

THE LITURGICAL WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 4

St. Casimir

First Saturday

8:30am - Respect for Life

4:30pm - Jim R. Hess†

Sunday, March 5

1st Sunday of Lent

8:30am - Leslie Jackson

11:00am - Ann Marie Rowe†

12:30pm - St. John Parishioners

Monday, March 6

8:30am - Natalie Wassong†

Tuesday, March 7

SS. Perpetua & Felicity

8:30am - Priest's Intention

Wednesday, March 8

St. John of God

5:15pm - William Froehlich†

Thursday, March 9

St. Frances of Rome

8:30am - Ann Marie Rowe†

Friday, March 10

8:30am - William Froehlich†

Saturday, March 11

4:30pm - St. John Parishioners

Sunday, March 12

2nd Sunday of Lent

8:30am - Adeline & James Kenny†

11:00am - William Froehlich†

12:30pm - Priest's Intention



CONFESSIONS

Monday 7:30 — 8:15 am

Wednesday 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Friday 7:30 — 8:15 am

Saturday 3:30 — 4:15 pm

DEVOTIONS

**ADORATION OF
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Wednesday 5:45 pm

BENEDICTION

Wednesday 7:00 pm

MORNING PRAYER

After Mass on Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday & Friday

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

After Monday Morning Prayer

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

are in memory of

Catherine Ann Magnier†

PRAYERS

FOR OUR SICK & SHUT-INS

Please remember the infirmed of our parish, especially those who, by request, have been placed on our parish prayer intention list. If you would like to be added to this list, please call the parish office. You may call for a copy of the prayer list.

SPIRITUAL READING & REFLECTION

*You shall not
put the
Lord,
your GOD,
to the test*



ON TEMPTATION

Even “Jesus’ life was a battle: he came to conquer evil, to conquer the prince of this world, to conquer the devil.” Jesus battled against the devil, who many times sought to tempt him. “During his earthly life, he experienced temptation and persecution.” Thus, Pope Francis observed, “we who want to follow Jesus and who by our baptism have taken to the Lord’s path, must be well aware of this truth: we too are tempted, we too are objects of the demon’s attacks,” for “the spirit of evil does not want us to become holy, it does not want us to bear witness to Christ, it does not want us to be disciples of Christ.”

The pope then asked: “What does the spirit of evil do to snatch us away from Jesus’ path through temptation?” He replied: “The devil’s temptations have three main characteristics, and we have to be aware of them in order not to fall into his trap.” First, “the temptation begins subtly but then it grows and increasingly grows

stronger.” Then “it infects someone else; it spreads to another and seeks to take root in the community.” Finally, “to calm the soul, it seeks to justify itself.” In short: it “grows, spreads, and justifies itself.”...

“When we are tempted, we travel down this same road,” the pope warned. “We are tempted and it grows and spreads to others.” Just think of gossip: if we are “a little envious of one person or another,” we don’t contain our envy but sometimes share it with others by speaking badly about the person. This is how gossip “seeks to grow and spread to another person and yet another.”... This “is the way gossip works, and we have all been tempted to gossip.” Pope Francis then confided: “I too have been tempted to gossip! It is a daily temptation,” that “begins slowly, like a trickle of water.”

This is why we have to “be careful when we feel something in our heart that would lead to destroying

people, destroying reputations, destroying our lives, leading us into worldliness and sin.” We must be “careful because if we do not stop ourselves in time, that trickle of water, when it grows and spreads, will become a tidal wave that leads us to justify ourselves.”...

“We are all tempted, because...our spiritual life, our Christian life, is a battle,” the pope said. This comes from the fact that “the devil does not want us to become holy, he does not want us to follow Jesus.” “Of course one of you will say: But Father, you are so old-fashioned, speaking about the devil in the 21st century!” To this Pope Francis replied: “Watch out, the devil exists! The devil exists even in the 21st century. And we must not be naive. We must learn from the Gospel how to battle against him.”

