

FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT

~ April 7, 2019 ~

Rescue Me... Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength. Ps 43 (42): 1-2

Mass Intentions

Monday

7:45 AM Elizabeth Geldon by Family

Tuesday

7:45 AM Anne Ardinger by Frank and Marie Adamcik

Wednesday

7:45 AM Betty Multy by Mary Ann and Bob Shearer

Thursday

No Mass

Friday

7:45 AM Francis Warminsky by Joanne and Terry

Saturday

8:00 AM Antoinette Kaperna by Michael and Allison Sobota & Family

5:00 PM In Loving Memory of Mary Linsenbigler by Husband and Children

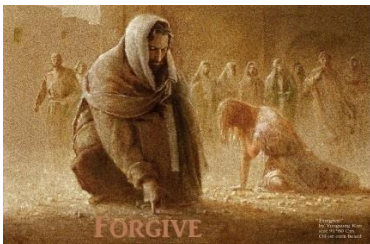
Sunday

8:00 AM Catherine Nemith by Family

9:30 AM Sacred Heart Holy Name Society

11:00 AM Nathaniel Straub by Grandparents Hank and Rita Straub

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First Reading: Is 43: 16-21 ... (Hope for the Future) A call to look with hope to the future. God is not dead. Look around you and see his wonderful works.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 126... (Joy of the Redeemed) "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."

Second Reading: Phil 3: 8-14... (Life in Christ) Faith in Christ is our salvation, but we cannot relax. We must continue, while in this life, to strive for the good things of life in Christ—heaven.

Gospel: Jn 8: 1-11... (Christ's Forgiveness) By his example and works the Lord teaches us that God extends his mercy to sinners to free them from slavery to sin.

Monday: Lenten Weekday Dn 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13: 41c-62; Ps 23: 1-6; Jn 8: 12-20

Tuesday: Lenten Weekday Nm 21: 4-9; Ps 102: 2-3, 16-21; Jn 8: 21-30

Wednesday: Lenten Weekday Dn 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95; (Ps) Dn 3: 52-56; Jn 8: 31-42

Thursday: Lenten Weekday; St. Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr Gn 17: 3-9; Ps 105: 4-9; Jn 8: 51-59

Friday: Lenten Weekday Jer 20: 10-13; Ps 18: 2-7; Jn 10: 31-42

Saturday: Lenten Weekday; St. Martin I, Pope, Martyr Ez 37: 21-28; (Ps) Jer 31: 10-13; Jn 11: 45-56



~ Saturday, Sunday: April 13, April 14 ~ Palm Sunday

~ ALTAR SERVER ~

5:00 PM J. Herman – M. Cooper
8:00 AM V. Dadlani – A. Isaac
9:30 AM L. Skrincoosy – J. Cole
11:00 AM L. Colarusso – J. Doncsecz

~ CANTOR ~

5:00 PM E. Gilkeson
8:00 AM T. Zawadzki
9:30 AM A. Devaney (Choir Mass)
11:00 AM M. Skrincoosy

~ LECTOR ~

(Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord)
5:00 PM M. Hartman – T. Thoder
8:00 AM C. Bachman – J. Crosson
9:30 AM D. Brandt – A. Carlin
11:00 AM S. Rodriguez – M. Skrincoosy

~ EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS of COMMUNION ~

5:00 PM M. Kluk – M. Witcoskie – A. and C. Benner
8:00 AM G. Mayrosh – R. Pavelko
9:30 AM T. Fitzpatrick – P. Donlan – E. Melendez
11:00 AM G. and M. Harmanos – R. Jacobs

~ GREETER ~

5:00 PM C. and A. Benner
8:00 AM P. Vuchko
9:30 AM Dezubay Family
11:00 AM B. and T. Kincaid

~ FOOD/GIFT CARD ~

• Palm Sunday: No Sales •

~ MONEY COUNTER ~

M. Juhasz – J. Mitch
R. Schaefer – V. Schwarz

Prayer for Our Priests

Eternal God, please bless our priests, who represent you on this earth. Make them more greatly aware of the grace that you pour out through them when they minister the sacraments and help them to fall more deeply in love with you after each and every Mass that they celebrate. Please strengthen our priests, who shepherd your flock, when they are in doubt of their faith, that they may be examples of your Truth and guide us always on the path to you. We ask these things of you our Eternal Priest. Amen.



During the Lenten Season, as we hear our own call to repentance, we will recess from the church in Silence. You are kindly asked to please wait until Father has reached the main vestibule of the church and then recess from the church in a respectful silence. All talking is asked to be kindly reserved for the main vestibule of the church.



