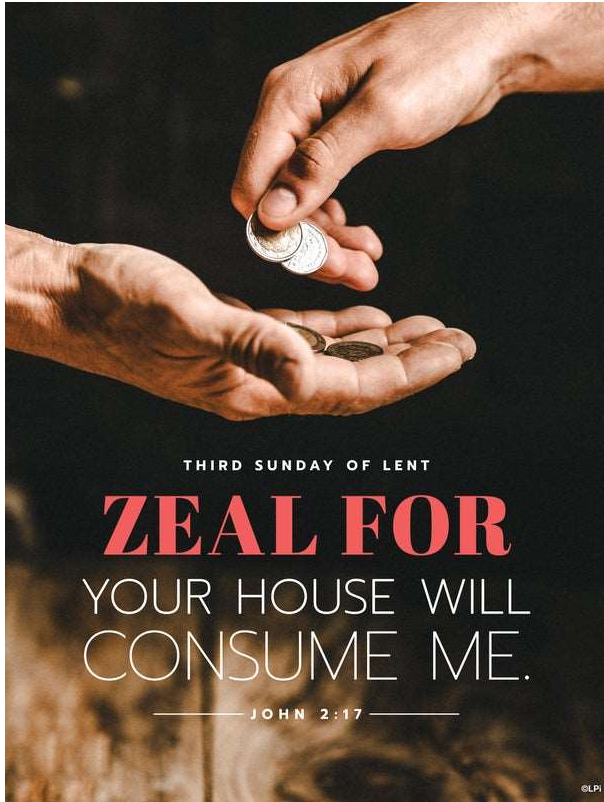




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March 3, 2024 | 3rd Sunday of Lent



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening/Sunday Vigil

4:00 PM St. Teresa & St. Mary's

5:15 PM Our Lady of Peace & Nativity of BVM

Sunday Morning

7:30 AM St. Mary's

8:00 AM Our Lady of Peace & Nativity of BVM

9:00 AM St. Mary's & St. Teresa

10:00 AM Our Lady of Peace & Nativity of BVM

11:00 AM St. Mary's

Weekday Masses

St. Mary's: Monday – Saturday 9:00 AM

(Monday-Thursday in Chapel; Friday-Saturday in Main Church)

Nativity of BVM: Monday, Wednesday – Saturday 8:00 AM.
Tuesday 9:00 AM

Our Lady of Peace: Monday – Thursday 8:00 AM, Friday
6:30 AM

St. Teresa: Monday – Tuesday 8:00 AM, Wednesday 5:30
PM, Thursday – Friday 8:00 AM, Saturday 9:00 AM

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE: 716-688-9380

6919 Transit Road, Swormville, NY 14051

Office hours:

Monday – Friday 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

St. Teresa of Avila Church
5771 Buell Street, Akron, NY 14001
716-542-9103

Our Lady of Peace Church
10950 Main Street, Clarence, NY 14031
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Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church
4375 Harris Hill Rd., Williamsville, NY 14221
716-632-8838

St. Mary's Church
6919 Transit Road Swormville, NY 14051
716-688-9380

St. Teresa of Avila Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 2

4:00 pm Theresa Nowicki by Family

Sunday, March 3

9:00 am William D. Lantz by Chuck & Jaye Triaga

Monday, March 4 – St. Casimir

8:00 am Dearly Departed Souls

Tuesday, March 5

8:00 am Intentions for Mothers

Wednesday, March 6

7:00 pm Francis Dahill – Birthday Remembrance by the Dahill Family

Thursday, March 7 – St. Perpetua & Felicity Martyrs

8:00 am Intentions for Fathers

Friday, March 8 – St. John

8:00 am Intentions for Mothers

Saturday, March 9 – St. Frances

9:00 am Intentions for Fathers

4:00 pm Florence Raykowski by Rich Raykowski

Sunday, March 10

9:00 am Lorraine Sylvester by Genieve Wojcik

Our Lady of Peace - Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 2

5:15PM Fr. John Mergenhagen

Sunday, March 3

8:00AM Roger Little – Cathy & Tim Karda

10:00AM Lynn Wiess – John & Denise Stappenbeck

Monday, March 4

St. Casimir

8:00AM Altar & Rosary members Living & Deceased

Tuesday, March 5

8:00AM Departed Souls

Wednesday, March 6

8:00AM Dick & Mary Suchan – Mark & Bonnie Morgante

Thursday, March 7

St. Perpetua & Felicity Martyrs

8:00AM Romeo C. DiPirro – wife, Dorothy

Friday, March 8

St. John of God, Religious

6:30AM James G. Davis

Saturday, March 9

St. Francis of Rome, Religious

5:15PM Lynn Weiss – Rita Hartman & The Family

Sunday, March 10

8:00AM Mary & Norbert Staszak – Lynn & Dave Kozinski

10:00AM Holy Name members Living & Deceased

St. Mary's Swormville Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 2 - Vigil

