

St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church

February 27, 2022

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*LORD Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant Her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.*

*Let us Pray for
Peace and Harmony in the World.*



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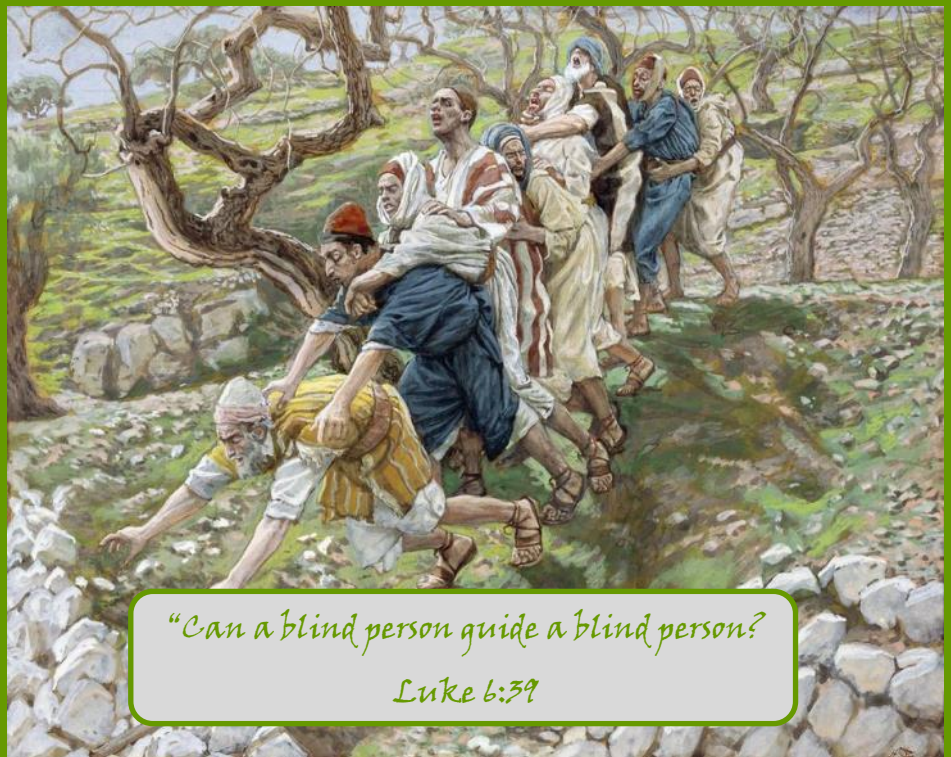
Weekend Mass Schedule

Vigil ~ 5:00 pm
Sunday ~ 8:00 & 10:30 am
(See Weekly Calendar Inside)

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*shine like lights
in the world.*
phil 2:15a



"Can a blind person guide a blind person?"

Luke 6:39

Be Not Afraid!

See the Catechism of the Catholic Church, #314.

Mass Schedule, Intentions and Events for the Week of Feb. 26 ~ Mar. 6

Saturday, February 26 ~ Vigil for The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM MASS + TIMOTHY HELLER

Sunday, February 27 ~ The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sirach 27:4-7 ♦ 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 ♦ Luke 6:39-45

8:00 AM MASS – PEOPLE OF PARISH

10:30 AM MASS + EDWIN KRAUS

Second Collection: Local Poor

Monday, February 28 ~ Weekday in Ordinary Time

1 Peter 1:3-9 ♦ Mark 10:17-27

Parish Office CLOSED

No MASS

Tuesday, March 1 ~ Weekday in Ordinary Time

1 Peter 1:10-16 ♦ Mark 10:28-31

8:00 am - 2:00 pm ~ Parish Office Open

10:00 AM MASS + JOHN FINAMORE



SHROVE TUESDAY

Wednesday, March 2 ~ ASH WEDNESDAY

Joel 2:12-18 ♦ 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2 ♦ Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