A time of war, and a time of peace: We pray for those that serve in our military:
 Michael O'Donnell; Jarrett Buchanan; Blair Holva; Nick Massari; John Flannigan; Joe Owens; Rob McGuire; Joseph Salmento; David Principato; David Colarusso, Jr.; Paul K. Browne, II; Anthony T. Browne; LCpl Timothy F. Cassidy; Mark McNulty, Jr.; Josh Brueningsen; Sgt. Jared Steirer; Senior Chief Ian Hudak

Lord God, Almighty Father, thank you for the men and women that protect this nation! Father, as they protect us, protect them as well! Lord, you know where they will be today and I pray that You will be there with them to guide them through whatever challenges and trials they face this day. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. Amen.

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▶▶▶ **Bulletin Announcements** ◀◀◀

Deliver to the Rectory office or email to sacredheartrectory1936@gmail.com by 12 noon on Thursday (that is, ten days prior to the publication of the bulletin).

▶▶ **Sacred Heart Gift/Food Card List** ◀◀

Grocery Stores: Giant: \$25, 50, 100; Height's Market: \$20; Redner's Market: \$20, 50; Shop Rite: \$25, 100; Valley Farm Market: \$25, 50, 100; Weis Market: \$50

Retail: Amazon: \$25; Barnes & Noble: \$10, 25; Bath & Body: \$10; Bed, Bath & Beyond: \$25; Boscov's: \$25; Dick's Sporting Goods: \$25; Home Depot: \$25, 100; Kohl's: \$25, 100; Lowe's: \$25, 100; Michael's: \$25; Regal: \$25; Staples: \$25; Target: \$25; TJ Maxx: \$25; Walmart (can also be used at Sam's Club): \$25, 100; WaWa \$25

Restaurants: Applebee's: \$25; Cracker Barrel: \$10; Darden: \$25; Outback: \$25; Panera: \$10; Red Robin: \$25; Ruby Tuesday: \$25; Starbucks: \$10; Texas Roadhouse: \$25; TGIF: \$25



Parish Upcoming Events

April:

- 7: Easter "Eggstravaganza" Responses Due
- 7: **NO "K of C BOOK SALE"**
- 7: Family Stations of the Cross followed by Ice Cream Social: 4:00 PM
- 8: CCD: 5:00 PM ~ School
- 9: Rummage Sale Drop-off: 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM
Fr. King Memorial Hall ~ Place item/s on stage
- 9: Choir Rehearsal: 7:00 PM ~ Church
- 10: Sacred Heart Prime Time Club Meeting: 1:00 PM
~ Fr. King Memorial Hall ~
- 11: Rummage Sale Drop-off: 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM
Fr. King Memorial Hall ~ Place item/s on stage
- 11: Easter Bulletin Due
- 11: Prime Time Knitters: 1:00 – 3:00 PM
~ Fr. King Memorial Hall ~
- 11: Choir Rehearsal: 7:00 PM ~ Church
- 12: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 6:00 PM
- 12: Stations of the Cross: "Through the Eyes of Mary": 7:00 PM
~ Benediction to follow ~

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▶▶▶ **Don't forget: Nut Roll Order Pick-up** ◀◀◀

Pick-up Tuesday, April 16th, in Father King Memorial Hall 12 Noon – 4:00 PM (use door by dumpster in lower parking lot).



Please pray for our sick, for all those homebound, in the hospital or nursing homes and especially those who care for them. We also ask prayers for those not listed and those we are not aware of that are ill.

Donna Miller, Joan Szemenyei, Joseph Ludrof, Susan G. Tinschmidt, David Cap, Lisa Dreher, A.J. Shuck, M. and D. Shuck, Anthony Viera, Bev Russell, Hank Straub, Albina DaSilva, Andrew Filbert, Christopher Brennan, Bill White, Jessica Hewitt, Joan Raymond, John and Charlotte Rzepiela, Lori Watts, Jacob Jarvis, James and Janet DeVaney, Beth Coleman, Mary Saraceno-Wright, Dorothea Saraceno-Atherholt, Alice Bennett, Mary Lou Schuler, Joe Field, Louis A. Gray, Gail Schneider, Molly Weidemoyer, James Lankford, Karen Hegedus, Patrick McBride, Jane Schreiber, Ron and Irene Rutkowski, Jamie Heston, Terry Macripo, Patrice Schwartzman, Leona Oberholtzer, Colleen Pinzon, Sanford Kravett, Jack Herczeg, Grandson, Pat Moulton, Sheri Radzelovage, Janet Zambo, Geza Vegh, Loretta Scurato, Theresa Mitchell, Emerson Davenport, Gina Teel, Nonna Frances, Charlotte Gazzana, Russell Gazzana, Rebecca Wasniewski, Larry Muzyka, Heather Mowery, Teresa Yatko, Pat Warminsky, Carmela Azzolina, Walter Fry, JoAnn Connors, Mary Hasenecz, Frank Donchez, Carol Jacob, Manny and Dorothy Martinez, Ann Lester, Kathleen Angelozzi, Dorothy Fekula, Emma Fogel, Irene Nagy, Jackie Swartley, Bobby Ricks, George Treisner, Paul Micci, Mike Podhayny, Janice Mitchell, John Witmer, Neal McNulty

