



Mary, Mother of the Redeemer

— CATHOLIC CHURCH —

Founded in 1987

1325 Upper State Road, North Wales, PA 19454-1007

February 11, 2018

Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

PARISH OFFICE

Main: 215-362-7400

Fax: 215-362-4127

MMR Parish Website:

www.mmredeemer.org

Email: mmr@mmredeemer.org



SCHOOL: 215-412-7101

MMR School Website:

www.mmrschool.org

PRE-SCHOOL: 215-692-1051

P.R.E.P.: 215-412-2251

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Website: MMRedeemer.formed.org

Mission Statement

Under the patronage of Mary, Mother of the Redeemer, we are a growing faith community centered in the Eucharist and dedicated to worshipping God, our Father

In response to our baptismal call, we commit ourselves to promote the gospel of His Son, Jesus Christ, through Christian hospitality, spiritual nurturing, evangelical outreach, and shared social experience.

We call upon each parishioner to share his or her talents in addressing the needs of our parish and society at large. We implore the Holy Spirit to consecrate each of us in this mission.



“The sick person is the flesh of Christ.”

Pope Francis

Mary, Mother of the Redeemer, help us share in the work of redemption.

Parish Clergy

Rev. Msgr. John T. Conway, Pastor
Rev. Msgr. Philip C. Ricci, Pastor Emeritus
Rev. William J. Teverczuk, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Daniel J. Arechabala, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Mr. Eric J. Banecker, Transitional Deacon
Deacon Paul A. Logan, Permanent Deacon
Deacon John M. Travaline, Permanent Deacon

Parish Administration

Gary Zimak, Director of Parish Services
Mary Anne Dunbar, Music Coordinator
Lou Tonelli, Business Manager
Mary Anne Cortez, Parish Administrative Staff
Chris Moral, Office Staff
Annette Smith, Bulletin Editor

MMR Parish School

Denise Judge, School Principal
Margi Slomiany, Director of Advancement

Office of Religious Education

Nancy Franks, Director of Religious Education
Valerie Haynos, Secretary, Religious Education

Parish Pastoral Council

Christine Beschen, Cindy Coleman, Chris Fandozzi,
Jeff O'Donnell, Beth Ann Rufo and Renee Walters

Parish Finance Council

Tom Alesi, Mike Coakley, Jack Downing,
Tim Gillespie, Gary Kennedy, Barbara O'Donnell,
and Margi Slomiany

Mass Schedules and Devotions

Morning Prayer: 7:00 am Weekdays
Weekday Mass: 7:30 am (and 9:00 am during
Advent and Lent)
Saturday: 7:35 am Rosary, 8:00 am Mass and
Miraculous Medal Novena
Saturday Night: 5:15 pm Vigil
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:45 am and
12:30 pm
Holy Days: 6:30 am, 9:00 am, 12:10 pm and
7:00 pm (except New Year's and
Christmas)
Friday (All day): *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
begin at 8:00 am through 5:00 pm
September (after Labor Day) through
May (Friday before Memorial Day)

Sacraments

The Sacrament of Baptism is administered **most**
Sundays after the 12:30 pm Mass. **Arrangements**
must be made in advance by calling the Parish
Office. First time parents are required to attend a
Pre-Jordan class before the baptism. They are held
the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm.
No pre-registration is necessary.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered every
Saturday, 4:00 to 4:45 pm; Sundays immediately
following the 9:00 am Mass; and anytime by appointment.

The Sacrament of Marriage requires that the
couple contact the Church at least 6 months before a
planned wedding date. No other arrangements
should be made until the couple meets with a parish
priest and the date and time are confirmed. One of
the couple must be a member of the parish.
Attendance at a Marriage Preparation program is
required in accordance with Archdiocesan policy.

Anointing of the Sick is available to the dying and
those who are elderly, sick, or preparing for surgery.
Please contact the Parish Office.

Communion Calls are made monthly by clergy and
weekly by Extraordinary Ministers of Holy
Communion. To place a homebound individual on
the Communion Call list, call the Parish Office.