8:00 am - 2:00 pm ~ Parish Office Open

10:00 am MASS + SHARON PICHLER

NO Confessions

7:00 pm MASS + ELSIE MAE HOWARD

NO Adoration



Thursday, March 3 ~ St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 ♦ Luke 9:22-25

8:00 am - 2:00 pm ~ Parish Office Open

10:00 AM MASS + FR. TIMOTHY O'MARA

6:30 pm ~ Knights of Columbus - Conference Room



Friday, March 4 ~ St. Casimir

Isaiah 58:1-9a ♦ Matthew 9:14-15

Parish Office CLOSED

10:00 AM MASS + Rose Henrique



Saturday, March 5 ~ Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Isaiah 58:9b-14 ♦ Luke 5:27-32

Saturday, March 5 ~ Vigil for The First Sunday in Lent

5:00 PM MASS + BISHOP NICHOLAS DATTILO

Sunday, March 6 ~ The First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:4-10 ♦ Romans 10:8-13 ♦ Luke 4:1-13

8:00 AM MASS + MR. & MRS. FRANKLIN WALTER & SON

10:30 AM MASS – PEOPLE OF PARISH



LENTEN FISH FRY

Interest has been raised into
having fish fry's.

WE YOUR NEED HELP!

If you are interested in helping
please call Wally Kane
as soon as possible!
@ 717-334-4811.



The



Knights of Columbus Council #14035 would like to
thank all those who contributed to:

The **ARC of Adams County.**

We were able to present them a check in the
amount of \$200.00

Soup sale for the seminarians.

Offerings were \$475.00.

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on half of the Parish or Diocese."

CONTRIBUTION TAX STATEMENTS

The 2021 contribution statements
are ready. Again this year, copies of the
contribution statements will be
mailed ONLY upon request.

Anyone requesting a copy, please contact
Sue in the Parish Office by
phone or sswitzer@hbgdiocese.org

Women of St. Ignatius Luncheon **Tuesday, March 1 @ 12:30 pm**

Join other ladies of the parish at Perkins on Route 30 East for
some good food and fellowship. It's a low-key, friendly affair.

All ladies are welcome!

If you have questions please call Sharon McCormley
@ 717-401-1144.

LENT



Remember man
that you are
dust and into
dust you shall
return.

Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, March 2



Mass Schedule ~ 10:00 am & 7:00 pm

(Ashes imposed at both Masses)

The Significance of Ashes

A Reflection by Pope St. John Paul II

The ashes imposed on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday are a reminder of our unworthiness and sinfulness – sinfulness that corrupts and stains us and leads to death (we return to the dust from whence we came). Ashes remind us of our original sin and our need of redemption – of our need to be cleansed of sin and made worthy of Salvation. This is why the priest says, as he imposes ashes on our foreheads, “Remember, O Man, that you are dust and unto dust you shall return”.

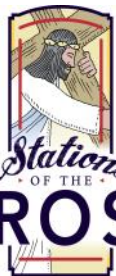
ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY ARE DAYS FOR FAST AND ABSTINENCE.
FRIDAYS OF LENT ARE ALSO DAYS OF ABSTINENCE.

FASTING is to be observed by all, 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday.

On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed. [As are medications, including those prescribed as to “take with food.” Any doctor nutritional/dietary approved regimens are thus outside the Lenten disciplines. Holy Mother Church does not envision risking one's health as appropriate for Lent or at any other time.]

ABSTINENCE is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. It has already been noted that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted. (Code of Canon Law, 1251-1252)

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptismal promises at Easter.



CROSS

All Fridays of Lent

beginning Friday, March 4

7:00 pm

Knights of Columbus ~ 40 Cans for Lent

Help the Knights collect for the 40 days of Lent for the Food Pantry. They are collecting

Monetary Donations, NO cans.

March 12 - 27

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What is Synodality?

Throughout this process, we hear the words: Synod, Synodality, and Synodal process. What do these words mean? Do they mean the same thing?

A helpful short definition of the Synod of Bishops is a gathering of bishops that

1. Fosters closer unity between the bishops and Pope
2. Provides counsel to the Pope on matters of faith and morals, and discipline of the Church
3. Studies questions concerning the Church in the world (c.f. Code of Canon Law c. 342).

