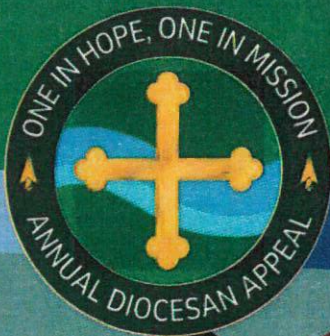


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**Monday, February 12**

11:30am – Ellamae Carrera

**Tuesday, February 13**

8:00am – Agnes Snyder

Helen Kaiser

**Wednesday, February 14****Ash Wednesday**

8:00am – The People of the Parish

12:15pm – The People of the Parish

6:00pm – The People of the Parish

**Thursday, February 15**

8:00am – Vocations to the Priesthood

**Friday, February 16**

8:00am – Mass

8:30am – Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, February 17****Vigil – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

3:00pm – Reconciliation

4:00pm – Mr. &amp; Mrs. William Donnelly

**Sunday, February 18****1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

9:00am – The People of the Parish

11:30am – The Mullarkey &amp; Skoufatos Families

**FROM THE PASTOR...**

This Wednesday, we will gather to commit ourselves to our annual Lenten journey. Enriched with the Word of God, nourished with the Body of Christ, and marked with the Ashes of Repentance, we are sent out into the world, much like Christ in the desert. Our journey is one that seeks to renew us in the constant process of conversion. Through the traditional practices of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving, we are invited to reflect more deeply on our relationship with God, ourselves, and others. May this coming season of Lent become more than a *“this is what we always do”* approach, and rather, challenge us to discover a greater sense of devotion in living out our faith. A reminder that we will have three Masses on Ash Wednesday to begin this holy season – 8:00am, 12:15pm and 6:00pm. Please plan to join with our parish family as we prepare ourselves for the joy of the Easter Resurrection. As the words of Paul’s letter to the Corinthians, heard every Ash Wednesday remind us, “Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation”.

**PRAYER**, while always necessary for our relationship with God, is a valuable part of the Lenten journey. We are invited to consider increased participation at Mass, the prayer of the Stations of the Cross, or other forms of prayer – all leading us to a deeper understanding of God’s presence in our lives.

**FASTING** refers to limitations on food and drink. The regulations of fast prescribe taking only one full meal a day, with two smaller ones; nothing in between meals. There are two days of fast: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Additionally, individuals are asked to reflect on their lives, and seek to fast from something that has kept them from focusing more on their relationship with the Lord (i.e. – excessive TV or social media, certain foods or vices, etc.).

**ABSTAINING** means refraining from certain kinds of food or drink, typically meat. Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent including Good Friday are days of abstaining from meat.

**ALMSGIVING**, like prayer, should always be part of our Christian journey, but like prayer, becomes a heightened awareness and understanding during the Lenten season. Consider your gift to the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal – *One in Hope, One in Mission*, contributions to the Holy Week collections for Catholic Relief Services (Rice Bowl on Holy Thursday and the Holy Land on Good Friday), as well as an increased contributions to the parish and other charities of choice. Don’t forget our “Green Eggs (or any color) and Ham” collection. Like the very successful Turkey Connection, we will be collecting Hams (not baked) and colored Easter eggs for Easter Dinners at area soup kitchens. This will be on Tuesday, March 26, from 10am – 3pm in the parish hall.

**CLEAN UP YOUR ACT FOR LENT**

Beginning next weekend, we will be collecting personal hygiene and household cleaning items for those in need throughout our community. Any items may be placed in the bins located at the entrances of the Church. All items will then be distributed through Catholic Charities. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

## WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

The theme for the 32nd World Day of the Sick, which will be observed on February 11, 2024, is inspired by the Book of Genesis: "It is not good that man should be alone." The theme is further subtitled as "Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships." In his message, Pope Francis emphasizes the fundamental importance and healing power of our relationships with others and with God. This theme invites us to recognize that human beings are created for communion and that healing extends beyond physical ailments to include the restoration of relationships and connections. Let us continue to pray for a greater healing among all in need. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!



## ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

**One in Hope, One in Mission**

In today's Gospel story, Jesus cleanses a leper with the word, "Be made clean" (Mark 1:41). The faith of this leper moves God to give him the outward cleanliness he sought. This healing would allow him to reenter Jewish society, from which he had been cast out.

Jesus says he came that "they might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). He didn't just come to cleanse the outside, like the Pharisees, who "cleanse the outside of the cup and the dish" (Luke 11:39). He came to renew all of us, outside and in.

We need your help to meet the many needs of those around you; Jesus says that, "As to what is within, give alms, and behold, everything will be made clean for you." (Luke 11:41). Jesus says there is a connection between almsgiving and the true cleanness of life which the Jews sought. Small wonder: Almsgiving requires sacrifice. It requires the same spirit of sacrifice that we need to take up our personal cross valiantly. Our Annual Diocesan Appeal is in full swing, and we encourage you to take this opportunity to help us help others.

## REAL PRESENCE BOOK STUDY

What does it mean when we say that Christ is truly present in the Eucharist? Join us for our Lenten book study and find out! As a part of our observance of the Eucharistic Revival, we will be enhancing our understanding of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, using Timothy O'Malley's book *Real Presence: What Does it Mean and Why Does It Matter?* Groups will meet **Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm on February 13, 20, and March 5, 12, and 19, and on Thursday mornings from 8:30-10:00am, on February 15, 22, and March 7, 14, and 21.**

If you would like to join us, please call the parish office so we can be sure to have enough books. Hope to see you there!

