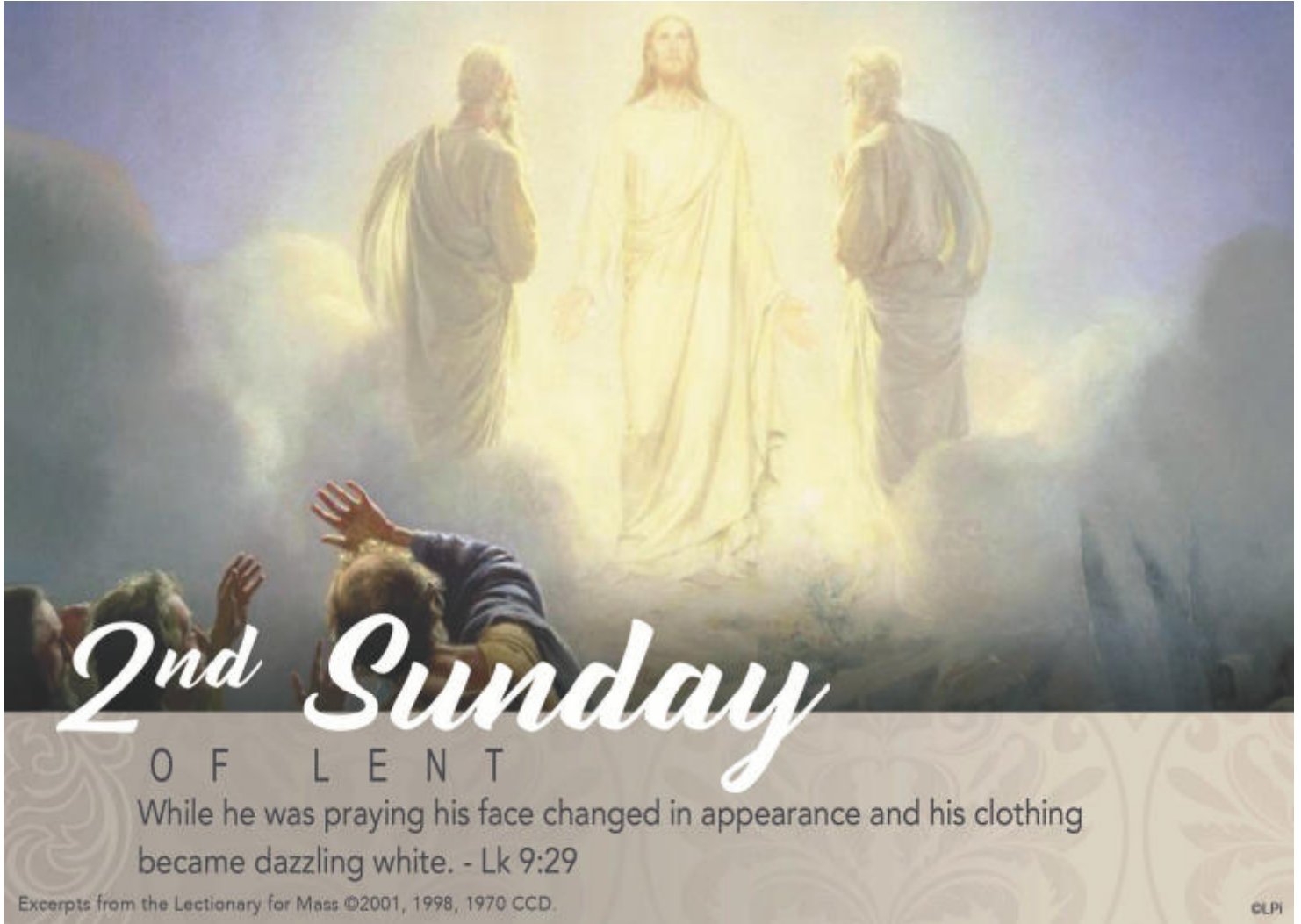




REVITALIZE IN CHRIST - RAISING THE ROOF

# SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH *March 17, 2019*



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday OF LENT

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. - Lk 9:29

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### Mass Schedule

**SATURDAY VIGIL:** 4:00 PM  
**SUNDAY:** 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM  
**WEEKDAYS (Chapel):** Monday - Friday, 7:30 AM  
**HOLY DAYS:** Vigil - 7:00 PM; 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM  
**HOLIDAYS:** 9:00 AM  
**CONFESSION:** Sat., 3:00 - 3:45 PM or by appointment

