessly in the desert before they reached the Promised Land. It reminds us of the saving event of the Exodus.

The temptations that Jesus was confronted with were nothing more than a test to see if Jesus would use his power for his own advantage and gain. The choices that Jesus made throughout his ministry helped to define who he was. Every choice ultimately is about identity. We clearly see that the true identity of the Son of God is revealed not by using his power selfishly but by preparing himself for his mission to bring salvation to others.

As we listen to the temptations that Jesus went through in the desert we are reminded of the temptations he would be confronted with his entire life. And it serves as a preview of our own lives and the temptations we face on a daily basis.

Let's take a look at the temptations we face in life. First of all we need to understand that temptations are not sins, they simply allow us to discover our boundaries for our strengths and weaknesses. Everywhere we look in society today we are being told how we can improve our looks, make life easier, enjoy our leisure time better. Many of these "temptations" are things that we simply do not need or can afford. We are told over and over again that we can buy things even if we can't afford them, just put it on a credit card. Again temptations show us our strengths and weaknesses.

We have no problem admitting to our temptations in life but at the same time we love to find someone else to blame them on. Jesus could have blamed the devil, but he didn't. He was aware of his boundaries and how he wanted to use his power. Temptation always presents us with an option; one that we think will guarantee getting more. Adam and Eve had it all but wanted more. It is hard to deal with temptations today because of the universal notion that we should have everything we want.

Whatever Lenten practices we undertake, it is important to remember what their purpose is. Lenten practices are not about losing weight or finally stopping smoking, but they are about deepening our baptismal identity as children of God and members of the Body of Christ. By remaining faithful to who we are, knowing our limits in spite of temptation, we will grow in relationships with God, self, and others. Lent is all about not taking the easy way out. It is looking at the temptations we have around us and know our limits, our strengths and our weaknesses. The more aware we become of ourselves the better we will be as Disciples of Christ. Jesus was well aware of who he was and what he was able to do, but in spite of the temptations he endured, he never went for the easy way out!





Just as a reminder, if you wish to make a contribution to purchasing an “ARK” through Heifer International, you can put it in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket. The ARK consists of a collection of animals that will provide an opportunity for people around the world to support not only their families but also help build their communities. To understand what your donations can do, each week I will talk about the animals and how they are used.



**The gift of a Heifer:** Your gift of a heifer means better nutrition and provides milk which is good for you and delicious! But some children never get milk to drink. They don't grow as they should, and they are often sick. A heifer can give as much as four or more gallons of milk a day – enough for a family to drink, make into yogurt or cheese and sell. As an added bonus, each family passes on offspring of their gift animal to another family, and the whole community benefits.



**The gift of a goat:** Did you know that more people rely on goats for milk than cows? They're a great alternative for families who live in rocky mountainous areas, or own little land. Goats often give about four quarts of milk a day – just the right amount if you don't own a refrigerator. Goat manure makes a fantastic fertilizer for increasing vegetable crop yields, and goats give birth to two kids a year, providing a steady source of income.

### THE SEASON OF LENT

- \* Monday evenings, at Elizabeth Ann Seton, during Lent Fr. Mike will offer a class at 6:30 pm on “Why we believe what we believe”.

Sometimes we look at the “Big Picture” but in the process we miss out on many little things. Understanding our faith is a lot like that. On the Mondays of Lent at 6:30 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, in the office, we will be looking at our Church and figuring out why we believe what we believe. It will be a look at the Church from its beginnings throughout the ages. If there is anything you have always wondered about in our Church, simply write it down and get it to me, and I will be sure to answer it.

- \* Fr. Vijay and Fr. Louiegene will offer a class at Immaculate Conception also at 6:30. Fr. Vijay will speak on the last seven words of Jesus. Reflecting on these words during Lent helps us grow in humility, sacrifice, and love, drawing us closer to Christ's passion and resurrection.
- \* Fr. Louiegene will speak on the topic that the season of Lent in the Philippines is more than a period of prayer, fasting, and reflection—it is a sacred journey deeply embedded in the nation's culture and faith.
- \* Friday's during Lent we will pray the stations at 6:30 pm.
- \* Daily Liturgy at 8:30
- \* Those “Little Black Books” will be available to help you journey through the season.

I hope that you will be able to avail yourself to some of these services to help make this Lenten Season a fruitful one.

# Youth Ministry

**4<sup>+</sup> 12** High School Ministry  
1 Timothy

**Seeking the Kingdom**

**Sunday, March 9  
6-8pm**

**TEENS IN GRADES 8TH -12TH  
@ YOUTH BUILDING  
BRING A FRIEND & A BIBLE**

**4<sup>+</sup> 12**  
1 Timothy

High School Ministry

**2**

**Game Night**

Celena is visiting us tonight to share about her recent trip to Rome!

**9**

**Bring your Bible**

See the Kingdom in the parables.

**16**

**Theology of the Body**

Come learn about Saint Pope John Paul II's *Theology of the Body* with us and how we can apply it to our daily lives.

