

**"The Lord is kind  
and merciful"**

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**Third Sunday of Lent – "C"**  
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**March 23, 2025**  
*102<sup>nd</sup> year of service*

**Events for the week:**

**Sun., 3/23/25 – III Sunday of Lent**

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all Parishioners.

➤ *Confirmation class.*

**Mon., 3/24/25 – Feast – St. Gabriel, Archangel**

8:15AM – Holy Mass

**Tue., 3/25/25 – Solemnity – Annunciation of the BVM**

8:15AM – Holy Mass

**Wed., 3/26/25 – Lenten Weekday**

6:00PM – Lenten Ecumenical Service

**Fri., 3/28/25 – Lenten Weekday**

6:00PM – The Way of the Cross

**Next Sunday, March 30: IV Sunday of Lent**

As we continue this season of Lent, we gather today as a community of those who believe, giving thanks for all the many blessings we have received and committing ourselves to living out the Gospel in our daily actions.

**I Reading:** Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

**II Reading:** I Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

**GOSPEL:** Luke 13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."'

**FUTURE EVENTS**

**April 20 – Resurrection of the Lord Solemnity**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Special Thanks go out to: Organist, Choir Members, lector, collector, and the Sunday greeters.

10:00AM - Holy Mass, intention: for  
+John Michael Stabinsky.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Birthday best wishes are  
extended to: March 27 –  
Mary Ann Tokarczyk.



### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE

SICK – especially for: Jean  
Keim – Marjorie Dean –  
Elaine Antalosky – Josephine

Hause. *H & R Center Tremont*. Dolores  
Halaburda. *Rehab. & Nursing Center*  
*Pottsville, PA* – Thomas Justen.  
*Shenandoah Manor* – Betty Brazausky  
(A-14)

Next Sunday's Mass intentions: March  
30: +John Michael Stabinsky.

### **PROJECTED FUNDRAISERS:**

50/50 chances, sticky bun sale (with Methodist Church), Chicken dinner (August), stuff shells sale (September), Halushkie sale (October), Sticks sale...

COUNTRY MEATS order form – is available in the vestibule of the church; **\$1.50 each stick.**

### **MINISTERIUM LENTEN SERVICES (begin at 6:00PM)**

March 26 – **St. John the Baptist PNCC** – Pastor Carl Shankweiler preaches

April 2 – Trinity Evangelical Church – Pastor David Davis preaches

April 9 – First United Methodist Church

THE HOLY SEASON OF GREAT LENT begins on Ash Wednesday. As Jesus fasted for 40 days in the desert, the Church traditional fasts during Lent. A form of bodily prayer, fasting and abstinence in union with other Christian reminds us of our total dependence on and love for God. Please remember that Fridays are days of **abstinence** from meat. **Fasting:** all those of post-confirmation age are to fast on Fridays, and on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals, with no snacking between meals.

Our Lenten regulations are recommended for healthy adults. Children under First Holy Communion age, the infirm, those on restrictive medication and the elderly are exempt from the obligation of fasting. During this holy and grace-filled season of Lent, all of you are encouraged to share in our Lenten Journey in preparation for Christ's Resurrection by faithfully attending not only Sunday's Mass but also our Lenten services that will be include: **Stations of the Cross** (Friday's at 6:00pm; on April 4 at **5:30PM**) and Bitter Lamentations on Holy Wednesday all three parts in Polish.

**24<sup>th</sup> Mission & Evangelism Workshop** will be held on **Friday, May 30 through Sunday, June 1, 2025** at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Denver, CO.

Hotel accommodation: **Hampton Inn & Suites Denver-Cherry Creek, 4150 East Kentucky Ave., Glendale, CO 80246.** Please use the hotel code **M&E 2025** when making reservations. To make your reservation, contact the hotel directly at (303) 692-1800, or [www.sfdenver.org/mission-and-evangelism](http://www.sfdenver.org/mission-and-evangelism). The deadline for registration is **Tuesday, May 13, 2025**. The cut-off deadline date for obtaining the guaranteed room rate of 30 double queens or 10 king size, \$120.00, plus tax is **Thursday, May 1, 2025**.

	<p><b><u>ATTENTION PARISHIONERS</u></b> – in case of your inability to come to church on any particular Sunday, please mail or submit your Sunday offerings and donations to our parish. Your church needs your financial support in order to pay utilities and expenses.</p>
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