New Registrations

Welcome new parishioners! You may call the Parish
Office at 215-362-7400 to make an appointment to
register. In order to receive the sacraments of
Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage, or Letters of
Eligibility for sponsorship at Baptism or Confirmation,
you must be a registered parishioner. Also, children
who turn 26 years of age, or complete higher
education and continue to reside within our area,
should become individually registered parishioners.

Funeral Notices

Scheduled funeral services being held here at
Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church can now be
found on our website at :

<http://mmredeemer.org/funeral-notice/>.

Parish Office Business Hours
Mondays thru Thursdays: 8:30 am to 8:00 pm
Fridays: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Deadline for February 18th Bulletin is
Monday, February 12th at 8:00 am

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 12

7:30 am deceased members of
the Olivero Family by
the Paul Logan Family

Tuesday, February 13

7:30 am Denis McMenemy by
the Paul Logan Family

Wednesday, February 14

6:30 am Gerald Glackin by the
Paul Logan Family

9:00 am Giuse Nguyen Ly by
Nguyen Trong Thang

12:10 pm Joseph White by
Winifred White

7:00 pm Theresa Nguyen Thanh
Mai by Nguyen Trong
Thang

Thursday, February 15

7:30 am Frank Gaidjunas by
the Paul Logan Family

9:00 am Rose Brooks by
Joe McMullin

Friday, February 16

7:30 am Recipients of MMR
Prayer Shawls by the
Prayer Shawl Ministry

9:00 am William Wilson by
Tim Haymore

Saturday, February 17

8:00 am Katherine Schafle by
the Wasylenko Family

5:15 pm Theodore T. Lamparski
by the Lamparski
Family

Sunday, February 18

7:30 am Catherine Miczenski
by her loving family

9:00 am Gerald Glackin by
Mercedes Desiderio

10:45 am Mary, Mother of the
Redeemer Parishioners

12:30 pm John Zamorski by Ed
& Jenn Stenderowicz



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Encounter Lent Through CRS Rice Bowl Giving

Join our faith community - and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States - in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the Narthex. During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will journey alongside the Good Samaritan, to reflect on the question: Who is my neighbor?

So many of our neighbors are on the move: migrants, refugees, internally displaced persons, travelers. The Good Samaritan - a traveler on the move - shows us what it means to encounter the stranger, to accompany one in need and become a companion on the journey. Pope Francis has invited Catholics to build bridges of understanding and hospitality with migrants and refugees through the CRS "Share the Journey" campaign.

How does the Parable of the Good Samaritan invite us to welcome the migrant, the refugee and others on the move?



Next Week's Second Collection

Next weekend's second collection will be for **Care of Aging and Ill Diocesan Priests**. In the past your donations have been both generous and heartwarming. We recognize it as a sign of your own love and gratitude to these priests who have served so well. Through your continued offerings we can be sure that they will be watched over and cared for in their remaining days. Thank you for your prayerful generosity.

We Remember Our Deceased

Emily Gervais
Neil Rankin



Welcome New Parishioners

Michael & Kate Fox and
children, Michael, Nora &
William

Yosef Hailemichael & Hamere
Seyoum and son, Gaime

This Week at MMR

Sunday, Feb 11

WINE Women's Group 7:00 pm

Monday, Feb 12

St. Francis Ecology Ministry 7:00 pm
Men's Sport Night 8:30 pm

Tuesday, Feb 13

Pre-Jordan Class 7:30 pm

Thursday, Feb 15

Youth Holy Hour 6:00 pm

Friday, Feb 16

MoMs Prayer Group 9:00 am
Adoration 9:30 am - 5:00 pm
Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm

Saturday, Feb 17

Men's Fellowship & Spirituality 6:30 am
Italian Dinner 6:00 pm

Saturday, February 24, 2018



JOE CONKLIN



The Man of a Thousand Voices

Tickets are on sale after weekend Masses and in the Parish Office during daytime weekday hours (before 4:00 pm)

**Tickets are \$45 per person,
buffet dinner included (BYOB)**

Water, Coffee, and Soda provided

Dinner and the Show are in the CEC

Doors open at 6:30 pm, and dinner served at 6:45 pm

Show starts at 8:00 pm



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Office Phone: 215-362-7400**

Seeking a Rectory Cook

Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church is in need of a cook for the three parish priests who live in the parish house and an occasional guest or two. The cook is needed to plan, prepare, and serve **dinner only** on three evenings (Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday) each week. Saturdays are desired, but not a requirement for the job. Dinner is scheduled for 5:15 pm on weekdays; 6:30 pm on Saturdays. Additionally, grocery shopping for these meals, along with a short list of staples, is expected. If interested, please contact Lou Tonelli (our parish business manager) at the Parish Office (215-362-7400) or loutonelli@mmredeemer.org.

