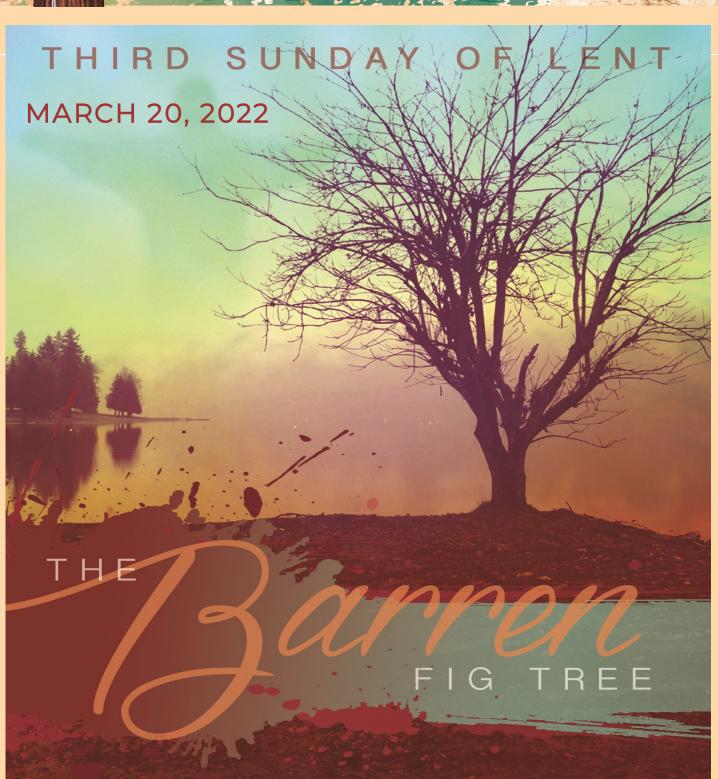


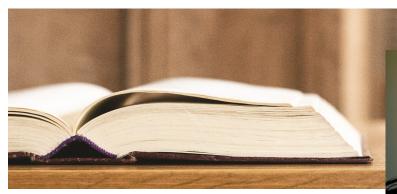
Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

LORD, MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR PEACE.



A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MATT

REPENTENCE



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

One of my favorite Easter stories in the Scriptures is in St. John's Gospel, where Mary Magdalene mistakes the Risen Lord for a gardener. I love that story because in my heart I think that Mary Magdalene wasn't mistaken. Jesus is the gardener of our hearts. Matt Maher wrote a really beautiful song about it that I have shared with you before. The refrain says

Matt Maher wrote a really beautiful song about it that I have shared with you before. The refrain says "You walk with me. You never leave. You're making my heart a garden." I love that song. I love that idea and image of Jesus as a gardener.

In the Readings this week there are two themes that really go together. Repentance and Mercy.

In the First Reading we hear the famous story of the call of Moses. God calls to Moses from the Burning Bush. God is asking Moses to turn to Him and listen. This is what repentance means. To re-aim, to turn to. What does Moses find when he turns to God? He finds mercy. God has heard the cry of His people and shows them mercy. The Responsorial Psalm echoes the First Reading as we proclaim that the Lord is kind and merciful. The Second Reading reminds us of God's mercy and warns us to make sure to check our aim and to re-aim, or repent, so that we don't fall. Repentance and Mercy.

In the second half of this weeks Gospel, after Jesus calls for repentance in the first part, we head to the garden. It is the story of a person who plants a fig tree in his garden but the tree bears no fruit. So the man tells his gardener to cut the tree down. But the gardener pleas with the man to let try for one more year. The gardener will do all that he can to help the tree bear fruit. I always thought that in this story, God the Father was the owner of the garden. Jesus was the gardener and we were the tree that wasn't bearing fruit. But I think that maybe I made a mistake.

I think that Jesus is indeed the gardener. But what if the other man isn't God the Father but is us? What if Jesus is pleading with us to let Him work on our hearts? What if Jesus is asking us in this story to be patient with Him? To be patient with the work that He is doing in our hearts? I think that is why this story is left open ended. We don't ever hear the owner of the garden's response. Did he let the gardener try for one more year? The Scripture doesn't tell us, but maybe that is the point. This is a question waiting for us to answer. Will we allow the gardener to work on our hearts? Will we give Him one more year?

This Lent we are called to Repentance, to reset our aim, to turn our face back to God. We are promised that when we do this we will find Mercy. God will give us just what we need. But He will not make us do this. Rather, Jesus asks us. May I walk with you for one more year? May I till the soil of your heart? Will you be patient with me and let me work? Can I make your heart a garden?

