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WEEKLY BULLETIN March 1, 2026

Gospel Readers:
3/1 - Kara Murphy
3/8 - Hannah Markel
3/15 - Gordon Dushane
3/22 - Cliff Lajewski
3/29 - Curtis Yetton

Organist:
Michael Sittard

We welcome all to our Parish Family. May God bless you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2nd Sunday of Lent – Sunday Reflection On the Second Sunday of Lent, the Gospel leads us up the mountain with Jesus, where Peter, James, and John witness His Transfiguration. In the midst of their journey, they are given a glimpse of Christ's glory. His face shines like the sun, and the Father's voice declares: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

Lent is our journey from the desert to the mountain. We experience dryness, struggle, and sacrifice, yet Christ invites us to walk upward with Him. On the mountain, the apostles taste the beauty of heaven — a moment so powerful that Peter wishes it would never end. In our hearts, we share that same longing for eternal joy and peace.

May this Lenten season help us move faithfully from our deserts toward our own mountain of transfiguration, so that our lives may begin to reflect the light and glory of the Kingdom of Heaven.

BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." (Matthew 17:5)

Stations of the Cross – Friday, March 6 at 4:00pm We invite everyone to participate in the Stations of the Cross. We will have two such devotions during Lent - on March 6th and March 20th. Let us take advantage of these opportunities to walk with Jesus and carry the cross with Him.

Communion is now available to those in their church pew who are physically unable to walk to the altar rail during Mass. Father Pawel asks that you sit at the end of the pew at the center aisle.

Memorial Easter Lily Order Forms are available on the tables at the back of the Sanctuary. Lilies are \$12 each. Orders must be received by March 27th.



Our famous, annual **Fish Dinner** will be held on **March 15th at 12 noon** featuring Baked Fish with Crumb Topping, Scalloped Potatoes, and Coleslaw. Dessert served will be Lemon Cake. Coffee and Bottled Water is also included. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. For tickets, see or text/telephone Cliff at (413) 977-2007. Deadline for purchasing tickets is March 12th. Everyone is welcome! Please join us for a fun and delicious Dinner while helping our Parish.

Alms Boxes – Lenten Charity Collection

The Eastern Diocese Mission and Evangelism Commission encourages all parishes to collect alms during Lent. Our parish will donate all money collected through the **Alms Boxes** to support the local **Soup Kitchen**. Thank you for your generosity.

25th National Mission & Evangelism Workshop

Our parish in Westfield will host: **LIVING IN FAITH EVERY DAY, 25th National Mission & Evangelism Workshop on May 29–31, 2026**. Registration is now available for anyone interested. **Deadline: April 29, 2026. The registration fee is waived for everyone.** We encourage all parishioners to take part in this special event.

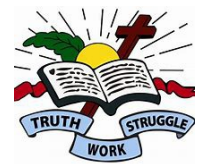
DISCIPLESHIP 2026: KNOW YOUR FAITH, GROW IN CHRIST. The Eastern Diocese will focus on **Christian Living**. Please join us for the third in a series of virtual "Know and Grow" presentations on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 7:00 PM (EDT). Father Justin Daviault will help us to explore the topic of **Struggling with Sin and Forgiving Others**. Each unit will have biblical texts as a starting point, with lecture, meditation, discussion, and practical life applications. To join via Zoom, please contact revpauls@yahoo.com or ksobiechowski@yahoo.com ~ Eastern Diocese Mission and Evangelism Commission



March 2026 - Join us in prayer each Wednesday at noon:

All-powerful and eternal God, we look forward to the day when nations will no longer wage war against nations and all people will live in security and peace. No matter what conflicts may face us, strengthen our will to work for peace. As we seek justice and oppose evil, may our purpose be to achieve peace and accord among all nations and peoples. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Amen. †
(From the PNCC Book of Devotions and Prayers)

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.
 Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done
 On earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread,
 and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those who trespass against us,
 and lead us not into temptation
 but deliver us from evil. Amen. †



Eastern Diocese Mission and Evangelism Commission

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>March 2026</h1> <p>ED-PNCC Mission / Evangelism Prayer: Struggling with Sin and Forgiving Others</p>					Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."	As recipients of Your mercy, Lord, help us to extend that same love and forgiveness to all.
1 Lent 2 -"Lord, let Your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in You." ~ Psalm 33	2 "Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you." ~ See Luke 6:36-38.	3 "I live by faith in the Son of God Who loved me and gave Himself up for me." †	4 Offer this prayer for peace and the Our Father each Wednesday at noon. †	5 Luke 16:19-31~ Lord, make me aware of and ready to respond to the needs of others.	6 "Turn back to the Lord your God. He is kind and merciful." ~Liturgy of the Hours	7 Read the parable of the Prodigal Son, Luke 15:1-32. To whom do you relate in this story?
8 Institution of the PNCC - To bear fruit, stay attached to Jesus, the Vine (John 15).	9 "It is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned." ~Francis of Assisi	10 Matthew 18:21-35 - God calls me to be as generous as He is in forgiving others.	11 "Turn back to the Lord and do penance. Be renewed in heart and spirit." †	12 Create a clean heart in me, O God. Renew in me a steadfast spirit. (Psalm 51:10)	13 Merciful Father, keep us faithful; give us the strength to rise above our human weakness. †	14 (Luke 18:9-14) How do I approach God in prayer - as the Pharisee or as the publican?
15 Lent 4 - Lord, cure us of spiritual blindness. Help us to see with new eyes. (John 9)	16 (John 4:43-54) Do I bring my prayers to Jesus and trust that He will answer?	17 "If God is love, charity should know no limit, for God cannot be confined." †	18 † My sacrifice to God is a contrite spirit. A humble, contrite heart, O God, You will not spurn. †	19 Lord, make us like St. Joseph : strong, loving, and wise.	20 "Declare your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may find healing." ★	21 "Make justice your aim; redress the wronged, hear the orphan's plea, defend the widow." ✠
22 Passion Sunday What areas of your life need to be revived in Christ? Yield to Him.	23 Father of love, source of all blessings, help us to pass from our old life of sin to the new life of grace. †	24 May we be messengers of God's salvation, like the Archangel Gabriel .	25 Annunciation "Nothing is impossible with God." Receive the news as Mary did. †	26 Lord, give us strength to love our enemies and to pray for those who persecute us.	27 God made Christ's sacrificial death the means of expiating the sins of all believers. ★	28 Lord, forgive us and set us free from our enslavement to sin. Help us to live what we believe.
29 Palm Sunday Place yourself at the scene as the Lord's Passion unfolds.	30 John 12:1-11 What precious gift can you offer to Jesus out of love for Him?	31 John 13:21-38 Lord, give me the grace and courage to remain faithful to You.	† Galatians 3:20 † Liturgy of the Hours † St. Leo the Great, bishop	† Psalm 51:17 ★ James 5:16 ✠ Isaiah 1:17 ★ Romans 3:23-26		

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