

THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF

Immaculate Conception of the BVM “St. Mary’s”

Saint Rita’s Parish

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Mass Schedule · Saturday · 5:00pm | Sunday · 8:00 & 10:30am

Weekdays · 8:00am · Saturday · 8:00am

Vigil of the Holy Day 6:30pm (except for 12/31 5:00pm)

Holy Day 8:00am & 6:30pm

Confessions · Thursday after the morning Mass

Saturday 3:30 to 4:30pm

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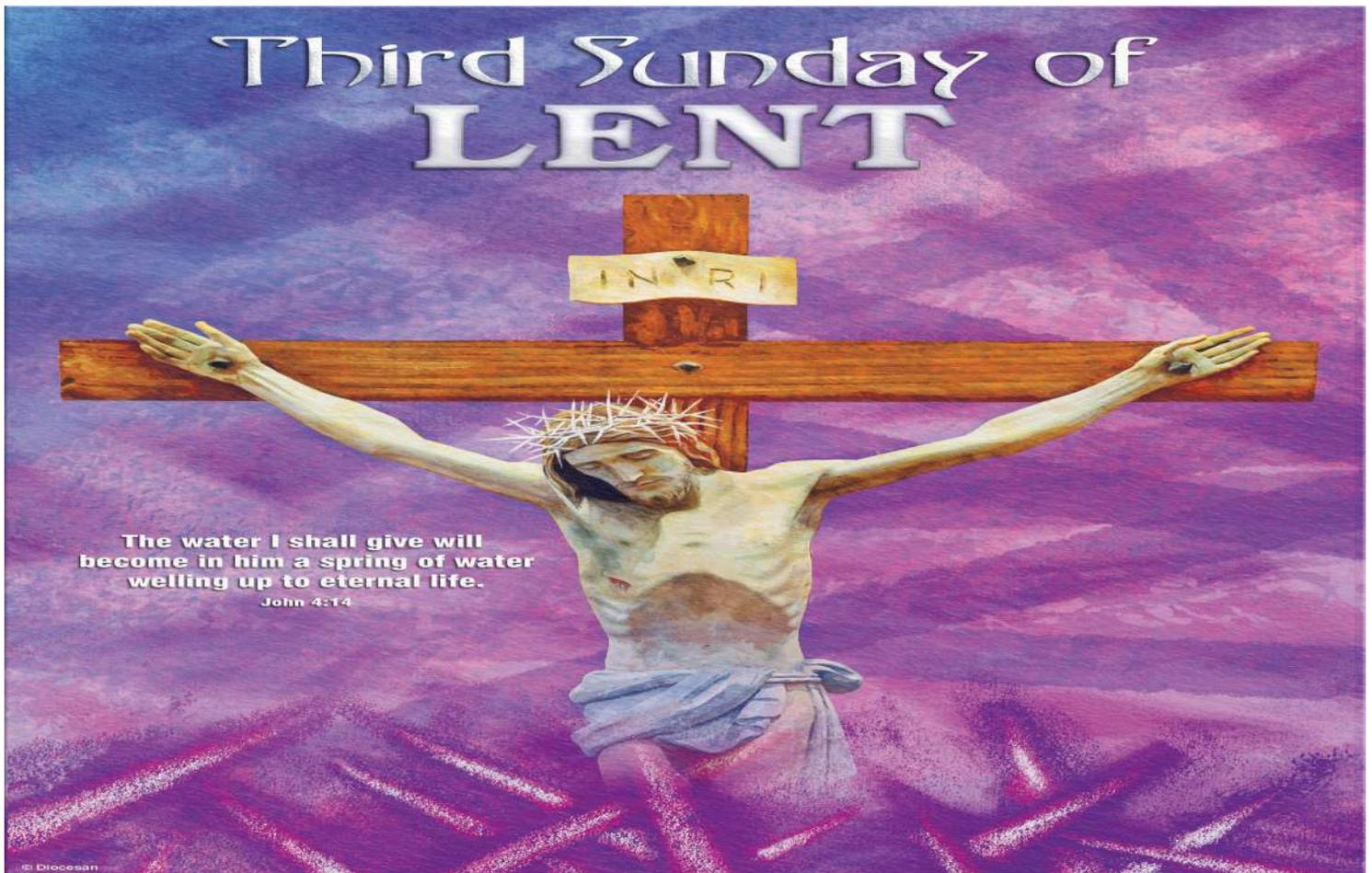
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Weekday · 9:00am Vigil of the Holy Day 6:30pm
(except for 12/31 4:30PM) Holy Days 9:00am & 6:30pm

Confessions: Saturday 3:00 to 4:00pm
& Tuesday Morning After Mass

The Sacrament of Baptism Please call the parish office to schedule. **The Sacrament of Marriage** is celebrated throughout the year. Diocesan policy requires that engaged couples begin sacramental preparations with a priest at least nine to twelve months before the desired wedding date. Please call the parish office for details at 717-642-8815.