So, what is your answer to Jesus?

Peace and Love, Fr. Matt



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Saturdays

11:00am-12:00 pm | St. Mary 12:00pm-12:30pm | St. John 12:00 pm-1:00 pm | St. Joseph

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Saturday, March 19	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Mary	Todd Reith	Susie Batykefer
St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	5:30 PM Vigil	St. Joseph	Michael Sherrieb	Chris Shaffer
	8:00 AM	St. Joseph	For the Parishioners of Saint Francis of Assisi	
Sunday, March 20	8:30 AM	St. John	Lucille Burris	Daughter & Family
3rd Sunday Of Lent	10:00 AM	St. Mary	Anna Cranmer	John & Sharon
	11:00 AM	St. Joseph	For the Parishioners of Saint Francis of Assisi	
Monday, March 21	8:00 AM	St. Mary	Skip Green	Min & Family
Tuesday, March 22	8:00 AM	St. John	Genevieve Kozuch	Sally Swigart
Wednesday, March 23 St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	Pastors of St.John, St. Joseph, and St. Mary Churches	Christian Mothers & Women of St. Francis Parish
Thursday, March 24 St. Oscar Romero	8:00 AM	St. Mary	Bob Franz	Albert A. Michel
Friday, March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	Sylvia Strelec	The Traggiai Family
Saturday, March 26	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	For the Parishioners of Saint Francis of Assisi	
	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Mary	Paul Smith	Marilyn & Family
	5:30 PM Vigil	St. Joseph	Betty LeFevre	Barbara
Sunday, March 27 4th Sunday Of Lent	8:00 AM	St. Joseph	For the Parishioners of Saint Francis of Assisi	
	8:30 AM	St. John	Heather Craig	Jane Rhodaberger & Family
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	Living & Deceased of the Carbin & Kriley Families	Family
	11:00 AM	St. Joseph	Betty LeFevre	Christian Mothers & Women of St. Francis Parish



Dave McLaughlin
Rita Shelton
Joseph Green
Joe Crytzer
Kassidy Knoch
Maxine Yonosko
James J. Edwards
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Janet Biscetlia

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Please call the office or email Jenn to add/remove names from the prayer list.

As our hearts and prayers go out to all of those facing war and violence in Ukraine, we call on everyone to also pray for our United States Military and all that they face in these uncertain times. If you have a loved one currently serving our country, please let us know and we will add them to the special prayer list below. Please contact the office or email jenn@saintfrancisparish.net, with the names of those to be added.



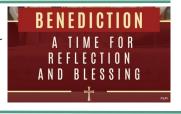


Steven Konyha

Jon Clark

Evan French

Looking for something extra to do during Lent? Come to Evening Prayer and Benediction each Sunday in Lent at 5:00 PM at St. Mary in Herman.





WEEKLY READINGS

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 20, 2022

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18 -19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-3

The Light is on for You, Confessions Wednesday, March 30, 2022 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm At St. Joseph and St. Mary





WEEKLY COLLECTIONS - MARCH 13, 2022

PARISH SHARE COLLECTIONS

Parish Share (PSP)	\$5,560.00
Parish Share - Online	\$550.00
Total Parish Share	\$6,110.00
*2022 Parish Share YTD	\$41,451.25
2022 Parish Share Goal	\$130,796.00

MINISTRY COLLECTIONS

Ash Wednesday	. \$135.00
Ukraine	\$100.00
Easter Flowers	\$40.00
Human Development	\$220.00
Holy Land/Good Friday	\$10.00
Palm Sunday	\$10.00
Mother's Day	\$20.00
Easter	\$20.00
St. Anthony/DePaul Schools	\$10.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$10.00
Food Bank	\$60.00
Energy/Utilities Fund	\$23.85

* Parish Share now runs on a calendar year

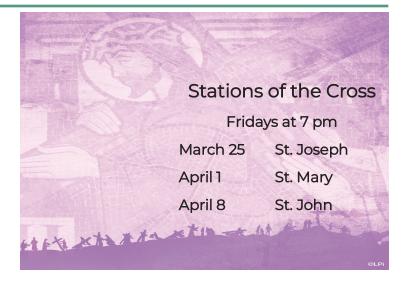
Thank you for your continued support

of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish!



The second collection next weekend, March 26th & 27th is the annual Diocesan collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.





