

*Your Catholic Community of Avella, Bulger, Burgettstown, Imperial, McDonald, Oakdale*

St. Alphonsus                      St. Ann                      St. Columbkille  
St. Michael      Our Lady of Lourdes      St. Patrick

*We follow JESUS CHRIST, fed by EUCHARIST and WORD, called to LOVE, SERVE, and WELCOME all.*

### Mass Times

Saturday evening Vigil  
4:00 p.m. St. Alphonsus  
4:00 p.m. St. Michael  
5:00 p.m. Our Lady of Lourdes  
6:30 p.m. St. Columbkille  
Sunday  
8:00 a.m. St. Columbkille  
8:30 a.m. St. Alphonsus  
9:00 a.m. St. Ann  
9:00 a.m. Our Lady of Lourdes  
10:30 a.m. St. Patrick  
11:00 a.m. St. Columbkille  
11:00 a.m. St. Michael  
Monday  
8:00 a.m. St. Alphonsus  
8:00 a.m. St. Columbkille  
Tuesday  
8:00 a.m. St. Patrick  
8:30 a.m. St. Michael  
Wednesday  
8:30 a.m. Our Lady of Lourdes  
7:15 p.m. St. Columbkille  
Thursday  
8:00 a.m. St. Patrick  
6:30 p.m. Our Lady of Lourdes  
Friday  
8:00 a.m. St. Alphonsus  
8:00 a.m. St. Ann

### Confession Schedule

Tues & Thurs  
7:30-7:45 a.m. St. Patrick  
Friday  
7:30-7:45 a.m. St. Ann  
Saturday  
12-12:30 p.m. St. Columbkille  
3:15-3:40 p.m. St. Alphonsus  
3:15-3:40 p.m. St. Michael  
4:15-4:40 p.m. Our Lady of  
Lourdes

### Church Locations:

St. Alphonsus 219 W Lincoln Av McDonald PA 15057	St. Ann 967 Grant St. Bulger PA 15019	St. Columbkille 103 Church Rd Imperial PA 15126	St. Michael 97 Highland Ave Avella PA 15312	Our Lady of Lourdes 1109 Main St. Burgettstown PA 15021	St. Patrick 7322 Noblestown Rd Oakdale PA 15071
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## A Message from Father Harry

*As a shepherd, I want you to know that I love and care for each and every one of you. I am praying for every single parishioner at this time. I know you are praying for me. I love God's Word. I share Isaiah 40:31: "They that hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagles' wings; They will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint." The family is the first Church. I ask all families, whether one or more than one, to join in prayer each day to pray for those afflicted by the virus, for their families, and for all who are treating them. You can make a spiritual communion every day in your prayers. Again, Prayers for you, your family, and your friends.*

Fr. Zach has posted this information on the website:

*"It is with heavy hearts that we inform you that, for the time being, all daily Masses and Sunday Masses are cancelled. Bishop Zubik made this decision for the entire diocese in order to keep everyone safe during this pandemic."*

Please read on for Bishop Zubik's Press Release and for a listing of cancellations of events within our grouping.

The Liturgy Schedule page has information about Mass Intentions which were previously scheduled for the coming weeks.

As news and circumstances change daily, we ask you to continue to refer to this parish website, and also to the diocesan website for updates and cancellations for our grouping and the diocese:

Parish website for our grouping: [grouping329.org](http://grouping329.org)

Diocese of Pittsburgh website: [diopitt.org](http://diopitt.org)

***Please keep all the sick and the vulnerable in your prayers during this challenging time.***

# What is Spiritual Communion?

We are currently living in frightening times. Who would have ever thought that we'd see a pandemic so bad that businesses would shut down, travel would be restricted, and even Mass would no longer be open to the public! If you feel a sense of emptiness about going for an extended period of time without receiving Holy Communion, you're not alone. Many people feel the same way.

This is a good time to talk about spiritual communion. What is spiritual communion? Spiritual Communion is a prayer of desire to receive Jesus in Holy Communion. St. Thomas Aquinas describes it as, "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament, and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him."