*Based on a homily by Pope Francis
His Holiness Pope Francis was elected to
the See of Saint Peter in 2013.*

Magnificat March 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS



DAILY MASS READINGS

March 5 Sun

1st Sunday of Lent

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/
Mt 4:1-11

March 6 Mon

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

March 7 Tue

Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

March 8 Wed

Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

March 9 Thu

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12

March 10 Fri

Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

March 11 Sat

Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

March 12 Sun

2nd Sunday of Lent

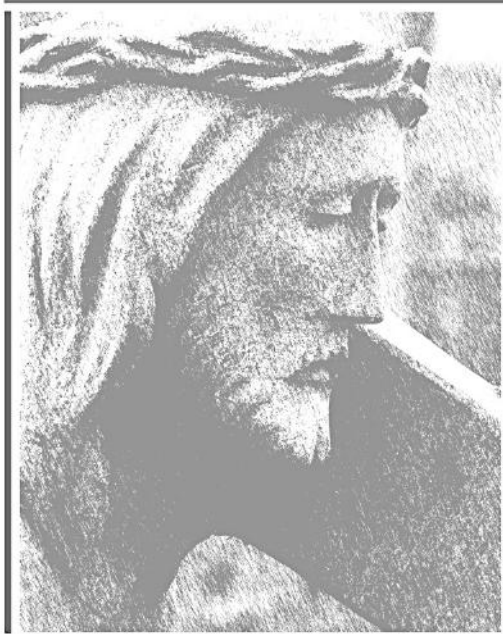
Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

OFFERTORY REPORT

Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 — June 30, 2017

Offertory Totals for the Masses of February 25 & 26, 2017

	This Week	Y.T.D
Actual	\$6,470	\$263,106



CHOOSE NOT DEATH,
BUT LIFE
BY DENYING YOURSELF
AND FOLLOWING
IN THE FOOTSTEPS
OF THE LORD
-ORDO

STATIONS OF THE
CROSS

FRIDAYS AT 5 P.M.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES — ASHEVILLE

CCDOC (Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte) has a local office located at 50 Orange St. in Asheville, with services available to the general public. Our current services include: pregnancy support and domestic adoptions facilitated through CCDOC, counseling for both English and Spanish speakers, assistance with immigration forms and application for citizenship, a food pantry and used clothing closet, and refugee resettlement case management. We welcome volunteers interested in assisting the agency who wish to share their gifts and talents. For further information, please visit our website www.ccdoc.org or call our office 828-255-0146.

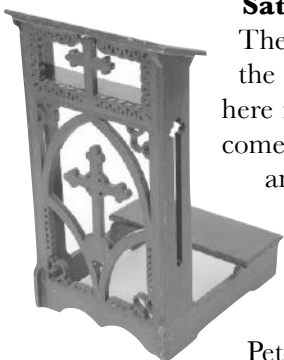
PRAYER KNEELERS ARE HERE THIS WEEK!

Deacons Brian Becker and Peter Ascik

Saturday, March 4 — Friday, March 10

The kneelers are on a "prayer pilgrimage" to the parishes in our diocese. St. John the Baptist is hosting two of the kneelers (for Brian Becker and Peter Ascik) Saturday, March 4 through Friday, March 10. They are located here in the church—temporarily replacing our usual kneelers in front of the votive offerings. You are invited to come and say a prayer on the kneelers and to share messages and prayer intentions in their journals. The kneelers and journals will be presented to them as gifts upon their ordination.

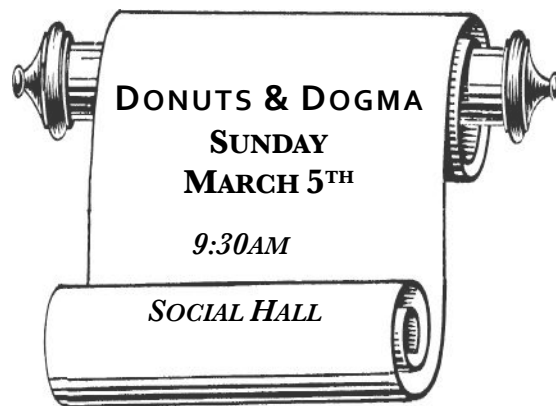
We thank Mary's Sons, an apostolate established by lay Catholics in our diocese, for providing the kneelers. Their mission is to promote prayer, support and love for our priests. They also support Eucharistic Adoration, 40 hours Devotions and Holy Hours for an increase in Vocations. Mary's Sons has purchased the personal kneelers for the five men who will soon be ordained priests in our diocese: Deacons Peter Ascik, Christian Cook, Matthew Bean, Brian Becker and Christopher Bond.



