

Saint Nicholas Catholic Church

MARCH 27, 2011

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BULLETIN DEADLINE
 Tuesday at 3:00 PM

OFFICE HOURS

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
9AM	9AM	9AM	10AM	9AM
3PM	3PM	3PM	3PM	11AM
		6PM 8PM		

IF SCHOOL IS CANCELED THERE WILL BE A
 HALF DAY IN THE OFFICE.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (vigil) 6:00 PM
 Sunday 6:00 AM
 8:00 AM
 10:30 AM

DEVOTIONS

Adoration starts at 8:00 PM
 Wednesday and ends
 Thursday at 8:00 PM
Holy Hour
 Thursday, 7:00 PM
Benediction
 Thursday, 8:00 PM
Morning Prayer
 Mon. to Sat., 7:00 AM
Rosary
 Sunday, 7:00 PM

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

**Baptism, Matrimony &
 Mass Intentions:**
 Contact the parish office
 during office hours for
 scheduling.

Anointing of the Sick
 Please call Fr. Job when
 someone is hospitalized or
 seriously ill.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation
 (Confessions)** will be
 celebrated on Saturday at
 11:00 AM (if there is no
 funeral) and at 4:00 PM or
 call Fr. Job.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH

28 MONDAY LENTEN WEEKDAY 867-320
 8:00 AM Communion Service
29 TUESDAY LENTEN WEEKDAY 877-323
 8:00 AM Communion Service
30 WEDNESDAY LENTEN WEEKDAY 886-326
 9:30 AM School Mass
31 THURSDAY LENTEN WEEKDAY 897-329
 8:00 AM Communion Service
1 FRIDAY LENTEN WEEKDAY 906-332
 9:30 AM School Mass
 6:00 PM Sick & Elderly
2 SATURDAY LENTEN WEEKDAY 916-335
 8:00 AM †Ellen Bauer Moyer Family

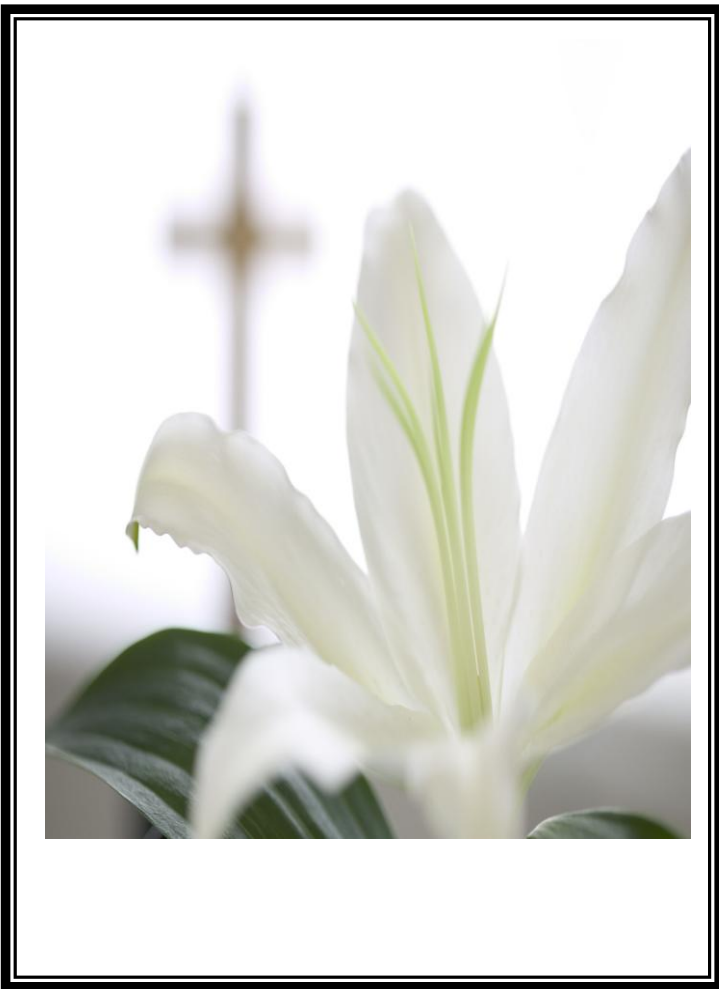
Vigil 4th Sunday of Lent
 6:00 PM †Leona Venesky
3 SUNDAY 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT
 6:00 AM L/D of the Parish
 8:00 AM L/D of the Altar & Rosary
 10:30 AM †Herman Weiland

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

NCCS in Church Fri. 12:45 PM
 Parish in Church Fri. 7:00 PM

First Collection \$5,194.00
 Easter Flowers \$ 680.00

**PARISH COUNCIL IS CANCELED FOR
 MARCH 30TH.**



CHOIR NEWS

Men’s choir will rehearse Tuesday, April 5th at 6:30 PM, to sing at the 8:00 AM Mass, Sunday, April 10th.

