

# ST. MARY'S BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 5, 2023

SAT. 4:30 p.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners Page 152, 220  
SUN. 10:30 a.m. +William & Veronica Vicini by Dr. Mrs. Tom Sopkovich

MON. 10:30 a.m. No Service

TUE. 10:30: a.m. No Service

WED. 10:30 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy  
+Mary Jane Lesnack by sister, Joan & Family

THU. 10:30 a.m. No Service

FRI. 10:30 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy  
3rd All Souls Commemoration of Loved Ones



## THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST ...VENERATION OF CROSS

March 12, 2023

SAT. 4:30 p.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners Page 156, 223  
SUN. 10:30 a.m. +Patrick Jackanich by Mrs. Stella Camuso

*Let us continue with the season of Fast with joy, giving ourselves to spiritual deeds, cleansing our soul and body by controlling our passions, as we limit our food and live on the virtues of the Spirit. Let us persevere in our longing for him that we may be worthy to behold the most solemn Passion of Christ and the most holy Passover, rejoicing with spiritual happiness.*

**CHURCH DONATIONS Feb 26. , 2023**  
**Sisters of St. Basil \$265.00 Candles \$61.00**  
**Offertory \$ 1,090.00**

**SOCIAL GAMES**

Games are played every Sunday in our Center....Doors open 5:00 p.m and Bingo begins at 6:30 p.m. We will ALSO have Bingo the second Wed. Of every month.

**LENTEN FOOD SALE**

St. Michael's 2140 Highland Rd. Hermitage will be selling Potato/cheese, Sauerkraut, and Prune Pyrohies \$ 9.00 Doz & Qts of Haluski \$9.00. Call 724 962 4618 to Place order. Pick up March 8th 3:00 - 5:30 p.m

**LENT FUND RAISER FOR SISTERS**

We are asking for donations during Lent that will be sent to our Sisters at St. Mt. Macrina. Envelopes are at both entrances .

**DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME**

**Begins March 12th..Remember to Spring Ahead !!**

**PASTA FAGIOLI SALE**

Our Caterers will be making Pasta Fagioli. Please call 330 792-1578 to place your order by March 22nd. Pick up on March 24th....Drive-thru from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at front doors of the hall. \$9.00 qt.

*Having suffered the Passion for us, Jesus Christ, O Son of God, Have mercy on us!*

## LENTEN RESOLUTIONS

When this message reaches you, Lent will be already started.

Lent recalls the parable of the farmer, who sowed the seed. Some fell on stones and the birds of the air came and ate them up. Others sprouted on rocky soil, but soon shriveled away...because they had no roots. (At this point most of us strike our breast and confess: "There's myself.") Some fell among thorns, and were choked by the brambles and thorny roots. Some fell on good ground, and brought forth fruit a hundredfold.

Now, please set this letter down for 60 seconds and search your conscience: What am I doing for Lent?

If the answer is: "Precious little," then take another three minutes or more and write down: "These things I will do during the remainder of *LENT*..to the glory of God, in expiation for my sins, and in union with the sufferings of Jesus Christ, my Savior and Redeemer."

## HIS MERCY IS OUR HOPE

The Lord Jesus had prayed in agony, anticipating the cross and accepting the cup from the Father's hand, while the disciples slept. He could have written them off as unworthy of another word from Him. But He saw in them a potential, and He continued to work with them. "Rise up, let us go," He said.

There is encouragement here for all who may have failed.

There is hope in Christ. He calls us to rise again above the bitter defeat we have suffered. It is never too late to start over. The years of youth may have been wasted, and the past may have scarred the life, yet why should a person throw away a whole life because part has been wasted.

The penitent thief cried out in his last hour for a new start. There was no time for him to do high and noble deeds on earth. But he made a confession of faith in Christ, and a glorious eternity awaited him.

Our Lord's mercies to men who failed Him when He walked on earth are proof that He will also forgive and restore us when we fail.

## CALL OF THE CROSS

The call of the Cross is something more than lip service. Hot tempers must be tamed with understanding. Our deceitfulness must be converted to complete honesty. Our hatreds must be changed to consideration. Our selfishness must be forgotten to thoughtfulness. And our fretfulness will become quietness. The discipline of the Cross combines freedom with power.

## PROMPT KINDNESS

In this world of hurry, and work, and sudden end, if a thought comes to do a kindness to a friend, do it quick....don't wait. What's the use of doing a kindness if you do it a day too late?

### TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

Take up your cross, the Saviour said, if you would my disciple be;

Deny yourself, the world forsake, and humbly follow after me.  
Take up your cross, let not its weight, fill your weak spirit with alarm;

His strength shall bear your spirit up, shall brace your heart and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross then in His strength, and ev'ry danger calmly brave,

To guide you to a better home, and vict'ry over death and grave.  
Take up your cross and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down;

For only he who bears the cross, may hope to wear the glorious crown.

To You, great Lord, the One in Three, all praise for evermore ascend;

O grant us here below to see, the heav'nly life that knows no end.