Save the Date: 2018 MMR Golf Outing

As winter continues, what better way to warm our spirits than to start looking forward to the annual MMR Golf Outing at Talamore Country Club. This year, the Outing will take place on **Monday, April 23rd**. So, save the date. This year's Outing will be run by Knights of Columbus Council #13126. Once again, it will raise funds to **benefit Fr. Chuck's Challenge, which helps provide the poorest people of Nicaragua and Haiti with modest homes, clean water, and farming supplies.** Last year, you will remember, we raised enough money to build a **Community Center in Nicaragua.** What a great cause! Additionally, proceeds will support the charitable works of our Knights Council. We hope to see you there.



Walk to Jerusalem: A Lenten Journey **It's time to put on your sneakers and fire up your Fitbit®, Apple Watch® or pedometer!**

JOIN THE MMR COMMUNITY AS WE WALK TO JERUSALEM!



Beginning **Wednesday, February 14, 2018** (Ash Wednesday) our parish community will begin a Lenten journey to walk 5,784 miles from North Wales to Jerusalem. We encourage all parishioners to embark on this mission to become more physically active while also fostering spiritual growth.

**We invite you to join the MMR family on
a virtual trip to Jerusalem.**

Complete the registration below and drop in the Sunday collection basket or the Parish Office during business hours, or for more info. and to sign-up online visit: mmredeemer.org/walk-to-Jerusalem

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____



Save the Date

Ladies Lenten Day of Reflection

Wednesday, March 14th

*This year's speaker is Marie Joseph
and the reflection is
"Confidence in the Cross."*

Upcoming Parish Services Events

- **Feb 27th, Day of Reflection for Seniors:** *This year's topic is "Give Up Worrying for Lent."*
- **Mar. 14th, Ladies Lenten Retreat with Marie Joseph,** well known Catholic Speaker and Executive Director of Legacy of Life Foundation. *This year's theme is "Confidence in the Cross."*
- **Apr 9th, Total Consecration to Jesus thru Mary:** We will meet for 6 weeks and use Fr. Michael Gaitley's 33 Days To Morning Glory. Get ready for a life changing experience!

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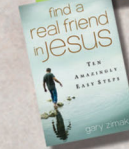
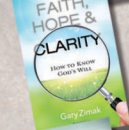
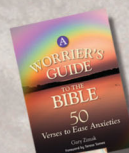
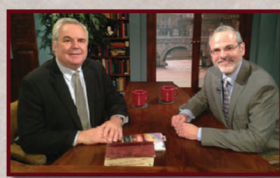
Day of Reflection for Seniors

Gary Zimak Catholic Speaker • Author • Radio Host • MMR Director of Parish Services

Topic: Give Up Worrying For Lent

Feb 27, 2018 • 9:00AM - 1:00PM

In the church Cost: \$7 Includes lunch



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Gary is a frequent speaker at parishes and conferences across the US and Canada, and is recognized as the leading Catholic speaker on the topic of overcoming anxiety. He is an author, host of *Spirit in the Morning* on Holy Spirit Radio in Philadelphia, and a regular guest on EWTN TV and radio. For more information, visit his website FollowingTheTruth.com.

Enclose this form in an envelope labeled "Lenten Reflection" along with \$7.00 per person. Please return registration before February 25th at weekend Masses, via the collection basket, or at the Parish Office during business hours.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Phone #: _____ # attending: _____

For more information, contact Gary at 215-362-7400, or send an email to: garyzimak@mmredeemer.org.