### Business Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM  
Friday: 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM  
Saturday: 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
Sunday: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
(Office closed weekdays from 12:00-1:00pm for lunch)

### Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Rev. Robert B. McDermott (ext. 3)  
**Permanent Deacon:** Rev. Mr. Daniel Bingnear  
**Weekend Assistant:** Rev. Francis X. Devlin, O.S.A.  
**Business Manager:** Mr. Daniel Kinnik (ext. 4)  
**Director of Religious Education & Music Ministry:**  
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**PREP Secretary:** Mrs. Patricia Donnelly (ext. 8)  
**Parish Administrative Assistant:** Mrs. Regina Robinson  
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**Communications Secretary:** Mrs. Renee Devine (ext. 2)

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**TODAY IS SUNDAY, MARCH 17, THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT. The Gospel reading is Luke 9:28b-36.** As we journey through Lent, it can be easy to dwell on sacrifice. No chocolate, no alcohol, no meat on Fridays. Yet here, only in the

second week of Lent, we have the story of the transfiguration. This reading reminds us of the "why" behind what we do. We don't fast from dessert to lose weight. We don't donate money or serve others because it's merely a nice thing to do. Lent is about transformation!

Peter, James, and John trudged up the mountainside behind Jesus. This must have been a difficult hike, because when they reached the top, they fell asleep. Despite our best efforts, perhaps we are asleep to the deeper meaning of the Lenten season. Jesus is transfigured while they slumber, but eventually they become "fully awake, [and] they saw his glory and the two men standing with him."

This is no small thing! The disciples witness Jesus in his divine splendor and see the miraculous apparitions of Moses and Elijah. The entire mountain becomes a spiritual breakthrough. "A cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud." These symbols are present in the Old Testament when Moses prayed alone and received the 10 Commandments on Mount Sinai. Elijah had a similar experience when he prayed alone before God. But here are ordinary men, former fishermen, who have been drawn up into an adventure beyond their wildest expectations. Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the fulfillment of all that came before. But Christianity is not the religion of the elite, where only the select few are allowed to participate. We all are invited into spiritual transformation, and Lent is the time for this!

#### **ANNUAL MASS CELEBRATING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, THE DEAF COMMUNITY, AND FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND CAREGIVERS**

The celebration of the Eucharist and a reception will be held at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul on **Saturday, March 30, at 10:30am**, for persons with disabilities and the deaf community within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. All are welcome to attend. Please RSVP by March 20 by calling 215-587-3530, or by sending an email to [opd@archphila.org](mailto:opd@archphila.org), with the number of people attending and any accommodations that may be needed. Accessible parking is available. Please arrive by 10am.



**THE 2020 CONFIRMATION CLASS** attended a retreat day on Sunday, March 10. During the pictured activity, the children created a "Web of Cooperation," by tossing a ball of yarn to one another and calling out their Confirmation name.

#### **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOMECOMING MASS**



The RSVP deadline has been extended for the reception following the Homecoming Mass at Immaculate Conception of Lourdes in Marcus Hook! Join family and old friends to celebrate our faith at Mass, on **Sunday, March 24 at 4:00pm**. This Mass fulfills your Sunday obligation. A reception will follow in the Church Hall. Please call 610-485-0441, ext. 2, no later than **March 18**.

#### **FAMILY FUN BINGO & PIZZA NIGHT**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23**

**Doors open at 6:45**

**Bingo Games begin at 7:15**

**\$5 per Family, includes:**

**One bingo sheet per person per game, juice, water, and soda. Pizza is \$1 a slice.**

**Pay at the door - call**

**610-485-0441 ext. 2 to RSVP.**

*Bingo Night is fun for the whole family! Kids can play when accompanied by a parent or guardian over age 18.*



#### **REVITALIZE IN CHRIST - RAISING THE ROOF CAMPAIGN EXCEEDS GOAL!!**

Great news this week! The *Revitalize in Christ-Raising the Roof* Campaign for St. John Fisher Parish has exceeded its goal of \$450,000 by over \$65 thousand! The total in gifts and pledges as of March 13 is **\$516,323!** What is even more affirming is that \$309,318 has already been collected and deposited in the renovation account.

Some 43 families returned their pledge forms since Commitment Sunday, bringing the number of families who have made a gift to 296 - a wonderful response from our dedicated parishioners! The Campaign Committee is very excited and thankful that our parish has exceeded the target! We want to encourage those who have not yet made a gift to consider making one. Everyone doing their part, large or small, is a great measure of our common vision and hope for the future! Please continue to pray and have patience as we begin the preparations for the construction phase of the project. It will be a busy spring and summer!







