



**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**MARCH 13, 2022**

## Cresson Catholic Community of St. Aloysius Parish, St. Francis Xavier Parish & All Saints Catholic School

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## From the Desk of Fr. Leo

**Attention Retirees and Other Available Parishioners!** I'd like to call on each of you personally, but I don't have that kind of time. So, I address myself to each of you personally via this article. I've only seen a few (very

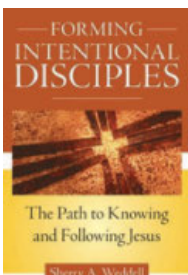
few) new faces at our daily Masses for Lent. I am bold to say: You got time on your hands and I (speaking on behalf of the Lord) want some of it. Namely, I want you to attend daily Mass - even if it's only one extra day a week. To our "baby-sitting grandparents: bring them to Mass with you. Our world is very much in need of prayer to appeal to God for mercy and guidance. Remember: *If we don't ask, we will not receive.* There is no better place to ask than at Mass. So, please - no excuses - just commit to attend daily Mass.



**Lenten Penance Service** is set for **Tues, Mar. 22 at 7:00pm at FX**. This will be our only penance service for the two parishes. I will continue to offer opportunities for Confession after Thursday evening Adoration, after Friday evening Stations, and on Saturdays from 11:00am until done during Eucharistic Exposition at FX.

### Other Local Penance Services:

Holy Name, Ebensburg, Wed, Mar. 23 at 6:30pm.  
St. Michael's, Loretto, Sun, Mar. 27 at 7:00pm.  
Altoona Cathedral, Wed, April 6 at 6:00pm



**Spiritual Renewal and Adult Ed.:** Our first session of Forming Intentional Disciples will be on Tuesday, Mar. 15 at 7:00pm in FX hall. To help with our Spiritual Renewal efforts we will use this book, first to teach ourselves how to fire-up the faith within us, and then how we might make efforts to fire-up the faith in those who have drifted from our parishes. Renewal Committee members are expected to attend, all others

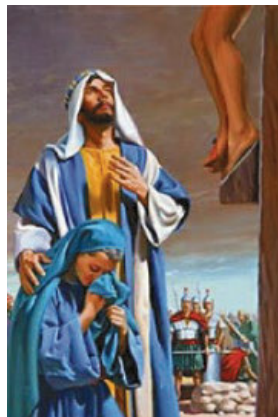
are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## Seven Last Words from the Cross

### 3. "Woman, behold, your son. ... Behold, your mother." (Jn 19:26-27)

Preparing to leave the earthly realm, Jesus entrusts his mother, Mary, to "the disciple whom he loved." Even as he was dying, Jesus was thinking of his mother and how she would go on after her son's death.

What role does Mary play in your life? How is your relationship with your parents and other family members? What could you do to grow closer to them? Think about friends who feel like family, like the beloved disciple. Write about their importance to you and how you can show them how you feel.



## ECCLESIA IN AMERICA

### Pope Saint John Paul II CH 4 - THE PATH TO COMMUNION

#### Promoting vocations

**40.** The indispensable role of the priest within the community must lead all the members of the Church in America to recognize the importance of promoting vocations. The American continent has many young people, who represent an immense

spiritual resource. Therefore, it is necessary to foster vocations to the priesthood and religious life where they first develop, and Christian families must be invited to support their children if they feel called to follow this path. Vocations "are a gift of God" and "they are born in communities of faith, above all in the family, the parish, Catholic schools and other Church organizations. Bishops and priests are particularly responsible for encouraging vocations by personally presenting the call, and above all by their witness of a life of fidelity, joy, enthusiasm and holiness. The entire People of God is responsible for promoting vocations, and does so chiefly by persistent and humble prayer for vocations".

As places which accept and train those called to the priesthood, seminaries must prepare the future ministers of the Church to live "a solid spirituality of communion with Christ the Shepherd and of openness to the workings of the Spirit, that will make them able to discern the needs of God's People and their various charisms, and to work together". In seminaries "there should be special insistence upon spiritual formation, so that through constant conversion, the spirit of prayer, the practice of the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Penance, the candidates learn to be close to the Lord and to commit themselves generously to pastoral work". Those responsible for formation should carefully supervise and guide seminarians towards emotional maturity so they may be fit to embrace priestly celibacy and be prepared to live in communion with their brother priests. They should also foster the capacity for critical observation so they can discern true and false values, since this is an essential requirement for establishing a constructive dialogue with the world of today.

