

SATURDAY, March 8: VIGIL OF FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 5:00 p.m. MASS – † Margaret Cassatt by Dan and Suzanne Brown
SUNDAY, March 9: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 9:00 a.m. MASS – Living and Deceased Members of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish
Monday, March 10: Lenten Weekday 8:00 a.m. – † Concetta Magliere by Joe and Maria
Tuesday, March 11: Lenten Weekday 8:00 a.m. – † Mary Brenneman by M/M Lewis Bellucci Sr.
Wednesday, March 12: Lenten Weekday 8:00 a.m. – † People of the Parish
Thursday, March 13: Lenten Weekday 8:00 a.m. – † Jean DeVecchis by Keats and Janet Daschbach
Friday, March 14: Lenten Weekday 8:00 a.m. – †For Vocations

SATURDAY, March 15: VIGIL OF SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 5:00 p.m. MASS – † George and Anna Bodnar by Dan and Suzanne Brown SUNDAY, March 16: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 9:00 a.m. MASS – Living and Deceased Members of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish

Catholic Daughters Meeting Wednesday March 12 at 4:00 p.m. in the Holy Family Hall.

Our Lady of Lourdes-2716 Broad Ave., Altoona. Elevator inside ramp door Fish Fry. Every Friday during Lent including Good Friday. Take out begins 3:30 and Eat in 4:30 until 7:00 PM or sold out. Cost \$14 Hand breaded fried or tasty baked haddock, homemade mac & cheese or hand cut fries, Homemade stewed tomatoes, coleslaw or applesauce (choice of 2) Dessert and drink. Once you try ours, you won't go elsewhere!

St. Aloysius Church is offering "The 2nd Greatest Story Ever Told" through the Divine Mercy Video Series. The videos will be presented on Tuesdays during Lent, beginning on March 11 and continue March 18 and 25, April 8 and 15, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the Faith Education Center at St. Aloysius Church, Cresson. This program will end right before the Divine Mercy Novena. This is a great addition to your 2025 Lenten journey. Hope to see you there!

Schedule of Liturgical Ministries for March 15/16, 2025						
MASS	Lectors	Altar Servers	Hospitality Ministers (Greeters)	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion		
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Louise Ketner	Maggie Stiffler	Volunteer	Louise Ketner Kevin Muha		
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Beth Lear	Quinn Weirich Abe Weirich Julian Weirich	Volunteer	Volunteer Will Crouse		

Stewardship Reflections March 9, 2025 ^{1st} Sunday of Lent

And so it begins – the holy and, for some, daunting season of Lent. This is the season in our liturgical year when the Church encourages us to increase our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to enter more deeply into the mystery of our Lord's Passion and Death and to celebrate more fully His Resurrection. Our outlook as Christian stewards can help us embrace this season with enthusiasm and even joy.

As grateful stewards ourselves, we can look at these 40 days as "soil" that God is giving us as a gift to grow closer to Him and become more like Him. We can choose to use each of the days intentionally to make a generous response to our God, who sent His only Son to deliver us from the affliction and oppression caused by sin.

If we find this difficult sometimes, then we're doing it right! It means we will have some wonderful 'first fruits' to present to our Lord at the close of the season; we will be prepared to enter into the grace-filled days of the Triduum and we will, through the power of the Holy Spirit, be resurrected as a new creation with our Lord come Easter. Let us begin!



SANCTUARY CANDLE: The Sanctuary Candle acknowledging The Real Presence of Christ in the tabernacle is burning this week for **Poor souls**

COLLECTION COUNTING SCHEDULE for: Sunday, March 9, 2025: Maggie Stiffler Sunday, March 16, 2025: Dennis Drake



Jacob Cooper

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD) –

Regularly scheduled classes will be held every Sunday from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

<u>Pro Life</u>

March 9

Are you aware that many pregnancies are often not detected until the 6th week or later? By that time, the baby's heart has been beating for over two weeks, brain waves can be detected, and the nervous system is complete. Yet the majority of abortions take place during this time of development.

LIVE MASS aired Every Sunday from Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown on **WATM-TV ABC Channel 23** If you are homebound and not able to attend the Sunday Mass, please watch our Diocesan Program Proclaim at 10:30 a.m. and the live telecast of Sunday Liturgy at 11:00 a.m.

February/March 2025 Sch	nedule for Liturgical Minist	tries at Saint Catherine	
Date/Mass	Readers	Altar Servers	Ministers
5:00 p.m. Saturday February 22, 2025	Ed McGarvey	Guy Kumpf	Mary Lyons Volunteer
9:00 a.m. Sunday February 23, 2025	Beth Lear	Jax McCartney Dane Varner Nolan Starr	Will Crouse Marcia Slates
5:00 p.m. Saturday March 1, 2025	Cathy Wilson	Ann Bonson	Maria Danish Andrea Christoff
9:00 a.m. Sunday March 2, 2025	Suzanne Brown	Kasen Gipe Branson Gipe	Beth Lear Volunteer
5:00 p.m. Saturday March 8, 2025	Maggie Stiffler	Volunteer	Maggie Stiffler Ann Bonson
9:00 a.m. Sunday March 9, 2025	Dennis Drake	Maria Mellott Bella Starr	Will Crouse Marcia Slates
5:00 p.m. Saturday March 15, 2025	Louise Ketner	Maggie Stiffler	Louise Ketner Kevin Muha
9:00 a.m. Sunday March 16, 2025	Beth Lear	Quinn Weirich Abe Weirich Julian Weirich	Volunteer Will Crouse
5:00 p.m. Saturday March 22, 2025	Dayton Shugarts	Volunteer	Mary Lyons Maria Danish
9:00 a.m. Sunday March 23, 2025	Suzanne Brown	Nolan Starr Jax McCartney Dane Varner	Marcia Slates Volunteer
5:00 p.m. Saturday March 29, 2025	Ed McGarvey	Guy Kumpf	Andrea Christoff Volunteer
9:00 a.m. Sunday March 30, 2025	Louise Ketner	Branson Gipe Kasen Gipe	Louise Ketner Beth Lear

Sacrament of Baptism of Infants: By appointment, preferably celebrated within the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, families, regardless of religious affiliation, are encouraged to attend and participate in Baptismal Sacramental Preparation and Celebration. Sponsor certificate must be received at the Parish Office if the sponsors are not members of Saint Catherine of Siena Church.

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