4:00PM Nancy Wallace by Family & Friends

Sunday, March 3 – Third Sunday of Lent

7:30AM Kristina Young by Marcia McCarrell

9:00AM Larry Megan by wife Elizabeth

And Chester Syput by Jack & Terri Hallnan

11:00AM Alexis Cedeño by Dolores

Monday, March 4 – St. Casimir

9:00AM Joseph Steliga by Mary Steinberger

Tuesday, March 5

9:00AM Sister Suzanne Hitzges by Dick & Gerry Aquino

Wednesday, March 6

9:00AM Alda Anzelone (birthday) by daughters Giovanna & Paulette

Thursday, March 7 – St. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

9:00AM Lena Montalbano by Lee & Gene Santercole

Friday, March 8 - St. John of God, Religious

9:00AM Judy Biber by Linda & Tom Lang

And Zdenek Pfeffer by the family

Saturday, March 9 – St. Frances of Rome, Religious

9:00AM Michael Stroh by Mom, Dad & Family

4:00PM Kathleen Morrissey

by Marie Tokasz & Jacob Seymour

And Sandra Casimino by the Berdysiak Family

Sunday, March 10 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30AM Sam Ward by his estate

9:00AM Jamie O'Donnell by the Bonanno Family

11:00AM Cliff Fee by Ed & Marie Leising

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Schedule

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, restores the Sunday and Saturday Vigil offering of the Eucharist as bread and wine

Sanctuary Candle Dedication:

March 1-March 7—Christian Gugliuzza [special intention]
Susan & Joseph Gugliuzza

March 8-March 14—Bernard Hamsher [Healing] - Susan & Joseph Gugliuzza

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 2

5:15PM Mary Adessio—Janet Vito

Rosemary Enstice- 100th heavenly birthday -Daughter Mary

Sunday, March 3—Third Sunday of Lent

8:00AM Ralph & Pearl Coogan—The Family

Joseph & Kataline Nemeth—The Family

10:00AM Angelo Natalie—The Family

Anthony Farace—The Family

Monday, March 4—St. Casimir

8:00AM Rev. Donald R. Paa—Jean Paa

Tuesday, March 5

9:00AM Timothy Eisenhauer—Gary & Mary Lou Lesser

Wednesday, March 6

8:00AM Joan Stangle—Sheehan Family

Thursday, March 7—St. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

8:00AM Margaret Paa—Jean Paa

Friday, March 8—St. John of God, Religious

8:00AM Living & Deceased Members of the Dorigo & Beyer Families

Saturday, March 9—St. Frances of Rome, Religious

8:00AM All Souls—Nativity Parishioners

5:15PM Mariannina LaFornara—Nicolo LaFornara

Iain Tugwell—Kathy Janson

Sunday, March 10—Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00AM Kenneth & Jack Coogan— The Family

James Casey Jr.—The Family

10:00AM William Karl—The Karl Family

Emil "Ed" Deutschman—Marian Deutschman

The Third Sunday of Lent

Readings for the week of March 3, 2024

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/Lk 4:24-30 **Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19 **Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34 **Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Weekend Mission 26

Friday March 15th 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Msgr Paa Center registration

Saturday March 16th 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Lunch provided

Sunday March 17th 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Pizza lunch at 11:30

Registration & Information : Jeanne (716) 479-0900

Email: nativityofmarymission@gmail.com

Walk-ins welcomed Friday night Msgr Paa Center

Spring Craft Fair set at Cardinal O'Hara

More than 80 local crafters and vendors will take part in the annual Spring Craft Fair on Saturday, March 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cardinal O'Hara High School in the Town of Tonawanda. Admission is \$2, with children under age 12 free. Proceeds from the fair will support Freshman Class activities. For more information, go online at www.cardinalohara.com or call the school 695-2600 ext. 312.

