

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 20, 2022

† MASS INTENTIONS †

- Sat. 3/19 4:00 PM Angie Puzzetti & Family by Jim & Michalene Eisenhart
Sun. 3/20 11:00 AM Richard Mladek & Thomas Mark Kopczynskie by Debra & Matt Kopczynskie
Mon. 3/21 7:00 PM Deceased Members of the Evanochick Family by the Capozzelli Family
Tue. 3/22 7:00 AM Joseph Baran by His Mother & Brothers
Wed. 3/23 7:00 AM Stephanie Iben by Her Dad, Sister, & Husband
Thur. 3/24 7:00 AM Mary Kopczynskie by Renee Mladek
Fri. 3/25 7:00 AM Joan Yursevich Hale by Mary
Sat. 3/26 4:00 PM Deceased Members of the Batcha & Ceriani Families & Steve Korol by JoAnne & Barbara
Sun. 3/27 11:00 AM Skippy Rish by His Mom & Dad



Last Weekend:

Sunday \$2,238.00; Ukraine \$390.00; Dues \$609.00; Care and Education of Priests \$88.00; Ash Wednesday \$72.00; Churches in Europe \$100.00; Rice Bowl \$283.00; Other \$81.00; Poor Box \$359.00

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Joseph Baran by His Mother and Brothers



OUR SANCTUARY LAMP is burning this week in Memory of Richard Mladek and Thomas Mark Kopczynskie by Debra and Matt Kopczynskie



MANDATORY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS will be at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, April 27th, in the Immaculate Conception Parish Center. Please register by calling the Immaculate Conception Parish Office at 570-636-3035 or the Good Shepherd office at 570-788-3141

JUST A REMINDER: Every Friday during Lent is a day of abstinence from meat. Everyone ages 14 and older must abstain from eating meat.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be offered every Friday during Lent at noon and again at 7:00 PM beginning this Friday, March 4th. The evening Stations will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction from 6:00 to 6:55 PM and Stations at 7:00 PM.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is offered Monday evenings before the 7:00 PM mass (6:00 - 6:50 PM); every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday morning from 6:15 - 6:50 AM; and Saturday afternoon from 3:00 - 3:30 PM. Father Mike is leaving the light on for you!



If you have recently disconnected your landline and have a new phone number, please let us know so we can update our records. Also, if your email address has changed or if you have added an email address, please let us know. Thank you so much!



A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MIKE:



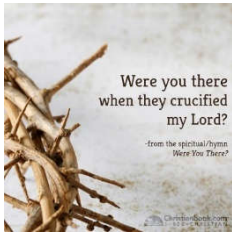
This Third Week of Lent shows the Gospel talks about repentance. Our banner asks the question: "Were you there.....as a confessor?" If you want repentance in your life, then you need to CONFESS! Imagine being at the foot of the Cross and seeing Jesus' body in desolation. If you were there, would you be moved to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

He was a fallen away Catholic and had not been to church for almost 40 years. The doctors had told him two years earlier he had terminal cancer. There were some progressive treatments that prolonged his life, temporarily. His wife and sons brought him home and he was placed in hospice care. Other family members came to visit him for the last few days of his life. There was one visitor he hoped (and feared) would come - a priest. He wanted the priest to come to make his peace with God, but he feared he would not be forgiven. The priest came, celebrated the Sacrament of the Sick with reconciliation and welcomed back to the church. The image of peace on his face was one I will never forget. He was my brother.



GO TO CONFESSION!

A VIEW FROM THE PEW, "WERE YOU THERE."



Were you there (when they crucified My Lord.)" We all know the hymn. Written by unknown African Americans slaves in the 19th century and first published by William Barton in "Old Plantation Songs," the lyrics take the listener back to the crucifixion so one can reflect on the suffering and death of Christ on the cross. Take time this Lent, reflect on what took place so long ago on Golgotha. It should make you "tremble"!



**FORGET-ME-NOT GIFT BAGS ARE DUE
ON THE ALTAR OR IN THE PARISH OFFICE
BY SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD.**



FAITH FORMATION NEWS: Updated Mask Guidelines for Faith Formation: As of March 3, 2022, we have transitioned to a "Mask Recommended". There will still be times when an individual might be required to wear a mask, such as: an individual who is within 10 days of a positive diagnosis or is identified as close contact to a COVID case but does not have to quarantine due to being fully vaccinated or had a confirmed COVID case in the last 90 days.