Adult Choir Practice is Wednesday, April 13th at 6:30 PM, to sing at the 6:00 PM Mass, Saturday, April 16th.

Easter Choir Rehearsal Schedule is: Sunday, March 27th, April 3rd, 10th, 17th at 5:30 PM and Tuesday, April 12th and 19th at 6:30 PM

New Choir Members Are Always Welcome.

LIVING STATIONS

All 6th, 7th and 8th graders are invited to participate in our Living Stations at 7 PM on Good Friday. The practices will be held on Monday, March 28 and April 4, 7-8 PM, Saturday, April 16th, 9:30-10:30 AM, Monday, April 18, 7-8:30 PM, and Wednesday, April 20, 7-8:30 PM in the church. If you plan to participate but cannot attend the March 28th practice, please call the parish office and leave a message.

COMMUNITY CENTER

No childcare is provided.

Gymnasium is open

School days 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
 Sundays **Noon** – 10:00 PM
 All Other days 5:30 AM – 10:00 PM

The gym is occasionally closed for parish, school, or private events. See below for closures.

Exercise room is open

On school days 5:00 AM to 9:00 AM
 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
 Sundays 5:00 AM to 6:00 PM
 All other days 5:00 AM to 10:00 PM

Yoga Classes

Thursday 7:00 PM to 8:15 PM
 Sunday 6:00 PM to 7:15 PM
 7:45 PM to 9:00 PM

Call Basil for details 948-9503

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 2nd . Gun Raffle (Barr Rod & Gun \$20 Nicktown Hall)
- April 10th Breakfast (6:30 AM – Noon)
- April 10th Religious Education Sign up (9-10:15 AM)
- April 11th Lenten Penance Service (7:00 PM)
- April 13th – 16th Picture Taking (parish directory Hall)
- April 22nd & 23rd ... Picture Taking (parish directory Hall)
- April 24th Easter Sunday
- April 26th – 30th Picture Taking (parish directory Hall)
- May 1st First Communion (2:00 PM)
- May 24th Confirmation
- June 8th Healing Mass (Fr. Bill Kiel)
- June 12th Archabbot Douglas
- July 11th - 16th Vacation Bible Camp

LEGION OF MARY

The Acies, a central annual function of the Legion of Mary, is Sunday, March 27th at 3:00 PM at St. Mary’s in Nanty-Glo. This yearly Act of Consecration to Mary is for both the active and auxiliary members of the Legion of Mary. A luncheon will follow the service. Please call Mary Ellen Zunich (948-7928) or Gloria Nealen (948-9502) by Tuesday, March 22nd if you plan on attending.

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PASTOR'S PAGE – MARCH 27, 2011

This week marks the mid point of our Lenten Journey. It is easy for us to allow this great opportunity to slip by us unattended. Today would be a good day to review our lenten practices.

- Are our lenten practices slipping?
- Have we even started?
- Are our lenten practices too strict and discouraging us?
- Are our lenten practices too lax and not challenging us?
- Are we praying more?
- Is Christ more the center of our life than he was before we began this Holy Season of Lent?
- Are we examining our conscience in preparation for our Lenten Sacrament of Reconciliation?

Our Communal Penitence Services will be the Week of April 10th.

Thank you all very much for your participation in our Theme Basket Party last weekend. The genesis of having a Theme Basket Party came from our Finance Council in order to make up for the short fall in our parish income and expenses. Our Fund-raising Sub-committee of the Finance Council did an excellent job of organizing it and getting many of you involved. But it was you who made it happen by donating your baskets and getting the word out. Thank you to our Holy Name for the refreshments on Saturday night and to the people who volunteered to work in the kitchen. Thank you to those who set up the Hall, wrapped baskets and worked the event. The list of winners will be included in next week's bulletin. The financial report will be published when we get all the details settled.

Thank you also to our Breakfast team! We served more breakfasts than usual. If this was your first time at our Breakfast, remember we do it every month and we look forward to seeing you.

I do owe you some details about the finances of the roof, but there is still some work to be done so not all of the payments have been made. I will get that report to you as soon as the sidewalks that were damaged during the construction are repaired. The roofers have sub-contracted a local company to do the work.