St. Francis High School This year's musical will be *Mamma Mia*.

March 8 and 9 at 7:00 PM & March 10 at 3:00 PM .

Tickets for *Mamma Mia* are \$13.00 each and are available online at www.sfranchishigh.org or at the main office of the school, 716-627-1200. All

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HALL OF FAME: Cardinal O'Hara High School will induct alumni into its Distinguished Hall of Fame and its Athletic Hall of Fame as well as one supporter of the school as an honorary member at a ceremony April 20 at Banchetti's by Rizzo in Amherst starting at 5 p.m. followed by dinner and the ceremony. Alumni being honored are: Michael Prendergast '69 (posthumously), Mary (Hartnett) Holzerland '70, Rev. Patrick Fleming '73, William Tucker '77, Lawrence Tarasek '79 and Honorable Susan Eagen '89. Being inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame are, Jackie Feggans '08, James Ewing '08, Donel Cathcart '15 and Summer Hemphill '16. William Tepas will receive honorary induction into the Hall of Fame. Tickets are \$60 available on the Web site, www.cardinalohara.com or call the Advancement Office, 716-695-2600.



Office Hours: T, Th, F
8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Weekly Events Calendar
Posted on the Bulletin
Board in the vestibule and on
the Website.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes
10:00 - 11 am Grades K-6
10:00 - 11:15 am Grades 7-10

Mark Your Calendars

First Holy Communion Retreat
March 23rd - St. Mary of Swormville

ANOINTING MASS

An Anointing Mass will be held on Wednesday, March 6th, at 7 pm at St. Teresa of Avila. Father Art Mattulke, Fr. Joseph Franz and Fr. Walter Szczesny cordially invite those afflicted with any ailment or in need of special healing to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Confessions will be heard prior to Mass from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Please note that the regular Mass time of 5:30 is changed to 7 PM.

Easter Plant Sale



The St. Teresa Events Committee will be selling Easter Plants for pick-up or as memorials. Order forms are available in the vestibule. Thank you for your support!



A selection of Lenten Reading Material is available in the vestibule from Saint Teresa's Lending Library. You may check out a book to take home or read one here in church during adoration or quiet time.

St. Teresa Women's Guild

The St. Teresa Women's Guild meets this Tuesday, March 5th, in the Rectory Meeting Room at 7 pm. All women are welcome to join.

**ADORATION BEFORE
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT &
STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Join us every Friday in Lent from 8:30 am to 6:30 pm. Adorers may talk to God, pray from a prayer book, read a spiritual reading, pray the rosary, or just sit with God for one minute, one hour, or any length of time. A sign-up sheet for adoration times is on the table in the vestibule. Stations of the Cross begin at 7 pm.

Thank you

Thank you for a job well done to everyone who helped to clean the church. Your hard work is appreciated!



Remember a loved one, living or deceased in a special way with a Mass. Contact the parish office to reserve a date, 716-542-9103.



A group of four-year-olds were being questioned by their teacher in a Sunday School class. Looking across at those bright little faces, the teacher asked this question: "Does anyone know what today is?" A little girl held up her hand and said, "Yes, today is Palm Sunday." "That's fantastic!" the teacher said. "Now does anyone know what next Sunday is?" The same little girl lifted her hand. "Yes," she said, "next Sunday is Easter Sunday." "The teacher was all smiles. "Oh, very good. Now...does anyone know what makes next Sunday Easter?" On a roll the same little girl responded, "Yes, next Sunday is Easter because Jesus rose from the grave." Before the impressed teacher could congratulate her, however, the girl added, "but if He sees His shadow, He has to go back in for seven weeks."



Don't Forget to Spring Forward your clocks on March 10th.



Our Lady of Peace Church

10950 Main St., Clarence, NY 14031

P. 716.759.8554 ~ Email: office@olpclarenc.org

Rectory office: M-Thursday 8:30AM-2:30PM and Friday 8:30AM-12Noon

A Message From Father Walter

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

In today's Gospel, Jesus drives out those money changers and vendors who have distorted the meaning of the temple; he then redefines the temple from a place of stone and mortar to a community of persons centered in his own resurrected body. Jesus' cleansing of the temple challenges us to take a look at our own parish "temple" with Lenten eyes: to realize that Christ has called us to make our own churches houses of God's compassion, mercy, and peace; to refocus all we do here – from our music to doughnuts after Mass, from preparing children for First Communion to bringing Communion to the homebound, from RCIA to the quilters. Rather than barter access to God, the parish is a place where we celebrate God's presence in our midst.

