



THIS IS MY  
BELOVED SON,  
WITH WHOM I AM  
WELL PLEASED;  
**listen to him.**

MATTHEW 17:5

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**March 1, 2026 ~ The Second Sunday of Lent**

**Cathedral Parish of Saint Catharine of Siena  
1825 West Turner St, Allentown, PA 18104**

**610-433-6461**

**CATHEDRAL PARISH VISION STATEMENT**

To be a place where the faithful can gather together for the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist, to teach Christ's saving doctrine, and to practice the charity of the Lord in good works and brotherly love.  
(cf. CCC, 2179)



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QR code: 

### *Parish Registration*

Registration is required for administration of the Sacraments, attendance at Cathedral PREP Program, and for the issuance of Sponsor Certificates for Baptism and Confirmation. (Parishioners must be registered and actively participating in the parish for at least six months in order to receive sponsor letter.) Please complete the registration form on our web page and bring it with you when introduce yourself to a priest after Mass or call for an appointment to register.

### *Mass Schedule*

Daily Monday - Friday at 6:30 & 8 AM

Wednesdays at 12:15 PM

Saturday at 8:00 AM

Sunday Vigil - 4:15 PM Saturdays

Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Regularly, the church is open to 4:00 PM for private prayer Monday - Friday.

### *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Daily Monday - Friday - 6:10 - 6:25 AM

Daily Monday - Saturday - 7:40 - 7:55 AM

Wednesdays - 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Saturdays - 3:15 - 4:00 PM

### *Eucharistic Adoration*

Evening Prayer & Holy Hour -

Wednesdays 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Holy Hour for Vocations - first Saturday of the month unless otherwise noted - 8 AM Mass followed by exposition, the Rosary, and benediction.

### *Marriage*

Engaged couples should meet with their parish priest as soon as they become engaged. The diocesan marriage preparation program should be completed at least six months prior to wedding date. Weddings are held after 1:00 PM on Fridays and no later than 1:30 PM on Saturdays.

### *Baptisms & Preparation*

Call the Parish Office and leave a message to set up class & baptism.

### Safe Environments

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator: Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC,  
LPC Direct Telephone: 800-791-9209

Secretary for Youth Protection: Ms. Pamela Russo, MSW, MS

Telephone: 610-871-5200, Ext. 2204 prusso@allentowndiocese.org

Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at [www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 800-276-1562.

Servicio de Denuncia de Abusos de Obispos Católicos

Si tiene una denuncia de abuso contra un obispo, comuníquese con el Servicio de Denuncias de Abuso de Obispos Católicos en [www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) o llamando al 800-276-1562.

The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone, who as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee / volunteer of the Diocese / Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown, for more information about the program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church. Victim Assistance Coordinator Direct Telephone (800)791-9209

To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, visit [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right hand corner of the page.

**Stewardship – Upcoming Collections:**

- March 1 - CYO Booster Club
- March 8 - Capital Improvements
- March 15 - Easter Flowers
- March 22 - Easter Mass Intentions
- March 29 - Rice Bowl
- April 2 - Holy Thursday
- April 3 - Holy Land / Good Friday
- April 5 - Easter
- April 12 - Capital Improvements
- April 26 - 40 Hours
- May 3 - Mother's Day
- May 10 - Capital Improvements
- May 14 - Ascension
- May 17 - Women's Alliance
- June 7 - Capital Improvements

**Stewardship – Sacrificial Giving**

Sunday, February 22, 2026

Envelopes: 189 / \$6,116

Online: 132 / \$5,708

Ash Wednesday: 173 / \$5333

Catholic Home Missions Appeal: 72 / \$1,652

If you would like to sign up for online giving just click the link on the right-hand side of our webpage [cathedral-church.org](http://cathedral-church.org).

Bulletin articles are usually due Mondays at 9 AM; **please include the word "bulletin" in the email subject.** Each blurb / article should have a title. Thank you.

**Cathedral Cash (gift card)** program benefits the Cathedral parish including our PREP program, Saint John Vianney Regional School, and all Diocese of Allentown high schools. Physical gift cards are sold at the parish office during office hours & at SJVRS during the school year.

