

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

March 2, 2025

Mass Intentions

March 2, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+Libby Shea Allen (Albert Schlecht)

10:00AM+Regina Kutruff, Anniversary (Family)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

March 3, Monday, Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin

12:00PM+Robbie Frederick (Ray & Marian Airhart Family)

March 4, Tuesday, Saint Casimir

12:00PM+Hannah Wilken, Birth. (Rich & Nanci Hall)

March 5, Wednesday, Ash Wednesday

8:00AM+Rosemary Plank Greig (William P. Plank)

12:00PM+Ray Kelly (Family)

3:00PM Prayer Service & Ashes Our Lady of Fatima

5:30PM+ Tom & Jean Welteroth (Family)

March 6, Thursday, Thursday after Ash Wednesday

12:00PM Special Intention (Anonymous)

March 7, Friday, Saint Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

12:00PM+Raymond Baker (Anonymous)

March 8, Saturday, Saint John of God, Religious

12:00PM+John Kirsch (Patricia & Tom Forr)

Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

5:00PM+Terry Bartley (Smithmyer Family)

March 9, First Sunday of Lent

8:00AM+Shawn Kennedy (Friends)

10:00AM+Wayne Madden (Choir)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

We are pleased to welcome to our parish Noah Graham Martynuska, the son of Nicholas and Lauren Martynuska, and Aria Michelle Lynn, the daughter of Brent and Renae Lynn, who recently received the Sacrament of Baptism.



Our Eucharistic Day of Adoration will be on Ash Wednesday, March 5. There is a sign-up in the cross aisle. Adoration will take place from after the Noon Mass until 5:15 P.M.



Liturgical Ministers Schedules

The schedule and assignment of liturgical ministers will to be done by our parish office.



FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

All meetings/sessions will be held in the Cathedral basement from 6:30-8:00PM. A parent must accompany your child to the meetings. Please contact Chris Laraia if you are unable to attend a meeting so that make up work can be assigned.

PARENTS / STUDENT SESSIONS:

March 11, 2025

April 8, 2025

First Communion will be celebrated at the 10:00AM Mass May 4, 2025. If you have any questions please call Chris Laraia, 814-312-7317 or email me at claraia@dioceseaj.org

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, February 23, 2025, \$ 9,793.01

Thank you for your monetary and personal contributions to the life of our parish.



Lent begins on March 5. Ashes will be distributed during Masses at the Cathedral at 8:00 A.M., Noon, and 5:30 P.M. Ashes will be distributed during a Liturgy of the Word prayer service at Our Lady of Fatima Church at 3:00 P.M.



Our Parish's Lenten Drive-Thru Fish Fry Luncheon begins on Ash Wednesday and is served on Fridays, except Good Friday. The cost is \$10.00 for a fish sandwich, mac and cheese and coleslaw. The meal is available from 10:30 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.



SAVE THE DATE!

The world-famous Westminster Cathedral Choir of Boys & Men, London, England will present a concert here in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday, April 3, 2025, 7:00 pm.

Founded in 1901, the Choir of Westminster Cathedral remains the only Catholic cathedral choir in the world to sing daily Mass and Vespers, whilst performing concerts at home and abroad. Comprised of up to 20 boy trebles and altos, aged 8-13, and ten professional Lay Clerks, the Choir is known internationally through its tours and recordings.

The concert is free, but tickets are required. They will be available at the 13th Avenue entrance after all weekend masses beginning this weekend, March 1-2, 2025, and in the office during the rest of the week until gone. This is an official Jubilee 2025 event! A donation/ advertisement/memorial form is in this week's bulletin for anyone wishing to contribute to this wonderful evening, and all contributions of any kind or amount will be recognized in the program!



COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eucharistic Revival Spring Priest Presentations

The last of the Eucharistic Revival Year presentations will be on Saturday, March 29th, at St. Francis University, JFK Center in Loretto. From 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. You may register online at dioceseaj.org/spring, priest, presentations or by mail. Forms are available at our entrances. The speakers are : Father Jozef Kovacik, Father George Jakopac, and Father Brian Saylor.



Men's Conference: Strength in Christ!

Sunday, March 30, from 11:30 AM to 5:30 PM at Mount Aloysius College, Cresson. The day includes lunch, talks from local priests, personal testimonies, a panel discussion, and Sunday Mass. There is no cost to attend. Visit www.dioceseaj.org to register online. Paper registration forms are also available at our entrances. The deadline to register is March 21st.



Ashes will be distributed at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament during Masses at 8:00A.M., Noon, and 5:30 P.M.

Ashes will be distributed at Our Lady of Fatima during Prayer Service at 3:00 P.M.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on the Fridays of Lent at 5:30 P.M.

The Cathedral Communal Penance Service is on Wednesday, April 8, at 6:00 P.M.

Our Friday, except Good Friday, Fish Fry Lunch includes a Fish Sandwich, Mac & Cheese, and Coleslaw is available from 10:30 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. \$10.00 and Drive Thru Only. Starting on Ash Wednesday.

Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction will take place on Sundays during Lent at 6:30 P.M.

Day of Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Abstinence refers to not eating meat at all on those days. Persons 14 years of age and older are to abstain. Fasting refers to one full meal, with two small meals, no eating between meals. People who have reached their 18th birthday and up to their 59th birthday are obligated to fast. In addition to these obligations, additional forms of fast and abstinence may be observed.

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CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

The process of formation for those seeking God through membership in the Catholic Christian community.

INFANT BAPTISM:

Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.

CONFIRMATION:

Ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students are invited to participate in the Confirmation Preparation Process.

RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday: 7:00 PM, Saturday: 12:30 PM.

By appointment, by texting or calling 814-937 8240 Communal Penance Services: Advent and Lent.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Upon Request and Communal celebration

MARRIAGE:

Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program.

DEVOTIONS:

Eucharistic Adoration - Normally, the First Wednesday 12:30 PM - 6:45 PM

Eucharistic Day - Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

PRO-LIFE ROSARY

Sponsored by the Christian Mothers on Thursdays after the noon Mass.

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, J.C.D., Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Administrator

Paula Clemens, Parish Secretary

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 814-944-4603

MAIL MINISTRY TO ELDERLY, HOMEBOUND, SERIOUSLY SICK, AND GRIEVING - 814-944-4603

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

September through April: Pre-Kindergarten thru 12.

Sunday morning 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM Pre-Kindergarten thru 8. Grades 9-11 Sunday Evening at 6:15.

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Mass Times

Sunday:	Weekday:
5:00 PM (Vigil)	12:00 Noon
8:00 AM	
10:00 AM	Saturday:
5:00 PM	12:00 Noon

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