**23**

**High School Musical**

Let's discuss the "status quo" with how to live in the world, but not be of the world.

**30**

**Stations of the Cross**

Please join us tonight for a Lenten Reflection.

**6-8pm @ Youth Building**

[KWaterhouse@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:KWaterhouse@dioceseofgreensburg.org) or 724-552-1807

**4<sup>+</sup> 12** High School Ministry  
1 Timothy

**The Stations of the Cross**

**Sunday, March 30**

**6-8pm**

**@ Youth Ministry Building**

[KWaterhouse@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:KWaterhouse@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

# Angels Corner



**Queen of Angels Catholic School is once again selling Sarris Candy for Easter.** Please find in the narthex a brochure and order form for the Sarris Candy Easter fundraising sale to benefit Queen of Angels Catholic School.

- All orders and payments are due before Wednesday, March 12th
- Pick up is Wednesday, April 9th from 10:00 AM—4:00 PM
- ON—LINE ORDER : [www.sarriscandiesfundraising.com](http://www.sarriscandiesfundraising.com) #10-1221
- Make your checks payable to Queen of Angels Catholic School. One check is recommended...Please no cash.

## Enrollement now open

Millions in Catholic school tuition assistance available SPREAD THE NEWS! The 12 Diocese of Greensburg Catholic schools now have millions of dollars in tuition assistance available! Become a TOP Student today. Visit [www.CatholicSchoolsGuide.org](http://www.CatholicSchoolsGuide.org) or call 724-552-2565.

**Caliente**  
Pizza & Draft House  
presents

**Queen of Angels Catholic School - Cash Cow**

**EVENT DETAILS:**

**Thursday, March 13th, 2025  
ALL DAY!**

**Location:**

**CALIENTE PIZZA & DRAFT HOUSE – Monroeville**  
**2125 Mosside Blvd, Monroeville, PA 15146**  
**412-457-8777**

Up to 25% of your purchase will go to helping support  
**Queens of Angels Catholic School**

Join us for food, fun, a good time and a good cause!

Turn this flyer in when you receive your order!

*\*Valid for dine-in orders only\**

[www.worldsbestpizza.com](http://www.worldsbestpizza.com)







2025  
ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON  
**FISH FRY MENU**

**DINNER: \$18**

*All dinners come with 1 fish option and choice of 2 side dishes*

**Choice of 1:** Hand-breaded Fried Haddock, Baked Haddock, Baked Cod Sandwich, or Fried Shrimp

**Choice of 2:** Homemade Haluski, French Fries, Coleslaw

**A LA CARTE:**

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|-----------------------------|-------------|
| BAKED COD SANDWICH          | \$14        |
| HAND-BREADED HADDOCK, FRIED | \$12        |
| BAKED HADDOCK IN BUTTER     | \$12        |
| FRIED SHRIMP (1)            | \$2 / PIECE |
| HOMEMADE HALUSKI            | \$5         |
| FRENCH FRIES                | \$3         |
| COLESLAW                    | \$2         |
| BOTTLE OF WATER (16.9OZ)    | \$1         |
| SODA                        | \$1         |
| UNLIMITED COFFEE            | \$1         |
| DESSERT                     | \$1         |

**little minnow menu**

*\$5 Kids' Meal available for dine-in only in the Kids' Corner and comes with:*

**Choice of 1:** Kraft Mac & Cheese, Dino Nuggets (3), or PBJ Sandwich from the PBJ Bar

**Choice of 2:** Applesauce Pouch, Carrot Cup with Ranch, Cheese Stick, Chips, Fruit Snacks, Goldfish

**Choice of 1:** Apple Juice, Capri Sun, Little Huggie, Water



For the Fish Fry on the 14th of March, we are asking that if your last name ends with the letters A—Z, that you bake something for the Bake Sale



## Weekly Collection for March 2, 2025

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|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Candles:             | \$275.00                |
| Offertory:           | \$9043.00               |
| Catholic Accent:     | \$30.00                 |
| Religious Education: | \$58.00                 |
| Mary's Garden:       | \$41.00                 |
| Easter Flowers:      | \$98.00                 |
| Charity:             | \$132.00                |
| Home Mission:        | \$68.00                 |
| Total:               | <b><u>\$9745.00</u></b> |

### Diocesan Lenten Appeal

This week you should be receiving in the mail information regarding the Diocesan Lenten Appeal. As a parish, we simply could not survive without the presence of our Diocese; therefore we all need to be aware of our own responsibilities to support the Church of Greensburg.

Whatever you decide to do with the campaign is between you and God, all I ask is that you be a part of it in some way. I do thank you in advance not only for what you might be able to do with this campaign, but for all that you do to make our parish such a wonderful place to worship.

**SUBSTANCE ADDICTION MINISTRY (SAM)** will host the next Rosary and Prayers for Recovery on **Wednesday March 19th at NOON**. Pray with us on the third Wednesday of each month as we invite anyone afflicted or affected by addiction to be with us for a time of prayer and support. Join us via ZOOM.

Meeting ID: 896 6222 3370 Passcode: 940458