Holy Family Parish

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Sexagesima Sunday February 20, 2022

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This Week

Sunday, February 20, 2022

Sexagesima Sunday

Holy Mass

9:00 A.M.

+Warren Albeck Int. Frances Palko +Richard Contrella Int.YMSR **SOCL Classes**

10:15 A.M.

Holy Mass

11:00 A.M.

Monday, February 21, 2022

Annunciation Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:30 P.M.

Wednesday, February 23, 2022

Choir Rehearsal

6:30 P.M.

Sunday, February 27, 2022

Quinquagesima Sunday

Holy Mass

9:00 A.M.

+Julia Rucinski (18th Ann.) Int. Allen, Wanda & Kristen Korenoski; +Marianne Keith Int. Cousins Sharon & Marcy Ann.

SOCL Classes

10:15 A.M.

Holy Mass

11:00 A.M.

PNU District 5 Roll Away the Stone of Hunger Campaign

Holy Family PNU Branch 132, along with all the District 5 branches will be collecting non-perishable food items during this Lenten Season. The food collection will be given to local McKeesport food banks. The drive begins Ash Wednesday (March 2nd) and will continue to (April 3rd) Passion Sunday. Please bring the food to the Narthex of the Church. Suggested 20 food items needed most:

Applesauce, Canned Beans, Canned Chicken, Canned Fish (tuna and salmon), Canned meats (spam and ham) Canned vegetables, Cooking Oil (Olive and Canola), Crackers, Dried Herbs and spices, Fruit (canned or dried) Granola Bars, Instant Mash Potatoes, Meal in



Boxes, Nuts, Pasta, Peanut Butter, Rice, Shelf-stable and powdered Milk, Soup Stew and Chili and Whole Gran Cereal.

Spring Craft Show Saturday, March 26, 2022 10:00AM- 3:00PM.

We are asking for Chinese Auction Baskets and/or Lottery Tickets to be donated. Baskets can be given to Kristen on Sunday, March 20 and Lottery Tickets should be received by Sunday, March 13. Polish food, drinks, and baked goods will be available to purchase the day of the show. If you would like to donate any baked goods, you can bring them down starting Friday, March 25, 2022 from 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM, or the morning of the show. Also, if anyone would like to donate drinks to be sold during the event, that would be greatly appreciated. We are looking to sell the following: Cans of Coke, Diet Coke, Root Beer, Cream Soda, Sprite, and Iced Tea. If you would like to donate bottled water, please make sure they are the 16.9-ounce size, so we are able to charge one price for everything. Please have all donated cans of pop and/or bottled water at the church by Sunday, March 20 so we can see what we still need to buy. For those who will not be able to attend the show but would still like to support the event, we will be selling Chinese Auction Tickets and 50/50 Raffle Tickets between masses on Sunday, March 20. We will need help Friday, March 25 from 10:00am - 5:00pm with prep work. In addition, we will need volunteers the day of the show. If you are able to help, please let Kristen know. Thank you in advance for all of your help and support for the craft show. All proceeds from our show will benefit the church. Please remember, when you see the event on Facebook, please share it and invite your family and friends! Any questions, please call Kristen Korenoski -- 412-848-9215.

The Season of PreLent -A Time of Preparations for PNC Catholics Booklets are available in the Church Vestibule. The booklet explain what Pre-Lent is all about with weekly meditations, sermons and spiritual activities for preparation of Great Lent. Please take one home.

Great Lent

The holy season of Great Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022. Holy Mass and Distribution of Ashes will be at 10:00 A.M. Bitter Lamentations and Distribution of Ashes will be at 7:00 P.M.

Lenten Devotions will be held on Fridays
March 4th Stations of the Cross 7:00 P.M.
March 11th Bitter Lamentations Part 2 7:00 P.M.
March 18th Stations of the Cross 7:00 P.M.
March 25th Lenten Penitential Service 7:00 P.M.
April 1st Bitter Lamentations Part 3 7:00 P.M.
April 8th Station of the Cross 7:00 P.M.

Attendance on the Wednesday evening services have been small the past few years. With all the singing and with choir rehearsals following the services ending late, it was requested to have the Lenten Services on Fridays alternating Bitter Lamentations and Stations of the Cross where attendance is better. A special Lenten Penitential Service is scheduled March 25th.

Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky 25th Anniversary of Ordination An invitation has been extended to the parish to celebrate this milestone event. A Holy Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated Sunday, April 24th at 4:00 P.M. in the Saint Stanislaus Cathedral, Scranton PA. A Dinner Reception and Banquet will follow in the Youth Center. Reservations are required. Dinner and Banquet \$20.00. RSVP your name and payment to National Church Center

PNCC attention Banquet Reservation, 1006 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, PA 18505. Deadline April 1st.

21st Annual Mission & Evangelism Workshop

Friday, April 1st -Sunday, April 3rd
Resurrection Parish, Temperance, MI.
Information and Registration Forms available in the bookrack
Deadline for Hotel Registration-March 16th
Deadline for Registration is March 21st.
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David Kost is a member of the National Mission and Evangelism Commission, and the workshop is open to all interested people.

Gospel Thought

What is compassion? What is love? And how do we live them out in our own age? These are the questions that come from the Gospel today. In many ways this is the hardest teaching Jesus offers us because it goes against so much of what the "modern world" would have us believe. Look at the first reading: David and Saul are enemies, and Saul is suddenly in David's power. The logic of the modern world would say "Strike while you can." But David chooses another path. He is compassionate. We can all think of times when we were in a position to take revenge, score a victory over someone, take it out on them. Our measure of our faith is whether or not we were compassionate - especially with our enemies - as Jesus taught us.

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