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Confirmation of Adults... On Pentecost Sunday, June 9th, at 12 Noon, in the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown, His Excellency, Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlerl, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Allentown, will celebrate a Eucharistic Liturgy within which he will confirm adults of our Diocese. Those to be confirmed are those adults 18 years of age or older who were baptized in the Roman

Catholic Church, received their First Communion, are catechized, but never confirmed. A copy of the candidate's baptismal certificate is required. Parents cannot serve as sponsors for Confirmation. To discuss registration details, please contact Fr. Bob at sacredheartbethlehem@gmail.com or call 610-865-5042, ext. 3, by Wednesday, May 15th, 2019.

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Verses before the Gospel: Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart; for I am gracious and merciful.

Joel 2: 12-13

The Lord calls us to conversion so that we might experience the mercy and love that he has for us. (Rev. Jude Winkler)

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SAVE THE DATE: "Easter Eggstravaganza!" April 20th from 9:30 – 11:00 AM at Sacred Heart's Father King Hall. All children up to and including 5th grade are invited! We will have a special guest appearance from the Easter Bunny! The Youth Group has planned a morning of fun. We will be hunting for Easter eggs, making Easter crafts, listening to the Easter story, enjoying a snack, dancing to music and more! All of this is free, but you need to make a reservation. Please call the rectory at 610-865-5042, email the rectory at sacredheartrectory1936@gmail.com or fill in the flyer which can be found in the main vestibule of Church and return it in the collection basket.

• **Donations needed for the Easter Eggstravaganza:** If you can donate some items such as candy and stickers, please bring them to the main vestibule of Church and place them in the basket marked *Easter Eggstravaganza*.

• If you can *Donate* some *Baked Goods*, please email Angie Carlin angie@thecarlins.net. Thank you! Sacred Heart Youth Group

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"Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Confession:

Saturday, April 13: 1:00 PM

- Last Date for Confession before Easter
- **NO** Confession at 4:00 PM on Saturday, April 13
- **NO** Confession on Holy Saturday, April 20

Palm Sunday Mass:

Saturday Vigil, April 13: 5:00 PM

Sunday, April 14: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM

Holy Thursday, April 18:

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 PM

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 PM)

Good Friday, April 19:

Stations of the Cross: 12:00 Noon

Passion of the Lord: 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday, April 20:

Blessing of Food: 12:00 Noon

Easter Vigil: 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord, April 21:

Mass: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM

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~ Fridays during Lent ~

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

6:00 PM

Stations of the Cross; Benediction: 7:00 PM

Friday, April 12:

Stations of the Cross:

"Told Through Mary's Eyes"



"O Jesus, grant me a tender love for Your Mother, who offered You for love of me."

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▶▶ **April 14 – Palm Sunday reminds you to love your spouse as unselfishly as Christ loves us. Learn ways to deepen your couple love on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For information or to register, call 1-732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.**

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Rummage Sale

Sacred Heart's 5th Annual

Rummage Sale in the Father King

Memorial Hall on Friday, April 26th, 2:00

PM – 7:00 PM and Saturday April 27th,

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Collecting:

Household Goods, Vintage, Etc. **NEW**

and **GENTLY USED** Clothes, Books, and Toys. **ABSOLUTELY NO:** Furniture, Printers, Computers, Electronics, Exercise Equipment, Baby Car Seats, Baby Mattresses, No Shoes, No Boots.

• **Drop-off time: 8:30 AM-3:00 PM** in the Father King Memorial Hall (use door in lower parking lot-next to dumpster) **Tuesdays: 4/09, 4/16; Thursdays: 4/11, 4/18.** Place item/s on stage.

• **Drop-off time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM** in the Father King Memoria Hall (use door in lower parking lot-next to dumpster): **Tuesday, 4/16; Thursday, 4/18.** Place item/s on stage.

• **Baked Goods are needed...** You can drop off your deeee-licious baked goodies on Thursday, April 25th, from 12:00 – 7:00 PM or on Friday, April 26th, from 8:30 AM – 7:00 PM in the Father King Memorial Hall.

