

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

I came into this world
for judgment, so that those who do
not see might see, and those who
do see might become blind.

John 9:39



March 19, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Welcome!

Our Lady of
Mount Carmel
Parish



No matter your past or present status in the Catholic Church . . . Your current family or marital status . . . Your past or current religious affiliation . . . Your personal history, age, background, ethnicity . . . You are invited, accepted and most welcomed at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish. May all who walk through our door know that God loves them.

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Pastor's Perspective

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DON'T MISS IT

This week there is a wonderful event taking place right here in our parish. In the next few days, our **Youth Ministry** will be presenting their **annual spring musical** which supports their **two main charitable projects**: Our diocesan mission in Chimbote, Peru (which has a strong connection to our parish), and our longtime parish mission in eastern Kentucky, where dozens of these young people from the present and past, as well as their adult leaders, spend a week each year improving the living conditions of those who cannot do it for themselves due to issues of age, poverty, physical challenges, or other concerns.

What is little known is that these young performers take their role in this effort so seriously that **each one of them raises enough funds to cover costs** such as the production rights from the publisher, lighting and sound system expenses, and the many other incidental fees that help to put this musical on our stage. Their purpose in doing so is to assure you that *every dollar* you contribute is spent only on those two needy causes. Unlike most charities, *nothing* is spent on administrative expenses.

Meanwhile, regarding our diocesan mission in Chimbote, Peru, the hospital there was established and maintained for many years by Msgr. Jules Roos, whose brother Ken and wife Lois were longtime members of the former Saint Sebastian Parish. All three are now deceased, but their memory and legacy go on.

This year's production is *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, a fun Old Testament story about Joseph and his brothers, full of pride, jealousy, betrayal, and finally, redemption.

Please take the time this week to enjoy our CYO musical. It will make your Lent much more meaningful.

IN OTHER NEWS: On Easter Sunday, April 9, there will be the annual **Blessing of Families** at **Saint Paul Cathedral** in Oakland. Prayer at 2 p.m. and Open House until 4 p.m. Come and be blessed by one of our four bishops: **Bishop David Zubik** and his three auxiliaries: Bishop William Waltersheid, Bishop William Winter, and Bishop Mark Eckman. This blessing has been a beautiful tradition for many decades in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, and it's an opportunity to meet and greet our bishops....Stay tuned for more news....

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT: "An adventure is only an inconvenience rightly considered. An inconvenience is only an adventure wrongly considered."
- G. K. Chesterton

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Parish Announcements

Sanctuary Lamp

Saint Teresa of Avila

John and Joan Wersing

Requested by Joy M. Geisler

Buried From Our Parish

Roger Fabra

Patricia McCarthy

Barbara McGurgan

Richard Scherer

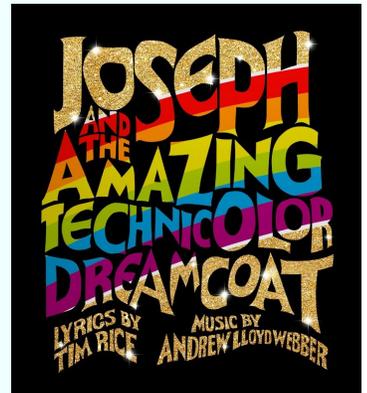
Please Complete and Return Your Census Forms



By now, you should have received your parish census package in the mail. You are asked to please complete and return it in the envelope provided *by April 21st*. If you did not receive a census form, you can get a copy in one of our parish church narthexes or at the front desk of the Parish Center. As an alternative, you may complete the online census form at mountcarmelpgh.org/parishcensus or scan the code at right.

Opening This Thursday in Henninger Auditorium: “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat”

Our parish CYO’s production of “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,” will be brought to life this week on the Henninger Auditorium stage for four days, March 23-26. Please see the Pastor’s Perspective (opposite page) for more information. Shows are planned for Friday, March 24th at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 25th at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 26th at 2:00 p.m. Seats are first come, first served, and doors open 45 minutes before curtain. Although no admission will be charged, we are asking attendees to make a free-will donation that benefits Appalachia Project HOPE and our Diocesan mission in Chimbote, Peru. Get full details at www.mountcarmelpgh.org.



Readings

Please turn page for today’s music.

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Samuel anoints David in the presence of his brothers.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

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.

Gospel Reading: John 9:1-41

Jesus heals a blind man, then says, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind.”

Follow Today’s Readings Online

Scan the QR code below.