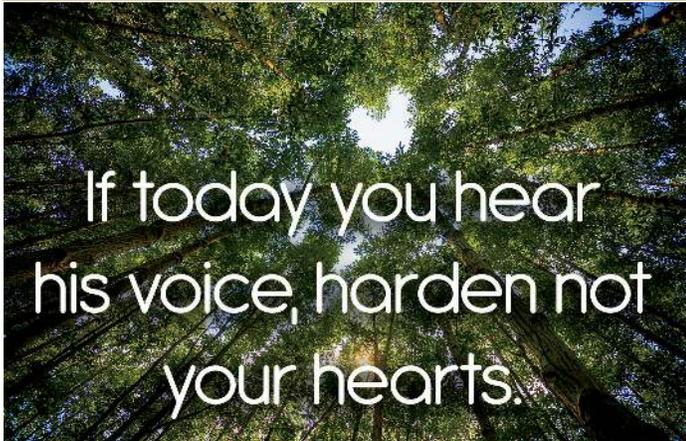
Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2026

Our Stewardship

March 1, 2026

St. Mary		St. Rita	
Sunday	\$4,380.00	Sunday	\$4,788.00
Repair	\$1,532.00	Repair	\$1,230.00



Scripture Readings

For the Week of March 8, 2026

Sunday	Third Sunday of Lent Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rm 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday	2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Lent 1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

St. Mary	Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Ushers
3/14 5:00pm	S. Krueger/D. Sanders/D. Ritchie	C. Macuirles	Volunteers	J. Kincius/R. Maturo
3/15 8:00am	K. & L. Farabaugh/D. Lehmer	G. Cleaver	Volunteers	B. McCleaf/T. Lehmer
3/15 10:30am	A. Bohn/P. Leister/M. Powell	B. Carr	Volunteers	Volunteers
St. Rita	Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Money Counters
3/14 4:30pm	D. Gallo	A. Shepard	Volunteers	3/15 A. Hauryski
3/15 8:30am	E. Luttrell/J. Crawford	M. Luttrell	Volunteers	3/22 A. Serpi
3/15 11:00am	S. Sappington/G. Crawford	P. Crawford	Volunteers	3/29 F. Ganoe

St. Mary Mass Intentions

Saturday 3/7	8:00am	† Yuliana Runesi
	5:00pm	† Jim Weikert
Sunday 3/8	8:00am	† Jim Weikert
	10:30am	People of the Parish
Monday 3/9	8:00am	† Marlin & Barbara Six
Tuesday 3/10	8:00am	† Yuliana Runesi
Wednesday 3/11	8:00am	Ints. of Darylene & Terry Lehmer
	6:30pm	† Margaret McCleaf
Thursday 3/12	8:00am	† Melvin L. Losovsky
Friday 3/13	8:00am	Intentions of Fr. Chris (Birthday)
Saturday 3/14	8:00am	† Allen Sprankle
	5:00pm	† Jim Ritchie
Sunday 3/15	8:00am	People of the Parish
	10:30am	Ints. of Ginny & Mike Rauer Family

St. Rita Mass Intentions

Saturday 3/7	9:00am	† Yuliana Runesi
	4:30pm	† John Richard Jones
Sunday 3/8	8:30am	People of the Parish
	11:00am	† Francis Raferty
Monday 3/9	9:00am	† Bea McCarter
Tuesday 3/10	9:00am	† Loretta Petruzzi
Wednesday 3/11	9:00am	† Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thursday 3/12	9:00am	† Arthur F. Lowrie Sr.
Friday 3/13	9:00am	Intentions of Fr. Chris (Birthday)
Saturday 3/14	9:00am	† Yuliana Runesi
	4:30pm	† Warren & Darlene McCleaf
Sunday 3/15	8:30am	† Fr. Tom Gills
	11:00am	People of the Parish

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary & St. Rita

Please turn your clocks ahead 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday 3/7.

Penance Service at St. Rita's Church on Saturday, March 21st at 11AM. All are welcome to attend.

Stations of the Cross will be every Friday during Lent at both Churches at 630PM except Good Friday they will be at Noon.

St. Rita's Donut Social Is March 15th after the Sunday morning Masses. It will be held in the parish hall. All are invited to attend.

Prayer Shawl Meeting Monday, March 9th, at 8:30AM at St. Mary's Church. All are welcome.

Knights of Columbus Council 12250 Meeting will be held at 7:30PM on Monday March 9th, at the St. Mary's Church.

St. Rita's Ladies Society Meeting next meeting will be Wednesday, March 11th, at 9:45AM in the parish hall. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

St. Rita's Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Thursday, March 12th at 7PM in the Parish Hall. All members please attend.

Parish Office will be closed Friday March 13th. Thank you.

Easter Flowers Anytime during Lent you can put your Easter flower envelope in the collection. If you don't get envelopes please use a plain one. Thank you.

