

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF  
*LENT*



March 13, 2022

*St. Rose of Lima Church*



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Jesus took Peter,  
James, and John  
and led them up  
a high mountain  
apart by  
themselves. And  
he was  
transfigured  
before them,  
and his clothes  
became dazzling  
white.

*Mark 9:2,3*

PASTOR'S CORNER

**ST. OLGA, PATRONESS OF KYIV:** The past few days have seen a spate of videos showing Ukrainians and their president defying an onslaught of Russian aggression. Who could fail to be moved by the video of a Ukrainian woman confronting an armed and jackbooted soldier, telling him to put sunflower seeds in his pockets so at least sunflowers will grow where he dies. Or President Volodymyr Zelensky's heroic selfies from Kyiv's front line, which inspire far more widely than just among his countrymen?

Ukrainians are used to adversity and they have a special medieval role model who personifies their bravery in the face of hardship: **St. Olga of Kyiv**. The Mongol horde destroyed her tomb in Kyiv in 1240 but a Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral was dedicated to her and consecrated there as recently as 2010. Olga of Kyiv, is today recognized as one of Eastern Orthodoxy's greatest saints. A fierce and proud woman who protected her young son and avenged her husband's death, she was a crucial figure in the consolidation of the medieval kingdom of Kyivan Rus' as a political entity and in its peoples' conversion to Christianity. The Eastern Orthodox and Greek Catholic Churches recognize her with the venerable and extraordinary title "Isapóstolos": Equal to the Apostles. She and Kyiv's patron saint, St Michael the Archangel, remain key figures of intercession among those who need comfort in an hour of greatest need. The Icon of St. Olga will grace our church as a reminder that we pray for peace in Ukraine.

**PREPARING FOR OUR 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY** – In 2024 Our St. Rose of Lima Parish family will celebrate its hundredth anniversary! The renewal of our worship space can be a visual reminder of this important milestone. A joint meeting of our parish and finance councils was held this week to begin our planning for our centenary! It was wisely suggested that we do a survey of the parish regarding suggested activities that we sponsor, as well suggestions for a "wish list" of improvements that will enhance our worship space as well as our parish grounds. We are also soliciting parishioners who would like to provide some leadership on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee that we will be forming. The survey is inserted with this bulletin. These completed surveys can be dropped in the collection over the next few weeks! Please, we want to hear from you!

**CONFESSIONS IN LENT** - All are encouraged to take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Lenten season. Repentance is at the heart of the Lenten message. Please note our usual scheduled time for confession on Saturdays at noon. Our parish Penance service is scheduled for Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 PM. The celebration of the Sacrament of Penance is our sharing in the mystery of Christ's redeeming death and resurrection.

**FRIDAY EVENING STATIONS** - The Stations of the Cross or the Way of the Cross, is also known as the Way of Sorrows or the *Via Crucis*. The stations grew out of imitations of Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem which is believed to be the actual path Jesus walked to Mount Calvary. We pray the stations to help us make a spiritual pilgrimage through contemplation of the Passion of Christ. Stations are scheduled weekly on the Friday evenings of Lent at 5:30PM. Please join us.

**OUR TRIP TO OVERAMMERGAU** - We have two openings for our trip to the Passion Play this June. In addition to the Passion Play in Bavaria, we will be visiting Munich (Germany), Prague (the Czech Republic), Krakow (Poland), Budapest (Hungary) and Bratislava (Slovakia). The trip begins on June 3 and we return home on June 16<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$5,990 per person for a double. If you are interest, please contact Msgr. Becker at the parish rectory.

**OPERATION RICE BOWL** - Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. By using the Rice Bowl provided by Catholic Relief Services, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition.

**NEW CARPETING AND FLOORING** - Examples of our new carpeting and flooring are on display in the vestibule. The project will be done in stages: first, the sanctuary area, then the carpeting in the pew area, and if all goes well, kneelers and cushioning this summer. Stay tuned.

**March Prayer Intention of Pope Francis**

*For a Christian response to bioethical challenges*

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.



**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

*Weekends:*

Saturday 4:00 P.M.  
 Sunday 8:00 A.M. 10:30 A.M.

*Weekdays*

Monday through Friday 8:30 A.M.  
 Holy Day Vigil 7:00 P.M.  
 Holy Day 7:00 A.M. 8:30 A.M. 7:00 P.M.

***Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 5:30 P.M.***

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

Sun. March 13 - Second Sunday of Lent  
Wed. March 16 - 5:15-6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary



**Monday, March 14**

8:30 a.m.  
†Anita Reed (*Becky Reed*)

**Tuesday, March 15**

8:30 a.m.  
†Elsie Massimilla (*Steve, Roseann, Juliana & Doris Silveri*)

**Wednesday, March 16**

8:30 a.m.  
Members of the Altar and Rosary Society

**Thursday, March 17 - Memorial of Saint Patrick, Bishop**

8:30 a.m.  
The Kling Family - Donna, Kirk & Madeline (*Pat & Linda Nagle*)

**Friday, March 18 - Memorial of Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

8:30 a.m.  
†Olive Savino (*Ann Schreiber*)  
5:30 p.m.- Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 19 - Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

4:00p.m.  
†Charles & Josephine Love (*Family*)

**Sunday, March 20 - Third Sunday of Lent**

8:00 a.m. Mass For the People  
10:30 a.m.  
†Jean Lane (*Dr. Phil & Paula Hall*)

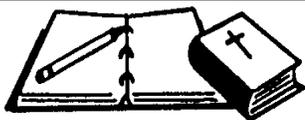
**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING  
March 6, 2022**

Regular	\$7,859.00	Children's	\$30.00
Loose	\$4,608.00	Candlemas	\$7.00
Parish Life	\$1810.00	Easter Flowers	\$138.00
Christmas Club	\$122.00	Vigil Candles	\$30.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$306.00	Ash Wednesday	\$998.00
Holy Trinity	\$155.00	Catholic Relief	\$30.00
Carpet Fund	\$250.00	Total	\$7,628.00

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** The reason for all our fasting and prayer and almsgiving during Lent is to be reawakened to all God has done for humanity, and to all that He has personally done for us. It is too easy to get lulled into complacency in our daily routines and to "sleepwalk" through life, getting up and getting ourselves out the door, going to work, returning home for dinner and dishes, meetings or sports activities, and finally flopping on the couch to watch TV or play games until bedtime. While there is nothing inherently sinful in this routine, as Christian stewards, we are called to do so much more.

This Lent, let us train ourselves, or more precisely, allow Him to train us to say, "Yes" to His will and to offer our lives back to Him in gratitude. In doing so, we, too, will become fully awake, "transfigured." This is a stewardship way of life and it is glorious indeed! (*Stewardship Reflections, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2022/2/15*)

**FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL:** Jesus "went up the mountain to pray" and he was "changed." Prayer has the power to change us. This Lent set aside a few minutes each day to pray for members of your family. Pray before each meal and if you are married, spend five minutes in prayer together. *Reprinted with permission: A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar.*



*Religious Education News*

**March 20 - SERVICE HOURS DUE!**

**March 27 - LAST CLASS FOR 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

**April 3 - 10:30 AM Mass - Rite of Sending for Confirmation Candidates, Sponsors & Parents (reception following in social hall)**

### Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

Hoping to become a priest, little Dominic walked 16 kilometers barefoot every day to go to school. His family's poverty moved the priest of his parish to take him in 1854 to Don Bosco, a priest in the suburbs of Turin, Italy, who was to take a fatherly care of this chosen soul.

On December 8, 1854, while the Catholic world celebrated the proclamation of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin, Dominic dedicated his life to God, and especially his teenage purity. "God wants me to be a saint," he often told Don Bosco.

Trying to be like Jesus in His mystery of suffering, Dominic took the path of extraordinary penances. But Don Bosco objected. "Your duty as a student is to give constant and joyful service to others. That is your holiness, nothing else," he declared.

Later, when he proposed to found the Company of the Immaculate, his companions asked him what they must do: "First," he said, "we will love Our Lady with all our heart. We will also ask her to protect us during this life and especially at the hour of our death. Finally, each time there is one of her feasts, we will do everything possible to make it beautiful and we will receive Holy Communion."

**ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY:** Please remember March is the month to renew your membership in the Altar and Rosary Society. As a member of the Society, you partake in the graces of a Mass each month and at the time of your death. The Altar and Rosary Society provides flowers, candles and altar linens used throughout the year. Please use the envelope provided in your pack of envelopes.

**JOURNEY THROUGH LOSS:** Grief is a journey. It is a wilderness that we wander through without a map. Grief changes, but it doesn't end. We don't move on instead we move forward, carrying our heartache and learning to live in a life that is very different, without a person we love.

Adults who have a family member or close friend who has died are invited to join Journey Through Loss. We will come together to share or to listen, to connect with others who understand the journey, to learn about common grief experiences, and to cling to Christ our great hope.

We will meet in the St. John's Parish Center from 6:30 -8:00 for 6 weeks on Tuesday evenings, from April 19th through May 24th. Please register by April 12th. To register or for more information contact Mary Petrak, (814) 502-6076 or [mfpetrak@hotmail.com](mailto:mfpetrak@hotmail.com)

### Readings for the Week of March 13, 2022

**Sunday Second Sunday of Lent** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14.; Phil 3:17-4:1 or Phil 3: 20-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

**Monday** Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 & 13; Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday** Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23; Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday** Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday Memorial of Saint Patrick, Bishop**  
Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 16:19-31

**Friday Memorial of Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Sunday Third Sunday of Lent**

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

**SYNOD SURVEY:** Pope Francis wants to hear from you! Share with us how the Church can better live out the mission of Jesus Christ by completing the Synod Survey. To participate go to [dioceseaj.org/synod](https://dioceseaj.org/synod) for the online survey, ask the parish for a physical survey, or ask the parish about joining a local small faith sharing group!