Voting in the Synod of Bishops is limited to bishops present at the Synod gathering. However, clergy, men and women religious, theologians, catechists, canon lawyers, and lay experts all participate in the Synod gathering with bishops by providing their counsel.

Synodality and the Synodal process are not a gathering or meeting of bishops, nor are they the administrative arm of the Church. Rather, Synodality is the path and process of the Church as communion. It is the communion of all the baptized who are listening to each other, dialoguing with each other and praying together to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit as we all seek holiness and proclaim the Gospel. Synodality involves clergy, religious and laity listening and speaking, praying and discerning together, and placing the hopes and concerns of the People of God at the foot of the bishops, who, united with the Pope, decide matters of faith and morals in order to preserve the faith and strengthen the Church throughout the world.

“Synodality, in this perspective, is much more than the celebration of ecclesial meetings and Bishops’ assemblies, or a matter of simple internal administration within the Church; it is ‘the specific *modus vivendi et operandi* [way of living and being] of the Church, the People of God, which reveals and gives substance to her being as communion when all her members journey together, gather in assembly and take an active part in her evangelizing mission” (Preparatory Document no. 10). “In fact, this People, gathered together by its

Pastors, adheres to the sacred deposit of the Word of God entrusted to the Church, perseveres constantly in the teaching of the Apostles, in fraternal communion, in the breaking of bread, and in prayer, ‘so that holding to, practicing, and professing the heritage of the faith, it becomes on the part of the Bishops and Faithful a single common effort” (Preparatory Document no. 13). Synodality and the Synodal process are not about engaging others for the purpose of deciding matters through a parliamentary vote. Nor is the primary purpose of Synodality to introduce democratic methods into the Church, where the majority determines how the Church will act. Synodality is also not about promulgating strategic plans or managing pastoral parish ministries through objectives. Synodality is about the entire People of God journeying together to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to become holy.

“The Pastors, established by God as ‘authentic guardians, interpreters and witnesses of the faith of the whole Church,’ should not be afraid to listen to the Flock entrusted to them. The consultation of the People of God does not imply the assumption within the Church of the dynamics of democracy based on the principle of majority, because there is, at the basis of participation in every Synodal process, a shared passion for the common mission of evangelization and not the representation of conflicting interests. In other words, this is an ecclesial process that can only take place ‘at the heart of a hierarchically structured community.’ Every Synodal process, in which the Bishops are called to discern what the Spirit is saying to the Church, not by themselves but by listening to the People of God, who ‘shares also in Christ’s prophetic office’ (LG, no. 12), is an evident form of that “journeying together” which makes the Church grow” (Preparatory Document, no. 14 see also c.f. *Lumen Gentium* no. 12; CCC nos. 91-93).

As we embark on this Synodal process as the local Church of Washington, let us remember the words of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians, “Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good” (1 Thess. 5:19-21).

The Ten Key Themes of Synodality- for Consultation Discussions

This Synod poses the following **Fundamental Question:**

A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, "journeys together."

The Central Question:

- How is this "journeying together" happening today in your parish and in our diocese?
- What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our "journeying together"?

1. COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY:

In the Church and in society we are side by side on the same road.

2. LISTENING:

Listening is the first step, but it requires an open mind and heart, without prejudice.

3. SPEAKING OUT:

All are invited to speak with courage and parrhesia, that is, in freedom, truth, and charity.

4. CELEBRATION:

"Walking together" is only possible if it is based on communal listening to the Word and the celebration of the Eucharist.

5. SHARING RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR COMMON MISSION:

Synodality is at the service of the mission of the Church, in which all members are called to participate.

6. DIALOGUE IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY:

Dialogue requires perseverance and patience, but it also enables mutual understanding.

7. ECUMENISM:

The dialogue between Christians of different confessions, united by one baptism, has a special place in the synodal journey.

8. AUTHORITY AND PARTICIPATION:

A synodal church is a participatory and co-responsible Church.

