

# SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

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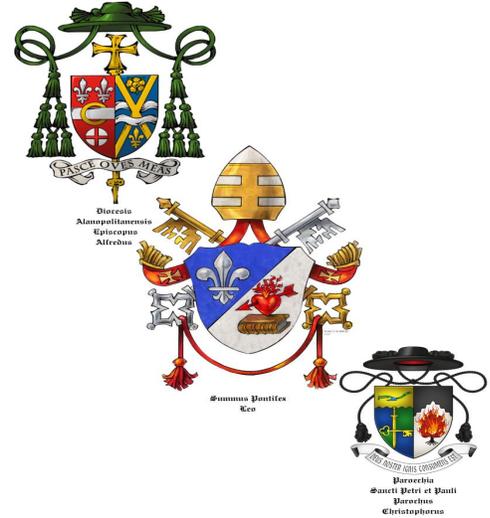
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## Fourth Sunday of Lent 15 March 2026

**Father Christopher M. Zelonis**----- *Pastor*  
**Deacon Joseph C. Wilhelm, Jr.**----- *Deacon*  
**Joseph T. Curnew, 856-472-1293** ----- *Cemetery Supervisor*  
**James G. Logue, Jr., 570-413-3819**----- *Webmaster*  
**Phil Liszka, 610-217-4768** ----- *CYO President*  
**Norine Onichimowski, 610-377-3690**----- *Parish Secretary*

### Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Friday from-----9:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Bulletin Deadline ----- Monday, 11:00 am



*The Catholic Presence in Lehighton since 1850 + Established as a Parish in 1885*

### WORSHIP

Saturday Vigil-----4:00 pm  
Sunday----- 7:45 & 10:00 am  
Daily Mass - M/T/Th/F ----- 8:00 am  
Holy Days----- As announced  
**Eucharistic Adoration**  
Thursday ----- 8:30 am—6:00 pm  
First Friday-----6:00 - 9:00 pm

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Thursday: 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm  
30 minutes before Friday, Saturday and Sunday Masses.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** First Sunday of the month during the 10:00 am Mass. Call the rectory for registration and necessary preparations.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Call the rectory at least six months in advance of proposed wedding date for registration and any necessary preparations.

**WILLS:** Please consider designating SS. Peter & Paul Parish in your last will and testament so the blessings the Lord has given you can continue to build His Kingdom.

**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:** Will be issued to parishioners who are active & registered.

### CATHOLIC EDUCATION

SSPP Parish Religious Ed. Program  
Preschool through Grade 8  
Sundays from 8:45 to 9:50 am  
Deacon Wilhelm, *Director*  
610-377-3690  
[jcwilhelm60@gmail.com](mailto:jcwilhelm60@gmail.com)

### ST. JEROME

#### REGIONAL SCHOOL

Mrs. Amy Hannis-Miskar, *Principal*  
570-668-2757 / [sjrschool.com](http://sjrschool.com)

### ST. JOHN NEUMANN

#### REGIONAL SCHOOL

Dr. Christopher Heery, *Principal*  
610-826-2354 / [sjnrschool.org](http://sjnrschool.org)

### MARIAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Fr. Robert T. Finlan, *Principal*  
570-467-3335 / [mariancatholics.org](http://mariancatholics.org)

### VOCATION MINISTRY

Mr. John Meier / 570-657-6966

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### DAMIEN COUNCIL #598

Patrick Gallagher, *Grand Knight*  
610-393-9470

### MUSIC MINISTRY

Mrs. Josephine Noll (+2025)  
Mr. & Mrs. Carl J. Marzen  
Mr. James Logue

### CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Please call rectory for information or registration.

### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Mrs. Esther Meier, *President*  
570-657-6738

### SEVEN SISTERS / FASTING

#### BROTHERS APOSTOLATE

Carol Tynan/ 570-249-0632

### DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE

#### COORDINATOR

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A.