### Parish Support

**February 4, 2024**

Amount Received	\$ 15,974.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$ 954.00
EFT January	\$ 9,535.00
YTD Received	\$505,060.26
YTD Budget	\$480,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 25,060.26



**Thank you for your continued support of our parish and all our ministries! God Bless**

## MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND

We have reinstated the Homebound Eucharistic Ministry and need a few more volunteers. If you are a Eucharistic Minister and are interested in taking communion to the homebound, please contact Kay McCarthy at 330-533-4982.

Anyone who takes communion into people's homes or into nursing homes/assisted living facilities must be in full compliance with the Diocesan Safe Environment Policy before beginning the ministry. You will need to read the Diocesan policy and sign an acknowledgement, complete an online VIRTUS training, and submit your fingerprints for a background check.

For more information on this policy, please call Maureen Hall at the parish office. (330-533-6839).

**Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, February 14 in observance of Ash Wednesday.**



## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Ash Wednesday

#### Wednesday, February 14 – 8:00 AM

**Lector:** Juanita Sherba

**Euch. Min:** George Beelen (X)

Joyce Sutton (HF)

Sue DePinto (T)

**Ushers:** Jerry Laska, Richard Gary

#### Wednesday, February 14 – 12:15 PM

**Lector:** Barb Spencer

**Euch. Min:** Kay McCarthy (X)

Shirley Dunn (HF)

Bill Petro (T)

**Ushers:** Kevin Henchar, Marty Repasky

#### Wednesday, February 14 – 6:00 PM

**Lector:** Roseann Peluso

**Euch. Min:** Kim Maciukiewicz (X)

Kim Gilbert (HF)

Barbara Cummings (T)

**Ushers:** Chuck Wirtz, Russell Layfield

### Weekend Liturgies

#### Saturday, February 17, – 4:00 PM

**Lector:** John Morvay

**Server:** Lauren Smallwood

**Euch. Min:** Maxine Gordon (X)

Jeanne Neville (HF)

Diane Graham (T)

**Ushers:** Mark Graham, Bill Petro

#### Sunday, February 18 – 9:00 AM

**Lector:** Sherry Massaro

**Server:** Michael Smallwood

**Euch. Min:** John Tomory (X)

Brandy Tomory (HF)

Kim Maciukiewicz (T)

**Ushers:** Jim Naples, Jerry Laska, Marty Repasky,

Kevin Henchar, Mike Fabian

#### Sunday, February 18 – 11:30 AM

**Lector:** Olivia Donadee

**Server:** Nate Ferguson

**Euch. Min:** Kim Gilbert (X)

Laura Lonardo (HF)

Roseann Peluso (T)

**Ushers:** Tom Eaton, Luke Scolieri



### *Welcome Our Newly Baptized*

*Stella Louise Rich*

Daughter of Kendal & Dominic Rich

*Chloe Anne Comstock*

Daughter of Amanda & Robert Comstock

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On the Fridays of Lent (February 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, and 22), Mass will be held at 8:00am followed by Stations of the Cross at 8:30. Please plan on making this part of your Lenten Journey.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Dante DeAngelo	Pat Hoyle	Barbara Dunn Lowe
James Dunn, Sr.	Dale Hynes	Jayne Lynn Lowe
Jay Gettemy	Jack LeBrun	Mary Lou Mack
Richard R. Gregg	Bridget Dunn Leonard	Janice Rovnak
John Hahn	Patricia Lesho	Lisa Velker
Zina Herrera		



### *Born to Eternal Life*

*Celeste Teaberry*

*James Mullarkey*

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Monday, February 12

9:00am – Fitness Fun

12:00pm – Young at Heart

### Tuesday, February 13

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

6:30 – 8:00pm – Book Study

### Wednesday, February 14

**Parish Office Closed**

9:00am – Fitness Fun

### Thursday, February 15

8:30 – 10:00am – Book Study

10:30am – Scripture Sharing

7:00pm – K of C

### Friday, February 16

8:30am – Stations of the Cross

9:00am – Fitness Fun

4:00 – 7:00pm – Fish Fry

7:30pm – AA Meeting

3:00pm – Reconciliation

### Sunday, February 18

No events



## MILITARY LIST

*Abby Cruz – Navy Pilot*

*Ryan Cruz – Captain, Marine Corp.*



If you would like a name on the 2024 Military List, please call the Parish Office at 330-533-6839.

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### DINE IN or TAKE OUT

**Fridays - February 16 - March 22**

4:00pm – 7:00pm in the  
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Just come on in to gather at a table  
or take your meal home to the family.

Fried or Baked Fish, or Fried Shrimp  
with 2 side selections from:  
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Anyone willing to donate home-made desserts,  
please drop them off at the FLC on Thursdays  
from 4-7 or Friday from 8-12. Thank you.



Just a reminder that Young at Heart will meet this  
coming Monday, February 12, with Mass at 11:30  
followed by lunch and the program at 12:00. Stephen  
DeRosa will have a presentation on "How to Recognize  
and Avoid Scams."

### Congratulations to our Raffle Winners

\$3,000 – Marcia Micchia  
\$2,000 – Elia & Anthony Ghioldi  
\$1,000 – Rosemary Raver  
Tequila Basket – Rebecca & John Vanca  
Wine Basket – Susie & Gerry Ricciutti  
Blanton's Basket – Dr. Mark & Michelle Billy  
Bourbon Basket – Gina Ligas

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