9. DISCERNING AND DECIDING:

In a synodal style we make decisions through discernment of what the Holy Spirit is saying through our whole community.

10. FORMING OURSELVES IN SYNODALITY:

Synodality entails receptivity to change, formation, and on-going learning.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
BLESSINGS
TO ALL IN OUR
PARISH FAMILY
CELEBRATING IN MARCH!**



JUST A REMINDER

**IF YOU ARE YOU ON FACEBOOK PLEASE LIKE
US AND SHARE!**

**If not, please join us on the St. Ignatius Facebook Page.
Join our page for Daily reflections and other St. Ignatius news.**

Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life.

Phil 2:15d, 16a

*The Sanctuary Candle reminds us of the Presence of Jesus
Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament.*

The Sanctuary Candle in the church is offered for the

month of March In Memory of

John & Louise Strasbaugh

from

Theresa & Gary Cowan



For the intention of the
Holy Father, Pope Francis,
for the month of March:

*We pray for Christians facing new bioethical
Challenges; may they continue to defend the
dignity of all human life with prayer and action.*



Ministers' Reading Schedule

February 26/27

5:00 pm - Mark Schur

8:00 am - Tim McGinn

10:30 am - Mary Lou Graham

March 2 - Ash Wednesday

10:00 am - Peggy Ernst

7:00 pm - Val/Rob Mentzer

March 5/6

5:00 pm - Cheryl Sobun

8:00 am - Tim McGinn

10:30 am - Val/Rob Mentzer



Please Pray for:

Coronavirus victims and those who are ill, Rebecca Baldwin & Bruce & Sara, Jim & Jeanie Kline, Colleen, Baby Addie, Danielle, Peggy Neiderer, Chris Kimple, Trey, Gene & Jo-Ann McDannell, Robert Riquet, Bob & Donna Doxzen, Kimberly Mears, Sheila, Gabriella Angello, Alexander, Lena Swartz, Mark & Kate Morrow, Denyel, Calvin Cramer, Mark Morris, Linda Fogleman, Paul Knight, David, Dennis Turner, George & Barbara Erstila, Jeff Carpenter, Nelson Harmon, Cole & Connor, Diane Slothour, Sue McDannell, Mickie & Larry Schneider, Joe & Lisa Grasel, Ange Pena, Julie Barnhart, Shaffer family, Em Dickerson, Endy Family, Brad Pabody, Adeline Lienard, Robbie, Michael & daughter, Mike Huete, Aiden Tyler Schneider, Karrie McCall & daughter, George Shahid, Heather, Dorothy Vega, Mande, Marylyn Sobun, Drew Schneider & Family, Paul Ward, Ida Bloomfield, Linda McDannell, Ted, Janie Singley, Joseph Whalen, Mary Beth Greenstreet, Rick Benedict, Nelson Salem, Ryan, Kathe Fogleman, James, Sam Sheffler, Eileen, Kate Hemmis, Salem Shunnarah, Lana, Dennis Oehmsen, Baby Hannah, Jean, Bill Graham, Joanna Hodges, John Varones, Joan O'Sullivan, Donna, Martha Klinger, Lisa Dionne Lauretti, Sue Orndorff, Jim Gleason, Sue Gustafson, Rosemary McGilloway, Michelle Cleary, Dalton, Kim Johnson, Helen Mills, Ray Haber, Haley Detman, Fr. Bill Sullivan, Kathy, Jan Patla, Joe Durovey, Bev Smith, Donald Sheppard, Jenn, Ursula Kaley, Linda Mumaugh, Alison Haring, Hank & Loretta, Janet Hartman, Edward Johnson, Mary Irwin, Angela Galeone, Juliette Lang, Chris MacBeth, Harry Graham, Donald Howard, Armond Binni, Troy Weishaar, Elizabeth Stansky, Pat Johnson, Chris Morris, Peg Hippensteel, Faud Doaney, Rae Harmand, Marlene Iannotti, Patrick Glass, Helen Lagasse, Nancy Kewisnek, Maureen McGilloway Collins, Anji Eisenhart, Andy Graham, Monica Manner, Denny Borbonus, Paul & Helen Myers Scarlata, Mary Hawthorne, Ed Washington, Josh Kempinski, Nancy Baker Baltzey, Spencer Propts, Assour and Abuhajaze, Karlton Smith & Cheryl Sobun, Marlene Webster, Yvette Stoklosa, Andy Consiglio, Bill & Michelle Cloonan, Emile Shunnarah, Janet Shunnarah, Gorge Shunnarah, Bill & Deb McClintock, Mary Pekich, all nursing home residents, shut-ins, all parishioners, and all private intentions.