### DIRECT TELEPHONE

800-791-9209

### DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT

#### COORDINATOR

Pamela Russo, MSW, MS

*Secretary for Youth Protection*

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610-871-5200, Ext. 2204

**Saints Peter and Paul Parish of Lehighton is a welcoming Roman Catholic community that seeks to grow in love of God and neighbor through personal prayer, liturgical celebration, doctrinal formation, and merciful living.**



**+Visitors: We're glad you're here! Please greet Father or Deacon after Mass.**

**+We especially welcome little children and their families.**

**Noise in church is a sign of hope and a motive for gratitude!**

+Please silence all noise-making devices out of respect for the Eucharist. Use your phone for religious apps and emergency communication. **WiFi: SSPP PARISH – GUEST; password: presenttense**

+Low-Gluten Hosts are available upon request; inform Father, Deacon, or an usher before Mass.

**+Restrooms: leave church by the side exit and enter the parish hall by the door closest to the school parking lot. Changing tables available in both restrooms.**

**+Please take a Treasury of Prayer booklet from the pew. Donations toward future printings are appreciated.**

**+Call or email the Rectory promptly with any information worth sharing. We'll do our best.**

+ParishSoft Giving (PSG) facilitates one-time and recurring donations thru checking acct, CC, PayPal Wallet, and Google Pay: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/sspplehighton>. Thanks also for assisting with the transaction fees.

+Be alert to the possibility of monetary donations either by the traditional basket collection or in the box in our vestibule.

+At the end of Mass, we pray **three (3) Hail Marys** and the Prayer to St. Michael, for peace & justice in the world & the Church.

+Deposit your **used printer ink cartridge** in the designated box in the vestibule or bring them to the rectory during the week.

+Families from the parish get together to **pray the Rosary every third Friday of the month at 6:30 PM**. Everyone welcome!

+**Hospitalized or homebound persons** in need of pastoral care (Eucharist, Confession, Anointing), notify the rectory ASAP.

+If you are **making any changes in residence or parish affiliation**, please contact the rectory with the relevant information.

+**House blessings** gladly conducted by appointment.

**+VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR, DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN:**

**Wendy S. Krisak-Kalamar + DIRECT #: 800-791-9209 + [www.allentowndiocese.org/youth-protection](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/youth-protection)**

The Diocese of Allentown extends the fullness of compassion to anyone who was sexually abused by a diocesan priest, deacon, or employee. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse: please contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information.

+**Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service:** To report that a bishop has abused: [www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) / 800-276-1562.

+**Rachel's Vineyard** provides pastoral care & retreats for anyone who has experienced **abortion & its effects**. [www.hopeafterabortion.com](http://www.hopeafterabortion.com) / 610-435-1541x373.

+[adlumenchristi.org](http://adlumenchristi.org) promotes human dignity against the assault of pornography with resources and support for those who struggle with its use or those who love them.

+**Natural Family Planning** information can be found at <https://www.nfpoutreach.org/3>.

+**Retrouvaille** helps heal troubled marriages: [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) / 800-470-2230.

+**realtrue.org:** The Catechism of the Catholic Church and other morsels of the Faith, presented for moderns.

+[www.CatholicCharitiesAD.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesAD.org) assists the needy throughout our diocese.

+**FreeWill** is a free estate planning service: <https://bit.ly/45vxydX>. Remember our Diocese, parish, and schools.

+**Knights of Columbus** Damien Council #598 & Msgr. Angelini 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly #971 meet in our hall on **first Tuesdays at 7 PM**.

+**Seven Sisters Apostolate** offers 1 hr of prayer each wk for a particular priest. **Fasting Brothers** fast 1 day/wk alongside a Sisters Holy Hour.