Fr. Walt

pastor@olpclarenc.org

Our Lady of Peace Annual Lenten Sacrifice Collection

Our Lady of Peace Parish has a wonderful tradition of choosing a Charitable Organization as a recipient of our Lenten Sacrifice Collection. For the past several years we have chosen the Response to Love Center in Buffalo under the direction of Sister Johnice as the worthy recipient of our donations. Sister Johnice stated that for this Lent of 2024 the donations will be directed to "Phil's Room"...part of their campus where "new clothes weave threads of dignity and hope for those facing tough times. The shelves of Phil's Room need replenishing."

Please see the whole article and pictures on our Bulletin Board. You will be able to place your donation envelope in the "white wooden model Church" located in our center aisle or in the collection basket anytime during the Lenten Season.

LECTORS

Saturday, March 9

5:15 PM Bruce Kloc

Sunday, March 10

8:00 AM Richard Hahn

10:00 AM Kathleen Andrews

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, March 9

5:15 PM Susan Sweeney, Anita Simons, Bert Sweeney, Maureen McEwan

Sunday, March 10

8:00 AM Patricia Comerford-Haley, Janice Lynch, Lew Wargo

10:00 AM Mark Morgante, M.L. Verdi-Korte, Laura Wind, Ron Andrews



Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7PM

3/08...Stations of the Cross for Our Time
from the Diocese of Orsory, Ireland

3/15...Everyone's Way of the Cross
by Clarence Enzler

3/22...Were You There? *by Deacon Paul Crafts*

Communion Service after Stations of the Cross

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3:45PM-4:45PM

(except Holy Saturday)

**Each Wednesday during Lent 4-6PM*

3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27

Holy Name Society

The men of the Holy Name Society want to thank all those who came out for the annual Lenten Fish Fry fundraiser. We hope everyone enjoyed their meal. We would like to especially thank our student helpers: Allison, Giuliana, Jon, Matt, Ben, Thomas and Javier. Thank you also to Bonnie, Chris and Bob for their assistance. And, of course, a great big thanks to the Ladies of the Altar and Rosary Society for all the Yummy Desserts! We hope to see all again next year.



The St. Mary's Forever Young Group's next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 13th at 7pm** in the parish center. The guest speaker will be John O'Hare, Clarence Historian, who will speak about the history of Clarence. Refreshments will be served. All senior parishioners are invited to join us. Questions? Call Anne Perry at 716-984-3350.



We invite all women to a **Daughters of Mary** gathering on Monday, March 18 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm. in room 110/111. We invite you to read, "Awake, Not Woke: A Christian Response to the Cult of Progressive Ideology" by Noelle Mering, published by Tan Books and be a part of a powerful discussion. Tea and sweet treats will be served – this is a perfect opportunity to invite a friend to experience the community of St. Mary's. To be added to the Daughters of Mary email list call Elizabeth Forman at (716) 691-6554 or email daughtersofmary815@gmail.com



Stations of the Cross—will take place Friday mornings after 9am Mass and on Friday evenings 7pm. Both take place in the main Church. Living Stations of the Cross is March 15th at 6:30pm in the gym.

Info for Sacramental Emergencies: When calls are received after hours, (716-688-9380) choose Ext 5 - a text message/beep is then sent to the priests. A priest will then get back to you.



Hope & Healing Connections (grief support group) Experiencing loss? Death of a spouse, child, or other loved one. Divorce. Miscarriage. Adoption/foster care loss. Monthly support group for anyone experiencing grief. You are welcome to share, or just listen and make connections. Led by Judy Malinich (parishioner) and Heidi Rotella (licensed therapist). First Mondays of the month. **Next meeting will be March 4th, 6-7:30pm, St. Mary's Parish Center, Room 105.**

Friendship Supper—We are again preparing to honor and celebrate the special and symbolic gathering of our Lord's Last Supper by sharing in our parish "Friendship Supper", held in the Parish on Holy Thursday, March 28th at 5:30pm followed by 7pm Mass in the church. **Volunteers are needed!** If you can help, please call Janice O'Brien at 716-688-9380 or note on form below. Make RSVPs by calling the Parish Office or placing the completed form below in the collection basket.

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Forgiveness...

