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March 24, 2019

Third Sunday of Lent

ROOTED IN GOD'S MERCY

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about a man who had planted a fig tree in his orchard. The fig tree was not bearing fruit, and the owner was ready to give up. The gardener is more patient. He will cultivate the soil around it and fertilize it. Then, if it still fails to bear fruit, it can be cut down. The parable tells of God's patient mercy. Like the gardener, the Lord wants us to be rooted in God's merciful love and live fruitful lives, responsive to the grace and goodness in which we stand. Like the fig tree, however, we sometimes fail to bear good fruit, remaining dormant, living for ourselves, grumbling when we face challenges rather than relying on the fertilizer of the sacraments, especially Reconciliation and the Eucharist. Moses was never the same after his encounter with God on Mount Horeb. We are called to be open to an encounter with God's love every day. Lent is a season when we more consciously turn away from sin and toward God, opening ourselves to conversion, change of mind and heart, in order to be touched and changed by the Lord's patient mercy. Doing so, we can be sure we will never be the same again.

Today's Readings: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

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Baptisms: By appointment

Weddings: Arrangements must be made with the priest at least 6 months prior to wedding date.

Faith Formation (CCD):

Grades K-5: Sunday: 9:05 AM - 10:15 AM
Grades 6-8: Monday: 7:00 PM - 8:10 PM

Bulletin Deadline:

15 days advance notice in writing.

Office Hours:

Mon. - Thurs. 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM



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Sunday Mass:

Sunday: 10:30 AM

Holy Day:

Check the bulletin for Mass times

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday and Thursday: 8:00 AM

Reconciliation:

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:30 AM - 7:45 AM

Benediction/Holy Hour: 2nd & 4th

Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM
(Check the bulletin for any changes)

Mass Intentions



SUNDAY 10:30 AM	Third Sunday of Lent Patricia McLaughlin (Family)
TUESDAY 8:00 AM	Lenten Weekday Frank Czak (Family)
THURSDAY 8:00 AM	Lenten Weekday Mary Ganni (Family)
SUNDAY 10:30 AM	Fourth Sunday of Lent Pat Meehan (Jennie Kulak)

GROUP 329 MASS SCHEDULE

	<u>SATURDAY VIGIL</u>
4:00 PM	St. Alphonsus, St. Michael
5:00 PM	Our Lady of Lourdes
6:30 PM	St. Columbkille

	<u>SUNDAY</u>
8:00 AM	St. Columbkille
8:30 AM	St. Alphonsus
9:00 AM	St. Ann, Our Lady of Lourdes
10:30 AM	St. Patrick
11:00 AM	St. Columbkille, St. Michael

SCHEDULES

Sunday - 10:30 AM
March 31 - Fr. Harry

Lectors:

S. Coyne

Altar Servers:

Rori Brackman

Reanna Brackman

Eucharistic Ministers:

S. Coyne

F. Kolesky

M. Kelsey

HOLY HOUR/BENEDICTION: The next scheduled Holy Hour and Benediction will take place **Wednesday, March 27th**, at St. Patrick Parish from 7:00 - 8:00 PM.

2019 MASS INTENTIONS: Masses are still available. Requests will be accepted on a first-come/first-served basis. Forms can be found on the table in the back of the church. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per Mass; please clearly mark your check "**Mass Intention**."

PRE-BAPTISM CLASS FOR GROUPING 329: The next pre-baptism class will be on **Saturday, April 13th at 1:00 PM at Our Lady of Lourdes in the parish hall**. To attend, you must register ahead of time by contacting Ms. Carmela Galloway by phone at 724.695.7325 or at stcolumbkilleparish@comcast.net. This class is for those who belong to any of our six parishes and are baptizing their first child.

THE LIGHT IS STILL ON FOR YOU!: "*The Light is Still on for You!*" is an initiative of the Diocese of Pittsburgh to encourage Catholics to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw closer to our Lord. Confession will be available on **Wednesday, April 10th**, in every Catholic parish in the Diocese. The following is Grouping 329's list of times/priests when the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance confessions will be offered:

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Our Lady of Lourdes	Fr. Zach Galiyas
Saint Ann	Fr. James McDonough
Saint Patrick	Fr. Ben Vaghetto

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Saint Alphonsus	Fr. John Gudewicz
Saint Columbkille	Fr. Richard Wesoloski
Saint Michael	Fr. Harry Bielewicz

Please note: an 8:00 AM Mass will replace the normally scheduled 7:15 PM Mass at St. Columbkille on this day.

LENTEN ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE: The Churches in our area will gather to pray together on each Wednesday night of Lent. Saint Alphonsus Church in McDonald will host on **Wednesday, March 27th** at 7:30 PM. All are invited. Pastor Joyce Moten will preach on Transformation by Spiritual Fellowship. A reception will follow.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesday, March 27

4:00 PM	St. Michael
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Friday, March 29

11:30 AM	St. Patrick*
4:00 PM	St. Ann*
7:00 PM	Our Lady of Lourdes
	St. Alphonsus*
	St. Columbkille

*prayed by the people

SPECIAL COLLECTION: will take place for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) **next Sunday, March 31st**. CCHD works to break the cycle of poverty by helping low-income people participate in decisions that affect their lives, families and communities. CCHD offers a hand up, not a hand out. Please be generous.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Hollywood has given us an image of Moses slipping off his shoes before a burning bush. God has just called Moses by name, and so that Moses doesn't miss the meaning of this breakthrough in human history, God requires that all barriers to the experience be eliminated. If you've ever tried to maneuver barefoot across hot sand, or pick your way along a rocky beach, you know how sensitive feet can be.