## Holy Mass + **FOURTH WEEK OF LENT**

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (“Laetare”)**

4:00 PM **Edward T. Marzen** (Michael Seroka)

Sunday, March 15

7:45 AM *pro populo*

10:00 AM **Barbara Mustacchio** (Steve & Colette)

Monday, March 16 – **Lenten Weekday**

8:00 AM **Marguerite Hess** (Norine & Family)

Tuesday, March 17 – *St. Patrick, Bp (Comm)*

8:00 AM *ad int. James R. Griffin, III* (Mother)

Wednesday, March 18 – *St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bp/Dr (Comm)*

Unannounced **Joseph R. Zelonis** (CMZ)

Thursday, March 19 – **ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF BVM (SOL)**

8:00 AM **Bill & Eleanor Thomas** (Elinore)

Friday, March 20 – **Lenten Weekday; ABSTINENCE**

8:00 AM **Catherine Steigerwalt Flounders** (Ed)

**Rose Lombardo** (John & Carol Tynan)

Saturday, March 21 – **Lenten Weekday**

### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

4:00 PM **Robert & Jane Hanson** (Family)

Sunday, March 22

7:45 AM *pro populo*

10:00 AM **Bill & Josephine Noll** (Bob & Margaret Nothstein)



**Collection** from 3/7-8:  
**\$6,152.96,** including

\$1,240.96

through

PSG, and \$361 for Operation  
Rice Bowl.



**Thank you for continuing to support the parish when weather, health, or circumstances are inclement!**

*Parish-Soft Giving (PSG) securely enables both recurring and one-time donations. For more info, visit:*

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/ssppleighton>

We have established a PayPal account for various possible uses; the QR code is above.

**Sanctuary Candle** this week **IMO Deanna Gasker, r/b The Family.** Remember what we said about

flowers during Lent? Flowers may grace the sanctuary on the **Fourth Sunday of Lent**, traditionally called “**Laetare Sunday**,” as a kind of reprieve from the somber liturgical aspects of Lenten discipline. In addition, along the floral lines, the liturgical *Ordo* (guidebook) permits more instrumental accompaniment, which is meant to be limited during Masses in Lent, even on Sundays, *which, as Deacon Joe mentioned in his recent homily, are a kind of “Little Easter” all year round.* Immediately after the Sunday Masses next week the flowers are removed, and at some point, the statues will be covered, signaling an intensification of “fasting for the eyes.”

#### HYMNS:

	4PM	7:45AM	10AM
<b>Ent</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>424</b>
<b>Off</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>418</b>
<b>Com</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>342</b>
<b>Rec</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>672</b>

**Foundations of Faith** Ascension Press series on the Catechism: **Weds at 6:30 PM**

**Stations of the Cross and Benediction:**  
Weds. at Noon; Thurs. at 6:30 PM

**Confessions:** Weds after Stations  
Thurs. from 5-6:30 PM

**LENTEN FISH FRY:** Mar 27 from 4-7 PM. Eat in/take out. **\$16.** Haddock, French fries, stewed tomatoes, coleslaw, beverage, & dessert.

**Holy Week Confession schedule:** Palm Sun Mar 29, Mon, Mar 30, and Wed, Apr 1, all 6-8 PM.; Holy Thur, Apr 2 & Good Fri, Apr 3, 8-9 AM, Holy Sat, Apr 4, 11AM-noon.

*Donation toward the weekly Sanctuary Candle or toward sanctuary flowers may be made in person or via PSG. Requested candle offering is \$10; a flower arrangement usually costs around \$50.*

*We pray for everyone plagued by the pernicious illnesses going around, and for those facing difficult diagnoses and treatments.*

**Get your 2025 Tax Statement** by contacting the rectory either by phone or email.

**Cemetery Clean-up begins on March 23. Please remove any items you wish to keep before that date. Father forgot to put it in last week’s bulletin. If you want to help Joe Curnew with the clean-up, give him a call (856-472-1293).**

## **THE LENTEN LOOP**

**Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving** are the “disciplines of disciples”: Followers of Jesus do them all the time, but more intensely in Lent. Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday require abstinence from meat for 14+. Ash

Wednesday and Good Friday require of persons aged 18-59 substantial caloric reduction to one full meal and two smaller meals. If stable blood sugar requires more frequent eating, do your best. Fasting should “sting” a little bit if it is to foster a spiritual hunger we can divert to communication with our God (prayer) and kindnesses to our neighbor (charity). These, too, deserve more intentional dedication of time and effort.

### Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the

Most Blessed Sacrament: Wednesdays at noon (but not Wed of Holy Week), and Thursdays at 6:30 PM (but not Holy Thursday). We pray with different meditations on the Lord’s saving Passion.

Eucharistic Adoration happens on Thursdays from noon to 6:30 PM, and the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) is available from 5 to near 6:30 PM.

### Holy Week / Triduum Confession

schedule: **Palm Sunday** (Mar 29) & **Monday** (Mar 30), **Wednesday** (Apr 1), **all 6-8 PM**; **Holy Thursday** (Apr 2) & **Good Fri** (Apr 3), **both 8-9 AM**, **Holy Sat** (Apr 4), **11AM-noon**.

The Ascension series “**Foundations of Faith: A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church**” remains on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM during Lent (**no session in Holy Week**).

### The Scriptural Basis for the Lord’s Supper from Genesis to Revelation:

six successive Sundays starting March 8, excluding Easter, from 9 to 9:50 AM in the hall. A lively participation in topics such as the Lord’s Supper as worship and sacrifice, Priesthood, and Passover.



Operation Rice Bowl (crsricebowl.org) was founded in our own Diocese by Msgr. Robert M. Coll, founding pastor of St. Thomas More in Allentown. Whether we use a physical bowl or envelopes, we are expressing grateful generosity for the needs of our brothers and sisters around the world. Please give by mailed envelopes or anonymously.



### Safe and Sacred Space the Second (SSSS)

is our campaign to raise money toward the replacement of the church HVAC, the Coal Street sidewalk, and the cemetery road. Donate through this QR code and watch for other means.

LENTEN FISH FRY: Friday, Mar 27 from 4 to 7 PM in the hall. Eat in or take out. **\$16** for haddock, FF, stewed tomatoes, coleslaw, beverage, & dessert.

Church Cleaners for the upcoming weekend: Raegan. To volunteer for a week either by yourself or with an established crew, call Raegan at 484-464-7131.

Volunteers also welcome to serve as Lectors (especially the 4 PM Sat Anticipated Mass), Altar Servers (all Masses), and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (for Mass and/or to the homebound and hospitalized. Please call the Rectory. Training will be available!



Our Winter Weather Mass Policy: **If Lehigh Area School District delays or cancels school, weekday Mass is**

**not offered at 8 AM.** Watch for snow and ice and stay safe! To get on a phone list informing of cancelled Mass, please inform Father.

Please let Deacon Joe know if you want to participate in the Parish Safety and Security Committee.

As part of the new Diocesan Vocations Ministry, Bishop Schlert has asked parents, catechists, etc. to recommend names of parishioners who might be suitable candidates for ordained or consecrated life. Mention their names to Father Zelonis, John Meier, or Jennifer Griffin. **While only the older candidates may be invited to diocesan vocation events, a child is never too young to think about God’s plan for his or her life.**

More than one person can schedule their Mass intentions on the same day. As Canon and Diocesan Law stipulate, the priest will keep only one of the stipends (offerings) and send the other to the Diocese for the priest retirement fund and upkeep of Holy Family Villa, the Diocesan home for retired and infirm priests.

The standard Mass or sanctuary candle offering is \$10, but we refuse no request if unable to pay. Call the Rectory to reserve or use PSG.

## **The 2026 Backyard Bash** will be held on Friday, June 26 and Saturday, June 27 from 5 to 9 PM.

You can even help in some way(s) that don't prevent you from attending it with your family.