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS:** We will be meeting on Monday, March 14, 2022, in the Saint Rose of Lima Social Hall (use the 56th Street entrance between the Maria Parish Center and the school). Doors open at 6:45 PM and the meeting begins at 7:00 PM. Opening this month's meeting will be representatives from Precious Life, Inc (<https://plinc.org/>) Sharon Wyant and her co-worker Valerie Weaver, who are raising awareness about Pro Life in 2022 and sharing with us Precious Life's mission. This portion of the meeting (about 15 or so minutes) is open to both men and women. If you are able and would like too, please bring a baby item (ages birth to 24 months) to help Precious Life help those they serve! Any women interested in staying for the business meeting and perhaps joining our Catholic Daughters court, are encouraged to stay after the Precious Life presentation!

Court Prince Gallitzin #2625 — Serves all 11 Altoona parishes and beyond. New members are always welcome! Find us online at: [cda2625.com](http://cda2625.com). Catholic Daughters primary focus is Spirituality and Service!



**OUR LADY OF LOURDES FISH FRY:** Every Friday during Lent including Good Friday. Baked or hand dipped fried haddock  
Homemade mac & cheese or fresh cut french fries  
Choice of two: homemade stewed tomatoes, coleslaw, or applesauce  
Homemade dessert, roll, coffee and beverage  
Price: \$14.00

**ST. PATRICK'S SEAFOOD DRIVE-THRU:** 4 p.m. until ? *Fridays, March 4th to April 15th, 2022*  
Drive-thru is located in the school parking lot, located at 731 Patrick Lane Newry, PA 16665.  
Meal includes choice of 6 oz. portion of baked or fried haddock or 8 butterfly shrimp; coleslaw, macaroni & cheese, stewed tomatoes, roll & butter, and condiments. Price is \$13. Thanks for your support!

**CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ANNUAL FISH FRY:** Fridays (except Good Friday), 11:00 AM-1:30 PM - \$10.00  
Drive-Thru only. Beer Battered Fried Fish; Macaroni and Cheese; Haluski; Cole Slaw; Sandwich Roll

**SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS FISH FRY:** Fridays (except Good Friday), 4:00-7:00 PM or until sold out. Take-Out only. Drive-thru or Call-in.

**NEW BALTIMORE LENTEN FISH FRY:** March 4th; 11th; 18th; 25th; & April 1st, and 8th from 3:30-6:30pm with the option of EAT-IN or TAKE-OUT. There will also be the option to Pre-Order Your Take-Out Dinner by calling (814) 733-2210. The menu includes baked & fried fish, fried shrimp, broccoli and cheese soup, clam chowder, baked potato, stewed tomatoes, green beans, huluski, cole slaw, with the choice of pudding or cake for dessert. Please note due to COVID the dinners Will NOT BE ALL YOU CAN EAT. Adults: \$14; Under12: \$6; Under5: Free.

**UNTER UNS FISH DINNER:** Altoona Almrausch Schuhplattler (German Dance Group) are holding their 15<sup>th</sup> annual fish dinner from 5:00 PM-7:30PM or until sold out, every Friday during Lent., including April 15<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday 2022, at the Unter Uns Club on Van Buren Avenue and 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Fish dinners are \$11 for adults and \$7 for children under 10. Dinners include your choice of baked or fried haddock fish, choice of baked macaroni and cheese or scalloped potatoes. Each meal also comes with stewed tomatoes, cole slaw, roll and butter. You do not have to be a member of the club as it is open to the public.

## St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul Conference Weekly Reflection for March 13: Second Sunday of Lent

Lent is a call not just to "give up something" but more important to "give something for the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

**Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please contact our SVDP Conference so that together we can help the poor, the suffering, and the deprived.**

If you know of someone in need, please visit our website (<http://strosesvdp.org>) to inform us of their situation. We will do our best to help out in any way we can. We encourage all parishioners to use our website to help us help those in need. Thank you!

**WORKING TOGETHER CHICKEN BBQ:** The Knights of Columbus Council 4245 (Hollidaysburg) and Council 551 (Altoona) are joining forces for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Working Together Chicken BBQ to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

The chicken BBQ will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 3 at the Knights of Columbus, 324 Bedford Street, Hollidaysburg. Meals will be available for drive thru service only.  
Tickets for the meal are \$10 and includes our famous BBQ chicken, baked beans, applesauce and roll. Deadline to order dinners is March 27.  
For tickets, contact Frank Goss (814) 329-6094, Terry Anderson (814) 932-0465 or leave a message at (814) 695-4752.

**MARIA PARISH CENTER:** Contact Cathy Damiano at the rectory (814-944-8509) for information on scheduling the center's facilities.

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEXT WEEK

**March 19th 4PM**

Viola Bettwy *Lector*

Nancy H. Little *Lector*

Beth Carnevale *Eucharistic Minister*

**March 20th 8:00 AM**

Christin Bracken *Lector*

Shawn Wesner *Lector*

Marisa Hooper *Eucharistic Minister*

**March 20th 10:30 AM**

Patrick Condryn *Lector*

Jim Lane *Lector*

Mary Wiley *Eucharistic Minister*