ST. MARY'S STORY OF FAITH FOR FEBRUARY

The story "FORGIVENESS AND GRATITUDE", as shared by Cathy Pecher, is available on the red draped table in the vestibule.

Bulletin Announcements must be submitted to the parish office 10 days before the bulletin date. Thank you

During Lent there will be a Mass at 630pm, every Wednesday at St. Mary's. **The Lenten Meal** will be served immediately following the Mass. The meal will consist of soup, bread, coffee, and ice tea. Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for our younger gourmet diners. The Soup will be prepared by our parishioner and Chef Bob Fritts. This ministry relies on free will donations. All are invited.

Pro Life Corner . For women who are unexpectedly pregnant: May they be filled with trust in God's providence and lovingly welcome the gift of their child.

DAC Diocesan Annual Campaign "Faithful Stewards" You can fill out the one you received in the mail and put in the collection or you can use one of the in pew envelopes that are in the pews. The in pews envelopes will be in the pews weekend of March 8, and 15. After that the in pew envelopes will be at the entrances to the Churches. St. Rita's DAC goal this year is \$23,404. St. Mary's is \$26,561. . Thank you for your generosity in helping to make the DAC goals.

Fairfield Food Pantry - Once again St. Mary's will have a food drive for the Fairfield Food Pantry for their March distribution. Parishioners who would like to contribute are asked to bring food items **March 14-15**. Any kind of staple or nice to have items are welcome, and donations may have a St. Patrick's Day theme. Anyone who prefers to make a financial contribution may put it in the collection marked for the Food Pantry by March 15 (please make checks to St. Mary's). These contributions will be used to buy fresh vegetables and fruit the day before the distribution. There are about 30 individuals/families from Fairfield, Orrtanna, and Cashtown who receive food from the Food Pantry once each month. Fairfield Neighbors Helping Neighbors has asked other churches/groups to provide themed donations for other months. Thank you!

Were you married in 1976? In honor of your 50th Wedding Anniversary, there will be a Jubilee Mass and reception on Sunday, June 21, 2026, at 2:00PM at Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Harrisburg. Bishop Timothy C. Senior will be the celebrant. To receive an invitation, please contact your parish office before **March 20th**.

St. Rita's Fish Fry is Friday, March 20th, from 5 - 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall, catered by Cracken Catering; 2 - 6 oz pieces of cod, mac & cheese, coleslaw, iced tea, coffee and cookies. \$16 adults; CHILDREN 14 AND UNDER WILL EAT FOR FREE. Tickets/reservations MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE!!!!!! **They will be sold after the masses at St. Rita's and also at the Parish Office.** Any questions contact Peggy 301-241-3469.

Dear Parishioner Both Churches The Diocese is in the process of doing a Feasibility Study for a Diocese Capital Campaign. This study is to see if it is possible to do this Campaign. They are asking for parishioners to do a survey. I am asking you all to take the time and answer the questions. Please complete and put in box in the foyer by **March 21st**, or do on line at steiergroup.com/survey Click on the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg.

Sight & Sound Trip to see "Joshua" There are 2 tickets left. Please call the Parish Office if interested, 717-642-8815. Payments must be made before March 31st, making the check payable to St. Mary's Please place it in an envelope marked "Bus Trip 2026" and place in the offering basket. Thank you.

PRAY for those who are Sick Sharon Aanensen, Tom Miller, Avery, Craig Cruttenden, Carol Schorn, Joy Brown, Irene & Bernard Zaborowski, Gordon & Mary Ann Shuman, Mike Bunch, Rick & Paulette Nidel, Fr. Mike, Rose Crespo, Richard Storm, Philip Ulzheimer, Larry & Donna Weikert, Jackie Weikert, Mary Jo Losovsky, Ok Cha Jones, Mary Little, Lottie Pecher, Nancy Berry, Marilyn Crawford, Pete Crawford, Joyce Speelman, Wilbur Martin, James Campbell, Mary Catherine Nagengast, Katharina Brewer, Ann O'Toole, Noah Trimmer, Benjamin Sites, John J. Brennan, Christine Schriver, Natalee McClain, John Wheeler, Gail Pagac, Lauren Becker, Sandy Fox, Barbara Williams, Steve Hoke, Joe Sass, Alexis Shuman, Mary McGlaughlin, Roger & Donna Butt, Gene Pecher, Barb, Amy, Joani Patterson, Lilah Zepp, Rane Miller, Stephen Pauley, Nate O'Bradovich, Paul Miller, Greg Farkas, Alicia Poslosky, Dorothy Faulkner, Paisley Topper, Ann Kauffman, Fr. Chris Haydinger, Tim Pickett, Arnold Gee and Barbara MacPherson. Please pray for the repose of the souls of Heidi Brennan, Tom Jackson Sr., Rose Ross, Donald McIntire and Tom Cahill Family.

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