**Facilities:** planning, setup-takedown; **Food:** purchasing, preparing, delivering food and supplies to stands during the event; **Advertising:** flyers, news stations, newspapers, online ads; big signage; **Fundraising:** getting BYB event sponsors, getting BYB raffle items, etc. Interested? Contact Gloria Bowman ([bowman2@ptd.net](mailto:bowman2@ptd.net) or 570-657-6705). **The next meeting is Sunday, March 15, after the 10 AM Mass, in the hall.**



SSPP Parishioners prepare and serve **bagged lunches for veterans every 4th Wednesday from 8:30 AM to Noon at the American Legion** building along Bridge St. Your assistance with money or labor is most welcome: Call the Rectory.

## **SSVDP News**



*The Society of St. Vincent DePaul (SSVDP) is an international Catholic volunteer organization founded in Paris in 1833. The Holy Spirit was undoubtedly present in every founding member, with Blessed Frederic Ozanam a radiant source of inspiration. "Will we then remain motionless amidst a world that suffers and groans?" asks Frederic across the centuries. Members of SSVDP who are called "Vincentians" follow Christ through service to those in need and so bear witness to His compassionate and liberating love. Vincentians serve in hope. All are welcome. For information call Esther at 570-657-6738. (From the "Rule" –capturing the heart of the Essential Elements of the Society: Spirituality, Service, and Friendship)*

*+SVPD Conferences exercise evangelical poverty in solidarity with those they serve, relying on the Providence of God through His people who are generous with what He gave them. Conferences try not to hoard money by sending forth donations as they arrive.*

**The Cold Weather Station expects to conclude its services for the season, but the unhoused and otherwise needy have many ongoing needs. The Day Program, currently in several locations, is practicing the spiritual and corporal works of mercy to empower the people they serve. It helps the helpers as well. Please call Esther (570-657-6738) or Cathy (570-952-5359) for info or registration. Parish needs do not "compete with" care for our needy brothers and sisters.**

Vincent's Closet makes available (only by appointment) the following donations we request from you: clothing for men, women, & children, especially as cooler weather approaches; personal hygiene items especially body wash, pump bottle soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, shaving cream, razors, wipes, toilet paper, hairbrushes, hair ties, dish soap, and sponges. Items of special need include deodorant, soap, shampoo / conditioner, laundry detergent, dish soap, and toilet paper. All these items can all go in the bin in the vestibule. As the cell phone has become a necessity for most of us, it is no different for the needy and homeless: we now welcome phone cards dropped off in marked envelopes. Please place all cash and card donations in the collection or take them to the parish office. Items such as dishes, glasses, pots and pans, cooking utensils, toys, small appliances, etc., we ask that you not place in the vestibule clothing bin but rather call Esther in advance (570-657-6738) to donate.

## **YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS**



SSPP CYO welcomes any boys or girls from public, Catholic, charter, or home schools to take part in activities. We welcome volunteers and suggestions for events! For event information or registration, contact District 5 CYO Commissioner Phil Liska (610-217-4768; [phill@ptd.net](mailto:phill@ptd.net)) or SSPP CYO Moderator Bill Keer (484-560-4338; [bkeer@ptd.net](mailto:bkeer@ptd.net))

Several of our parishioners attend – and several work for -- our local Catholic schools ([mariancatholic.org](http://mariancatholic.org), [sjrschool.com](http://sjrschool.com), and [sjnrschool.org](http://sjnrschool.org)). These people are the best "evangelizers" for the academic, artistic, and athletic excellence in our schools, all rooted in Catholic faith and mutual charity. **Scholarship funds are available, especially for new transfers; you may be surprised at who qualifies. Consider donating such funds for a tax break (call the respective school FMI).**

**Upcoming CYO Events Apr 11-12: Art/Craft/Photo Contest Gr. K-8** (Photos 7-8 gr only) in SSPP hall. Drop projects off on the 11<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to noon. Judging at 12:30 PM. Winners' photos on the 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 AM. **Apr 19<sup>th</sup> District 5 Spelling Bee for gr. 3-5** at 1 PM in SSPP Hall. **May 3: Declamation contest** gr. 7-8 at Notre Dame HS at 1 PM. **May 16: Chess**

Tournament at St. Elizabeth, Whitehall at 1 PM.  
May 24<sup>th</sup> D5 CYO Mass at SSPP at 10 AM with  
Brunch to follow. FMI Call Phil Liszka or Bill Keer.

