

IC & SJ WEBSITE: What are the 7 sacraments? Just rituals? Do they do anything? Who invented them? Fulton Sheen, Chris Stefanick, and Dr. Elizabeth Klein uncover the significance and centrality of the sacraments this week at stjic.org. **FLOCKNOTE** at ST.B-Register today to receive the bulletin, Mass schedules and more directly to you via email or text message. Text STBARTHOLOMEW to 84576 OR submit your name, cell phone number, and email address in the collection basket with attention to Flocknote & we will add your information to the system for you.

SJ PARISH: We will once again sell Raffle Tickets to help make up for the loss of not having an Annual Picnic. By now, all registered parishioners should have received their 7 raffle tickets for the week of March 17-21 drawing. All tickets must be returned to the parish office sold or unsold by **March 9**. There are some extra tickets, if anyone needs more tickets, please call Pam 814-495-5241 at the rectory.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY PRAYER CHAIN: needs updated. If anyone wants their name added, deleted, or phone number changed, you can call Pam 814-495-5241 at the office or see the sign-up sheet in the back of SJ Church.

SJ/IC CONFIRMATION RETREAT: 10 Grade students will be on Sun, Feb. 16 at SJ Church social hall 9:30 AM to 12:30PM.

IC ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY will have their regular meeting on Monday, February 17 with Rosary at 6:30 PM in the Church; with the meeting to follow in Marian Hall at 7 PM.

SB PARISH/FINANCE COUNCIL meeting is Wed. Feb. 19 at 6pm in hall

SJ & IC CCD CLASSES are scheduled for February 23; March 2 & 23; April 6 & 13.

COMMUNITY BOOK Club on Monday, Feb. 24 at 3:30 PM in Marian Hall on the book "Heat & Light" by Jennifer Haigh.

FRANCES WESS would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and get-well wishes sent to her after her recent hospital stay. Your thoughtfulness was truly appreciated.

MHT CEMETERY FUNDRAISER: The Cemetery committee was approached by an individual with a challenge to the Parish to raise \$10,000. Donations will be matched dollar to dollar up to \$10,000. Funds will be used to upgrade both Cemeteries. As stated before, there are many old headstones that need new footers and new crosses are needed at both cemeteries; repaving in St. Anthony and a new altar in St. James. This challenge will begin on March 1st and envelopes will be attached to the bulletin that weekend. Please be as generous as possible to meet this challenge to improve our Cemeteries. If using your Cemetery envelopes from your packet, please mark "Challenge" on them.

PIEROGIES: Help is needed on Thursday, Feb. 20 at 8AM at St. B Hall to make Lenten pierogies. All are invited to help.

ST. B LOTTERY TICKETS: All stubs and money are due by Feb. 16 for a daily drawing the month of March with daily drawings of \$125-\$500 for a total of \$10,000. Tickets are \$20 and **all parishioners** are asked to buy or sell tickets, which are available in the vestibule after Masses or call Ann or Margy or Pam at SJ/IC rectory. Benefits St. Bartholomew cemetery which is in need of some major repairs. Please help make our cemetery a place of honor and respect.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW for our Third Annual Comedy Night, sponsored by SJ Church, will be Sat, March 1, 2025, at New Germany Grove Hall. \$20 a person in advance, \$25 at the door. Doors open at 6 PM and show starts at 7:30 PM. The original Host from the first comedy night with 2 new comedians, food & refreshments. Call Pam at the rectory for tickets. Donation of baskets are needed for this event. Call Lisa 814-243-3009.

UKRANIAN EGG CLASSES: Wednesdays, Feb. 26-April 9 from 12:30-2PM at Most Holy Trinity Church Hall. Benefits St. James and St. Anthony Cemeteries. Bring a shoe box or egg carton and an old towel. Register at secretarybr@gmail.com or by calling 495-4419 or 495-4028- leave a message. Due to egg costs, classes will cost \$8/class if eggs are provided or \$5/class if you bring your own eggs.

BINGO at THE YPCC in Ebensburg on Friday, Feb 21. Doors open at 5:30. \$25/ in advance ...\$30/at the door. Proceeds benefit the SF Library and SF Historical Society. Ticket includes games, water and soda and pizza and desserts. BYOB. Join us to help raise funds and have some fun!

WINTERFEST will be held Saturday, Feb 22 from 12- 5. Green Roof Acres Petting Zoo will be there along with the old favorites! We are in need of some baked goods for our table.

MONEYRAMA: on Friday, March 7, at the SF Fire Hall to benefit the South Fork Library. Tickets are \$20 & can be purchased at the library.

NOAH-30th Anniversary Limited Showing at the Sight & Sound Theatre on April 9, with St. Mark/Holy Rosary Parishes. The bus trip includes the 11AM Show and 2:15 Lunch Smorgasbord at Hershey Farm Restaurant. \$195.00/Adult, \$140.00 /Child (3-12) Contact Robyn Murphy (814) 931-5683 or Diane O'Leary (814) 935-2114 reserve seats.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP (18-39): young adult retreat on March 8 from 9-6pm at St Francis University. Theology on Tap continues at the Boulevard Grill at 6pm on Feb 26 with Fr. Dave Peles on The Jubilee Year of Hope: Lent & the Sacred Triduum, March 26 with Bishop Waltersheid, April 30 with Mike Aquilina, May 28 with Br. Isaiah Klena OCD, June 25 TBD, and July 23 with Fr. Basil Cole O.P. All young adults aged 18-39 are invited to join us! For info contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com

STRENGTH IN CHRIST Men's Conference-Sun, March 30, from 11:30-5:30 PM at Mt Aloysius College, Cresson. Includes lunch, Mass, talks from local priests, personal testimonies, and a panel discussion. No cost to attend. Register online www.dioceseaj.org or contact your parish office and return via mail. Registration closes March 21. Limited seating.

EMPOWERED BY THE SPIRIT SERIES: Tuesdays March 18-April 8, St. Michael Activity Center, Hollidaysburg at 6:30PM includes speakers, testimony, praise & worship, discussions, refreshments & fellowship. No charge, but registration required. Holyspiritministry20@gmail.com or 814-207-9110. All are welcome.

SPRING PRIEST PRESENTATIONS featuring talks from three diocesan priests on the Eucharist – Saturday, March 29 from 9 AM to 11:30 AM JFK Student Center at St. Francis University, Loretto. Fr. Jozef Kovacik, Fr. George Jakopac, Fr. Brian Saylor. Register online at dioceseaj.org/spring_priest_presentations or form found at each parish church.

CHRISTIAN BIO-ETHICS: taught by Father James Crookston at Holy Name Parish, Ebensburg. Seven Tuesdays from 6:30-9 PM beginning March 4. Register at www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry, your Parish office or at (814) 361-2000 or jgramling@dioceseaj.org by Tues, Feb. 18 with \$35 fee. Purchase book (Amazon or The Catholic Univ. of America Press)