Music for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mass of Angels and Saints—Gather # 375, 376, 377

Lenten Gathering Rite: **Shepherd Me, O God**

Cantor: Shepherd me, O God. ALL: **Shepherd me, O God.**

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1. *Cantor:* When your Spirit calls us: **Shepherd me, O God.**

Through all that befalls us: **Shepherd me, O God.**

Teach us true contrition, help us live your mission,
bring us to fruition: **Shepherd me, O God.**

2. Desert dry and ashen: **Shepherd me, O God.**

Show your compassion: **Shepherd me, O God.**

Give us new direction, you, our strong protection,
spring of resurrection: **Shepherd me, O God.**

3. From our sleeping wake us: **Shepherd me, O God.**

Let your Spirit shake us: **Shepherd me, O God.**

Help us to believe you, in our hearts receive you,
grant that we perceive you: **Shepherd me, O God.**

4. When our death shall claim us: **Shepherd me, O God.**

You who formed and named us: **Shepherd me, O God.**

Through our pain and grieving, strengthen our believing,
love beyond conceiving: **Shepherd me, O God.**

ALL: **Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.**

Celebrant: *In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit...*

Cantor: Lord Jesus, you are the Saving Lord, calling us to turn from sin. Kyrie eleison.

ALL: **Kyrie eleison.**

Cantor: Lord Jesus, you are the Living Word, calling us to follow you. Christe eleison.

ALL: **Christe eleison.**

Cantor: Lord Jesus, you are the Lord of Life, calling us to rise again. Kyrie eleison.

ALL: **Kyrie eleison.**

Celebrant: *May almighty God have mercy on us... Amen.*

ALL: **Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.**

Responsorial Psalm: **Shepherd Me, O God**—Gather # 35

Preparation of the Altar: **You Are the Light**—Breaking Bread # 602

Communion Hymns: **There Is a Longing**—Breaking Bread # 405

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light—Breaking Bread # 599

Sending Forth: **Lead Me, Guide Me**—Breaking Bread # 402

Our Lady of Mount Carmel



Devotions and More at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

Get the complete schedule at
www.mountcarmelpgh.org.

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent
at 6:00 p.m.

St. Athanasius Church

Parish Reading Group

This Tuesday, March 21

Flowers in the Desert

By Demetrius Dumm, O.S.B.

Led by Deacon Gary Comer

11:00 a.m., Parish Library

See article on page 6.

LIFTED: Music and Worship

This Tuesday, March 21

Guest Speaker:

Deacon David Witter

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Saint Sebastian Church

The Light is On For You

An Evening of Reconciliation
with four priests available to
hear confessions

Wednesday, March 29

6:00-9:00 p.m.

Saint Sebastian Church



Annual Women's Retreat

April 14th-16th

Saint Paul of the Cross Retreat Center

South Side

Get full details and register at

www.mountcarmelpgh.org/womensretreat2023

Disciple Maker Index Survey

Underway Through March 31st

Through March 31st, Bishop David Zubik is asking all parishioners 18 years of age and older in the diocese to take 10 to 15 minutes and participate in an online Parish Discipleship Survey. This important survey, conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute, asks you to reflect on your personal spiritual growth and provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. Later this year, our parish clergy will receive information about the community as a whole that will be invaluable as we plan for the future.

Take The Survey Online

The online survey can be accessed by scanning the code at right with your smartphone or at

www.mountcarmelpgh.org/survey.



No Computer Access?

Complete and Submit a Paper Copy.

Paper copies are available in the narthexes of all four of our parish churches, as well as in the reception area of the Parish Center. Please return completed paper copies to Julie at the front desk of the Parish Center **by or before March 31st.**

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Lent 2023 | Fish Fry Fridays



Fridays through April 7th | 4:30-7:30 p.m. | Saint Teresa of Avila Campus
Dinners are \$14 each (cash only) | Several à la carte items are offered.

Eat-In: Schoppol Hall

4:30-7:30 p.m.

Take Out: Henninger Auditorium

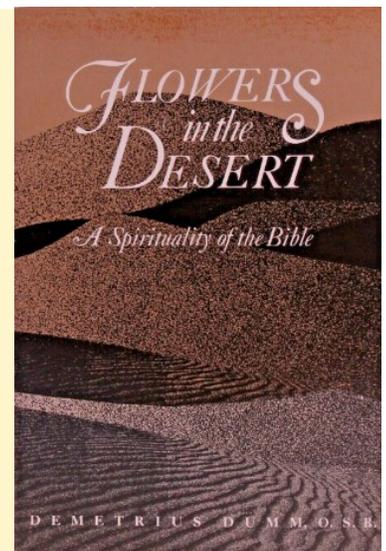
4:30-6:30 p.m.

New Parish Reading Group Begins This Tuesday

Join us this Tuesday morning at 11:00 as we debut our new parish reading group. Deacon Gary Comer will lead a discussion of the book "Flowers in the Desert" by Rev. Demetrius Dumm, O.S.B. each Tuesday in our Spiritual Library, located on the lower level of the Parish Center.