Pope St. John Paul II warmly recommended the practice of spiritual communion in his encyclical, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, saying, "[In the Eucharist], unlike any other sacrament, the mystery [of communion] is so perfect that it brings us to the heights of every good thing: Here is the ultimate goal of every human desire, because here we attain God and God joins himself to us in the most perfect union. Precisely for this reason it is good to cultivate in our hearts a constant desire for the sacrament of the Eucharist. This was the origin of the practice of 'spiritual communion,' which has happily been established in the Church for centuries and recommended by saints who were masters of the spiritual life. St. Teresa of Jesus wrote: '...Spiritual communion... is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you' [The Way of Perfection, Ch. 35]."

An act of spiritual communion is made whenever you want to receive Communion, but are unable to do so. It is a good idea to make acts of spiritual communion often. The saints have done so many times per day. But in times like this, when Mass is not being celebrated publicly, it is especially appropriate to make acts of spiritual communion frequently.

To make an act of spiritual communion, you simply express to Jesus your love of Him and your desire to be united to Him. An example of a spiritual communion is the prayer, **"Jesus, I long to receive you in Holy Communion, but I cannot do so now. Please come into my heart through spiritual communion."** Here is a slightly longer example: **"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You."**

Spiritual Communion has profound effects on the soul. It increases our love for Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, and unites us more firmly to Him. St. Leonard of Port Maurice says, "If you practice the holy exercise of spiritual Communion several times each day, within a month you will see your heart completely changed!" In this unprecedented time, let us strive to stay closely connected to Jesus through frequent acts of spiritual communion.

- Fr. Zach

## *News and Updates from the Diocese of Pittsburgh:*



- All Masses in the Diocese of Pittsburgh Cancelled
- Bishop David Zubik Calls for a Day of Prayer

In light of increasing updates on and concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19), Bishop David Zubik has made the decision to cancel all weekday and Sunday Masses in the Diocese of Pittsburgh effective Monday, March 16, 2020, until further notice. Arrangements are being made to live stream more Masses in the days ahead.

*“Although in many ways it saddens me to make this decision, given the best advice from health experts on federal, state, and local levels, I feel it is a necessary one at this time. I’m counting on the understanding and cooperation of all in the Diocese of Pittsburgh as we pray for each other. At this difficult time, we especially are relying on the intercession of Mary, Mother of Jesus and Mother of the Church, and St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus and Patron of the Universal Church,”* Bishop Zubik said.

Bishop Zubik is calling for a special day of prayer in the Diocese of Pittsburgh on Wednesday, March 25, 2020, the Feast of the Annunciation, a great feast of the Blessed Mother. More information will be forthcoming.

As a clarification of a previous announcement regarding the cancellation of all parish activities in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, fish fries and the Stations of the Cross are to be cancelled effective immediately.

The *Light is on for You*, scheduled for April 1, 2020 has been cancelled.

*“During this time of unknowns, concerns about access to the sacraments have created anxiety among the faithful. We will be working to reassure people and help them with ways to live and strengthen their faith during this unprecedented time. I continue to ask all of us to come together in prayer, especially with the intercession of the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph to guide and protect us,”* Bishop Zubik said.

## *News and Updates from our Six Parishes:*

### **The following events have been cancelled:**

- All Faith Formation (CCD) sessions have been suspended for the month of March.
- The Culture Project events that were going to be at St. Columbkille on Mar. 23 and 30. The Culture Project returns in the Fall 2020. We hope to get them on our schedule at that time.
- The fish fries at St. Columbkille and Our Lady of Lourdes are cancelled.
- The baptism class that was supposed to be April 4 is cancelled.
- All Stations of the Cross are cancelled.
- The Tuesday evening Bible Study at St. Columbkille is cancelled. You can still find study questions on the Bible Study page or our website.
- All youth group sessions have been cancelled.
- Wednesday night Holy Hour and Benediction is cancelled.
- The Senior Citizen luncheon at St. Columbkille on Wednesday, April 1 is cancelled.
- The Wednesday evening ecumenical services that were to take place at Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Ann during Lent have been cancelled.
- The bishop's Spring Listening Sessions have been cancelled.
- With Masses being cancelled, the Sisters of St. Joseph have suspend their raffle ticket fundraisers until further notice.