Special attention needs to be given to vocations among indigenous peoples: they need a formation which takes account of their culture. While receiving a proper theological and pastoral formation for their future ministry, these candidates for the priesthood should not be uprooted from their own culture.

**Reflection:** By "indigenous people" JP II does not mean foreigners. Rather, he means the young men from the very place in which that parish exists. So, Cresson needs to raise up young men from Cresson to become priests for the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese. We should not have to depend on other nations to give up their men to become priests for us. We are not mission territory. In my 27 years of priesthood, I have come across five young men who expressed a desire to become a priest. In all five cases, one or both of his parents was opposed to their son's desire - only one of those five are a priest today - how sad! Parents, are you allowing for the possibility of your sons to become priests or are you hindering what might be God's will for them?



## ST ALOYSIUS PARISH

**Collection Ash Wednesday:** Adults \$708; Loose \$169; Initial \$2; Black & Indian \$3 **Total Deposit \$882**

**Collection 3/6/2022:** Adults \$3493; children \$39; loose \$31; candles \$30; Easter \$20; rent \$300; utilities \$50; angel fund \$82; Mandeville \$47; Black & Indian \$92; Holy Thursday \$10; Holy Land \$10 **Total Deposit \$4204**  
Christmas Club \$30; Development \$57; Easter flowers \$125; Cemetery \$20

**2021 Financial Contributions:** If you would like to receive a copy of your 2021 financial contributions to St. Aloysius Church, call Ann at 814 886-2235 or e-mail stalloysiuscresson@dioceseaj.org.

**SA Office Closed:** The St. Aloysius Parish office will be closed on Thursday, March 17. Ann has a doctor's appointment.



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**Days for Life:** Help save lives in Johnstown! A vigil will be held Mondays through Saturdays (March 2 – April 10) outside of Planned Parenthood, 817 Franklin St., Johnstown. The vigil hours are 7 am to 7 pm daily



**LEGION OF MARY:** Greetings to Legion of Mary Auxiliary members.

Please join fellow Legion of Mary Members in celebrating the Acies taking place at Queen of Peace Parish hosted by the Lady of Perpetual Help. The Event will take place March 27th at 3:00pm. The Cost is \$15.00. Please RSVP to 814-330-4145 or 814-886-8968.

**Lenten Fish Fry:** The Cresson American Legion will hold a Lenten Fish Fry every Friday from 4 – 7 pm (March 4 through April 15). Eat in and take out. Dinner Platter \$10.00. For more information, please call 814 886-7421

**Men's Turkey Dinner:** The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel annual Men's Turkey Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 20 as a drive-thru dinner. 11:00 am – 3:00 pm or sold out. Turkey dinner with all the trimmings \$12.00. All are welcome.

**Parish Pastoral Council - Serving Christ's Mission:** Vibrant faith communities are important for the living out of Christ's mission. The Parish Pastoral Council explores how communities can best respond to the invitation of Jesus Christ to "go and make disciples". Deacon Michael Russo will be offering a Zoom class on the role, the members and the responsibilities of the Pastoral Council. These two-evening class will be from 6:30-9:00 PM. The dates are to be determined. If you are interested in attending these classes, please contact Marybeth at (814) 361-2000 or email at mheinze@dioceseaj.org. All are welcome.

## ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

**Collection 03/06/2022:** Adults \$3731.00; Loose \$129; youth \$59.15; Easter \$60; Easter Flowers \$15; Energy \$18; Initial \$2; Development 76; Angel Fund \$40; Candles \$15; Sanctuary Candle \$10; Divine Mercy Candles \$3; Mother's day \$10; Catholic Comm Camp \$5; Catholic Home Missions \$116; Cath relief serv \$5; Mandeville \$451.15; **Total Deposit \$4745.30** Cemetery \$90; Church Improvement \$80:

**2021 Financial Contributions:** If you would like to receive a copy of your 2021 Statement from St. Francis Xavier Church, call Sr. Nancy at 814-886-2374 or email: [fxparish@dioceseaj.org](mailto:fxparish@dioceseaj.org).

### Easter Special Tickets

If you have tickets that you will not be able to sell please return as we have individuals asking for them.

### MONDAY NIGHT BINGO

Admission \$21.00 Doors Open 5:00pm  
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**Fatima Message on Devotion of the Five First Saturdays:**

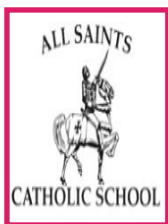
### WHY FIVE SATURDAYS?

