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Religious Education
February News

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MARCH NEWS

Family Masses March 17 & April 21

Families are invited to participate in Masses on the dates listed above. Please call the office if you would like to read at one of those Masses. We do practice ahead of time.

HAPPY NATIONAL ANTHEM DAY! March 3

Weather Alert

Classes will be canceled if weather conditions are too dangerous to safely travel. Notices will be on our social media pages, and families will receive a phone call or text message from their class catechists. Please know parents have the final decision on whether to send their child/ren to class based on the family's local road conditions.

Mass Attendance Record

All students in second, seventh, and eighth grades need to record their Mass attendance. Students are asked to sign the sheet on the clip board in front of the cry room. If you attend Mass at another church please bring their bulletin to your next class. The priest does not have to sign the bulletin.

Gertrude Hawk

Candy will be ready for pick up the weekend of March 23/24. Boxes will be in the social hall.. Thank you to everyone who purchased candy. We appreciate for your participation.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group: Our next Youth Group meeting is Friday, **March 22, from 5-8 PM**, in the social hall. Youth Group is for all students in seventh grade and older. Youth Group fills the obligation of religious education from first through twelfth grade as mandated by Bishop Bambera.

We will be filling Easter Eggs and attending Stations. Pizza will be served. This counts as service for Confirmation, HS Graduation, and National Honor Society. All are invited to help.

Upcoming Church and Parish Activities

Easter Basket Blessing

Saturday, March 30, 10AM ~ Saint Mary's Social Hall

The blessing of the Easter Basket containing the food for the first meal of Easter is a blessed Catholic Tradition.

Typical foods included in the basket are ham, eggs, salt, butter, horseradish, bread, wine, and candles.

HOLY TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Holy Triduum will be celebrated at Saint Jude Church

Holy Thursday 7:00PM

Good Friday 3:00PM

Holy Saturday 8:00PM

EASTER SUNDAY

at Saint Mary's

9:00AM

10:30AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation Opportunities

Every Monday during Lent at St. Jude 5:30-7:00 PM

(Except March 11)

Every Saturday at St. Mary's 4:30-5:15 PM

Monday, March 11, 5:00 PM at St. Nicholas Church, Wilkes-Barre *(all deanery priests will be there)*

Mondays, March 18 & 25 Fr. Alco will be available with Fr. Joe and Fr. Philbert at St. Jude 5:30-7:00 PM

Thursday, March 21 at St. Mary's 6:00 PM

Confessions will not be heard on Holy Saturday.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt: for Saint Mary's Children aged, sixth grade and younger will be held on Sunday, April 7, immediately following Mass (about 9:45AM). We will gather in the social hall. Children will be separated into three groups by age.

Yoga: Lisa Rosser leads a group on Thursdays at 6:30 PM, in the social hall. Please text Lisa at 570-899-6314 to let her know you will be attending class or for more information. Class is donation based and accommodates all skill levels.

ANNUAL BAZAAR

Mark your calendars for June 22 & 23! Help will be needed cooking and working the stands. Currently we are accepting Gift Card donations for any business or activity in any denomination for a new game stand. They may be dropped off at the office, placed in the offertory basket, or mailed to the parish office.

We need a chair for the Plant Stand. The prior chair stand is willing to help and guide you. Please call the office to sign up or for more information.

Stay up to date on all religious education and parish activities!

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