### **The following events have been postponed:**

- The March 29 Knights of Columbus Founders Day breakfast fundraiser for Special Olympics is postponed.
- The Cabbage Roll Dinner at St. Michael is postponed.



## Sunday Collections March 14/15

*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

St. Alphonsus		St. Columbkille	
Weekly	\$ 1,175	Weekly	\$ 4,094
Monthly	\$ 140	Maintenance	\$ 95
Easter Flwrs	\$ 40	Easter Flwrs	\$ 95
SVdP	\$ 15	Human Dev't	\$ 22
PSP	\$ 3,495		
Human Dev't	\$ 2		
St. Patrick		St. Michael	
Weekly	\$ 1,122	Weekly	\$ 869
Monthly	\$ 55	PSP	\$ 255
PSP	\$ 1,750	Easter Flwrs	\$ 50
Easter Flwrs	\$ 10		
Human Dev't	\$ 5		

*Offertory information was not available for St. Ann nor for Our Lady of Lourdes at time of bulletin publication.*

*Gracious and loving God,  
we understand that You call us to be stewards of  
Your abundance, caretakers of all You have en-  
trusted to us. Help us always to use Your gifts  
wisely and teach us to share them generously.  
May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the  
love of Christ.*

## Rest in Peace

*Christine Litteral*

*St. Columbkille*

*Katherine Zollars*

*Our Lady of Lourdes*

*May the souls of the faithful departed,  
through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.*

## Some Catholic resources to draw upon during these trying times:

- [christianassociatestv.org/#](http://christianassociatestv.org/#) for daily Mass
- WAOB 106.7 FM and [WAOB.org](http://WAOB.org) for daily Mass, devotions, prayers & meditations
- Go to [wordonfire.org/dailymass](http://wordonfire.org/dailymass) to join Bishop Robert Barron for daily Mass
- [us.magnificat.net](http://us.magnificat.net) is offering complementary access to their online version to help people pray from home.
- Our Sunday Visitor is offering a free daily digital newsletter meant to help Catholics keep the Faith during this time of coronavirus. Go to <https://reply.osv.com/covid-19>

## If you haven't signed up yet - now is a great time to check out FORMED !

FORMED is a Catholic website with THOUSANDS of high-quality movies, study programs, children's content, and more. FORMED can be used for parish programs or by individuals and families.

There's no cost to parishioners to access the programming and it's easy to start:

1. Go to [signup.formed.org](http://signup.formed.org)
2. Find our parish by name (grouping329, no space)
3. Select "I belong to a Parish or Organization"
4. Register your name, email address, follow the prompts and you're in!

*Want to watch a movie this weekend?*

The movie *Mother Teresa* is a great one to start with at FORMED



*In an acclaimed film portrayal, Olivia Hussey illuminates the life story of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the selfless missionary who brought hope, love, and salvation to the poorest of the poor. The movie examines the fundamental moments of Mother Teresa's life from her childhood in Albania in the 1920s to her first calling as a nun, the decision to leave her order and live with the poorest of the poor, the challenges of founding the Congregation of the Missionaries of Charity, and her great work of service in Calcutta and the rest of the world.*

# Encouraging words from Our Bishops

*"It is most important that we increase our personal prayer and fasting as we look to God as our strength in this critical time."*  
Bishop David A. Zubik, Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh

*"With the worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus, we are confronted once more with the fragility of our lives, and again we are reminded of our common humanity — that the peoples of this world are our brothers and sisters, that we are all one family under God. God does not abandon us, he goes with us even now in this time of trial and testing. In this moment, it is important for us to anchor our hearts in the hope that we have in Jesus Christ."*  
Archbishop Jose Gomez, President of the USCCB

*"God is always by our side. He never abandons us. I invite you to join me in prayerful solidarity during this uncertain time. I remind you to keep your eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ the crucified and Christ the merciful and to encounter others with charity and understanding."*