PRO LIFE PRESENTATION ON CONTRACEPTIVES

— MARCH 25TH

All adult members of St. John’s parish are invited to attend an excellent presentation by Pat Glass on: the known and unknown effects of contraceptives on individuals, effects on interpersonal relations, the major and minor side effects on health, the effects on the environment, and the effects on society in general. Join us for this excellent and informative presentation on Saturday, March 25th from 10:30am to 12:30pm in the social hall. There will also be a question and answer period. Coffee will be served. **Registration is required: Call Pat Glass at 828-206-9544.**



FORMED

Saints and materials available this month:

March 13: Anniversary of the Election of Pope Francis

Movie: Francis: The People’s Pope

Película: Francisco: Un Papa Entre la Gente

Movie: Conclave: How a Pope is Elected

Película: Cónclave: Cómo se Elige a un Papa

Movie: Who is Pope Francis?

Película: ¿Quién es el Papa Francisco?

Movie: Francis: Pope of the Renewal

Audio: Answering Common Objections: The Pope

March 17: Saint Patrick

Movie: Patrick: Brave Shepherd of the Emerald Isle

Película: Patricio: El Secreto del Trébol

Book: St. Patrick’s Summer

Book: The Young People’s Book of Saints

Book: The Year and Our Children

Book: Twenty Tales of Irish Saint

Website: www.formed.org Parish Code: GFP4TN

WORD OF LIFE

“It is important to remember that no matter what you have done, you retain your dignity as a son or daughter of God, loved by the Father. What sin has disintegrated, grace can reunite and make whole.”

“Wash Me Thoroughly”: *Healing from Pornography Use and Addiction*
Daniel Spadaro / USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth

ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Second Quarter 2017 in the making... please be sure to send an email to Theresa at stjohnff@windstream.net to let her know your availability for April, May and June 2017. Unless we hear from you, it is presumed that you are available for any month in the upcoming quarter. If you have any changes in your mailing address, email address and or phone number please contact Theresa Fitch in the church office.

**KNOW YOUR FAITH, LIVE YOUR FAITH,
SHARE YOUR FAITH**

New pamphlets in the vestibule: *The Mercy of God, The Passion and Death of Christ, Purgatory,* and *The Busy Family’s Guide to Lent.*

March
12th

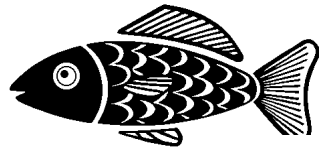


*Set your
clocks
forward
1 hour*

PARISH LIFE

Mon	Mar 6	9 am 7 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet RCIA, Social Hall
Tue	Mar 7	6:30 pm	Women’s Group
Wed	Mar 8	6 pm	Faith Formation Classes, Parish Center
Thu	Mar 9	9 am 10 am 6:30 pm	Patriotic Rosary, Church Women’s Bible Study, Social Hall Men’s Group, Social Hall
Fri	Mar 10	5 pm 5:30 pm	Stations of the Cross K of C Lenten Fish Fry, Social Hall
Sat	Mar 11	9:30am	K of C Mtg (officers 8am), Social Hall

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FISH FRIES

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

Mark your calendar! Our annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner will be Saturday, March 18th, after the 4:30pm Mass. Tickets will be available after Masses on March 4th/5th and March 11th /12th.

More details coming.



Fridays: March 10th, 24th, 31st, & April 7th — at 5:30pm in the Social Hall

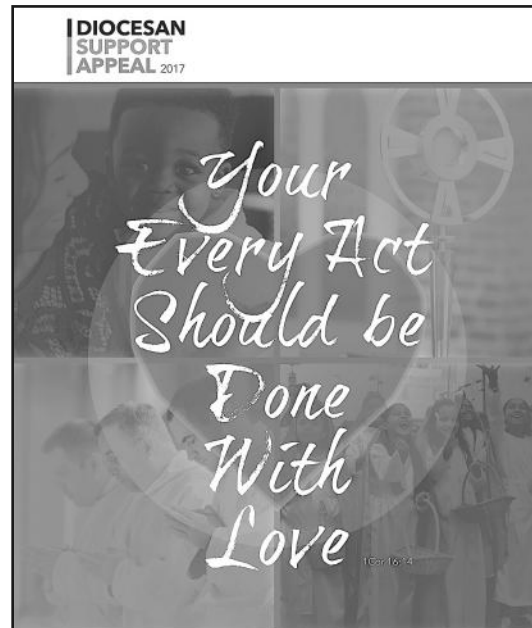
As always, the menu will include: fish and fries (\$10) or shrimp and fries (\$12) or combination (\$11), also includes cole slaw, mac and cheese (substituted for fries), dessert and beverages.