YOUTH of our parish – Confirmation class and older – you are invited to participate in the Living Stations on Good Friday at 8:00 PM at St. Mary Church. Practices will be held on Sundays, March 27, April 3, and April 10 from 6:00 PM till 7:30 PM in the church. Come be a part of this beautiful tradition. Any questions, please contact Cathy Moser 724-602-1182.

The Marian Guild will offer a Meager Meal on April 8th, from 4 pm –6:45pm, prior to the Stations of the Cross, at St. John hall. The meager meal will include Seven Sorrow's soup, Mac & Cheese, Fruit, Roll & Butter. There is no charge, any good will offering will benefit the Marian Guild food pantry. Sorry, there are no pre orders.

St. Francis parishioner, Joe Green, is in need of a kidney transplant. If you're willing to give the gift of life please contact Susan @ living donors 412 -359-4579. Thank you for your prayers and consideration, God Bless.



40 Days for Life - Weekly Vigil Shift

Parishioners from St. Francis will be making weekly trips to Pittsburgh for the 40 Days for Life Vigil from 1-3pm every Thursday through April 7. A group will depart from St. Joseph in Cabot at noon and return around 4 pm. If you are interested in attending and would like to carpool, please meet at the church hall by noon. Anyone is welcome to meet up with us there (933 Liberty Ave.). Please contact Cil (724-822-0614) if you are interested or have any questions.

PARISH UPDATES AND EVENTS

Saint Francis of Assisi at St. Mary's in Herman 65th Annual Famous

Lenten Fish Fry

DRIVE THRU ONLY



Every Friday through April 8 th 4pm-7pm

\$12.00 CASH/CHECK

Menu: Pan Fried Fish Fillet, Fries, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Tartar, Bread, and Homemade Cake and, the RICE IS BACK!!

Drive Thru -Cemetery Entrance off Bonniebrook Rd.& Herman Rd

The Marian Guild will offer East-



er flowers to purchase on April 10th, immediately following the 8:30 am Mass at St. John. Sale is in St. John's hall. Daffodils- \$10.00 Easter Lilies - \$12.00

All proceeds benefit the Marian Guild food pantry.



The Knights of Columbus are hosting their famous pancake &

sausage breakfast today, March 20th, 8am-1pm at St. Joseph hall. Come enjoy a delicious breakfast!



We thank everyone who has volunteered for the fish fry! We still need your help each Friday! Below are times we can always use help. Thank you bakers! Keep the cakes coming!

- ♦ Thursday Mornings 9-11 am
- ♦ Friday Mornings 7-11 am
- Fridays 3-7pm
- Cakes (dropped off Thursday or Friday)



The Marian Guild is collecting nonperishable food, paper products and toiletries for Easter Giving Baskets. Collection bins are located in the back of all churches. Donations will be accepted through Wednesday, April 6th. Thank you for your continued support!

The Cabot Food Bank is in need of certain staples that they run low on each month. To help meet their needs, we are going to suggest an item each month to help stock the shelves! For this month,



we are requesting donations of any type of pasta sauce. Hopefully, this will help the food bank meet the needs of our neighbors. We will, however, gratefully accept any donation you may have at any time. Donations may be placed in the shopping cart in the back of the St. Joseph worship site. Thank you for helping support this worthy cause.



Girl Scout Cookies have finally arrived!!
Parishioners Abby and Shelby will have cookies available for sale after today's
8:30 am Mass at St. John. All varieties are

\$5/box. They thank you for your patience and support!



Lenten Resources

Lenten Video Series with Scott Hahn https://stpaulcenter.com/journey-through-lent/

Best Lent Ever 2.0 with Dynamic Catholic https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html

Lenten Gospel Reflections with Bishop Barron https://dailycatholicgospel.com/lent-reflections-2022

Lenten Reflections with Dr. Tim Gray https://daily.formed.org/

Links are available on the parish website.

Also visit FORMED or download the Amen app!

