



# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Mass Times:** M, W, Th, F 8:30 a.m.

**Saturday:** 5:30 p.m.

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 8:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Holy Hour: Friday: 3:00 p.m.

\*We pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary before Mass at 5:00 PM Saturday and 8:25 AM Sunday. The Rosary and Chaplet is also prayed after weekday Masses.

**Confessions:** Saturday: 12:00 noon, Sunday: 8:00 a.m., after Holy Hour, after Mass, or any time by appointment.

**Religious Education:** grades 1-11 on Sunday: 10:00 – 10:45 a.m. –Contact Fr. Fairman

**Catholic Charities:** (814) 944-9388, call Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**New Parishioners:** Please fill out a yellow card, found on the bulletin table, put it in the collection basket, and introduce yourself to Father Fairman.

March 30, 2025  
Fourth Sunday of Lent



## LITURGY March 29 – April 6

**SATURDAY**  
5:30 PM

**March 29**  
All Members of the Parish

**SUNDAY**  
9:00 AM

**March 30**  
Daniel Wood  
by Fred & Margaret Grover

**MONDAY**  
8:30 AM

**March 31**  
Father Anthony J. Fontanella  
by Carol Harclerode

**TUESDAY**  
8:30 AM

**April 1**  
**NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY**  
8:30 AM

**April 2**  
Gil Conklin  
by Mr. & Mrs. John Purpura

**THURSDAY**  
8:30 AM

**April 3**  
Father Paul T. Rindos  
by Carol Harclerode

**FRIDAY**  
8:30 AM

**April 4**  
Bob Harclerode  
by Carol Harclerode

3:15 PM

**EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR**

4:30 PM

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**SATURDAY**  
5:30 PM

**April 5**  
Holy Vocations to the Priesthood  
by Elaine Wilt

**SUNDAY**  
9:00 AM

**April 6**  
All Members of the Parish

**PRAYER LIST:** Joseph Batenga, Judy Lowry, Anne Jones, Don Hoenstine, Billy Clapper, Bob Marko, Bob Will, Richard Heming, Harvey Bennett, Kyle Foust, James McDonnell, Adam Wright, Jim Buchanan, Jim Macy, Tim Kiser, Bob Myers, Ron and Sally Perrin, Mitch Durst, Judy Mardis, Janice Heming, Bill Wigfield, Dianne Hush, Danielle Henry, Suzanne Porsch, Chaddie Kidd, Nancy Pennel, Doreen Spargo, Mary Belle Zelanko, Rose Marie Stoeffler, James Bernarding, Shirley Smith, Linda Stubler, James Ford, Janine Anna, Caden Davis, Jane Cunard, Peggy Scritchfield, Kathleen Yingling, River Troutman, Richard Koontz, Anne and Casmir Majcher, Joette Reid, Hope Burkett, J.B. Whisker, Pat Young, Rose Feight, Helen Snyder, and Nancy Stolarski .

\* Please call to add or remove a name once the person is recovered or no longer in need of special prayer. If you are placing someone other than a family member on the list, please be sure to have their permission first.

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**MASS INTENTIONS:** For this year, 2025, all weekend Mass intentions are filled. Since our parish has two weekend Masses, one may be offered for a requested special intention and the other must be offered for all members of the parish. Some week day Masses are still available for intentions.

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**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** 814-979-0272

*In today's Gospel the prodigal son repents and finds mercy in the heart of his father. Know that your penance during Lent can give the poor the grace of finding the merciful heart of God the Father.* Our next regular meeting is Monday, March 31, at 2:00 p.m. in St. Thomas Hall. If you are seeking fulfillment in serving others as Christ does, consider attending a meeting to explore the *Vincentian Charism which is the grace of finding the face of Christ in the poor.*

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**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR EASTER MEALS:** At weekend Masses on **April 5/6**, there will be an opportunity to share the joy of the celebration of Easter with Bedford County families in need. The "big jar" will be available in the vestibule for **donations to provide Easter meal vouchers.** Your generosity is always appreciated!

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**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:** *In today's Gospel the Parable ends with a strong message for all of us as the father addresses the older brother. "My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again, he was lost and has been found."* This parable speaks to all of us, as it highlights the human experience of sin, repentance, and reconciliation. The younger son's journey represents our own moments of turning away from God, seeking fulfillment in the wrong places, and facing the consequences of our choices. The father's response, however, demonstrates the depth of God's love—always ready to welcome us back with open arms, no matter how far we've gone astray. The older son's reaction challenges us to examine our own hearts. Are we resentful when others experience mercy and forgiveness, especially if they have sinned or hurt us in the past? The Gospel invites us to see beyond our human pride and judgment, recognizing that God's love for us all is unmeasurable.

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**LADIES OF ST. JOHN:** will meet **Wednesday, April 9, at 4:00 pm** in the social hall. All ladies of the parish are invited. *Please note the new time for meetings.*

<b>SUNDAY OFFERING</b>	
<b>March 23, 2025</b>	
Weekly:	\$1,319.00
Donation, Misc.:	\$500.00
<b>Thank You!!</b>	

**2025 CMD:** Begins this week. This year's theme is "**Follow Me.**" This fund supports 10 Ministries throughout the diocese, which fall into 3 categories: evangelization, serving those in need, and formation of our priests and deacons. You should receive a letter with a donation card this week. This year's goal for our parish is **\$10,600.** Everything over this goal is returned to us.

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**2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION:** This weekend, **Mar.29/30** we will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection.** These funds provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad.

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**NOTES FROM FR. FAIRMAN: LENTEN EVENTS**

The third and last **Lenten Soup Supper** for this year will be this Friday, **April 4**, immediately following Stations of the Cross. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. **The Lenten Penance Service** will be on Thursday, April 10 at 7 p.m. with several priests available.

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**RAFFLE NEWS:** Your next opportunity to procure raffle tickets will be before mass on April 12/13. As always, you can buy or take tickets to sell, returning ticket stubs, money, and unsold tickets by Memorial Day weekend. We have sold 50% of our tickets to date. We are hoping this fund raiser is a sellout by Memorial Day. We thank everyone for your ongoing support.

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**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** *By Bud Ozar*

We may feel like the Prodigal Son but the gospel wants us to focus on the father who was forgiving and understanding. We all make mistakes and need forgiveness. Who in your family needs your forgiveness and acceptance this Lent?

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**JUBILEE 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE**

*For April, the monthly prayer intention of Pope Francis is for the use of new technologies.*

*Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crisis of our times. Amen*

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**DIVINE MERCY JUBILEE CELEBRATION:**

Sunday, **April 27**, at **Our Lady of the Alleghenies** Parish in Lilly, **you** are invited to celebrate this devotion at one of the Diocese's Jubilee Pilgrim sites with Sunday Mass beginning at 2:00pm followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm. There will be 2 opportunities for the Sacrament of Confession at 1:15pm to 1:45pm and again after the Devotion is concluded. All are welcome

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**ST. MONICA CLUB:** The next meeting will be **Wednesday, April 9**, at 1 p.m. in the social hall. New members are welcome.