**ONLY** orders submitted in advance will be available for pick up in the church vestibule. Orders for gift cards in inventory, submitted by Thursday, will be available for pick up Saturday and Sunday in the church vestibule **10 minutes after the end** of all Masses.

Submit orders by: Email ([giftcardprogram@cathedral-church.org](mailto:giftcardprogram@cathedral-church.org)) / RaiseRight.com website or app (registration instructions at the Cathedral Cash table in church vestibule.)

Orders for cards **in inventory**, submitted on the weekend, will be ready for pick up by Tuesday in parish office.

**Volunteers are needed to hand out orders 10 minutes after Masses**, (you pick which Mass and when) no selling required. Please email [giftcardprogram@cathedral-church.org](mailto:giftcardprogram@cathedral-church.org) to help. SignUpGenius is used to schedule volunteers so you can decide when and how often you can volunteer.

**More volunteers =  
Lighter workload for everyone.**

For updates or information about the youth group please see our Instagram @allentowncathedralym or ask to join our email list about upcoming events by emailing [allentowncathedralym@gmail.com](mailto:allentowncathedralym@gmail.com).

**Sunday, March 1; Second Sunday of Lent**

*Gn 12:1-4 / 2 Tm 1:8-10 / Mt 17:1-9*

- 4:15 PM Leroy Thomas (Vigil on Sat)
- 7:30 AM Living & Deceased Members of the William McFadden Family
- 9:30 AM Members of the Memorial Fund and Siena Society
- 11:30 PM The People of the Parish

**Monday, March 2; Lenten Weekday**

*Dn 2:4-10 / Lk 6:36-38*

- 6:30 AM Patricia & William Wertz
- 8:00 AM Sheila O'Donnell

**Tuesday, March 3; Lenten Weekday; Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin**

*Is 1:10, 16-20 / Mt 23:1-12*

- 6:30 AM Barbara Primiani
- 8:00 AM Mary Louise O'Donnell

**Wednesday, March 4; Lenten Weekday; Saint Casimir**

*Jer 18:18-20*

- 6:30 AM Doug Tomel
- 8:00 AM Conceptia Pierre
- 12:15 PM Charles Gergits

**Thursday, March 5; Lenten Weekday**

*Jer 17:5-10 / Lk 16:19-31*

- 6:30 AM Phao-Lô Dinh Lap
- 8:00 AM Charles Bostick

**Friday, March 6; Lenten Weekday;**

*Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28 / Mt 21:33-45*

- 6:30 AM John Drosdak & Diane Brandstetter
- 8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Ryan Family

**Saturday, March 7; Lenten Weekday; Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs**

*Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 / Lk 15:1-3, 11-32*

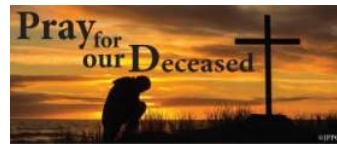
- 8:00 AM Victims of Abortion

**Sunday, March 7; Third Sunday of Lent**

*Ex 17:3-7 / Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 / Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42*

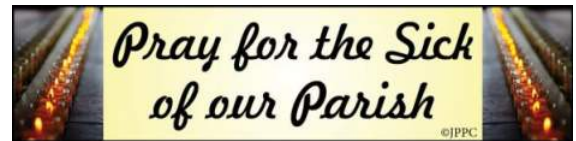
- 4:15 PM Klementine Geist (Vigil on Sat)
- 7:30 AM Anthony LaPadula, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary
- 9:30 AM The People of the Parish
- 11:30 PM Anna Macus

There are still 2026 Mass intentions available.



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Richard Reider, John Rosenberger,  
Edward Snyder, Douglas Tomel



**Let us continue to pray for those in our parish community who are sick:**

Catherine Stephens, Michael Trach, Marie Matyas, Veronica Stelzman-Biery, Audrey David, Kara Sorrentino, Elise Yeager, Molly Barrall, Blanca Lesmes, Zach H., Lillian Amador, Linda Treadwell, Pat Bostick, Justine Wesnak, Anne Gaeta Thompson, Elizabeth Notter, Melissa Gemelli, Jane Jerant, Antonia Estevez, and Ira Snyder.

