



March 3, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

March 2 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm
+Richard Heckel req by wife Mary

**March 3 (Sun) THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
VENERATION OF THE CROSS
Divine Liturgy 10:30am**
+Catherine Wesdock req by Julee Lindberg & Family

Mar. 8 (Fri) Presanctified Liturgy 6:30pm
Hramoty - Remembrance of the dead

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

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

SERVICES AT ST. MARY IN HERMINIE

Mar. 6 (Wed) Presanctified Liturgy 9:00am

Our tithe to our Parish - Feb. 25, 2024 - \$976.00

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 --- Haluski, , 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.

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Reminder -- set your clocks ahead one hour !!!





A LEGEND OF THE DOGWOOD TREE

When Christ was on earth, the dogwood grew
to a towering size with a lovely hue.

Its branches were strong and interwoven,
And for Christ's cross its timbers were chosen.

Being distressed at the use of this wood,
Christ made a promise which still holds good.

*"Not ever again shall the dogwood grow
to be large enough for such a tree, and so
slender and twisted it shall always be
with cross-shaped blossoms for all to see.*

*The petals shall have bloodstains marked in
brown and in the blossom's center a thorny crown.*

*All who see it will think of me,
nailed to a cross from a dogwood tree,
protected and cherished this tree shall be
a reflection to all of my agony.*



THE THREE BAR CROSS

It is thought that the crucifixion cross originally contained three cross bars. The top bar bore the initials *INUI* which symbolizes the words, "Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews". The middle bar held Jesus' out-stretched arms with the shorter bottom bar holding his nailed feet and was parallel to the other two bars. This bar may have been loosened, as Jesus writhed and one of his feet slipped, tilting the bar.

VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

On the Third Sunday of Great and Holy Lent, the Church commemorates the Precious and Life-Giving Cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Services include a special veneration of the Cross, which **prepares** the faithful for the commemoration of the Crucifixion during Holy Week.