**St. John Neumann Regional School is conducting a Lenten Haluski Sale on Fri, Mar 27. The Haluski will be sold cold, by the quart (\$10) & pint (\$5) containers. Pre-orders only, so please turn in orders and payment by Fri Mar 20 to pick up on the 27<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-5PM at SJN's Palmerton Campus. Blue order forms are in the back of church; please drop in the collection basket.**

"Marian on the Move" Alumni Reunions Join in an evening of Marian memories, fellowship, and Colts/Fillies Pride. Alumni, parents of alumni, grandparents, and graduates of the former Bishop Hafey and Cardinal Brennan High Schools are welcome to attend. Prereg necessary: <https://mariancatholic.org/alumni> + Greater Phila/South Jersey: Tue, Apr 28 at the Phila. Cricket Club (co-hosted by John Lavelle and Bill Stulginsky); Lehigh Valley: Wed, Apr 29 at Lehigh Valley CC (co-hosted by Maria Montero & Fr. Gene Ritz). Check the website for all locations and times.

## DIOCESAN NEWS



The Diocesan *Lumen Christi* Commission offers **hope and help for everyone affected by the scourge of pornography**. The LCC promotes *Covenant Eyes* ([covenanteyes.com](http://covenanteyes.com)), a monitoring and accountability software; *Strive* ([strive21.com](http://strive21.com)), a recovery app for men; *Arise* ([ariseforwomen.com](http://ariseforwomen.com)), a recovery app for women; and *Restored Vows*, a guide for recovering couples.

Encountering God's Love in the Sacraments: A Catechetical Workshop on Sat, Mar 21 from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena (1825 W. Turner St, Allentown). Offering theological insights and hands-on teaching strategies. Breakfast and lunch provided. Contact Katie ([kalbright@allentowndioocese.org](mailto:kalbright@allentowndioocese.org)). **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED FOR OUR PREP CATECHISTS and for all adults interested in a deeper dive into our Catholic Faith.**

Men's Commission "Monthly Rosary for Families": YouTube, 3rd Weds, 7PM [www.menaliveinchrist.org/mens-rosary](http://www.menaliveinchrist.org/mens-rosary)

**We were under our BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC 2025 goal by \$630.50, but we can look forward to surpassing it next year. This annual campaign shows how the Diocese relies on its parishes for our Catholic schools, the formation of future priests, the care of retired priests, and our service to the needy throughout our five counties.**

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Allentown offers:

- Individual, marriage, and family counseling
- Pregnancy and parenting support (counseling, material assistance such as diapers, wipes, baby items)
- Supportive services (case management, material assistance, emergency rental assistance, referrals)

For info, contact **Jeremy Leidich** at 610-435-1541 x5310.

*\*Services do not regard religious affiliation.*

Father in heaven, bless our parish to be a nurturing faith community that encourages people to pursue their vocation.

**Diocesan Employment Opportunities website:**

[www.allentowndioocese.org/about/employment](http://www.allentowndioocese.org/about/employment).

**Weekly email of events sponsored by the Diocese:**

<https://allentowndioocese.flocknote.com/DiocesanEvents>



The Damien Council #598 (1st-3rd degrees) and Msgr. Angelini Assembly #971 (4<sup>th</sup> degree) meet every first Tuesday in SSPP parish hall at 7:00 PM and 7:30 PM respectively. **Next meeting: Mar 3.**

**Bereavement Support Group:** April 13 & 20, May 4, 11, & 18, all Mondays. In the Brogan Room in St. Joseph Rectory of Immaculate Conception Parish: 526 North St. Jim Thorpe. Space is limited; registration required. Call 570-325-2791 by April 6 to register.

