FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 13, 2016

Gospel Focus: Restoring Honor: When the accused woman is brought before Jesus for judgment he neither looks at the woman nor at the accusers. He bends down and writes in the sand. It is Jesus’ promise not to give up on us – even after we know we’ve done the wrong thing, and you can be forgiven for. However, Jesus says to us, I forgive you of us. We all feel at times that we’ve done the wrong thing, and you can be forgiven for. However, Jesus says to us, I forgive you.

Lenten Charities:
1) ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY: We need all types of powdered drink mixes to feed the needy of our area. Call Edward Butler (570-544-2739) to volunteer for our SVDP Outreach and God's Bounty Table 2) CATHOLIC RICE BOWL: HUNGERING TO GROW A NEW TOMORROW – This week’s CRS Rice Bowl country is the island nation of Madagascar, where we’re reminded of the important role farmers play in caring for God’s creation. As we prepare our meals throughout the week, let us reflect on where our food comes from – and the role we play in preserving our environment. Visit crisericebowl.org for information. Our Parish’s CRSRB Contribution: Fourth Sunday of Lent: $794.75. 3) MARY’S SHELTER BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: Sponsored by our Confirmation class. HAS ENDED! Thirty-nine bottles were not returned. $98.49 ADDITIONALLY WAS COLLECTED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.


Living the Gospel – Forgiven, not Forgotten: The words Jesus speaks to the accused woman could as easily be addressed to each of us. We all feel at times that we’ve done the wrong thing – something we don’t deserve to be forgiven for. However, Jesus says to us, I forgive you of us. We all feel at times that we’ve done the wrong thing, and you can be forgiven for. However, Jesus says to us, I forgive you of us. We all feel at times that we’ve done the wrong thing, and you can be forgiven for. However, Jesus says to us, I forgive you of us.

For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ...” (Philippians 3:8). The first commandment says that we shall not put any other gods before the Lord. Detaching ourselves from worldly possessions and considering them “rubbish” does just that. It strengthens our relationship with Jesus and allows us to live more freely and joyfully. Last Week You Contributed: Sunday: $3,524; Utilities: $557; Expenses:$4,008.88 (ordinary); $3,842.34 (school subsidy). Thank you!

COMMUNITY CONFESSIONS: 6:00 PM, St. Michael Church. There will be at least 4 Confessors. Prepare spiritually for Easter by making a good Confession!

MONDAY, MARCH 14 – EASTER/APRIL VISITATION OF THE SICK: Continues today. Call 570-544-2211 to add someone to our list.

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE: 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Good Shepherd Cafeteria. Donate your blood, give life!

ST. PATRICK PARISH HOMADE EASTER CANDEY SALE: $10 per box. Orders are due by today! Butter cream, coconut cream, or peanut butter eggs. Pick-up is at St. Patrick Parish Center March 19 and 20. Call 570-622-1802 to order.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14 – ALZHEIMER’S CARE GIVER’S SUPPORT GROUP: 6:00 PM Presentation, Providence Place, Pottsville. Topic this month: “Managing Challenging Behaviors”. Light Refreshments will be served. Call 570-628-6950.
SUNDAY, MARCH 19 – SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH: At today’s 8:00 AM Mass, we honor the Husband of Mary, the Foster Father of Jesus, the Patron Saint of a Happy Death, and the Protector of the Universal Church. It is the custom on this Solemnity to leave a collection envelope in the Church as an act of care and devotion to Jesus and Mary by providing food for the poor. So we ask you to bring canned food items for the poor to today’s Mass as your Offerity Gift. St. Joseph’s Bread will be blessed and distributed at the end of Mass. Pastoral Note: May Saint Joseph intercede for SISTER MARY JANE DUNLEVY, Sister of St. Joseph, who will renew her religious vows at Mass.

SALEM’S PASTORAL MINISTERS OF FELLOWSHIP: 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM, St. John’s Church, Lansdale, for First Collection. Call the Rectory (570-355-7567) for information.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM: ALTAR SERVERS: 7:00 PM, Divine Mercy Church, Shenandoah. Confession 6:00 PM to 6:45 PM. Call Fr. Johnson at 570-399-5056 or sign-up in the Church Vestibule. We need volunteers for May and June.

EASTER BUNNY TRAIN RIDES: Departing from the Minersville Station at 1:00 PM, 3:00 PM, and 5:00 PM. Adult $13; Children three to twelve $9; Children under 3 ride free. Featuring Locomotive 113. Seventy minutes round trip beyond Schuylkill Haven. Trips run rain, shine, or snow! Seating not assigned. Special visit from Easter Bunny. Call 570-544-8300 for tickets.


DIVINE MERCY NOVENA: WEB SCHEDULE: Today. Please make time to attend this Mass and all the major Liturgies of Holy Week and Easter. Show your love for God by your attendance! Pastoral Note: SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 3:00 PM (It is the Year of Mercy!).

PASCHAL FOOD FESTIVAL: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, St. Mary Church, Hamburg. Easter candy, homemade breads and nut rolls, meat pies, deviled eggs, molded jellies, and more. Call 610-926-7657 for more information.

COLLECTION ENVELOPE: On Saturday, March 25, 2017, it is possible, please e-mail the request to djyen1977@gmail.com. Indicate which application is needed: elementary, high school and/or college. Mail the request to djyen1977@gmail.com. Indicate which application is needed: elementary, high school and/or college.

PASTORAL NOTE: May the love of Jesus and the presence of the Holy Spirit guide you and your family in this season of Lent!