**Also In your prayers please also remember all our men and women who are currently in our Armed Forces who are on active duty.
Pray for them, their families, and for their safe return.**

**Maj. Nathan Jeffcoat - Marines, Lt. Alexandra Jeffcoat - Navy, Lt. Joseph Cleary - Navy, Michael C. Kenney IV - Coast Guard,
Joshua Kimple - Army, Lt. Sarah Fogleman, M.D. - Navy CPT.**

If you have a family member or someone who you would like listed in the bulletin for the parish prayer chain to pray for, contact:

Mickie Schneider at hlsforts@centurylink.net or 642-8501 or Helen Lagasse @ 352-4339.



Lent 2022

			WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			2 MARCH ASH WEDNESDAY Let us draw closer to God this Lent. <i>Joel 2:12-13</i>	3 Come, Follow Me Choose to respond generously to Jesus' call. <i>Luke 9:23</i>	4 Cleanse Me, O God! Confess your sins and seek forgiveness. <i>Psalms 51:3-4</i>	5 Have Mercy, Lord! Open your heart to God's love today. <i>Psalms 86:3-4</i>
6 SUNDAY Not By Bread Alone Pray to trust God to help with your needs? <i>Luke 4:4</i>	7 MONDAY When Did We See You? Help someone in need today. <i>Matthew 25:37-40</i>	8 TUESDAY Our Father Spend extra time in prayer today as Jesus taught us. <i>Matthew 6:9-13</i>	9 A Humble Heart Pray for forgiveness from God and others. <i>Psalms 51:18-19</i>	10 Ask, Seek, Knock! Pray to God for what you need most. <i>Matthew 7:7-8</i>	11 Lord, Hear Me! Pray with confidence that God will answer you. <i>Psalms 130:1-2</i>	12 Love Your Enemies! Who do I most need to reconcile with today? <i>Matthew 5:43-45</i>
13 Listen to Jesus! How can I listen more carefully to Jesus' words? <i>Luke 9:35</i>	14 Be Merciful! How might I care and help someone in need today? <i>Luke 6:36</i>	15 Hear God's Word! Read scripture today to discover God's message for you. <i>Isaiah 1:10</i>	16 Greatness through Service How might I serve someone in need today? <i>Matthew 20:26-27</i>	17 God Knows Our Heart Open my hidden self to God today in prayer. <i>Jeremiah 17:9-10</i>	18 Family Strife How can I lessen any tensions in my family relationships? <i>Psalms 133:1</i>	19 ST. JOSEPH God Is Merciful How might I thank God for all the gifts that I have received? <i>Psalms 103:1-2</i>
