



March 10, 2024
FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

March 9 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm
+Teresa Spudic req by the Pasternak Family

March 10 (Sun) FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
ST. JOHN CLIMACUS
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
+Ann Prodan req by daughters Sandra & Cindy

March 15 (Fri) Presanctified Liturgy 6:30pm

March 16 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm
+Steve & Agnes Babich req by son Andy

March 17 (Sun) FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
ST. MARY OF EGYPT
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
+George Lucas req by the Pasternak Family

SERVICES AT ST MARY IN HERMINIE

March 13 (Wed) Presanctified Liturgy 9:00am

Our tithe to our Parish - March 3, 2024 - \$ 2,604.00

Let us remember in our prayers all of our friends and parish family members who are sick at home or in a nursing facility and for all who are in need of our prayers.



Pamela Seech Dawson, Steve Fekete, Margaret Gegick,
 Barbara Gulich, John Hresko, Jeff Kaloski, Helen Magdic,
 Bill Pritz, Ted Race, Helen Rizzi, Mark Sethman

Fridays during Lent --- Halushki, , Soup & Pirohi Sale
11:00am - 4:00 pm

Sunday, March 10 - Last day to order:
St. Peter & Paul Men's Club - Easter Kielbasa
\$7.00 lb (plain - garlic - cheese)
Delivered weekend of March 23-24

Sunday, March 17 -- Annual Ham Bingo 1pm - 4pm
Doors open at noon
\$20/20 games
Specials, 50/50, basket auction, & paint stick bingo extra
Contact Julee for info, to donate, volunteer, or for tickets.
412-378-6953

Sunday, March 17, -- St. Patrick Day Cash -- See members of the
Advisory Board for raffle tickets

Many wonderful volunteers make the above activities possible, but we also need the support of our parishioners to make them successful.



A LEGEND OF THE PUSSY WILLOW

According to a Polish legend, many springs ago, baby kittens fell into a raging river while chasing butterflies. The mother cat sadly wept at the river's edge, pleading for help for her drowning kittens. The willows heard her mournful cries and swept their long graceful branches into the water. The kittens grabbed the branch, held on tightly and were safely brought to shore.

Every spring, from that day to this, the willows sprout fur-like buds where the tiny kittens once clung.

PUSSY WILLOWS

As in the past, we are again in need of pussy willows. With the warm weather we have been experiencing, many are ready to be cut. They can be trimmed and kept in a cool, dry location. We will need them no later than Thursday, Mar. 21.

ST. John Climacus

This fourth Sunday of the Great Fast is dedicated to the memory of a monk and spiritual writer called John. He lived at the end of the sixth century in the desert of the Sinai Peninsula, at the foot of a very high mountain.



At the foot of this great mountain, John lived, and there he also was formed in his experience of God. He is best known for the book he wrote, called **The Ladder of Divine Ascent**. This work, which is most commonly read in monasteries during the Lenten season, describes the journey of the Christian.

He frames his thoughts around the image of a *ladder*, a ladder with thirty steps, one for each of the years of the life of the Lord before He began his public ministry.