• **Volunteers Are Needed!** If you are interested, contact ann3010@ptd.net.

• For additional information contact Ann Squires 570-460-4448.



Veils Over Sacred Images keep our minds on the promise of Easter. It seems strange that during the most sacred time of year we cover everything that is beautiful in our Church, even the Crucifix. Shouldn't we be looking at the painful scene at Calvary while we listen to the Passion narrative on Palm Sunday? But why go through such lengths to cover up images that are designed to raise our hearts and minds toward heaven?

Dom Guéranger (French Benedictine Monk and Priest) enlightens us with a mystical interpretation of the Gospel which, in former times, was read on this Sunday: As Christ hid himself from the rage of the Jewish authorities (John 8:59), so now he is hidden from the world in preparation for the mysteries of his passion.

"The presentiment of that awful hour [of our Savior's passion] leads the afflicted mother [the Church] to veil the image of her Jesus: the cross is hidden from the eyes of the faithful. The statues of the saints, too, are covered; for it is but just that, if the glory of the Master be eclipsed, the servant should not appear."

"The interpreters of the liturgy tell us that this ceremony of veiling the crucifix during Passiontide, expresses the humiliation to which our Savior subjected Himself, of hiding Himself when the Jews threatened to stone Him, as is related in the Gospel of Passion Sunday [John 8:46-59, They took up stones therefore to cast at him. But Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple (John 8:59)]."

The last two weeks of Lent form the season called Passiontide. During this time all crucifixes and sacred images are veiled in violet or red. We use veils to alert us of the special time that we are in. When we walk into Church and notice everything is covered, we immediately know that something is different. These last two weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum and these veils are a forceful reminder to get ready.

The veils focus our attention on the words being said at Mass. When we listen to the Passion narrative, our senses are allowed to focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter into the scene.

Purple: a color rich in symbolism, a sign of penance, sacrifice and preparation. It is a color of royalty, particularly the Roman emperors at the time of Christ. As an act of mockery toward Our Lord, Pilate placed a purple robe on Jesus, whom he called "King of the Jews".

Red: The color of blood and, therefore, of martyrdom. Worn on the feasts of martyrs as well as Palm Sunday, Pentecost, Good Friday and celebrations of Jesus Christ's passion.

It may be possible that the Church covers the images of the Cross during these days, for the same reason that she refrains from offering the Sacrifice of the Mass on Good Friday. Namely, in this time in which we mystically enter into the historical realities of Jesus' final days, it is not fitting to have the image, sign or sacrament of the Cross presented to the faithful.

Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on the cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. Phil 2: 8-9

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St. Ursula Parish, Fountain Hill, will offer a Parish Mission for its 100th Anniversary: Palm Sunday, April 14th, through Tuesday, April 16th, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM each evening. Sunday: Dr. Annamae Heim will speak on the Vatican International Eucharistic Miracle Exhibition (visitors will be able to read 85

Eucharistic miracle posters hanging around St. Ursula Church, continuing through Tuesday); Monday: Sister Rose Mulligan, will speak on the Shroud of Turin; Tuesday: the expedition will continue, along with adoration, Benediction of the Holy Eucharist; St. Ursula CCD will perform a dramatic Stations of the Cross. For more information, call St. Ursula Parish at 610-867-5122.





Sanctuary Lights... Candles can be lit for 7 days (Saturday to Saturday) on the High Altar of the Tabernacle, Blessed Mother Altar, St. Joseph Altar, St. Anthony, St. Jude, and Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Sanctuary Candles can be lit for any intention, death remembrance or anniversary, birthday, wedding anniversary, thanksgiving for blessings from God, for those who are ill or having surgery, or any special

intentions which someone would like special prayers for. To have one of these Sanctuary Lights lit, drop a little note in the collection basket marked "Sanctuary Lights". A donation of \$12.00 is asked. The intention will appear in bulletin, unless directed not to.