It is sometimes asked why Our Lady asked for Communions of reparation on five first Saturdays, instead of some other number. Our Blessed Lord answered that question when He appeared to Sr. Lucia May 29, 1930. He explained that it was because of five kinds of offenses and blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, namely: blasphemies against her Immaculate Conception, against her perpetual virginity, against the divine and spiritual maternity of Mary, blasphemies involving the rejection and dishonoring of her images, and the neglect of implanting in the hearts of children a knowledge and love of this Immaculate Mother.

[NB: In honor of our year of Spiritual Renewal, I'll offer a 9am Mass at FX on the first Saturdays of June through October to provide for this request of Our Lady of Fatima.]



**Caps for Cash:** Please remember to bring the caps from your prescriptions from **Mainline Pharmacy ONLY**. No other pharmacy is supporting this effort. Proceeds from this incentive program benefit our Catholic Schools.



## All Saints Catholic School

**Kindergarten and new student registration** will take place on Friday, March 25, from 10 AM-1 PM in our school library. You may call 814-886-7942 for more information or to schedule a tour.

**Looking for some extra prayer time** during Lent? Join us for Stations of the Cross led by our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on Fridays during Lent in St. Francis Xavier Church at 1:40.

**We had so much fun** celebrating read Across America the first week in March with our special guest readers and theme days. All students will be increasing their reading time this March after being given monthly reading challenges by their teachers.

**Our ASCS families** are selling Easter candy and the orders are due this Tuesday, 3/15, so contact one of them or the school office to place an order. You can also use this link to order Gardner's Candy online at <https://www.gardnerscandiesfundraising.com/> and use our Group ID # 10-0260.

**All ASCS supporters** make plans to attend and discover how everyone can play a part in reducing the fundraisers and keeping tuition at ASCS affordable. Fundraising and EITC Information Night will be at 6:30 PM Wednesday March 30<sup>th</sup>, in St. Francis Xavier Centennial Hall.



Religious Education  
Sunday Morning  
9:15am to 10:45am

Mar.13,20,27 CCD

**Mar 22 Penance Service St. Francis Xavier 7:00pm**

Mar 27 Spring Confirmation session  
9th, 10th, 11th grade

### CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

**Rite of Sending:** The Rite of Sending will take place on Saturday, April 23, at the 4:00pm Mass at St. Francis Xavier Church for all candidates.

**Confirmation Practice:** A Practice at the cathedral will be held at 6:00pm on May 2 to let everyone know the procedure for Confirmation Mass.

**Confirmation Mass:** May 3, 2022 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Altoona 7:00pm.

FX Sanctuary Lamp — JAMES & JOSEPH SUTTON (family)  
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**MASS SCHEDULE FOR MAR 14 TO MAR 20**

**Servers - MARCH 19-20**  
4:00pm **Volunteers**  
8:00am **Sutton Family**  
11:00am **Volunteers**

**Lector-**  
4:00pm **Sr. Nancy**  
8:00am **J or M G Neugebauer**  
11:00am **T DeAngelo**

**Extraordinary Minister of Eucharist**  
4:00pm **S Mullen**  
8:00am **J or M G Neugebauer**  
11:00am **D Spahr**

**MON - MARCH 14**  
8:00am **FX NO MASS**

**TUE - MARCH 15**  
8:00am **SA BERNARD MAZUR (wife/family)**

**WED - MARCH 16**  
8:00am **FX JANE SIATKOWSKI**  
**(Carole & Jackie)**  
8:00pm **SA 24HR. ADORATION**

**THUR - MARCH 17**  
8:00am **SA INTENTIONS OF FR. LEO**  
**ARNONE (Legion of Mary)**  
8:30am **ADORATION**  
7:00pm **Holy Hour**  
8:00pm **Confessions**

**FRI - MARCH 18**  
9:00am **FX DENISE SLEBODNICK**  
**(Tom Zentack)**  
7:00pm **SA STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**SAT MARCH 19**  
11:00am **Conf. & Adoration @ FX**  
3:30pm **FX ROSARY**  
4:00pm **FX PEOPLE of FX & SA PARISHES**

**SUN - MARCH 20**  
7:30am **SA ROSARY**  
8:00am **SA RAY WATT (wife, Jeannie)**  
10:30am **FX ROSARY**  
11:00am **FX PATRICK KENT (Olsick family)**

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