Archbishop Nelson Perez, Archbishop of Philadelphia

*"I want families to use these days to come together in prayer. We recognize that good can come out of adversity, hopefully our families will grow stronger and be intentional in charting a course of action to assure that they grow stronger in faith and in their relationship to Jesus Christ."*

Bishop Edward Burns, Bishop of the Diocese of Dallas



## The Gospel of Mark Bible Study

**Small group** classes are suspended for the time being, but **Online and Bulletin** readings and questions continue to be posted at [www.grouping329/bible-study](http://www.grouping329/bible-study) and here in the bulletin

### Week 4 Readings & Study Questions: Chapters 9 -11 Jesus and His Prophetic Office

1. **9:26–27** What pattern of healing do you see in this passage? How might it apply to your life?
2. **9:35–37** What does it mean for you to be “first of all” by being the “last of all”? ?
3. **9:42–48** What is your troubling weakness, the area where you are most likely to sin? What have you done to correct it and how do your efforts compare with the solutions Jesus suggests?
4. **10:22–27** How many “possessions” do you have? How do they affect your relationship to Jesus?
5. **10:35–40** How does Jesus answer the prayer of his own disciples here? What can you learn about your own prayer when God’s answer seems to be No?
6. **10:47** What can you learn about prayer from the attitude and approach of the blind man Bartimaeus?
7. **11:1–6** What is the most difficult or embarrassing thing Jesus has asked you to do? How did you responded to his request? What has been the outcome?
8. **11:9–10** What echoes of the Mass do you find in these verses?
9. **11:21–22ff** Why do you think Jesus exhorts his disciples to “have faith in God” when Peter points out that the tree Jesus cursed has withered?

*Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 22, 2020. While we cannot be present together for Sunday Mass, we can prayerfully enter into the Liturgy through the readings of the Word.*

**Reading 1     1 Samuel 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A**

The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons." As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him." But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any one of these." Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, "There—anoint him, for this is the one!" Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

**Responsorial Psalm   Psalm 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6**

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**  
The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**  
He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side  
With your rod and your staff that give me courage.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**  
You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**  
Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life;  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

**Reading 2     Ephesians 5:8-14**

Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

**Verse Before the Gospel:**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

**Gospel     John 9:1-41**

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and

smearing the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" - which means Sent. So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and washed and was able to see." And they said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I don't know."

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?" His parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, "He is of age; question him."

So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner." He replied, "If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again?"

Do you want to become his disciples, too?" They ridiculed him and said "You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from." The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains.



Since Bishop Zubik has cancelled all weekday and Sunday Masses, the plan is for the clergy team to celebrate private Masses for each intention. Thus, the Mass intentions for this week and the coming weeks will still be fulfilled. Your loved ones will still have Mass celebrated for them, it will just be done privately, without a congregation present. We apologize for the inconvenience. This situation is truly unprecedented.