20 My Burning Bush What is like the burning bush that most reveals God to me? <i>Exodus 3:2-4</i>	21 The Unwelcome Prophet How might I need to speak out for greater justice today? <i>Luke 4:24</i>	22 Unlimited Forgiveness Who do I most need to forgive or be forgiven by today? <i>Matthew 18:21-23</i>	23 God's Commands Which of the commandments most needs my attention today? <i>Matthew 5:19</i>	24 Listen to My Voice! How might I find more time to read and reflect on Scripture today? <i>Jeremiah 7:23</i>	25 THE ANNUNCIATION Return to God! Trust that God will forgive and heal me from my sinfulness. <i>Hosea 14:3-4</i>	26 Pray for God's Mercy! Take time to pray humbly for God's forgiveness. <i>Luke 18:13-14</i>
27 Ambassadors for Christ With whom might I share what Jesus means to me? <i>2 Corinthians 5:20</i>	28 A New Creation How can I change my prejudices that make life hard for others? <i>Isaiah 65:17-18</i>	29 Do You Want to Be Well? Ask Jesus to heal what ails you most in body or spirit. <i>John 5:6</i>	30 Doing God's Will How might I better follow Jesus' example and help others? <i>John 5:30</i>	31 Believe My Words! How might I apply Jesus' message of freedom and justice today? <i>John 5:37-40</i>	1 APRIL God Hears Cries for Justice How might I act to make a situation more just today? <i>Psalms 34:18</i>	2 Do Justice, Lord! How might I help to protect the innocent and vulnerable today? <i>Psalms 79:10</i>
3 No Condemnation Like Jesus, how might I forgive others instead of condemning them? <i>John 8:11</i>	4 Throwing the First Stone How can I be more understanding before judging others? <i>John 8:7</i>	5 God Is with Me How might I pay more attention to God's presence with me today? <i>John 8:29</i>	6 Blessed Are You! How might I praise and thank God in a special way today? <i>Daniel 3:52</i>	7 They Wanted to Stone Him How might I call on God to be with me in times of trouble? <i>John 8:58-59</i>	8 The Lord Is with Me Rejoice today for God's presence in you and in your life? <i>Jeremiah 20:11</i>	9 One Community How might I invite those outside or marginalized into our community? <i>John 11:52-53</i>
10 PALM SUNDAY He Emptied Himself How can I give myself in greater service to those in need? <i>Philippians 2:6-11</i>	11 Acting for Justice How might I be willing to suffer to create more justice today? <i>Isaiah 42:1-2</i>	12 One Will Betray Me How might I make amends for the ways I have betrayed Jesus? <i>John 13:21</i>	13 30 Pieces of Silver What most tempts me to deny and betray Jesus and his ways? <i>Matthew 26:14-6</i>	14 HOLY THURSDAY I Give You an Example Like Jesus, how can I serve those most in need today? <i>John 13:14-15</i>	15 GOOD FRIDAY Crucify Him! How might I act like Jesus even when difficulties overwhelm me? <i>John 19:6</i>	16 EASTER VIGIL He Has Been Raised! Let us seek the risen Christ now in our everyday lives. <i>Luke 24:5-8</i>