## 40 HOURS OF EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION

We encourage you to take some time this week to visit Our Lord. There are many opportunities for quiet or group prayer, and guest homilists are scheduled for each evening. Please check the parish website for a full schedule of services.

### Sunday, March 17 - Feast of St. Patrick

- 7:00pm Vespers with Homily (Church),  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,  
*Rev. Philip Lowe, Ed.D.,  
Theology Faculty, Neumann Univ.*
- 9:30pm Night Prayer and Benediction



### Monday, March 18 - Feast of St. Cyril of Jerusalem

- 7:30am Daily Mass in Chapel, followed by  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Prayer throughout the day  
in the Chapel
- 7:00pm Mass (Church),  
*Msgr. Robert J. Carroll,  
Pastor, St. Maximillian Kolbe Parish*
- 9:30pm Night Prayer and Benediction



### Tuesday, March 19 - Solemnity of St. Joseph

- 7:30am Daily Mass in Chapel, followed by  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Prayer through the day  
in the Chapel
- 6:45pm Procession from Chapel to Church
- 7:00pm Mass (Church) with Benediction  
*Fr. Michael Gerlach,  
Pastor, Ss. Simon and Jude Parish*
- 8:00pm Social in the Church Hall



### 2019 Lenten Day of Reflection: "THE THREE FALLS OF CHRIST"

*As Jesus fell three times on His journey to Calvary, He trusted that His Father would lift Him up. We too fall under the weight of life's everyday crosses, but we trust that Christ can help lift us up.* Come and reflect on our human experience of falling and rising on **Saturday March 30**, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The cost is \$50.00, Students, \$25.00, at the Franciscan Spiritual Center, 609 S. Convent Road, Aston. **PRESENTERS:** Cookie Magee, D.Min, Father John Jagodzinski, Deacon Dan Bingnear. Registration forms can be found at the doors of the Church and the Chapel, or you can download a form from Dr. Magee's website: [doctorcookiescorner.org](http://doctorcookiescorner.org) under the Lenten retreat page. If you have any questions, contact Cookie Magee at 610-494-8188 or by email: [doctorcookiemagee2013@gmail.com](mailto:doctorcookiemagee2013@gmail.com)

### FINANCIAL OFFERING: STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

<b>MARCH 10</b>	
Total	\$ 11,751
Number of Envelopes	482
<b>Church in Latin America</b>	<b>\$ 1,141</b>

*We thank our parishioners who, recognizing God's gifts to them, make their response in the weekly collection. Your continued support is vital, necessary and deeply appreciated.*

## STEWARDSHIP: SHARING THE GIFT OF TIME AND TALENT AID FOR FRIENDS

The freezer that sits in the corner of the Church Hall has become a lifeline for seniors in our community. Each week, parishioner Jim Chimienti packs a box with up to 28 frozen, home-cooked dinners to deliver to a hand-full of residents at Lutheran Knolls. Volunteer Joe Kane also distributes meals throughout the month. Jim began volunteering with our parish *Aid for Friends* program about two years ago. "It's a very worthwhile cause," Jim says. "There are people in Delaware County who need food. This is action I can take here, at home, not half way around the world."

Of course, this program wouldn't thrive without the help of parishioners who make an extra portion of dinner and freeze it in the provided foil pans, keeping the freezer stocked. Dozens of families provide approximately 150 meals that get delivered monthly. A few times a year, a few Knights of Columbus and volunteers meet in the parish kitchen to prepare a large number of dinners.

*Aid for Friends* was founded in 1974 by a parishioner of St. Jerome in North-east Philadelphia. It is one of the largest free meal delivery programs in the state. Many seniors live alone, rarely leave their home, and have a fixed income. Volunteers at St. John Fisher help *Aid For Friends* provide vital assistance to the hungry in our own backyard.



### ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT—APRIL 12

Children from pre-school through 8th Grade are invited to come to the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 12 at 11:00am**. Please bring your own basket to collect the eggs.

We are in need of plastic eggs, individually-wrapped candy that will fit in the plastic eggs, and toys, filled baskets, and new stuffed animals that can be used for prizes. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office. Thank you!

## LENT 2019

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Join us on Friday evenings throughout Lent for the Stations of the Cross. We begin at 7:00pm in the Church.