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Eat-In or Take-Out

MMR CEC—Friday, March 16, 2018

5:00 to 8:00 pm

DINNER TICKET INCLUDES:

Battered/Fried Cod Filets, Shoestring French Fries,
and Cole Slaw – BYOB

ADDITIONAL A LA CART ITEMS AVAILABLE:

Pizza, Mac-n-Cheese,
Manhattan Clam Chowder

Tickets are \$12 in advance and may be purchased
from any KoC member or at the Parish Office

Tickets are \$15 (limited number) at the door

Call George Mussoline for info at **215-290-3389**

Please make checks payable to Knights of Columbus

Italian Dinner Festival

ALL YOU CAN EAT!

Benefiting MMR Boy Scout Troop 547

Saturday, February 17, 2018, 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Mary, Mother of the Redeemer School Gym

Tickets: \$15, Seniors (over 65) \$10,

Children under 7 eat for free!

Authentic Italian Menu includes:

- Pasta with homemade meat sauce, meatballs, garden salad, fresh bread
- Porchetta Sandwich (\$2.00)
- Homemade cakes & desserts



Eat in or Take out

Advance ticket sales from any MMR Troop 547

family, or contact Joe or Bonnie Joyce at

Home phone: **215-997-6705**, Email:

igjoyce1@comcast.net or bjoyce4@comcast.net

Tickets also available at the door.

*Treat the whole family to a delicious homemade
Italian dinner and support Boy Scout Troop 547!*

Mangia! Mangia!

2017 Tax Information

For those who use Parish Online Giving to contribute to MMR and Archdiocesan collections, you can generate a 2017 year end tax report by going to the website www.parishgiving.org and

- Enter your username and password in the upper right-hand corner of the website.
- Click on the contribution history tab.
- Enter Start Date of 01/01/17 and End Date of 12/31/17.
- Click on the PDF icon.

If you need a 2017 contribution report from the parish, please contact the Parish Office and you will receive one via e-mail.

Notice!

The paper bins in the MMR parking lot are overflowing and the vendor is not responding to our request to empty the dumpsters. **Please do not leave any paper at the bins until the dumpsters are emptied.**



Join us for an adults-only trivia night a (fun)draiser for MMR

Trivia, prizes, music, and dancing
BYOB

SAVE THE DATE!

March 24, 2018 7:00 pm

Mary, Mother of the Redeemer School

\$35 per person

Tickets on sale soon

Email hsa@mmrschool.org with questions

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Mary, Mother of the Redeemer School



Many Gifts, One Nation
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24 Hours of Giving Has Ended!

Thanks to you and other generous donors we have exceeded our goal! Our total raised in 24 hours is \$5930, exceeding our wildest expectations. Additional gifts pushed us over \$6000. The STEM lab is now a reality. This would not be possible without all of you. We are grateful and truly humbled by your tremendous kindness. Thank you!

Social Media Safety Presentation

Pope John Paul II High School in Royersford is inviting all parents to a social media safety presentation on **February 22nd**, at 6:30 pm. Josh Ochs, a nationally recognized presenter/author on the pitfalls and safety concerns of today's social media will speak on how parents can become involved in promoting the safe use of social media. The program is free. To register or for further information please visit www.pjphs.org.

Saint Basil Academy News

On **Saturday, March 3rd**, St. Basil Academy will offer the 7th grade practice test from 8:00 - 11:45 am and host a Meet & Greet for 6th & 7th grade parents from 9:00 - 11:45 am. Register online at <https://www.stbasilacademy.org/admissions/>. Contact the Admissions Office at 215-649-9083 for more information. St. Basil Academy is located at 711 Fox Chase Road in Jenkintown.

Football Scholarship

Ave Maria University, in southwest Florida, is pleased to announce that through the generosity of a donor, a new Faith and Football Scholarship is being offered for qualified football players who are committed Catholics. The scholarship parameters include a minimum test score of 23 on the ACT or 1130 on the SAT. A limited number of scholarships will be awarded on a rolling basis, with priority consideration given to early applications. Candidates must apply through the following link: <https://www.avemaria.edu/future-students/scholarships/>. Please contact eric.vanheusden@avemaria.edu with any questions.