The first place we learn about forgiveness is from our family. We spend so much time with those we live with that even the most loving of homes can have moments of disagreement. When forgiveness is openly shared at home, children develop an understanding that in turn helps them relate to the forgiveness received by God, our loving Father through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We should all view the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a time of joy and healing that comes from God's mercy. Even if your children have not yet made their first Reconciliation, when they see reconciliation modeled in their families, they will learn the value of forgiveness. Be sure to speak your apologies aloud and show your forgiveness of each other. For all who are eligible, set time aside as a family to go to confession.



"Love one another as I have loved you." **John 15:12**

In these beginning weeks of Lent, how can you model forgiveness to your children and to each other? Our scripture verse from John tells us to love as Jesus loved. Forgiveness and love go hand in hand. To love as Jesus loved us, means we have to ask for forgiveness and to forgive in return.

Join Us:

Family of Parishes Lenten Penance Service – This is a great opportunity for reconciliation, especially for families! It will be held on **Wednesday, February 28 at 7pm** in the Church.

What's Lent All About? Join the Youth Ministry Team as they share a different topic each week to grow in faith and Friendship with Jesus during the Lenten season. Activities and discussions are planned for families with teens in grades 6-12. **Sundays Feb.25 and March 3, 10, 17 at 7pm.**

Pray and Play – St Mary's School fifth grade students present the living Stations of the Cross on **Friday, March 15 at 6:30pm**. Bring your families to experience this beautiful enactment of Jesus's last moments. Afterwards, enjoy fellowship, games, and treats with other families in our parish.

Catholic Education office (716)688-0599 familyfaith@stmaryswormville.org

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Third Sunday of Lent

Knights of Columbus Thoughts for the Week

"Faith is not maintained automatically. It is not a 'finished business' that we can simply take for granted. The life of faith has to be constantly renewed."

Pope Benedict XVI from his book *Gospel, Catechesis, Catechism*

The following Canisius High School students and alumni of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary School, achieved the honor roll for the second quarter of the 2023-2024 school year.

Nicholas Elia, Braden O' Brien, James Del Regno,

A THANK YOU FROM THE REFUGEE, IMMIGRANT AND MIGRANT MINISTRY

We would like to thank our fellow parishioners who donated in support of our 6th Home Again project. On February 10, volunteers came together to clean and furnish a new home for a family from the Congo. This family had been living in a hotel. It was wonderful that they now have a place to call home.



Weekend MISSION 26

Make Lent special this year

7 Engaging Speakers
Devotions - Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Adoration and Reconciliation
Activities & time for fellowship

Friday March 15th 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Msgr Paa Center registration

Saturday March 16th 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Lunch provided

Sunday March 17th 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Pizza lunch at 11:30

Registration & Information : Jeanne (716) 479-0900

Email: nativityofmarymission@gmail.com

Walk-ins welcomed Friday night Msgr Paa Center

Dedicate the Sanctuary Candle

The red Sanctuary Lamp burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ.

It is a mark of honor to remind the faithful of the presence of Christ, and is a profession of their love and affection.

If you wish to have the Sanctuary Lamp burning in memory of a loved one, to honor a special occasion, or a special intention make arrangements with the Parish Rectory Office. The cost of the candle is \$10.00. It will burn for one week, beginning on a Friday and completing the Thursday of the following week. The memorial or intention will be published in the Bulletin.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL!



The Gala is Nativity's largest fundraiser – by far - last year we raised \$90,000! The in person event will be held at Salvatore's on Saturday March 16th. Our committee has been hard at work, making new plans and this year's Gala will be a whole new level of fun!



ONLINE BIDDING FOR SILENT AUCTION WILL BEGIN WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH AT 8AM

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Nativity of Mary School Gala

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

WE HAVE BEEN HARD AT WORK ASKING FOR DONATIONS FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES. HOWEVER – OUR BIGGEST AND BEST ITEMS COME FROM PERSONAL CONTACTS. WHO DO YOU KNOW THAT WOULD SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL, AND A CAUSE THAT YOU CARE ABOUT? PERSONAL CONTACTS ARE WAY MORE POWERFUL WHEN ASKING FOR DONATIONS.

