

		†	MASS INTENTIONS	†
Sat.	2/17	4:00 PM	Jean Matisak by Her Mother Gloria and Family	
Sun.	2/18	7:30 AM	Deceased Members of the Feissner and Staruch Families by M/M Gerald Feissner and Family	
		10:30 AM	For the People	
Mon.	2/19	7:00 PM	Anna Marie Pollack by JoAnn Zynel	
Tue.	2/20	7:00 AM	Mary Starruick by MM Mark Starruick	
Wed.	2/21	7:00 AM	NO MASS	
Thur.	2/22	7:00 AM	Marilyn Moyer by Bob and Sandy Buchman	
Fri.	2/23	7:00 AM	Robert Hludzik by Anna Plaksa	
Sat.	2/24	4:00 PM	Andrew Blasko, Sr. by His Daughter Paula Gallagher	
Sun.	2/25	7:30 AM	Deceased Members of the Capozzelli Family by Their Family	
		10:30 AM	For the People	



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$3,985; Dues \$510.00; Care and Education of Priests \$62.00;
 Ash Wednesday \$94.00; Initial Offering \$10.00; Church in Europe \$37.00;
 Holy Land Sanctuary \$0.27; Christmas Flowers \$3.00; Easter Flowers \$3.00;
 Poor Box \$249.99

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of the Deceased Members of the Feissner and Staruch Families by M/M Gerald Feissner and Family.



LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, February 22nd,
at 5:30 PM in the rectory.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, February 22nd,
at 7:15 PM in the rectory.

REMINDER: Every Friday during Lent is a day of abstinence from eating meat.



FAITH FORMATION NEWS: On February 24th, our 2nd Grade class will be receiving their First Reconciliation. Please pray for our children as they prepare to receive this blessed sacrament.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be offered every Friday during Lent at Noon and again at 7:00 PM beginning this Friday, February 16th. The evening Stations will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, and Personal Prayer from 6:00 to 6:55 PM.



***** THE NEXT TELEVISED MASS WILL BE ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH, AT 9:00 AM.**

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, IN OBSERVATION OF PRESIDENT'S DAY





Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and Jesus in the desert were tempted by the same devil (Satan). Adam and Eve gave into the temptation, Jesus did not. In and of itself, temptation is not bad - it's what Satan does! What makes temptation bad is our giving into it. We are just into the first few days of Lent. I'm sure many of you made promises of things you would or would not do for Lent. I'm also sure that many of you have been tempted since those promises were made. Be strong! Resisting temptation builds character. Jesus showed us that it can be done. You can do it!



A VIEW FROM THE PEW, STONES AND BREAD

I read an article written by Father Dwight Longenecker titled "The Joy of Being Wrong." The first line was an interesting way of looking at the beginning of Lent "Ash Wednesday is the day when we wear our error on our brow. The ashes declare to the world, "I'm wrong. It was me." Ash Wednesday we begin to examine our hearts. Has it become like a stone? Isn't it time to admit, "It was me." If it has become like stone, why not make the changes in our lives that are necessary to soften our hearts and become closer to Christ. Through self-denial, penance and humility we should develop a spiritual hunger and longing for the ultimate food, the Bread of Life, The Eucharist. Let's make our Lenten journey memorable, let us **TURN OUR HEARTS FROM STONES TO BREAD!**

FORGET-ME-NOT GIFT BAGS: Deadline for registering is February 28th.

BLANKET DRIVE: New blankets will be collected in the back of the church. They will be distributed to VALOR and also to St. Francis Soup Kitchen in Philadelphia. Please bring your **new** blanket donations as soon as possible. As always, thank you for your support and your generosity to those in need.



ST. PATRICK'S OLDIES DANCE will be held on Saturday, February 24th, from 6-10 in their Parish Center. Tickets cost \$15.00 per person. Music by Father Mike and His Heavenly Delights. Come out and enjoy the good music, food, and prizes!



PARISH BUS TRIP to see the play "Steel Magnolias" at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, Hampton, NJ on Thursday, April 19th. Cost is \$76 and includes lunch. Lunch includes a choice of Yankee Pot Roast, Fried Jumbo Shrimp Platter, Lemon Pepper Cod, Stuffed Chicken Breast, Roast Turkey with Stuffing, Eggplant Rollatini, or Roasted Vegetable Kabob. Call Mary Lloyd 570-578-6720 for reservations. Money is due with reservation.

DUE TO THE WIDESPREAD FLU OUTBREAK, PARISHIONERS ARE REMINDED THAT:

- If you are sick, especially with flu-like symptoms, you should stay home for your own well-being and that of others. You **are not** bound by the Sunday Mass obligation.
- You should not receive from the chalice if you are feeling ill.
- You are urged, but not required, to receive Holy Communion on the hand instead of the mouth.
- You should exchange the Sign of Peace without physical contact (i.e. without shaking hands).