Youth and Young Adults

Youth Holy Hour



High School students are invited to meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month for Adoration and social hour. This month the Holy Hour will be **Thursday, February 15th**. Students will gather in the chapel at 6:00 pm for prayer. Social time begins at 7:00 pm in the Matthew Walsh Teen Center. The evening closes out at 8:00 pm.

Metanoia News

Metanoia is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County. The group supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. Our ministry includes: Theology on Tap, faith based meetings, community service, retreats and outdoor events.



Upcoming events are:

Tuesday, February 13th: Bible Study @ St. Rose of Lima, North Wales at 7:30 pm

Tuesday, February 20th: Theology on Tap @ Appalachian Brewing Co., Collegeville;
Doors open at 7:00 pm, Talk Starts at 7:30 pm
Speaker: Megan Mastroianni

Tuesday, February 27: Holy Hour @ Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales; 7:30pm

For more details, check out our Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/groups/MetanoiaYoungAdults) or visit the website at

www.metanoiayoungadults.weebly.com or contact us at email metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com

Last Chance to Register for MMR CYO Spring Sports Registration

Registration is now open until

February 11th (TONIGHT!!)

for the following sports:

Intramural Basketball, Track & Field, Softball,
Baseball, High School Co-Ed Volleyball and
Boys Grade School Volleyball.

Register online at:

<http://www.eteamz.com/mmrcyo/index.cfm>

Around the Archdiocese

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage



Is your marriage going down the right road? Or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille (retro-VIE) can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. There are two programs coming up at the Family Life Center in Malvern: **February 16th - 18th and April 13th - 15th**. For more information, or to register for one of the weekends, visit our web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

Pre-Cana Workshop at St. Jude Parish

St. Jude Parish offers a fun, engaging and instructional one day Pre-Cana marriage preparation day for engaged couples. Our day is designed to assist couples prepare for a strong, successful, lifelong marriage in a joy-filled, welcoming environment. The sessions are held at St. Jude School located at 323 West Butler Avenue, Chalfont. **Our next session is scheduled for Saturday, February 17th**. Please contact St. Jude Rectory at 215-822-0179 or email office@stjudechalfont.org.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Solidarity Tour

With its roots in our area and because of the outstanding support of the faithful of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, all are invited to hear the inspirational story of hope and transformation shared by Thomas Awiapo of CRS, Ghana on **Tuesday, February 20th**, from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm at Vianney Auditorium, St. Charles Seminary. For more information and to RSVP, contact Jeff Wallace at CRS at 610-293-4669 or email at Jeffrey.wallace@crs.org or Anne H. Ayella at aayella@archphila.org.



2018 ManUp Philly Conference

March 3rd at Neumann University
This year, we celebrate the 10th Annual Man Up Spirituality Conference in the Archdiocese. The conference provides an opportunity for men to come together in true Christian brotherhood and to hear inspirational talks from fellow men on the journey of faith. The day which will include time for Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, will conclude with Mass. For more information and registration visit manupphilly.com.



The Cross and the Light

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia and St. John Bosco Parish invite you to a powerful Passion Play event called *The Cross and the Light*. This play is an international, critically acclaimed musical and multi-sensory video experience of Jesus' Death, Resurrection and the Coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Its purpose is to offer the audience an encounter with the living Christ by boldly proclaiming what He has done for us. Performances are at St. John Bosco Parish in Hatboro on **March 8th, 9th and 10th**. Visit <http://www.crossandlight.org/stjohnbosco.html> for more information and to purchase tickets.