PRAYER SHAWLS

They also can be called Comfort Shawls, Peace Shawls. The people who make these Lap blankets for the sick are praying as each stitch is made in the blankets. When the blankets are completed they are blessed.

The person that is wrapped in the blanket is wrapped in prayer.

If you would like to help make shawls or if you know someone who needs a prayer shawl please call
Terry Edwards @ 352-9112 or the parish office.



IT'S A GREAT DAY TO
HAVE A GREAT DAY!

Easter Bingo



Easter Ham Bingo will be
Monday, April 11.

Doors open at 5:00 pm.

The kitchen will be open and serving.

If you would like to help
please contact:

Donnie & Diane MacBeth @
717-677-9352.

2022

HERSHEY PARK



Hershey Park discount

tickets are available.

Pick up an Order Form in the Narthex of the Church, fill out and return with your payment. You may drop off in the office or place in a envelope and drop in the collection basket (marked Hershey Park, office) **NO LATER THAN April 10th.**

Ticket Price

Purchase before April 29, 2022 \$39.95 regular price \$77.80

Ticket valid April 2 - January 1, 2023
(After May 1 \$42.95)



Single-Use Meal Plan

\$13.99 regular price \$15.85

Snack Voucher

\$4.50 (pre-purchase only)



DIOCESEAN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BECOMING CHAMPIONS

FOR CHRIST

Saturday, April 2th

8:15 am - 3:15 pm

2022 Diocesan Men's Retreat @

Diocese of Harrisburg Conference Center

Keynote Speaker: Mr. Adam Janke

In-Person: \$35

Virtual: \$20

Register at www.hbgdiocese.org/men



Springs in the Desert

If you struggle with infertility, you may feel like you're in a lonely, desert place. But you are not alone! The Diocese of Harrisburg and Springs in the Desert are partnering to support couples carrying the cross of infertility with a free morning event, including a special Mass and morning of reflection and fellowship, on **Sunday, March 27, beginning at 9 a.m.** Come with your spouse or on your own to pray, be uplifted, and experience friendship with others on this same path. Following Mass, we will share a light breakfast, hear inspiring, short reflections from several speakers, and have opportunities to build community with those experiencing a similar season of life.

It is our honor to walk with you!

Register for free and learn more: www.springsinthedesert.org/hope

Pope announces 2 March as day of prayer and fasting for Ukraine

Pope Francis says his heart aches over the situation in Ukraine and announces a “Day of Fasting for Peace” on Ash Wednesday.

Vatican News | 23 February 2022

During the General Audience on Wednesday, Pope Francis made a heartfelt appeal for peace in Ukraine, saying that the threat of war had caused “great pain in my heart.”

“Despite the diplomatic efforts of the last few weeks,” the Pope said, “increasingly alarming scenarios are opening up,” with many people all over the world feeling anguish and pain.

““Once again the peace of all is threatened by partisan interests,” he stressed. Pope Francis appealed to those “with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God, who is the God of peace and not of war, who is the Father of all, not just of some, who wants us to be brothers and not enemies.””

He also prayed that “all the parties involved refrain from any action that would cause even more suffering to the people, destabilizing coexistence between nations and bringing international law into disrepute.”

Prayer and fasting for peace

Speaking at the end of the General Audience, Pope Francis invited everyone to make 2 March, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace.

“I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war,” he said.

Russia and sanctions

As the threat of war looms in Eastern Europe, the United States sought to put pressure on Russia on Wednesday by stepping up sanctions.

The U.S., the European Union, Britain, Australia, Canada, and Japan planned to target banks and elites while Germany froze a major gas pipeline project from Russia.

British Foreign Secretary Liz Truss said Britain would stop Russia from selling sovereign debt in London.

The moves come after Russia deployed troops in separatist regions of eastern Ukraine.

Putin on Monday recognized the enclaves in the Donbas region which border Russia, raising increasing fears in the West of a major war.

Ukraine prepares

According to the Ukrainian military, one soldier was killed and six wounded in increased shelling by pro-Russian separatists using heavy artillery over the previous 24 hours.

The military also said Ukraine has started conscripting reservists aged 18-60 following a decree by President Volodymyr Zelenskiy.

Meeting on hold

As the current situation intensifies, the White House said a possible meeting between U.S. President Joe Biden and President Putin is “certainly” not an option at the moment, adding that a de-escalation of conflict with Ukraine would be needed for such a summit.

Ukraine major archbishop responds to Russian invasion: 'The LORD is with us'

By Hannah Brockhaus | Rome Newsroom, Feb 24, 2022

God is always on the side of the victims of unjust aggression, the leader of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church said on Thursday, hours after Russian forces invaded Ukraine.

Major Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk supported Ukraine's right to defend its independence as Russia attacked Ukrainian military targets on the morning of Feb. 24.

"It is our natural right and sacred duty to defend our land and our people, our state and all that is dearest to us: family, language and culture, history and the spiritual world," he said.

The Ukrainian archbishop also emphasized God's closeness to those who suffer injustice.

"We believe that in this historic moment the Lord is with us," Shevchuk said. "He, who holds in his hands the fate of the whole world and of each person in particular, is always on the side of the victims of unjust aggression, the suffering and the enslaved."

"It is He who proclaims His Holy Name in the history of every nation, captures and overthrows the mighty of this world with their pride, the conquerors with the illusion of their omnipotence, the proud and insolent with their self-confidence. It is He who grants victory over evil and death. The victory of Ukraine will be the victory of God's power over the meanness and arrogance of man! So it was, is and will be!" the archbishop declared.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said in a TV statement early Thursday morning that Russia did not have plans to occupy Ukraine, and demanded that the Ukrainian military lay down its arms.