Sunday, March 20th, the 11:00 AM mass will be the **3rd Grade Children's Mass**. The students will have a gift prepared for you in a basket so you may help yourself to one.

Our Confirmation class is sponsoring a **Children's Bingo** on Sunday, **April 3rd**, at Good Shepherd Parish. Anyone who would like to make a donation to assist our students, please contact Marianne at 570-636-0879 or Donna at 570-401-0414.

Please look for a notice being sent home with your children on April 10th.

EVENTS



PARISH EASTER BINGO will take place on Thursday, March 31st, in the Parish Center. Admission \$10.00. Early Birds and Specials \$1.00 Each. Kitchen opens at 4:30 PM. Early Birds start at 5:30 PM. Regular Bingo starts at 6:00 PM. \$35.00 cash prize per game will be awarded. Last Special will be for \$100.00! Tricky Trays will be available. Anyone who would like to donate food items or tricky trays is asked to contact Mary Lloyd at 570-578-6720.



Our Parish Community-Service Coordinating Team is requesting Instant Scalloped Potatoes, Pineapple Slices, and Baked Beans for the month of March. Thank you for any donations you can provide to assist those in need in our community.



A LENTEN FOOD TAKEOUT will be hosted by Good Shepherd Church on **Friday, March 25th**. You may purchase 6 pierogies with butter and onions for \$5 or 12 pierogies for \$10, and haluski for \$3 per pint or \$6 per quart. **Pickup times are from 4:00 - 7:00PM** in the parish hall. **All orders MUST be placed in advance! There will be NO WALK-IN orders!** To place an order, fill out the coupon below and return it to the parish office along with your payment by **Monday, March 20, 2022 by 10:00 AM**. There will also be a bake sale during the pick-up times. Anyone who would like to bake can contact Connie at 570-788-6216 or Andrea at 570-788-2002.

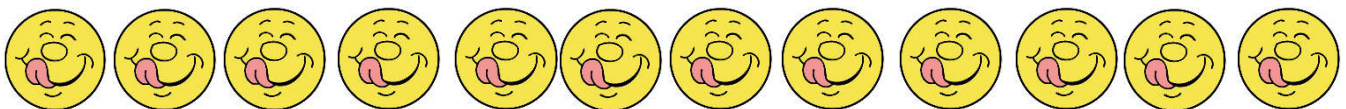
Name _____

Phone Number _____

Pierogies: Number of Pierogies _____

Haluski: Number of Pints _____ Number of Quarts _____

Amount Enclosed : \$ _____



Dear Deacon Jim,

*Why do some people raise their hands when praying the Lord's Prayer while others do not?
Which is correct?*

❖ **Response**

This is an interesting question and a discussion that is becoming common in Catholic parishes whether the faithful should also raise their hands when praying the Lord's Prayer. This gesture of extending hands to the sides and being slightly elevated is known as the **ORANS** (meaning "praying") posture. The priest celebrant uses this ancient prayer posture surrendering themselves, with hands uplifted to the Lord, in a gesture that echoes Christ's outstretched arms as he offered himself on the Cross.

Typically, when such a question arises, we can refer to the rubrics (the red color instructions) in the Roman Missal which is the large book that guides our liturgical worship. Unfortunately, in this case, the *General Instruction on the Roman Missal (GIRM)* does not provide any specific information on this question. However, in a document published by the Vatican, *Instruction On Collaboration of the Faithful in the Sacred Ministry of Priests*, it mandates: **"Neither may... non-ordained members of the faithful use gestures or actions which are proper to the... priest celebrant. It is a grave abuse for any member of the non-ordained faithful to "quasi preside" at the Mass while leaving only that minimal participation to the priest which is necessary to secure validity"** (ICP, [Practical Provisions 6 §2](#)).

What the above statement means is that the laity should not say the Eucharistic prayers along with the priest and that the faithful may not use the same gestures that are reserved for the priest celebrant.

The Our Father is a community prayer by the faithful prayed together as the Body of Christ and takes place during the Liturgy of the Eucharist and as such is directed to God by the priest celebrant on behalf of all the faithful participating in the Liturgy. This prayer offering by the celebrant provides the vertical emphasis that it demands.

Regarding the question is Orans' posture by the faithful is correct, I can only say as stated above based on the ICP issued by the Vatican (Nov. 13, 1997) this gesture is reserved for the celebrant of the Mass. This gesture on the part of the faithful is frowned upon by the Vatican, to say the least. I believe prayerful consideration, discussion with your Pastor, and deeper catechesis on the practice of this topic are required.

Deacon Jim