

MASS INTENTIONS

DAILY MASSES CAN BE SEEN AT SERCC.ORG

March 14

11:30 AM †Tadeusz Gjondla
by Agata & Zdzislaw Dwornicki

March 21

11:30 AM † Barry Lagler
by Freddie Wesolowski

READINGS FOR 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

First Reading:	2 Chronicles 36: 14 – 23
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 137
Second Reading:	Ephesians 2: 4 – 10
Gospel:	John 3: 14 – 21

LENT & EASTER SERVICES

ALL SERVICES ARE IN ENGLISH UNLESS SPECIFIED

Holy Week Schedule 2021*

* Note: some services will be held at St Elizabeth

Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Elizabeth*
Tuesday, March 23rd 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Palm Sunday Mass March 28th

11:30 am Sunday

Holy Thursday April 1st at St. Elizabeth*
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm
(Adoration until 11:00 pm)

Good Friday, April 2nd

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 5:30 pm

Holy Saturday, April 3rd

Blessing of the Easter Food Baskets at 12:00 noon

Easter Sunday Mass April 4th

11:30 am Sunday

Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm all Fridays in Lent led by parishioners

A volunteer may open and close the church

*All Masses and services are subject to change,
please read the bulletin and website for updates.*

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PARISH INFORMATION

Administrator: Rev. John Pendzick
Rev. Joji Adagata

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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.

Questions / Concerns

If you have questions or concerns about SS. Peter & Paul services, sacraments, procedures, Mass, liturgy, candles, intentions etc. please call the parish office for answers.

Volunteers should not be tasked with relaying messages. It delays response time and may require follow up questions on our part. Calling directly is more efficient.

610.266.1548

PASTOR'S CORNER

Giving Up

There goes a simple story of a father trying to explain the importance of the season of Lent to his ten-year-old son. He stressed the need to prepare oneself well for the Risen Christ. The father said, "You should 'give up' something in Lent. Something you will really miss, for example, chocolate!" The boy thought for a moment and then asked, "**What are you giving up, Daddy?**" "I'm giving up liquor." the father replied. "But before dinner you were drinking something." the boy protested. "Oh! That was only wine." said the father. "I gave up hard liquor." To which the boy replied, "Well then, I think I'll give up hard chocolate!" Giving up completely is a hard challenge and a difficult task in life. But going through the tough way, one can obtain true success in life. ***Only by giving up human interests in favor of God's choices, can one find heavenly bliss!***

The Bible is a mighty witness to those heroes & heroines of faith who "gave up": Abraham, Moses, Ruth, David, Elijah, Jeremiah, Esther and Job. Today, each one of us is being invited and challenged to "give up" things in life. ***"Give up" our will in favor of God's will in our lives. "Give up" our sinful tendencies to allow purity and holiness to overshadow us. "Give up" our selfish desires and interests to make space for the needs of others. "Give up" our personal time of comfort and luxury to give more time to the Lord. "Give up" our judgmental attitudes and embrace the spirit of gentleness and forgiveness. "Give up" our feelings of brokenness and let in God's presence and grace to heal us.*** No doubt that this "giving up" is a hard task that might even seem "impossible" to us. Any mountain you can't tunnel through? God specializes in things thought impossible. *He does the things others cannot do!*

Mother Mary is the greatest human example of impossibilities being converted to realities through God's Power! In her humanity she said "Yes" to God, *in her "giving up" humanity has "given up" the sinful nature.* She is our model disciple to imitate. *She is our beloved Mother to hold fast to.* Let us imitate mother Mary in her dare and courage for the sake of God's Kingdom to "give up" completely and allow God into our lives completely.

Fr. Joji



PARISH FINANCE REPORT

Now that Fr. Pendzick has been administrator for a full six months of this fiscal year we would like to offer a report on the parish finances.

Utilities – \$4,514

Example: electricity, heating, air conditioning, water

Building/Ground maintenance – \$3,493

Example: updates to building equipment, lawn care, shrubbery, snow plowing

Liturgical expenses – \$1,808

Example: candles, host, wine, bulletin, decorations, envelopes, incense, music

Taxes/Insurance – \$38,295

Example: sewer, sanitation, real estate tax for parking & residence, property insurance, liability insurance, subsidies for diocese and school

Administration – \$21,663*

Example: salary, office expenses, misc clerical; *(shared expense with other parishes)

Contributions/Fundraisers – \$48,595 Expense Total – \$69,773

OUR COMMUNITY

Homemade Easter Egg Sale

St. Francis of Assisi 1046 W. Cedar St, Allentown. Choose from Peanut Butter, Coconut Cream, Butter Cream or Peanut Rolled Eggs (*either with butter cream or peanut butter centers*). All varieties come in milk or dark chocolate and will be sold for \$9 or \$10 per ½ pound or \$17 or \$19 for pound. Orders due Sunday, March 14th. Order form can be found at www.stfrancisallentown.org at bottom of page. Questions: 610-433-6102.

Easter Dessert Sale

St. Mary's Church, 122 Union St., Catasauqua is holding a Pellman's Easter Dessert Sale. All desserts will arrive frozen in time for Easter with delivery being on Wednesday, March 31st from 4:00 - 5:30 pm in St. Mary's Parish Center. Apple Crumb Cake \$12; Peanut Butter Pie, or Pecan Pie \$16; Carrot Cake, Banana Cake or Coconut Cake \$18; Peanut Butter Triple Chocolate Cake, Plain Cheese Cake or Strawberry & Cream Cheesecake \$20; Cheese Cake Sampler or Raspberry Cheese Cake \$22. For a copy of the order form, kim.stmarys122@gmail.com Orders and payment are due by March 21st. Please call 610-264-0332 with any questions.

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 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

Easter Candy Fundraiser

St. Elizabeth Youth Ministry Easter candy pick-up will be after the Mass on Palm Sunday, March 28th at **St. Elizabeth parish hall.**