Pray for the Elect of our Parish

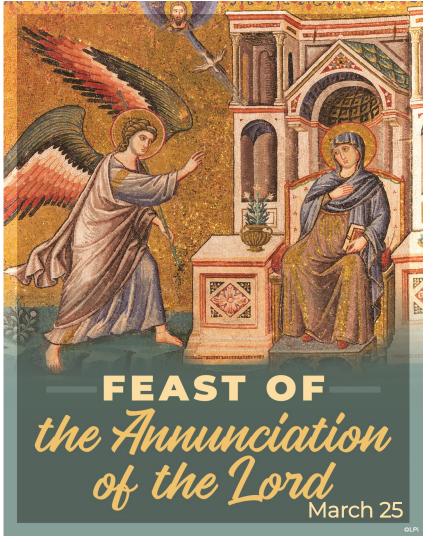
Last Sunday, our catechumens celebrated the Rite of Election with Bishop Zubik at Saint Paul Cathedral. This rite marks the beginning of the period of final, more intense preparation for the sacraments of initiation. During the enrollment of names, the catechumens were invited to inscribe their names in the *Book of the Elect* as a pledge of fidelity. In the act of election, the Church accepted the catechumens to be initiated into the sacred mysteries at the next Easter Vigil. This acceptance is founded on the election by God, in whose name the Church acts.

Sharon, Ally, and Taylor Keith as they enter the period of purification and enlightenment.

Please welcome and pray for

Pictured from left to right with Bishop Zubik (center) are Ally Keith, Taylor Keith, Sharon Keith, and Bill Young, their godparent.







When St. Oscar Romero was appointed Archbishop of San Salvador in 1977, his country was in chaos. Many people in El Salvador were living in poverty, while a smaller elite group controlled all political and economic power. In 1980, El Salvador broke out in a 12-year civil war that left over 75,000 people dead. St. Oscar Romero set up pastoral programs to assist the victims of

oppression. He also became an outspoken advocate for human rights, appealing to the Salvadoran military to stop killing their own citizens.

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ROMERO

MARCH 24

On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was murdered while celebrating Mass in El Salvador. A car pulled up outside, and a gunman fired a single shot straight into St. Oscar Romero's heart.

Calling him a "a martyr for the faith" nearly 40 years later, Pope Francis canonized him in 2018. For the occasion, Pope Francis chose to wear the same blood-stained belt that Romero was wearing at the altar when he died.



Children's Faith Formation Corner



2022

March 20- No CFF/ No Edge

March 26- First Reconciliation-St. John Church

March 27-

CFF St. Joseph- 9:15-10:45 AM

CFF St. John- 9:45-11 AM

CGS II & III St Joseph 6-8PM

Edge-St. Joseph 6-8PM



Enrollment is now open for the 2022-2023 school year at St. Mary Preschool. Please contact Amy Pettinato at the office (Ext. 221) or 724.355.6194 to register, or with any questions.



St. Joseph Preschool currently has 2 available spots in the 3 year old class for the 2022-2023 school year. Please contact Amy Majersky at the office (Ext. 209) or 724.816.0946 to reserve a spot, or with any questions.

St. Mary Pre-school will continue to offer Fundraiser Cards. The reusable discount card features great discounts and offers for many local businesses and is valid through the end of 2022. All for only \$10! Stop by the office at St. Mary to pick one up.

YOUTH GLOUP Join us March 20th

from 5:30-8 pm at our youth group room at Saint Mary in Herman. New faces always welcome, come give it a try! You will have fun!



Jesus, Mary and Joseph pray for our families.

This week we lift up in prayer the following family,



The Collins Family:
Brian, Marie, Brianna, Alana and Brock
The Kriley Family:
Justin, Lisa, Addison and Baylor



Through the grace of our Lord, may they enjoy prosperity, possess the priceless gift of peace, and as the Church alive in the home, bear witness in this world to the Lord's glory.



Confirmation Class Service Project

Today is the last day to drop off donations for the nursing home care boxes that the confirmation class will be making as a service project during their retreat in April.

Thank you all for the generous donations!

What is happening in the Diocese of Pittsburgh to protect children?

Training is provided for all adults and youth to identify warning signs and develop strategies for maintaining a safe environment for all. (*Protecting God's Children*® & Mandatory Reporter Training/Reporting for Pennsylvania)

All Catholic schools and Religious Education programs now provide lessons covering multiple topics relating to personal safety, boundaries, prevention and disclosing... equipping them with tools they need to help us protect them from abuse and harm. (Empowering God's Children®)

A designated Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to receive reports of abuse and accompany victims through their journey. Our diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is Laetitia Bridges 1-888-808-1235 or 412-456-3093

A volunteer independent Review Board assists the bishop in the review of cases of abuse and makes recommendations for moving forward.

Our Diocese has an **Office for Compliance** to ensure that all Safe Environment policies are strictly followed. Our diocesan Director is Phyllis Haney – 412-456-3093

A Safe Environment Coordinator assists parish and school personnel and volunteers with training and background screenings for anyone who may have access to children.