Blessed Mother Altar:

- For Healing of Body, Spirit, Soul, Mind and Heart of my Adult Child
- God's Blessings for Marlene and her Special Intentions
By: Mom and brother Dave
- Health and Welfare of Carol Kalata Jacob
By: Jack and Jean
- ✠ In Loving Memory of My Special Dad
By: daughter Marlene with Many Thanks

St. Jude:

- Special Intention

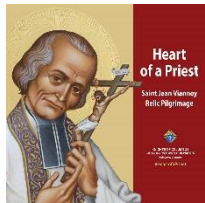
Week of March 30:

Blessed Mother Altar:

- For the Healthy Pregnancy of Jenna Steinruck
By: Grandfather
- Special Intention
- ✠ In Memory of Priscilla Keretz
By: Husband

Diocesan Victim Assistance Co-ordinator:
Ms. Wendy S. Krisak M.A., NCC, LPC;
Direct Telephone (NOT CONFIDENTIAL): 1-800-791-9209
Diocesan Safe Environment Co-ordinator:
Sister Meg Cole, S.S.J., MS, LMFT; Telephone: 610-332-0442 ext 2019
Diocese of Allentown Protection of Youth Policy: www.allentowndiocese.org

- ▶▶ **Sunday, March 24th, Weekly Envelope: \$6,800. Thank you for your generosity! Your contributions are deeply appreciated.**
- **The 2nd Collection during Lent will be for those in need throughout the community. Please place all envelopes in the first Collection.**



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St. John Vianney: Patron Saint of Parish Priests... Visitation of the Relic of St. John Vianney's Incurrupt Heart, on loan from the St. John Vianney Shrine, Ars, France, will visit St. Clare of Assisi Roman Catholic Church, 250 East Hancock Street, St. Clair PA, 17970, on Friday, April 12th. In June 2009, Pope Benedict XVI declared "The Year of the Priest" in honor of St. John Vianney's 150th anniversary of his death. When his body was exhumed to be entombed in the Shrine's Altar, it was discovered to be incorrupt.

Visitation schedule: 12 Noon: Reception of the Relic of St. John Vianney at St. Clare of Assisi Church by the Most Rev. Alfred A. Schlert, D.D., Bishop of Allentown, with a concelebrated Liturgy by the Bishop; 1:30 – 5:30 PM: Personal prayer with the relic; Two to three priests will be available for confession throughout the afternoon; 5:30 PM: Recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary with a reflection of St. John Vianney; 6:00 PM: Stations of the Cross for Priests and Vocations; 7:00 PM: Solemn Evening Prayer of the Church lead by the Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert.

Parking: The main Church parking lot is located at the corner of Mil and Carroll Streets, a one block walk to the Church. Traffic control will be present at this corner to direct motorists to the main parking lot.



Sacred Heart Memorial Society...

Those who are enrolled in the Memorial Society will have their names written in a special book. The Memorial Book will be on display by the St. Joseph Altar. An intention will also be included in the Sunday petitions for those enrolled in the Memorial Society. All donations from the Sacred Heart Memorial Society will be used for the purchasing of items needed to celebrate the Sacraments.

Suggested offering is \$20.00. A contribution to the Sacred Heart Memorial Society has been made:

- ✠ In Memory of Francis Warminsky
By: Sacred Heart Prime Time Club
By: JoAnn Crosson
By: John Yerk Family
By: GSI North America Inc.
By: Kunsman Roofing

- ✠ In Memory of Fritz Warminsky
By: Joshua, Brynn, Zachary and Layla
By: Jeffrey O. Warminsky
By: Duane and Barbara Sedlock
By: Patricia A. Tompkins
By: Don and Marianne Williams



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There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens: Ecc 3

"A time to weep, mourn and die":
Ronald J. Mitch, Sr.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon him. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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▶▶ **AFIRE (Active Faith Implementing Relief in the Epidemic)**
Father Bob has met and spoke with family and friends to hear how isolated, alone and embarrassed family and friends feel when dealing with an addiction of a loved one. Addiction is extremely hurtful and not a subject matter that is discussed openly, which allows Moms, Dads, Spouses, Siblings, and other family and friends to suffer in silence. No one can truly understand what it is like to have a family member or friend who has an addiction until that experience comes into a family's life.

If you, or anyone you know, have a family member or friend that is caught up in any kind of addiction and you would like to gather to meet others who understand the roller coaster of emotions that comes when addiction enters a family, please contact Fr. Bob through his private email address: sacredheartbethlehem@gmail.com or at 610-865-5042 (ext. 3). This will be a strictly and nonjudgmental group. People of all faiths are welcome!



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The next **Diocesan Catholic Grandparents Association** Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 16th, in St. Joseph the Worker Parish Center, Orefield, after the 7:00 PM Mass and on Saturday, May 18th, after the 8:30 AM Mass. All grandparents are welcome to attend and share in the prayers and fellowship. Our mission is to help you share and pass on the faith. Lent is a great time to share your faith with your grandchild. Consider going to Stations of the Cross on a Friday together after Mass and explaining what each station represents.

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▶▶ **Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus Chapter** will be hosting a Gently Used/New Book Fair on Sunday, April 14th, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Father Gilly Hall. (Entry door is located in the lower parking lot).