**Sacred Heart Parish Mission:** Mon, Mar 16 thru Wed, Mar 18, beginning each night at 6:30 PM with rosary. Talks by Fr. High Gillespie of the Montfort Missionaries, followed by a special blessing.

**All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast** at Yenser's Tree Farm on Sun, Mar 22 from 8 AM to 2 PM. Share a relaxed morning with neighbors, friends, and fellow church members (if before church, an hour before receiving Communion). Reserve by **next Sunday** for \$2 off, or else pay \$14 for adults, \$9 for children 3-12 & free for 2 & under. Easter flowers & candy, homemade crafts for sale (free admission).

**Come Walk with Me:** An evening of reflection on the Gospels, meditation to music offered by Irish tenor Mark Forrest (Fr. Z recommends), and Eucharistic Adoration, with the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr. Z also recommends). Wed, Mar 18 at 6:30 PM, at Queenship of Mary Parish, 1324 Newport Ave, Northampton.

## The Shipwreck-Harvest

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Our fasting mystically shares in Jesus' forty-day wilderness fast, and in His human experience of vulnerability and temptation. Calling upon St. John Henry Newman, Pope Leo tells us that fasting prepares us concretely to receive God's Word. No more can we think in generalities about reform.

IHM Sister Mary Katherine Blanding ("Fasting as a Path to Discernment," *spiritualdirection.com*) poses specific questions around self-denial: "When am I most prone to grazing? When do I reach for food—or comfort—without reflection? From what, precisely, can I abstain?"

"Hunger exposes our attachments to comfort, control, and predictability." We become irritable when "something we have relied upon—which perhaps we did not even notice—is taken away from us." Humility un masks our "false securities and hidden dependencies."

But precisely there we can turn to the Lord. As angels ministered to Elijah, Daniel, and Jesus Himself, we too realize that we are not alone.

# < KID'S > KORNER

## Gospel Today Fourth Sunday of Lent / John 9:1-41

In today's gospel, Jesus and His disciples came upon a man who had been blind since birth. As Jesus smeared clay into the man's eyes, He **lent** His healing powers to the blind man, and sent him to the Pool of Siloam to wash. When the man returned, his eyes were able to see, but more importantly his heart was open to believe in Jesus. Not as a sinner, as many believed, but truly the Son of God.

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### Lent

The season of being sorry for sin, asking forgiveness and helping others.

### lend / lent

The act of giving assistance or support to helping others.

WEEK  
4  
Dear God,  
This week I...



\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Love,

### Examples

- Help look for and find a lost item.
- Find the reading glasses a senior might have misplaced.
- If traveling, read the directions for an adult driver.
- Donate used eyeglasses.

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Jesus told His disciples the man was born blind so the works of God could be made visible (seen) through him. Jesus also knew being blind was not easy, and the man had to depend on others at times.

Help someone understand and "see" the love of God by **lending** your services to help others. Write your lend/lent action on the cross. Color in the cross.



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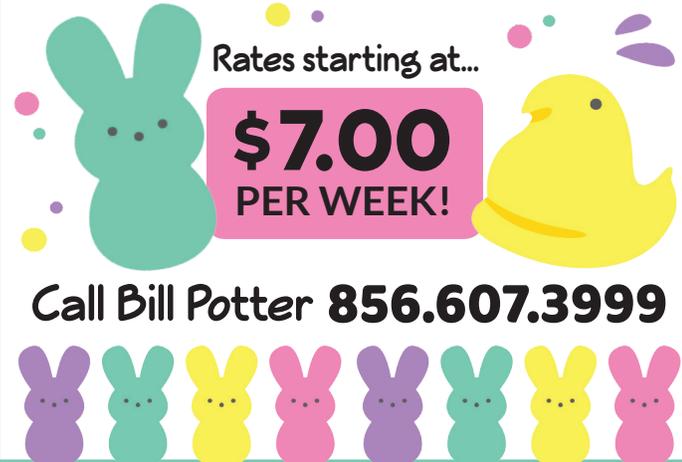
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