IN THE COMMUNITY

The next marriage preparation retreat will be held on two consecutive Saturdays, March 26 and April 2, 2022 at St. Michael the Archangel Church hall. You must attend both Saturday sessions. Another program will be held again in the Fall of 2022. The registration form for the Spring class is available on our parish website. For more information or to register, contact Cheryl Weiland at 724-991-2639 or cweiland@zoominternet.net.

Deer Classic Sportsman's Raffle Sponsored by St. Wendelin School Saturday, April 23, 2022, 12 – 6 pm at Happy Hunters Sportsman's Club \$25 per Raffle Ticket, includes: Food and Beverage, chance at 15 Guns, \$2000 in cash prizes and a MYSTERY GRAND PRIZE. To purchase raffle tickets call: 928-322-6903.

St. Wendelin School is holding Open Enrollment for the 2022-23 school year for Grades K-8. There is an information link on the school website at www.stwendelinschool.com providing details on completing the registration forms. Registration forms are available on the school website or by calling the St. Wendelin School Office at 724-285-4986. Please visit the school website to take a virtual tour. The St. Pope John Paul II STAR, Student Tuition Assistance Resource Program, will continue for the 2022-23 school year. This extraordinary program makes Catholic Education affordable for all families.

Widowed, Divorced or Separated? The loss of a spouse is a traumatic experience.

The Beginning Experience® ministry provides a weekend program to help widowed, divorced, or separated men and women of all faiths pass through the grief and move forward with their lives. The next weekend program is April 8-10, 2022 (Palm Sunday weekend) at the Martina Spiritual Renewal Center, 5244 Clarwin Avenue, West View, PA 15229. Payment arrangements and financial assistance available. Visit www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com to register or call Rob at 412-584-5575 or Kim at 412-352-2653 to learn more about this healing ministry.

For those struggling with addiction or substance abuse, for their families and for those who have lost loved ones to the disease of addiction and overdose. We come together in prayer! PLEASE JOIN US FOR ROSARY AND SPECIAL INTERCESSIONS. TUESDAYS March 29th - 2:30 to 3:30pm at ABBA'S HOUSE, 320 W. MAIN ST., SAXONBURG, 16056 information: patomaszewski@zoominternet.net

Annulment Information Sessions - Please join Jay Conzemius, JCL, Judge and Moderator of the Diocesan Tribunal, as he explains marriage annulments and the process. Topics will include: Theology of Marriage; Ministry of the Tribunal; Marriage Annulment Types; Marriage Law; No Fee Process; Why, When and How to Start the Petition for Annulment Process: Process Overview. After the presentation, there will be an opportunity to ask questions and/or to start the process. No reservations are required, but if you do plan to attend we ask you to send a confirmation email to AnnulmentsIntake@diopitt.org or contact the Tribunal at 412/456-3033 so that seating arrangements can be made. The one-hour presentation starts at 7:00 pm and will conclude after questions. Monday April 4, St. Kilian Church (North Hills, Church Hall)

Join a Zoom Rosary every Tuesday night from 9:00 pm - 9:30 pm led by diocesan priests including Fr. Joe Freedy to pray for all who have left the Church, that they might return. The Rosary ends with a Litany of St. Paul, and blessing with his First Class Relic. To join, visit: https://www.marysmissionariesofmercy.org

The Franciscan Sisters TOR invite you to our annual Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 26th. This year's theme is Faces of Mercy; we'll reflect on God's mercy and how He shows it to us in many and varied ways. The retreat will be held in person at our Motherhouse in Toronto OH, and will also be livestreamed for those wishing to attend virtually. Registration can be found on our website under Events. There is no fee to register but a freewill offering is appreciated if you are able. Registration is required by Wednesday, March 23rd. For more information, see our Events page at www.franciscansisterstor.org or contact Sr. Anna Rose at (740) 544-6620. We hope to see you there!

You're invited to St. Joseph High School's Musical Cabaret Dinner on Saturday, April 2nd in Patterson Hall, 800 Montana Ave., Natrona Heights, PA 15065. Doors open at 5:00 p.m., with a spaghetti dinner being served at 5:30 p.m. Musical performances, a bake sale, 50/50 raffle, baskets and merchandise sales will take place throughout the evening. The cost for dinner is \$12 for adults and \$7 for kids 12 and under. Tickets are on sale now through March 26 at SaintJosephHS.com. All proceeds benefit the 2022 SJHS production of "Into the Woods".



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