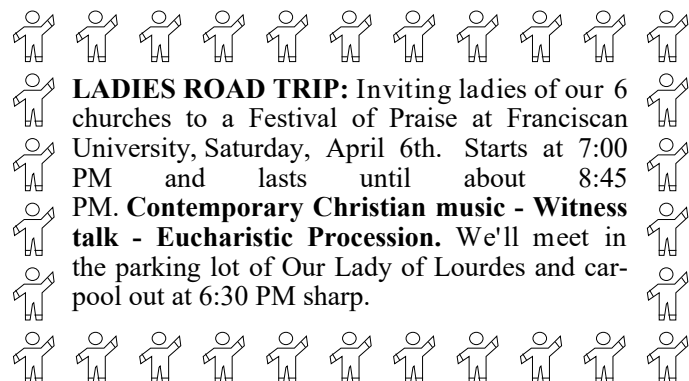
Within the Church, there are religious orders with a custom of going barefoot, not merely to show poverty, but to be an outward sign of a desire for connection with creation, a desire to go through life alert to what God is doing. In early days, when reconciliation was a once-in-a-lifetime possibility, penitents often went barefoot for a long period of time as a sign of their conversion. Even today, people follow an ancient practice of slipping off their shoes to walk in the procession to the cross on Good Friday. It is striking that the first use of our newly-scrubbed feet from Holy Thursday night is to walk resolutely in the footsteps of Christ to the CROSS. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LEARN ABOUT MARRIAGE ANNULMENTS: Anyone interested in learning about the annulment process are welcome to attend a **free workshop** at six locations during Lent. Topics will include: theology of marriage; ministry of the tribunal; marriage annulment types; why, when and how to start the petition for annulment process; and a process overview. Afterward participants can ask questions and/or start the process. No reservations are required, but if you do plan to attend please email AnnulmentsIntake@diopitt.org or call 412.456.3033 so seating arrangements can be made. The remaining presentations are scheduled as follows: **Mon, Mar 25** - St Katharine Drexel, Bentleyville, Drexel Hall; **Thu, Apr 4** - All Saints, Etna, Activities Building; **Mon, Apr 8** - Saint Kilian, Cranberry Twp, Church Hall; **Thu, Apr 11** - Saint Barbara, Bridgeville, St Barbara Hall.

NEW PARISH WEBSITE: Are you looking for a quick and easy way to enhance your experience of Lent? Check out our parish grouping's website! The home page now offers brief reflections by Bishop Robert Barron that will be updated daily throughout the Lenten season.

HURDLING

God's grace within me and God's strength behind me can overcome any hurdle ahead of me. —Anonymous



LADIES ROAD TRIP: Inviting ladies of our 6 churches to a Festival of Praise at Franciscan University, Saturday, April 6th. Starts at 7:00 PM and lasts until about 8:45 PM. **Contemporary Christian music - Witness talk - Eucharistic Procession.** We'll meet in the parking lot of Our Lady of Lourdes and car-pool out at 6:30 PM sharp.

GROUPING 329 MUSIC MINISTRY: is looking to form a combined choir to sing the Easter Vigil Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday April 20th. Rehearsals will be held in the St. Alphonsus Choir Loft on Thursday evenings at 7:00. Please consider sharing your talent with others as we "Sing a Joyful Song Unto the Lord".

ATTENTION GRADES 8-12: We will be going on a Catholic Heart Work Camp mission trip to Steubenville, OH, from **July 14th – 19th**. This is an opportunity to serve the needy, grow in your faith, make new friends, and have a ton of fun! For more info, go to <http://www.heartworkcamp.com>. For more details, please contact Fr. Zach at 724.947.3363 or zgaliyas@diopitt.org. If any adults with clearances are interested in chaperoning the mission trip, or helping with other youth group events, please contact Fr. Zach. Check out our new youth group webpage at www.group329.org and look under the ministry tab. **A youth group event will be held today Sunday, March 17th, in St. Patrick's parish hall from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM.** Our next youth group event is scheduled for **Sunday, April 7th, at St. Alphonsus' parish hall from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM.**

MEN OF GROUPING 329 - SAVE THE DATE!: The 13th annual Gathering of Catholic Men has been set for **April 6th**, at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall in Oakland. Plan to attend. Visit www.cmfitt.org for more information on conference speakers and registration.

WIDOWED, SEPARATED, OR DIVORCED? The loss of a spouse through separation, divorce, or death is a traumatic experience. The **Beginning Experience** weekend is intended to help widowed, divorced, or separated individuals work through the grief and begin to move forward with their lives. The next retreat weekend is **March 29th-31st** at the Martina Spiritual Renewal Center, 5244 Clarwin Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15229 located in West View/Ross Township. Payment arrangements and possible financial assistance are available. For more information, please visit our website www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com or make a confidential call to **Mary at 412.523.2405** or **Rob at 412.584.5575**. I personally found this ministry to be extremely helpful in my healing journey. Please know that you have my sincerest thanks for sharing the upcoming retreat details for this healing ministry.

SICK LIST: Your prayers are requested for Gabriel J. Belak, Paul Belak, Tim Berty, Joyce Buzzanell, John Halvorson, Rosalyn (Belak) Heleniak, Leonard Hribar, Parker Sendek, Adeline Slovick, and Joe Swider. Please pray also for those in hospitals, nursing homes, and at home.

STEWARDSHIP:

266 Envelopes: 71 Returned; 195 NOT Returned

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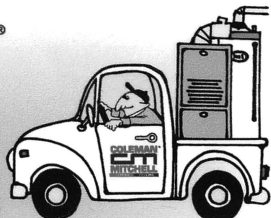


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