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? The annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on **Saturday, April 28th** at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at the 5:15 pm Vigil Mass with Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M., Cap. presiding. This Mass is to pray for and with all married couples who are newlyweds, or who have been married 25 years or more, or 50 years or more. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. To register visit: www.phillycatholiclife.org or call 215-587-0500



The Religious Sign App for Families

This App produced by the **Deaf Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia** is a fun way to learn signs for religious words and to teach young children how to pray in American Sign Language. It can be used by Deaf and hearing as a way to encourage families to pray together in ASL. It can also be used in classrooms for Religious Education and in Catholic Schools. All the adult models are Deaf and all the children are Deaf or Children of Deaf Adults (CODA's). This is a great way to have the whole family learn to pray in ASL. The App is captioned and voiced in English and Spanish. To learn more about the App go to www.Religious-Sign-App.org



H.O.P.E. Committee

H.O.P.E. members are active within our parish, helping those with **an emergency**. The H.O.P.E. Committee assists the homebound and others with their needs. Grocery shopping, driving to the doctor and hospital visits are just a few of the things H.O.P.E. can help with. **Please give as much advance notice as possible.**

If interested please contact one of the people below:

Week of Leader

Feb 12 Deacon Frank Cavaliere
215-997-0646
Feb 19 Toni Esposito
215-361-3992
Feb 26 Pat Bergbauer
267-218-1380

Pray for Our Sick

If you wish that a family member or friend to be placed on the Bulletin Prayer List, please call Gerry Jerlinski at 215-996-1049. Please keep us informed of any changes in your loved one's status. Thank you.

Loving and compassionate Lord Jesus, You brought strength and healing to the afflicted. Through Your healing touch and words, You restored sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, strength to weakened limbs, and wholeness to those afflicted with disease. Look mercifully upon those named here in their time of need. Grant them the patience they need to carry their cross. If it be Your holy will, grant them Your healing. In all things, we pray that Your will be done. Amen.

Camille Struzek, Richard Gronquist, Jackie Olbrich, Kate Frank, Michael Josephson, Ray Subers, Lew Moyer, Elizabeth D'Angelo, Anna Catino, Michael

Korecky Jr., Bill Hack III, Julia Rapp, John O'Donnell, Linda Losito, Diane Doherty, William Fahey, Taylor Goettner, Andrew McIntyre, Jarrod Stukes, Binh Le, Cindy Italiano, Dolores Braun, Donald Braun, Ernestine Innes, Marge Manmiller, Edward McElroy, Joseph Kalkbrenner, Helen Rakovic, Cathy Vasolotti, Gerry Jerlinski, Nicole Cottone Obenski, Joseph DeStefano, Msgr. James Shields, Michael Lostaunau, Millie McGinnis, Michael Maguire, Betty Kelly, Maryann Davis, Gene Burns, Winifred White, Al Elwert, Nancy Elwert, Elizabeth McLaughlin, Joan McCarthy, John Pier, Anthony Volpe, David Loughran, Nichol Azcona, Francis Higgins, Diana Umile, Billy Pironti, David and his three children, Bishop Joseph Cistone

Babies, Children, and Teens:

Jared Hobson, James Mitchell, Soren Zimmerman, Callen Pappal, Calvin Cox, Matthew Rodriguez, Mary Kate Pironti, Elizabeth Napoli, Ruby Williams

Pray for Our Service Men and Women

Almighty God, we ask for your divine mercy and protection.

Embrace with your invincible armor our loved ones in all branches of the service.

Give them courage and strength against all enemies, both spiritual and physical, and hasten their safe journey back to their homes and families.

Amen.

Please keep the Parish Office informed of any changes in your loved one's status. Thank you.

Jay Wardach
Adam McGinnis
David Hoffer
Daniel Pierson
Gary Hogan
Andrew Crossan
Steven A. Campbell
James Thomas Gross
Sgt. Jonathan Lehman
Chaplain Joseph L. Coffey
Michael Wasylenko
Brenda Snow
Nathan Menapace
Thomas Conaway
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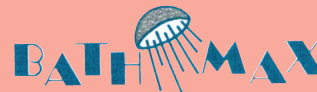
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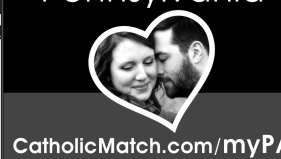
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On Wednesday, February 14th, Catholics will once again begin the annual period of prayer and penance which prepares for the Easter Triduum.