There is some other work to be done this summer. The clocks on the tower need new frames. That project will take all summer since the frames will be custom built. The toilets and the vents pipes in the rest rooms will be replaced with the goal of eliminating the odor. There will be no specific fund raiser for these projects. We will mainly use our on-going calendar tickets.

The next project is the carpeting in the church. The Altar and Rosary will be taking care of it from start to finish including paying for it. For that we thank them for their good work, and we thank all of you for your support of the various events sponsored by the Altar and Rosary Society.

Of course raising funds is only half of the solution to the problem. We need to cut expenses. We are working more and more with volunteers. All of our grass cutting and flower planting is volunteer work. Some of it is for service hours for school and Confirmation, some is to make a contribution to the church. If you see anything that needs to be done, or if you want to offer some "sweat equity", please give me a call. A lot of work gets done around here that I can take no credit for, and often have no idea who actually did it. So I thank all of you for your efforts to keep your parish up and running.

The new chairs at the Hall are thanks to the Holy Name Society. They are currently working on the Angelus Bells.

ALTAR & ROSARY

The committee for the month of April is: **Chairlady: Debra Dumm** with Donna Endler, Sally Farabaugh, Sandy Krug, and Jean Zemlock. All committee members are to assist with any funeral luncheons that may occur during the month by making a covered dish and helping at the luncheon if at all possible.

The next Altar-Rosary Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 6th at 7:00 PM. A decision was made at our last meeting to go with carpeting for the church and the color has been selected. Additional decisions need to be made, so if you want to express your opinion, please attend our meetings.

BARR TOWNSHIP ROD AND GUN CLUB

The Rod & Gun Club is sponsoring a Gun Raffle on Saturday, April 2nd from 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM at Nicktown, Church Hall. Free food and refreshments, along with games and raffles, will be available plus a chance to win 20 prizes. Tickets are \$20 and can be obtained from any club member. Need not be present to win. Thank you for your support.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults continues this week and for the next two weeks with the Scrutinies. Our catechumen, Aaron Ludwig will receive the first of the three Scrutinies or Blessings on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent. Please keep him in your prayers as he continues his journey toward Baptism and Confirmation and Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

ORDINATION TO BE BROADCAST LIVE ON TV, RADIO

The Ordination and Installation of Bishop-Elect Mark L. Bartchak will be broadcast live on WJAC TV and WWCP TV FOX 8 on April 19, at 2:00 PM. WJAC TV anchor Marty Radovanic will host the coverage, along with Rev. Aron M. Maghsoudi. Father Maghsoudi is the Parochial Administrator of Saint Joseph Parish in Williamsburg, a Diocesan historian and the former Master of Ceremonies at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. The Mass will also be broadcast live on WHHN 88.1 FM (Radio Maria) and WAOB 106.7 FM (We Are One Body Radio, based in the Diocese of Greensburg).

PARISH BREAKFAST

Come join us, Sunday, April 10th, from 6:30 AM till noon. The price for adults is \$8.00, children 4 – 12 is \$4.00, and children under 3 are free.

PARISH DIRECTORY

If you did not sign up for an appointment for our new pictorial directory, expect a call from Olan Mills to offer you a time. If you have Caller ID, it should read “Church Directories.” If you want to set or change an appointment, call Olan Mills at 800-866-2263, Mon-Fri 9:00 AM-6:00 PM Eastern Time, or you can still go online at www.signup.olanmills.com (or substitute you web site). Remember, to receive a free church directory you have to be in it-please participate!

If you are unable to have your picture taken, you can have one submitted. If you need someone to take your picture Greg and Janelle Nealen will come in and take one. Call the parish office to schedule to have the picture taken 948-9614.

THANK YOU

The parish Spring Basket Auction held this past weekend was a success! We extend a HUGE Thank You to all those who donated baskets and to the many volunteers who assisted in any way with the event.

Congratulations to all the winners!

Sincerely,

St. Nicholas Church Fundraising Committee

On the Fourth Sunday of Lent each year, as part of our implementation of our biblical duty of almsgiving, we have an annual collection for the work of Catholic Relief Services, which is present in countries worldwide and is always one of the first-responders to aid victims of humanitarian crises and natural disasters. This year the collection for CRS on April 2/3 will be directed to the relief of the victims of the earthquake and tsunami that occurred in Japan and elsewhere on March 11. As you have undoubtedly seen or read from news reports, the depth of human suffering and the extent of the devastation are immense. Please include the needs of the victims of the tragedy in your Lenten sacrifices on April 2/3.