## **Liturgy Schedule / Mass Intentions**

<b><u>Saturday, March 21</u></b>		<b><u>Vigil for Sunday</u></b>
4:00 pm	St. Alphonsus	Michael Lauff (Barbara Reiff)
4:00 pm	St. Michael	Paul & Ann Seaman (Ann Margaret & Family)
5:00 pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Peter Yandrich (Family)
6:30 pm	St. Columbkille	Jerry Loeffler (Keith, Mary Kaye, & Adam)
<b><u>Sunday, March 22</u></b>		<b><u>Fourth Sunday of Lent</u></b>
8:00 am	St. Columbkille	Teresa White (Teachout Family)
8:30 am	St. Alphonsus	Joseph Seibel (Sam & Carolyn Windows)
9:00 am	St. Ann	Jake Guzel (Grant & LaVonne Franjione)
9:00 am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Richard Lounder (Marilyn DeSantis)
10:30 am	St. Patrick	Raymond Harmuth, Jr. (Bill & Mary Gamble)
11:00 am	St. Columbkille	May Reaghard ((Wengryn Family)
11:00 am	St. Michael	Mary Ferrari (Bill & Margaret Taczak)
<b><u>Monday, March 23</u></b>		<b><u>St. Turibius of Mogrovia, Bishop</u></b>
8:00 am	St. Alphonsus	Mrs. Marian Gossler (Mr. & Mrs. Joseph W. Smith)
8:00 am	St. Columbkille	Rev. Ladislaus Kolakowski, 8 <sup>th</sup> Pastor, 54 <sup>th</sup> Anniv (Parish)
<b><u>Tuesday, March 24</u></b>		
8:00 am	St. Patrick	Pauline Meehan (The Meehan Family)
8:30 am	St. Michael	Barb Eskay (Burkhart Family)
<b><u>Wednesday, March 25</u></b>		<b><u>The Annunciation of the Lord</u></b>
8:30 am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Premo Tulle (Rita & Marie)
7:15 pm	St. Columbkille	Okopal Family (Linda & Nick)
<b><u>Thursday, March 26</u></b>		
8:00 am	St. Patrick	May Reaghard (Fran Pugliese)
6:30 pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Andrew Sedlak (Jim & Barbara Hall)
<b><u>Friday, March 27</u></b>		
8:00 am	St. Alphonsus	Albert W. Fages (Marilyn Gilbert)
8:00 am	St. Ann	Living & Deceased of St. Columbkille Christian Mothers Guild (St. C. CM/G)
<b><u>Saturday, March 28</u></b>		<b><u>Vigil for Sunday</u></b>
4:00 pm	St. Alphonsus	Diane Daniels (Albertine Cousins)
4:00 pm	St. Michael	Ida 'Edie' Cecchini (Josephine Midler)
5:00 pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	Doris McGraw (Mark & Maureen Galish)
6:30 pm	St. Columbkille	In appreciation of the service of Robin Schillo (St. Columbkille Christian Mothers/Women's Guild)
<b><u>Sunday, March 29</u></b>		<b><u>Fifth Sunday of Lent</u></b>
8:00 am	St. Columbkille	For Our Parish Family
8:30 am	St. Alphonsus	Albert W. Fages (Mr. & Mrs. Helen Daniels)
9:00 am	St. Ann	Arlene Kennard (Teachout Family)
9:00 am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Albert Turkily (Theresa Rozmus)
10:30 am	St. Patrick	Pauline Meehan (Deborah Bicker)
11:00 am	St. Columbkille	Ed Swaoger, 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Marilyn & Family)
11:00 am	St. Michael	Marie Frank (John B. DiBacco)

## Catholic Community of Avella, Bulger, Burgettstown, Imperial, McDonald, Oakdale

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Baptisms are celebrated by appointment. First-time parents are asked to attend Pre-Baptism Class, open to parishioners within our six-parish grouping. Call 724-695-7325 or email [stcolumbkilleparish@comcast.net](mailto:stcolumbkilleparish@comcast.net)

**The Baptism Class for April 4 at  
Our Lady of Lourdes has been cancelled**

### Holy Hours of Adoration & Benediction

*For the time being, the weekly Holy Hours and  
Benediction have been cancelled.*

### Parish Membership

Anyone wishing to become a member of the parish may register via parish website ([grouping329.org](http://grouping329.org)) or by calling 724-695-7325. Letters to serve as Confirmation or Baptism Sponsor can be issued only to registered and participating parishioners who meet sponsorship eligibility.

### Matrimony

To schedule a wedding, please call one of our parish offices at least 6 months in advance.

### Bulletin Items

To submit bulletin items, please contact Sharon Serratore at [ministry329@gmail.com](mailto:ministry329@gmail.com) or 724-695-7325

### **Communion to the Sick Training**

Recently we had mandatory training for all those who bring **Communion to the Sick**. For those who missed the training, the materials were recently mailed out. Once you've received them, please listen to the recording of the training at <https://www.grouping329.org/communion-to-the-sick>

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#### March 22, 2020

Reading 1 1 Samuel 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A

Reading 2 Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel John 9:1-41

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Reading 1 Ezekiel 37:12-14

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