THE 2017 DSA

On behalf of those who benefit from the Diocesan Support Appeal, thank you for your generosity. Remember the words of St. Paul, "your every act should be done with love." 1Cor 16:14.

SAVE THE DATE

Mar 5	First Sunday of Lent
Fridays	Stations of the Cross during Lent at 5pm
Fridays	K of C Fish Fries - select Fridays in Lent
Mar 18	K of C St Patrick's Day Dinner
Apr 9	Palm Sunday
Apr 13	Holy Thursday parish office closes at 12:30 & closed thru Apr 17
Apr 14	Good Friday
Apr 16	Easter Sunday
Apr 22	English Baptism Prep Class
Apr 23	Divine Mercy Sunday
May 25	Ascension Thursday
Jun 4	Pentecost
Jul 9 - 14	Totus Tuus Week
Sep 8 & 9	Diocese of Charlotte Eucharistic Congress



PARKING

Thank you for your care to park first in our parking lots and on the grassy area by the office driveway and in the driveway. Please continue to make sure that cars are parked off the street so as to allow easy travel for our neighbors and emergency vehicles. Also, please do not park on Hillside Court so our neighbors have easy access to their homes.

With gratitude and prayer, Fr. Arnsperger



FAITH FORMATION

YOUTH GROUP

- March 5, 2017 Donuts & Dogma—9:30am, Social Hall
- March 10, 2017 Fish Fry #2: Arrive by 5:15pm to serve
- March 12, 2017 Youth Breakfast with Fr.—9:30am Social Hall
- March 17, 2017 No Fish Fry
- April 1, 2017 Bishop's Lenten Pilgrimage at Belmont Abbey

Youth, let the Saints guide you...
"Jesus is with me. I have nothing to fear."
 Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, March 9

The women's Thursday morning Bible study will meet March 9 at 10:00am in the parish social hall to study *The Book of EXODUS*—the history of our own Catholic family. Any questions, please call Suanne Then at 864-457-2554 or email: suannethen@gmail.com.

RCIA CLASSES

RCIA will meet on Monday, March 6. Any questions, contact Suanne Then at suannethen@gmail.com.

Rite of Election: Saturday, March 11 at 2:00pm at St. Eugene's in Asheville.

"It is love, then, that you should strive for. Set your hearts on spiritual gifts, especially the gift of proclaiming God's message."
 1 Corinthians 14:1

"BROTHERS IN CHRIST"

Thursday, March 9

Brothers in Christ meets on Thursday, March 9th at 6:30pm in the social hall. We are studying *The Bible Timeline* by Jeff Cavins.

WOMEN'S GROUP

Tuesday, March 7

We will be revisiting Bishop Robert Barron's *Untold Blessing: Three Paths to Holiness* series. The Creed tells us what we believe and the Mass tells us what we pray. As a follow up to our previous sessions on *The Creed In Slow Motion* and *The Mass In Slow Motion*, *Untold Blessing* will give us a better understanding of how we are to act—by making Christ the center of our life.

TEENS OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST...

Mark Your Calendars

Info to follow in next week's bulletin

● **Quo Vadis Days:** June 12-16, 2017
 Young men: rising sophomores through rising college freshmen.

● **Duc Et Altum:** June 26-30, 2017
 Young ladies: rising freshmen to freshman in college.

FAITH FORMATION

Parents, Sponsors and Parishioners
 Please mark your calendars

First Holy Communion: Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 11:00am

Mrs. Thelen's second grade class and those 7-8 year olds who have prepared via home school catechesis for the sacraments of Penance and First Holy Communion.

May Crowning: Sunday, May 14th at 8:30am Mass and 12:30pm Mass.

Confirmation: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 6:00pm

For those in the eighth year (Mr. Sabo-catechist) formation of Faith Formation.