DO YOU OR A RELATIVE HAVE A VACATION HOME THAT YOU COULD DONATE A WEEK (OR A WEEKEND) TO US THAT WE COULD AUCTION OFF? DO YOU OWN OR RUN A BUSINESS WHERE YOUR VENDORS WOULD SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL? WILL YOUR EMPLOYER SUPPORT US? WOULD YOU, OR YOUR EMPLOYER OR BUSINESS BE INTERESTED IN SPONSORING THE EVENT? NO DONATION IS TOO SMALL!

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If you can help in any way with donations or sponsorships, please
Email: nativitygala@gmail.com

Call/Text Erik Hoertz at (716) 408-6167

TICKETS & SPONSORSHIPS CAN BE PURCHASED THROUGH OUR GALA WEBSITE:
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PRAYER – CRAFTS – LIVE WAY OF THE CROSS – FELLOWSHIP

LENT Family Event

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

After 10:00am Mass

(11:00am – 12:30pm)

Nativity School cafeteria

GRADES 1-5
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Fridays at 7:00 pm

St. Mary's Swormville Fridays after 9:00 am Mass and at 7:00 pm (Church) & March 15 at 6:30 pm —Living Stations of the Cross

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Phone: 716-542-9103

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Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction
- Second Friday of the month 7:30 - 8:30 pm.

Confession: Saturday 2:30-3:30 pm

Also the 1st Saturday of the month 8:15-8:45 am
& Vigil of Holy Days 3:30-4:15 pm

Rosary: First Saturday Prior to 9 am Mass

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Margaret Wood

Trustees

Dick Campbell & Wally Smith

Please Keep In Your Prayers: Baby Josh, Paul Schifferle, Gloria Kintzel, Karen Fox, William Eberhard, Barbara Ford, Susan Hegetsweiller, Bob Larouere, Linda Chaffee, Richard Jordan, Joe Vasi, Sterling McCarriagher, Jean Ottney, Shirley Lantz, Rita Whelan, and Laura Gray.

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Holy Days: 5:00pm Vigil, 7:00am, 9:00am & 7:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration: First Friday, 9:30am-noon

Confession: Saturday 2:30-3:30pm

Also the 1st Saturday of the month after 9:00am Mass

Anointing Mass: Last Saturday of month after 9:00am Mass

Rosary: Monday-Saturday 8:30am (before 9:00am Mass)

& Wednesday 7:00pm (Chapel)

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Please pray for those on our sick list: Kathy Kent, Gene Santercole, Tom Archer, Ashley Meinhold, Kim Fassel, Paul Kluczynski, Joyce Zoerb, Maria Iacono, John Kraus, Delphine Levesque, James Ingham, Erin Milazzo, Bob Brown, Tim Gallivan, Richard Kubiak, baby Reed Hausrath, Roseanne Hoffner, Don Herberger, Jerry Metz and baby Franco Joseph Licata.

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Eucharistic Adoration: Every Wed. 7AM-6PM

Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet: Wed. 5:30 - 6PM

Confessions: Saturday from 3:45 - 4:45PM

Every Wednesday during Lent 4-6PM

Let us pray for the following on our sick list: Maria A., Mary Celine Aaron, Joan Antonicelli, Eleanore Cammarata, Austin Beatty, Brandon, Jack Blodgett, David Bogden, David Burke, Rosemary Caito, Charisse Callahan, Joan Chatman, Christi Carson, Theresa Chapman, Stephen Cislo, Lauren Conrad, Daniel Cortese, Sharon Covert, Rick Cousineau, Jim Cummings, Donald, Jack, Darlene Feinen, Carol & Ken Fox, Kevin G., Gabe, Gary Grapentrog, Heidi, Ian Harden, George, Mark Hilbert, Jackie, Jackie S., Kay Jelfer, Dan Kelly, John Kulozewski, Mark Korpanty, Laurie, Mary Lidkea, Sister Marcia Klawon O.S.F., Sister Ann Helene Koenig OSF, Steve L., Colin McCabe, Paul Meir, Al Meister, Kathy McHugh, Kevin McNamara, Candace Morse, Pam Murray, Peter Rizzo, Joan O'Brien, David P., Carmine Purdie, P.A.T., Paulette Sadus, Ron Sarafin, Donna Schmile, Eleanor Smith, Steve, Thomas L., Frank & Dolores Tobin, Vince, Judy Vogt, Mary Ellen Wagner, Paul Willard, Ron Weiss, Msgr. Wetter & Genevieve Wojcik.

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Confession: Saturday 3:45-4:45pm

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Please keep in prayer the people on our sick list:

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