Please also pray for their caregivers. To keep this list current, names are removed after three months. Please let us know when your loved one is better. Thank you.

**Candle Intentions**

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory Of: Charles Gergits, Sr.

From: Warren & Betty Wyrick

Sacred Heart of Jesus

For: Antoinette Homlak

From: Family

Our Lady of the Rosary

In Memory Of: Gloria Simock

From: Kathy Sagl

Saint Catharine of Siena:

In Memory Of:

From:

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God gives us a great gift each year with the holy season of Lent. It is an opportunity to imitate Jesus more closely, as the perfect example of holiness. We may think that Lent is only about fasting from food or abstaining from meat, but it should be so much more. We are encouraged to pray, to reach out to those in need, and to practice some form of sacrifice, which is giving up something we *really* want, rather than something we'll never miss.

We dare not avoid Lent altogether. If we have been practicing personal spiritual stewardship all along, the extra efforts we make in Lent are simply a natural extension of what have already been doing. These additional practices and penances deepen our awareness of how much we receive daily from the hands of an all-loving God. By shifting our attention away from our own wants and needs, we have more time to offer our abilities and resources to God, to the Church, and to the world in which we live. Lent is truly a time to count our blessings and to ask God to conform our hearts even more to His divine will.

Easter Bulletin Deadlines:

Palm Sunday bulletin items due Thursday March 19

Easter Sunday bulletin items due Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup>

PRAY FOR DECEASED PRIESTS: Mar 2: Rev. Michael Begany (1962), Rev. Joseph Andel (1988); Mar 4: Rev. Stanley Masuras (1973); Mar 6: Rev. Emeric Kucharic (1963), Msgr. Stephen Krystyniak (1973), Rev. John Dunajski (1990); Rev. Charles McNulty (2003); Mar 7: Rev. Cyril Birmelin (1964), Rev. Joseph Basovsky (1992)

WINTER WEATHER and CANCELLATIONS: Please note that if SJV Regional School dismisses early or if closed due to inclement weather, there will be no adoration or evening holy hour on Wednesdays. Monday Bible Study will also be cancelled under the same circumstances. Daily and weekend Masses will always be celebrated as scheduled. Please always be cautious with travel in inclement weather.

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**Ministers of the Altar for February 28<sup>th</sup> & March 1<sup>st</sup>**

	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Lector</u>
Sat. 4:15 PM		Gene Lucadamo	Joanne Slusser
Sun. 7:30 AM		Marie Mazzini	Melissa Buck
Sun. 9:30 AM	Catherine, John, & Joseph Valentine	Kim Viti Fiorentino	Ron Moore
Sun 11:30 AM	Ethan Haller & Vincenza Scotto DiSantolo	Pat Pautler	Mary Clare Gosse

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## LENTEN INFORMATION:

LENTEN ABSTINENCE from meat on all the Fridays of Lent. Those 14 years and older are bound to abstain from meat.

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY ADORATION AND EVENING PRAYER begins with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:30 PM. This silent time offers the opportunity for personal prayer before our Eucharistic Lord. Confessions are held from 6:30 - 7:15 PM. Evening Prayer begins at 7 PM and concludes with Benediction.

LENTEN FRIDAYS: 5 PM Simple Soup Meal in the PAC. 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the church lobby. Become a volunteer cook, server or help with set-up and clean-up. Sign up genius to volunteer:

<https://bit.ly/4poWP1K>.



LENTEN RECONCILIATION: Saturdays from 3:15-4:00 PM; 20 minutes before daily Mass; every Wednesday during Eucharistic devotions confessions are available from 6:30 - 7:15 PM.

## FAITH ENRICHMENT:

BIBLE STUDY sessions continue each Monday at 6:30 PM in the Msgr. Ott meeting room. A study of the following Sunday's readings is reviewed. Please enter via the school-side back entrance of the church and the elevator entrance.

SECOND SUNDAY Q&A apologetic and discussion sessions on matters of faith and morals are held on the second Sunday of each month in the PAC following the 11:30 AM Mass. The schedule: March 8, April 12, May 17 (3rd Sunday due to Mother's Day), June 14. Questions can be submitted prior to the sessions.