Shortly afterward, Russian troops crossed the north, south, and eastern borders into Ukraine from multiple points. Ukrainian officials reported shelling and missile strikes across Ukraine, including at airfields and military headquarters near Ukraine's capital city of Kyiv.

Both military and civilian deaths have been reported.

Shevchuk said Ukraine "is in danger again," and said "the treacherous enemy" has broken the basic norms of international law, "stepped on Ukrainian soil, bringing with him death and destruction."

"At this historic moment, the voice of our conscience calls us all as one to stand up for a free, united and independent Ukrainian State," he continued.

"The history of the last century teaches us that all those who started world wars lost them, and the idolaters of war brought only destruction and decline to their own states and peoples."

Fears that Russia was beginning a full-scale invasion of Ukraine were heightened this week after Russian President Vladimir Putin announced that he would recognize the breakaway Ukrainian regions of Lugansk and Donetsk as independent entities.

The eastern regions, which are run by Russian-backed separatists, include land currently held by the Ukrainian armed forces.

Ukraine is a country of 44 million people bordering Belarus, Russia, Moldova, Romania, Hungary, Slovakia, and Poland.

According to BBC News, on Thursday Russian military crossed into Ukraine not only from points on the Russian border, but also from Belarus, a Russian ally.

Shevchuk leads the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, the biggest of the 23 Eastern Catholic Churches in full communion with the Holy See.

"This Church," he said, "which has already survived death and resurrection, as the Body of the Risen Christ, over which death has no power, the Lord gave to his people in the baptismal waters of the Dnipro River," he said.

"Since then, the history of our people and its Church, the history of their liberation struggles, the history of the incarnation of God's Word and the manifestation of His Spirit of truth in our culture have intertwined forever," the archbishop continued.

"And in this dramatic moment, our Church, as a mother and teacher will be with its children, will protect them and serve them in the name of God! In God is our hope and our victory will come from Him!"

"Today we solemnly proclaim: 'Our soul and body offer we for our freedom!' With one heart we pray: 'Lord, Great and Almighty, protect our beloved Ukraine!'"

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Food for the Spirit:

*No need to
clip coupons,
Jesus saves!*



Flowers on the Altar are
In Honor of:
Irene Finamore
from her family



Upcoming Second Collections:

March

13 ~ Easter Flowers

27 ~ Catholic Relief Services

"There are some truths which seem to get old almost as soon as they are born." -Hilaire Belloc

The LORD is kind and merciful.

Sacrament of Penance

Wednesday ~ 6:00 - 7:00 pm; or by appointment.

Sacrament of the Sick

Anointing of the Sick should be given if an individual is gravely ill or near death. If possible, the Sacrament should also be administered before major surgery or when one is initially hospitalized.

Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

Diocesan policy requires 12 months of preparation for Marriage. Contact the parish as soon as possible after engagement. No arrangements should be made prior to consultation with the pastor.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents must be registered members of the parish and attend a Baptism preparation class prior to the Baptism if this is your first child baptized. Requirements for godparents are established by the Catholic Church. Please call the parish office for information and to register your child for Baptism.

Parish Registration

All Catholics should be registered in their local parish. Please contact the parish office to obtain registration forms, or if you are uncertain of the parish where you should register.

Parish Staff & Ministries Directory

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Altar Flowers

Diana Stouffer 512-517-9997

Bereavement Luncheons

Ginny Bittle

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OPEN-Please contact office if you are interested

Cemetery

Contact Sue Switzer

Knights of Columbus

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Diocese of Harrisburg
Youth Protection Program

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www.YouthProtectionHBG.com

Abuse Reporting Contact Information

First - Call the toll-free PA Child Abuse Hotline at 800-932-0313

Then - Call the Diocesan toll-free hotline at 800-626-1608

"If one member suffers, all suffer together with it." (1 Cor 12:26)