**PARISH PENANCE SERVICE: Monday, April 1, at 7:00pm** in the Church. Several priests will be on hand to hear Confessions. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available on Saturdays, from 3:00 until 3:45 in Church.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** In order to be included in the special insert on Easter Sunday, contributions to Easter Flower Fund must be returned to the Parish Business Office by **Sunday, April 7**. You may drop your envelope in the collection basket, by the Parish Office, or make your contribution on-line using *WeShare*. This is a lovely way to remember a deceased loved one during the celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection. We thank you for your support in beautifying the church during the Easter Season.





### WELCOME!

Congratulations and blessings to **JAXON DANIEL MURTAGH**, son of Ryan and Alexis, who was baptized at St. John Fisher on Sunday, March 10. We rejoice and celebrate with

Jaxon's family. Please pray for this little one and his parents as they raise their son in the Catholic faith!

### CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS VISITATION DAY

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia High Schools will host the annual 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Visitation Day on Wednesday, **March 20, 2019**. Seventh graders have the opportunity to spend a day touring the Archdiocesan high school of their choice, meeting students and faculty, and participating in activities. Registration is recommended by March 18. For more information, visit [www.AOPCatholicSchools.org/VisitUs2019](http://www.AOPCatholicSchools.org/VisitUs2019).

### UPCOMING MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<b>Sat. Mar. 23</b>	4:00pm Vigil	Cantor
<b>Sun. Mar. 24</b>	8:00am	Cantor
	9:30am	Adult Choir
	11:30am	Youth Choir

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

**ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE:** Wednesdays at 7:15pm in Church

**YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE:** Sundays at 10:35 – 11:10am in Church

**CONTEMPORARY CHOIR:** Every other Tuesday evening at 7:00pm

**RESURRECTION CHOIR:** Sings for funeral Masses. No rehearsals.

**MEN'S GATHERING:** Mondays at 7:00pm in the 'Living Room' meeting space in Church

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Mondays after the 7:30am Mass until noon in the Chapel. Benediction follows at noon.

**THE ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY:** Daily after the 7:30am Mass

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (R.C.I.A.):** Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Email items to [ReneeDevine@sjf71.org](mailto:ReneeDevine@sjf71.org) by noon on Tuesday.

### MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

**PARISH COUNCIL:** Meets on the first Thursday of the month

**FINANCE COUNCIL:** Meets on the second Tuesday of the month

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** Meets every other Monday at 7:00pm in the Parish Center; begins February 11, 2019.

**ST. JOHN'S ON THE HILL SENIORS:** Second and fourth Thursdays at 12:30pm in the Church Hall

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOLY SAVIOUR COUNCIL 13710:** Officers' Meeting, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 7:00pm; General membership meeting, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:00pm. Meetings held at Immaculate Conception in the Hall. Contact Joe DiMarco, Grand Knight, at 302-218-5261 for information.

### FOOD PANTRY NEEDS HELP

St. Katherine Drexel Food Pantry in Chester is in urgent need of committed volunteers on Tuesday or Thursday from 10am until 2pm. Pantry tasks include assisting clients in the choice-model grocery, in the women's clothing section, and stocking shelves. We also need groups of volunteers on Monday or Wednesday from 10am until noon to help with ongoing projects like stocking, cleaning, and facilities projects. Please consider taking a hands-on role in helping your neighbors in need. Contact Pantry Director Judy King for more details at 484-490-5079.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Celebrated on the First, Second and Fourth Sundays of each month at 12:45pm. Pre-Jordan baptismal instruction is held on the Third Sunday at 12:45pm. Please call or visit the Parish Office to arrange baptisms.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays, 3:00 - 3:45pm; other times by appointment.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:** One party must be a registered member of Saint John Fisher Parish. Couples must make arrangements with the Pastor at least six months prior to the intended date. Weddings can be held at Saint John Fisher or at Immaculate Conception Church. Couples are required to attend the Archdiocesan Sacramental Preparation Program for Marriage (four sessions) or a Pre-Cana program.

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** We welcome new members to Saint John Fisher! If you are new to our parish, please call or visit the Parish Office to register.

**LETTERS OF ELIGIBILITY:** If you need a Letter of Eligibility from Saint John Fisher Parish to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, you must be

- a registered member of the parish,
- at least 16 years of age,
- a practicing Catholic (have received the Sacraments and attend Mass regularly).
- If married, you must be in a 'valid' marriage.

