

MASS INTENTIONS

DAILY MASSES CAN BE SEEN AT SERCC.ORG

February 14

11:30 AM † Barry Lagler
by Our Lady of Fatima Sodality

February 21

11:30 AM † Jakub Janik / Edward Sajdera
by Janik Family

READINGS FOR 6TH SUNDAY IN OT

First Reading:	Leviticus 13: 1 – 2, 44 - 46
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 32
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 10: 31 – 11:1
Gospel:	Mark 1: 40 – 45

ASH WEDNESDAY

DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

The priest will say the prayer for the blessing of the ashes. He will then address all those present and say the words over the ashes. The priest will then clean his hands put on a face mask and distribute ashes by sprinkling them on the head of the parishioners without saying anything.

Prot. N. 17/21 From the Congregation for Divine Worship & Discipline of the Sacraments, 12 January 2021.

The Distribution of Ashes via sprinkling is a common, traditional practice in many countries, but is not well known in the United States.

These changes minimize the necessity of physical contact between the minister and recipient and remove the need for the minister to speak while in close proximity to the recipient. Please note that no water or oil is added to the Ashes utilizing this method.

Therefore ashes in the sign of a cross will not be marked on the parishioner's forehead but rather sprinkled on the top of the head. Please bow your head forward as shown in the photo.



**Ash Wednesday Mass will be
5:30 pm on February 17th.**

**FOR GOD SO LOVED
THE WORLD THAT HE
GAVE HIS ONE AND
ONLY SON, THAT
WHOEVER BELIEVES
IN HIM SHALL NOT
PERISH BUT HAVE
ETERNAL LIFE.**

John 3:16



PARISH INFORMATION

Administrator: Rev. John Pendzick
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Office Hours:

Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

St. Elizabeth P.R.E.P.

Registering children for religious education?

Contact Mrs. Spieker at 610.266.0695 ext 208

Sacraments *Registration is required for parish membership and sacraments*

Church Administrator Rev Pendzick 610.266.1548

Baptisms:

The sacrament of baptism is celebrated after Sunday Mass.

Marriages:

The sacrament of marriage is celebrated by contacting the church Administrator.

Anointing of the Sick:

The sacrament of anointing may be performed for those in need by calling the church Administrator.

Confession/Reconciliation

The sacrament of reconciliation will take place 15 minutes prior to Mass on Sunday or by appointment. Call the church Administrator.

Lost & Found Items

Anyone who misplaces or leaves an item at church after Mass may come a few minutes early the next week to check for their lost item.

Donated to the SS. Peter & Paul Memorial Fund
by *Marianne Hoffman*
\$100 in memory of Barry Lagler

For Sacraments, Mass Intentions, Sanctuary Candle or Altar Flowers, please call 610.266.1548

PASTOR'S CORNER

The Lord Can Make Me Clean

No one who sought Jesus out was refused His help. Even the untouchables and the outcasts of Jewish society found help in Him. Unlike the people of Jesus' time who fled at the sight of a leper, Jesus touched the leper who approached Him and He made him whole and clean. Why was this so remarkable? Lepers were outcasts of society. They were driven from their homes and communities and left to fend for themselves. Their physical condition was terrible as they slowly lost the use of their limbs and withered away. They were not only shunned but regarded as "already dead" even by their relatives. The Jewish law forbade anyone from touching or approaching a leper, lest ritual defilement occur.

This leper did something quite remarkable. He approached Jesus confidently and humbly, expecting that Jesus could and would heal him. Normally a leper would be stoned or at least warded off if he tried to come near a rabbi. Jesus not only grants the man his request, but he demonstrates the personal love, compassion and tenderness of God in His physical touch. The medical knowledge of his day would have regarded such contact as grave risk for incurring infection. Jesus met the man's misery with compassion and tender kindness. He communicated the love and mercy of God in a sign that spoke more eloquently than words. He touched the man and made him clean - not only physically but spiritually as well. The Lord is always ready to show us his mercy and to free us from whatever makes us unclean, unapproachable or unloving towards others.

Fr. Pendzick



PIEROGIE SALE MARCH 1ST

We will be making Pierogie again. Cost is \$7 per dozen. Orders will be due February 15th.

To order call Wanda at 610-336-9518.

Help is needed on Sunday, February 28th starting at 7 am and Monday, March 1st starting at 8 am in St. John's Social hall.

Cash donations are always greatly appreciated!

A signup sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

We are only making 500 dozen so order early.

Pick up will be March 1st from 3 – 6 pm at St. John's.



Pierogie Pinchers of SS. Peter & Paul

Lenten Fish Dinner

Drive Thru Pick up only at St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall, 924 N. Front St Allentown Friday February 19 from 4 – 6:30 pm. Cost is \$12 baked haddock fillet, roasted potatoes, green beans, creamed cabbage, tartar sauce, dessert. Tickets can be purchased by calling 610-432-0034 Deadline February 14. NO SALES AT THE DOOR.

Winter Grab n' Go

St. Mary's, 122 Union St., Catasauqua will be offering a Winter Grab n' Go for Lent. Orders are due Sun, Feb 21st; pick up on Fri, Mar 12th 4 - 6 pm. Pizza Kits (enough for 3 pizzas). Plain \$13, Pepperoni \$14 or Sausage \$14. Homemade Pierogies \$9/doz. Homemade soups 15 oz. containers: \$4.50 Cream of Tomato or Broccoli. \$5 Loaded Potato, New England or Manhattan Clam. \$5.50 Lobster Bisque, Cream of Chicken or Roarin Crab. Payment due to the address above by February 21st. Call 610-264-0332. Thank you for your support.

Easter Flower Sale

To benefit our Youth Ministry Programs. All plants are priced at \$4 per pot. Pre-ordered plants can be picked up Friday, March 26, after 11 am at St. Elizabeth parish office or on Palm Sunday, March 28, in St Elizabeth parish hall after from 8:30 – 11:30. The size of these plants makes them a perfect gift for shut-ins, office staff and neighbors. **Deadline for ordering is Monday, March 15th.**

Call Mary Spieker for orders 610-266-0695 ext 208