OCIA ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT: All are welcome to attend the classes that meet Sundays in the Bishop Thompson meeting room following the 9:30 AM Mass (enter via office entrance on W Turner St.). Here are the topics for the upcoming weeks: Mar 8: Reconciliation Practicum & Examination of Conscience. Mar 15: Christian Morality & Moral Issues (Beginning with Life).

SEDER MEAL will be held on Sunday, March 15, 3 PM, in the PAC. This Christianized reenactment of the Jewish Seder includes prayers, explanations, the tasting of symbolic foods of the Seder Meal, which is the setting of the Last Supper and origin of our Catholic

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FAITH ENRICHMENT Cont.:

Mass. RSVPs are required; seating is limited. Call the parish office to reserve a spot. There is no charge for the event, which is for adults and lasts about 1.5 hours. Sign up to contribute



items for the meal: <https://tinyurl.com/bdz8jvac>

PASCHAL FESTIVAL: Palm Sunday Weekend, March 28 & 29

TENEBRAE CONCERT: The Cathedral Choir will present Lenten songs of lamentations along with Scripture on Palm Sunday March 29, at 2 PM.

LENT Day-by-Day Calendar of Events:

March 2, Monday, 6:30 PM: Bible Study, Third Sunday in Lent, Msgr Ott Room

March 4, Wednesday, 5:30 PM Adoration; 6:30-7:15 Confessions; 7 PM Eve Prayer & Benediction

March 6, Friday, 5-6:15 PM Lenten Simple Soup Supper; 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross

March 6, Adoration following Stations; Lehigh Valley Young Adult Gathering follows Adoration & Benediction

March 7, Diocesan Women's Lenten Retreat Day (Register via the diocese)

March 8, Sunday, Faith Q&A, 12:30 PM in the PAC

March 9, Monday, 6:30 PM: Bible Study, Fourth Sunday in Lent, Msgr Ott Room

March 11, Wednesday, 5:30 PM Adoration; 6:30-7:15 Confessions; 7 PM Eve Prayer & Benediction

March 13, Friday, 5-6:15 PM Lenten Simple Soup Supper; 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross

March 15, Sunday, Christian Seder Meal, 3 PM, PAC, RSVPs needed; Adults only

'Do you see this vessel—water pot or whatever it may be? Can it be called by any other name than what it is?' 'No,' he replied. 'So also I cannot call myself by any other name than what I am—a Christian.' ~ Saint Perpetua

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DIOCESAN EVENTS:

MARRIED COUPLES CATHOLIC DATE NIGHT: Thursday, March 5, from 6 - 8 PM at Clover Hill Winery, Breinigsville. The event will include hors d'oeuvres and wine, a presentation by Dr. Ray Guarendi, a nationally known speaker on marriage and family life. Registration is required at [www.allentowndioocese.org/date-night](http://www.allentowndioocese.org/date-night).

WOMEN'S LENTEN CONFERENCE, Sat. March 7, 8 AM - 3 PM, at Cathedral. Mass with Bishop Schlert, lunch, Confessions, Adoration, and talks by Noelle Mering and Dr. Ray Guarendi. Register via the diocesan website.

MEN'S MORNING OF REFLECTION: Saturday, March 14, 8 AM - 12 PM, Marian Catholic HS, Tamaqua. This free event will explore masculinity through the teachings of St. John Paul II and Theology of the Body. The morning includes Mass, coffee, donuts, with presentations by Hannah Shafer and Fr. Nikolai Brelinsky, of St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Orefield. Registration is free and required.

YOUNG ADULT HOLY HOURS at Cathedral on First Fridays. Adoration 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM. Confessions available, followed by a young adult social 8:30-9:30 PM. Next gathering is this Friday, March 6.

DIOCESAN MINISTRY TRAINING DAYS: The diocese is sponsoring two days of training for parish volunteers from all ministries to gain knowledge about disabilities and mental health, and to explore practical ways to remove barriers so parishes may be places of true welcome and belonging for all. The schedule for both days includes 8:30 AM Mass with the Bishop, two training sessions, a provided lunch, with conclusion by 5:00 PM. These events are free. Registration is required by April 17. Both trainings will be held at Saint Joseph the Worker Parish in Orefield.