The pastor is unable to sign a letter unless you meet these requirements. To request a letter, please speak with Father McDermott after any Mass or call the Parish Office at 610-485-0441, ext. 2.

**PARISH ON-LINE GIVING:** Visit the parish website, [www.stjohnfisherchurch.com](http://www.stjohnfisherchurch.com) and click on the **We Share** icon to sign up for the electronic giving program.

**PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP):** The PREP program provides religious education for public school children from September through May. Please call the PREP office at 610-485-0441, ext. 5, for more information and to register.

**HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Grades Pre-K through Eight:** St. John Fisher parishioners support Holy Family Regional Catholic School. Children from the parish who enroll there receive the supporting parish tuition rate. Charles Hughes, Principal Kristy Cobb, Business Manager  
3265 Concord Road, Aston, PA  
(610) 494-0147 [www.holyfamilyaston.org](http://www.holyfamilyaston.org)



*May They Rest in Peace*

**MICHAEL BROGAN  
RICK NARDINI**

*"Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name."*

*Please Pray for Our Sick*

Ruth Jobe, Kathleen Cunningham, John W. Breslin, Bryan Snyder, Barbara Bean, William Crowley Regina Stires, Harry and Linda Stefchak, Ralph Maysky, Carol Cippoloni, Ralph Montella, Randy Westby, Rose Liott, Betty Ann Deshullo, Ann Walley, Barbara Shahadi, Geri Waldron, Donald Arner, Gladys Kinsler, Gerald Murphy, Kathleen Kozubal, Frank Breitmayer, Mary Giambri, Marie Creedon, Theresa Mattero, Velia Brill, Peg Camero, Brian Allison, Pasquale Mignogna, Rob Busch, Judy & Jerry Frezetti, Paula Davis, Pat Oakes, Hank Granville, Colleen Hughes, John Rossi, May Graves, Amy Calcagno, Susan Curl, Marie Barker, Veronica & Joe Egan, Helen Brogley, Judy Giovan, Kevin Neary, Tom O'Leary, Nancy Finn, Barbara Rogers, Miles Owen.

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of  
**James O'Brien**  
through the generosity of  
his beloved wife, Gerri



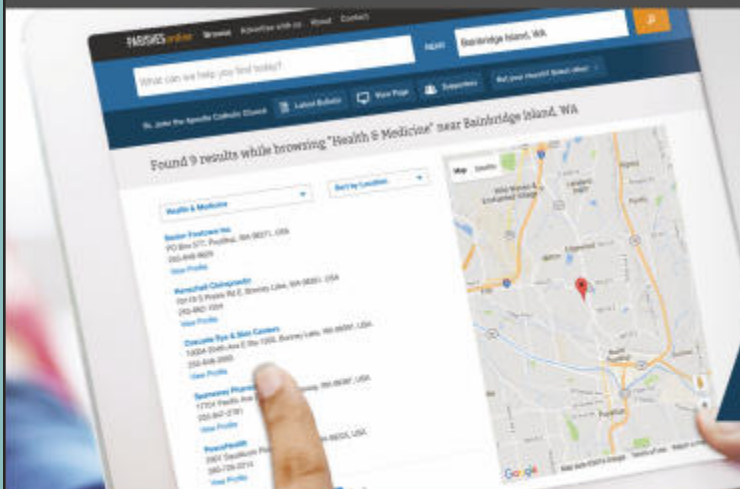
## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Mar. 16</b>	4:00 PM	Catherine O'Brien
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar. 17</b>	8:00 AM	People of the Parish and Visitors
		9:30 AM	Daniel & Hannah Gallagher
		11:30 AM	Janet Kadyszewski
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Mar. 18</b>	7:30 AM	Earl & Catherine Reed
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Mar. 19</b>	7:30 AM	Mary Castellano
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Mar. 20</b>	7:30 AM	Eula M. Ivey
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Mar. 21</b>	7:30 AM	William Baker
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Mar. 22</b>	7:30 AM	Eula M. Ivey
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Mar. 23</b>	4:00 PM	Annamae Jacobs
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar. 24</b>	8:00 AM	Mark Pastorius, 7th Anniv.
		9:30 AM	People of the Parish and Visitors
		11:30 AM	Albert & Eda Tribuiani

*PRAYERS FOR THE INFIRM: To add a name to the prayer list, please contact Renee Devine at 610-485-0441, ext. 2. People remain on our prayer list for 30 days, except for those with long-term medical issues. After 30 days, if you would like to continue prayers for a person, please call the parish office to ask that their name be added to the list again.*

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