

By Roderick Falconer

We are walking into the starless night
 The ground beneath our feet is wet with babies blood.
 The sticky mud of once warm life,
 Discarded in this restless resting place.

Where little souls are laid in layers of the lifeless dirt,
 Found guilty of desiring to be born,
 To breathe the air of morning, afternoon and night,
 Feel the sun's befriending warmth,
 Beheld by one's who are supposed to be waiting,
 Who must be waiting for them.

They too had love to give for they were someone, not nothing,
 Not no one, no matter all the worthless words that can be said,
 Though they themselves never had a chance to speak.
 Somewhere before this life unspoken sentences of tenderness were formed

And then cut off before they could be said, cut off in ceremonies of lifeless latex hands
 And disembodied masks that flowed in blind bright auras of white rooms
 With antiseptic smells,
 While mother lay there waiting to be done with them.

The love that was their right, fetal expectations formed from instinct in the womb
 Or long before, was cut away with knives and suction tubes cut out by deadly rays
 From strangers' eyes pierced by sterile unclean hands and death addicted minds,
 All professional, and just like mom, in a hurry to be done with them,
 Get on with something more important.

How much are a couple of lungs, a heart, and brain worth anyway –
 Five hundred bucks, more or less, though, often lives are nullified for free,
 So anxious the community of the living to abolish them, to lock them out of consciousness
 forever –
 Flush them down a sewer pipe and float them out into the cold dark trenches of the sea.

They must be dissolved, erased from memory, you see,
 And if mother feels regret or pangs of guilt
 There's always counseling to heal and medication to forget.

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**03/03/2019
 41st Sunday after Pentecost - Forgiveness Sunday**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Loca- tion</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Service / Intention</u>	
03/02	N. Cam.	Sat.	3:00 PM 3:30 PM 4:00 PM	Confessions Holy Rosary Chuff Family	
03/03	N. Cam. Revloc N. Cam.	Sun.	9:00AM 11:00AM 5:00PM	In Memory of Dennis Bakale Private Intentions For the People	Delores O'Gorman
03/04	N. Cam.	Mon.	6:00PM	Pre-Santified Liturgy	
03/05	Revloc	Tues.	6:30PM	Pre-Santified Liturgy	
03/06	N. Cam.	Wed.	6:00PM	Pre-Santified Liturgy	
03/07	N. Cam	Thurs			
03/08	N. Cam.	Fri.	6:00PM	Pre-Santified Liturgy	
03/09	N. Cam.	Sat.	3:00 PM 3:30 PM 4:00 PM	Confessions Holy Rosary In Memory of Margie Tinik	Rita Tinik
03/10	N. Cam. Revloc N. Cam.	Sun.	9:00AM 11:00AM 5:00PM	In Memory of Willaim Patrick Private Intentions For the People	Louise Patrick

Sunday of Cheese Fare - Forgiveness Sunday

Troparion

You came down from on high, O Merciful One, and accepted three days for burial to free us from our sufferings. O Lord, our life and our resurrection, glory be to You.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and forever and ever. Amen.

Kondakion

O Master, Guide to Wisdom, Bestower of prudent counsel, Instructor of the foolish and Defender of the poor ones; make firm my heart and give it understanding. Give me a word, O Word of the Father: Behold, I shall not stop my lips from crying out to You: In Your mercy, have mercy on me who am fallen.

Prokeimen (Tone 8)

Pray and give praise to the Lord our God. Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

verse: In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel.

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Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse It is good to give praise to the Lord, and to sing to Your name,
O Most High.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse To announce Your mercy in the morning and Your truth every night.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Communion Verse

Praise the Lord from the heaven; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia. (3)

Announcements

Income Report 02/24/2019

Sunday: \$547.00 Loose: \$120.00 Dues: \$5.00 Diocesan: \$10.00 Energy: \$75.00
Total: \$757.00 Candles: \$42.00 Building: \$76.00

Kitchen Sale

March 7, 2019 from 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Pagach: \$8.00 **Potato Soup:** \$6.00/qt **Rolls:** \$4.00/doz
Last day to order: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 Call: 814-948-6140

Fat Tuesday - Italian Fest

Queen of Peace Parish Center (*upper hall*), Patton, Pa Tuesday, March 5, 2019
4:00pm to 7:00pm (*Please park in the upper lot and access thru doors in the rear*)
Menu includes: wedding soup, salad, fresh baked Italian bread, lasagna (*meatless*),
meatballs, dessert & beverage.
Adults: \$10.00 Children (5-12): \$5.00 Under 5: free
Takeouts available Soup for takeout: \$4.00/quart

Lenten Fish Dinners (Friday, March 8 thru and including Good Friday on April 19)

Queen of Peace Parish Center (*upper hall*) 4:00PM to 7:00PM
(*Park in the upper lot and access thru doors in the rear*)
Menu includes: choice of baked or fried fish or 2 salmon patties, choice of baked potato or French fries. In addition, fresh baked rolls, stewed tomatoes, mac 'n cheese, haluski, cole slaw, dessert and beverage.
Adults: \$10.00 Children (5-12): \$5:00 Under 5: free
Takeout dinners available in the lower level of the Parish Center

Hastings Basket Bingo

Saturday, March 10th at the Hastings Memorial Building (280 Beaver St)
Doors open at 12:30PM - Bingo begins at 2:00PM
Tickets: \$20 pre-sale, \$25 at the door Includes refreshments and 20 games of Bingo

Please remember the sick, shut-ins and deployed of the Parish and our community in your prayers, especially: James Scott, Mike Saxon, Mary Hanwell, Herb Kirsch & Family, John Kerr, Herluf Pedersen, George & Patty Kotrick, Jane Pavelko, Frank Farabaugh, William Paronish, Special Intention for a parishioner diagnosed with cancer (anonymous), Michael Katchmer, Barb Sidwar, Sarah Kelt, Brody Dick, Dustin Kirsch, Joyce Dolges, Bob Manioc and Shirley Baum.
Deployed: Tim Shapiro