For any questions contact Maggie at [mriggins@allentowndioocese.org](mailto:mriggins@allentowndioocese.org)

Mental Health Ministry Day will be Tuesday, April 21. Topics will include accompaniment, stigma, trauma and suicide. Disability Ministry Day will be Wednesday, April 22. The event will include exploring parish assessment tools, adaptive catechesis, guidance around language, and other resources.

“The patient and humble endurance of the cross – whatever nature it may be – is the highest work we have to do.” ~ Saint Katharine Drexel

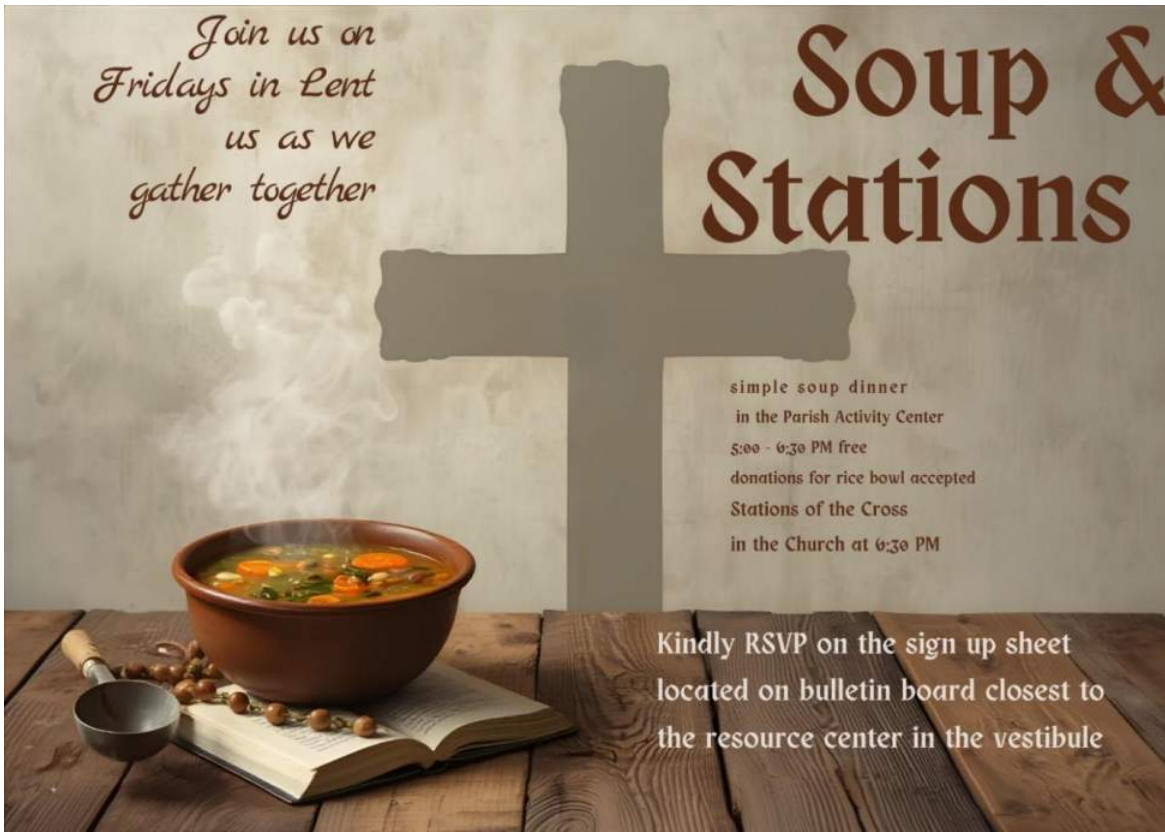
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*Join us on  
Fridays in Lent  
us as we  
gather together*

# Soup & Stations



simple soup dinner  
in the Parish Activity Center  
5:00 - 6:30 PM free  
donations for rice bowl accepted  
Stations of the Cross  
in the Church at 6:30 PM

Kindly RSVP on the sign up sheet  
located on bulletin board closest to  
the resource center in the vestibule




## Soup & Stations of the Cross

YOU are invited: become a  
volunteer cook, server, set up or  
clean up person. Shifts are 2 hours.