As a means to making this Lent spiritually fruitful, we invite and encourage all of you to participate in our Parish Lenten Program for 2018. **Please keep this sheet as a handy reference throughout the Season of Lent.**

FAST AND ABSTINENCE AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

LITURGICAL SERVICES

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH:

Masses will be celebrated at 6:30 am, 9:00 am, 12:10 pm and 7:00 pm.

Ashes (symbol of our repentance) will be blessed and distributed within all Masses.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday through Friday at 7:30 am and 9:00 am; Saturday at 8:00 am.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION:

As it does throughout the year, Eucharistic Adoration will take place each Friday immediately following the 9:00 am Mass. Adoration will conclude at 5:00 pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Place yourself (in spirit) beside our Savior as He journeys to Calvary. Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday in Lent (except on February 23rd) at 7:00 pm. Also, the students of our Parish School will pray the Stations on the following Mondays at 2:00 pm: February 26th; March 5th, 12th, and 19th. Our **“Living Stations”** presentation is scheduled for **Monday, March 26th** at 1:30 pm and 7:00 pm in the church. All are welcome.

OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

On **Tuesday, March 27th**, at **7:00 pm** all are welcome to pray the Stations outdoors. We will be gathering at the marble statue of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. The statue is located next to the old pump house. (This devotion will be coordinated by the Boy Scouts of local Troop #547 and members of our St. Francis Ecology Council.)

(See the reverse side.)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard on the **Wednesdays** of Lent (except Ash Wednesday and March 7th) from 7:00 to 8:00 pm, on **Saturdays** from 4:00 to 4:45 pm, and on **Sundays** immediately following the 9:00 am Mass. On **Tuesday, March 6th** (the week of our Parish Mission), confessions will be heard by several visiting priests **at a 7:00 pm Penance Service**. As always, our parish priests are available for confession by appointment.

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION FOR SENIORS

Gary Zimak, MMR's director of parish services (and a frequent speaker at parishes around the country) will be presenting "Give Up Worrying for Lent" to our seniors on **Tuesday, Feb 27th**. The day will begin with 9:00 am Mass in the church, followed by a light breakfast, 2 talks and a hot lunch at noon. A donation of \$7 is requested. Please register at the Parish Office using the registration form in the parish bulletin.

PARISH MISSION: "LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE TODAY"

Our Parish Mission will take place from **Monday, March 5th through Thursday, March 8th**. The preacher during these days will be **Augustinian Father Michael DiGregorio**. Evening Services are scheduled for 7:00 pm. More information will follow.

LADIES LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION

Our annual Ladies Lenten Day of Reflection is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 14th**. The day will be directed by Marie Joseph, the executive director of the Legacy of Life Foundation. In addition to being recognized as a leading Catholic speaker, author, and TV personality, Marie was recently awarded the Benemerenti Medal by Pope Francis. This year's theme will be "Confidence in the Cross". The program begins at 9:30 am with registration and will include continental breakfast, two presentations, and a box lunch. We will conclude with Mass at 1:30 pm. A donation of \$25.00 is requested. Registration information will follow.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Operation Rice Bowl focuses on the major Lenten themes: prayer, almsgiving, fasting and a renewed solidarity with the poor of the world. The format is simple. On one evening of each week of Lent, families eat a light, low-cost meal. Before and after the supper, they give thanks for their blessings and pray for the hungry of the world. Money saved by eating a simple meal instead of a regular dinner is placed in a "rice bowl" on the dinner table. **Cardboard "rice bowls" are available on tables in the narthex. A large basket will be in place at the Holy Family shrine throughout the Lenten season to receive your donations.** This year, 25% of your contributions will feed the hungry here in the Archdiocese; the rest will be distributed to the poor around the world.

THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK

"The Little Black Book" for 2018 is a collection of daily six-minute meditations on the Passion according to Mark. Copies of this extremely popular and inexpensive booklet are **available in the Parish Office**. The cost is \$2.00.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

This program is offered by a team of parishioners to people thinking about returning to a practice of their Catholic faith. Sessions are offered at a parishioner's home. Please contact Mike at 215-872-7009 or MikeCRH@gmail.com.

Please note: Specific details regarding all of our Lenten activities can be found on a weekly basis in the parish bulletin and website throughout the Lenten season.