Go to the sign up genius to volunteer:  
<https://bit.ly/4pOwP1K>

**CATHEDRAL PIEROGI SALE**  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026**  
**PRE-ORDERS ONLY – LIMITED QUANTITIES**

We will be selling our delicious potato and cheese pierogies that were so popular at our Christmas event. One dozen pre-cooked frozen pierogies costs \$12.00. **Deadline for ordering is Monday, March 2nd.** Pickup is Friday, **March 13th, from 4-7** in the Parish Activity Center (lower level of the church). Elevator access is at the back parking lot.

Join other parishioners for our Lenten Soup Supper which will be held in the PAC on March 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 until 6:30. Stations of the Cross begin at 6:30 in the church. See the bulletin for additional Lenten Soup Supper dates.

Orders and money can be dropped off at the parish office, put in the collection basket or mailed to: Cathedral of St Catharine of Siena, 1825 W. Turner Street, Allentown, PA 18104. Mark **FOOD SALE** on the envelope. Text Cell at 336-408-6051 for any questions.

As always, we appreciate your support of our parish.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

	Quantity	Total
1 Dozen Pierogies (\$12.00)		
Amount Enclosed		

**SAYINGS FOR LENT:**

- Don't wait for the hearse to take you to church.
- What part of "Thou Shalt Not" don't you understand?

**LIFE THOUGHT** - As Paul writes in today's Second Reading, Jesus Christ "destroyed death and brought life." As individuals and as a society, we are called to witness to the culture of life. It is like what Abram is asked to do in the First Reading – to leave all that is familiar, comfortable, and predictable, and to set out for "a land that I will show you." This requires absolute trust. Abram trusted when asked to leave the comfortable and familiar and set out for a whole new land, a new way of life and new fruitfulness. The message for God's people today is that we are to move forward into the frightening and unfamiliar changes that are required for those committed to doing what is right - especially in defense of lives of the unborn.

Joseph's People – Berks & Lehigh County Chapter If you are underemployed or unemployed or know someone who is, let Joseph's People help! Join us on Zoom on Tuesday, Mar. 10th at 6 pm. Our topic will be "Maximizing LinkedIn." We have helped thousands of people over the years and there is never a fee for our services. Email Paul Licata [pauljosephlicata@gmail.com](mailto:pauljosephlicata@gmail.com) for more info. [www.josephspeople.org](http://www.josephspeople.org)

**Cathedral Happenings**

**Sunday March 1**

- After all Masses - Cathedral Cash Pick Up
- 9:45 AM - PREP
- 10:30 AM - OCIA - Bishop Thompson Room
- 12:30 PM - Conf Candidate Parent Mtg - Parish Activity Center
- 1:30 PM - Choir - Church
- 4:00 PM - Diocese of Allentown - Church / Parish Activity Center

**Monday March 2**

- 6:30 PM - Bible Study - Msgr Ott Room
- 7:00 PM - Good Samaritan Society - Bishop Thompson Room

**Tuesday March 3**

- 2:00 PM - Women's Alliance - Kitchen
- 7:00 PM - Scouts - Parish Activity Center

**Wednesday March 4**

**Thursday March 5**

- 2:00 PM - Golden Agers
- 5:30 PM - Reserved - Parish Activity Center
- 6:30 PM - Cathedral Choir - Music Room
- 7:50 PM - Schola Gregorium - Music Room

**Friday March 6**

- 8:00 AM - DOA - Parish Activity Center

**Saturday March 7**

- 8:00 AM - Women's Retreat - Activity Cntr
- 5:00 PM - Cathedral Cash Pick Up - Vestibule

**Sunday March 8**

- After all Masses - Cathedral Cash Pick Up
- 9:45 AM - PREP
- 10:30 AM - OCIA - Bishop Thompson Room
- 12:30 PM - Sunday Q & A

**Pilgrimage to the Shrines of France & Normandy Beach - November 2026**

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