Father Demetrius was a monk and priest at Saint Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe, and he is the author of several books. He received a doctorate in theology from the Atheneum of Saint Anselm in Rome. After graduate studies at the Ecole Biblique in Jerusalem, he was awarded the License in Sacred Scripture from the Pontifical Biblical Commission in Vatican City. Father Demetrius taught Sacred Scripture at Saint Vincent Seminary for over 50 years and was rector of the Seminary for 17 years.

Reservations are not needed, and there is no charge for taking part. Plus, we have several copies of the book for loan (unless you'd like to bring your own).



Egg Hunt Scheduled for April 1st

Join us at Athanasian Hall on Saturday, April 1st from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. for an indoor egg hunt, games and crafts—an event is for elementary school-age children and younger.

The event is free to attend, but you are asked to register in advance by scanning the code at right.



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Introducing Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish's *First-Ever* Parish Photo Directory!



*Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.*

When people enter one of our four parish churches, they are looking for a place to belong.

Our directory will bring us together in developing new relationships, connecting with our own families and reconnecting with those we might not have seen for a while. Join us, and be a part of what God is doing right here in our parish!

Our Parish Directory Will Not Be Complete Without You!

Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new parish family album.

- Beginning March 10th, schedule your professional family portrait session on one of the following dates and locations:

Saint Teresa of Avila Church June 6-10
Saint Sebastian Church June 13-17
Saint Athanasius Church June 27-28

- To sign up for your photo session, go to **www.ucdir.com** or scan the code at right to access the website.
- Enter church code **pa1000** and password **photos**.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 photo and a directory.
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here in our church narthexes. You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family members and friends.



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*Gathering families,
Connecting generations.*

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Ted Rybka

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

Today's readings explore the theme of blindness, both literal and metaphorical. The man born literally blind receives his eyesight by Jesus' action, but we also witness Samuel's metaphorical blindness to David's fitness for kingship, the Pharisee's blindness to Jesus' holiness, and even the willful blindness of the blind man's parents when they are questioned. May God's word help us examine our own blindnesses as we welcome the light of Christ. Rejoice!

Three Remedies to Spiritual Blindness

As Jesus healed the blind two thousand years ago, so he is just as powerful today to heal all spiritual maladies and that of course includes spiritual blindness. "Lord grant me light to contemplate the beauty of your face now and for all eternity."

Following are three ways that we can use our eyes so as to glorify God, sanctify our souls, and live out the beatitude: "Blessed are the pure of heart for they will see God." (Mt. 5:8)

- 1. Meditate on the Word of God.** The Psalmist describes the Word of God as a light and lantern for our steps. Jesus is the Word of God and the Light of the World who came to dispel darkness and even blindness.
- 2. Contemplate the Eucharistic God.** What a privilege we have right now to visit Jesus, to look at him present in the Blessed Sacrament, and to love him with all of our hearts. The Psalmist once again invites us: "Look to the Lord and be radiant with joy."
- 3. Contemplate the Face of Mary.** Pope John Paul II, in his apostolic letter on the Rosary (*Rosarium Virginis Mariae*), stated that we should strive to contemplate the face of Jesus through the eyes of Mary. Let us cure our spiritual blindness by contemplating the beauty of the face of Mary, the "masterpiece of creation" (St. Louis de Montfort).

—Father Ed Broom, OMV

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

A special Saturday morning Mass will be added next week for the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord at Incarnation Church. We hope our new pipe organ will be ready to use at this liturgy. Our Adult Choir will lead the music. **Join us for Mass next Saturday, March 25th, at 10:00 a.m. at Incarnation of the Lord Church.**



Music Ministry Schedule for *Next* Weekend, March 25th/26th:

- 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Teresa of Avila—Instrumentalists
- 9:00 a.m. Youth Mass at St. Athanasius—Joyful Noise (Gr. 6-12)
- 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa of Avila—Adult Choir

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Parish Mission Statement

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, with roots dating back more than 150 years, is a vibrant Catholic family of word, sacrament, prayer, and service. Centered in Jesus Christ, we strive to live and proclaim the Good News, building a community worth sharing. With Mary as our example and patron, we seek to deepen our faith and holiness, bringing help and hope to all.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline phone number is 1-888-808-1235. The State of PA Child Protective Services telephone number is 1-800-932-0313.

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Important Information

Masses

Saturday, 4:00 p.m., St. Teresa of Avila
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., St. Athanasius
Saturday, 6:00 p.m. St. Sebastian
Sunday, 8:00 a.m., Incarnation of the Lord
Sunday, 9:00 a.m., St. Athanasius
Sunday, 10:00 a.m., St. Sebastian
Sunday, 11:00 a.m., St. Teresa of Avila
Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m., St. Athanasius
Monday–Friday, 12:00 Noon, St. Sebastian

Mass Intentions

To schedule a Mass at any of our four churches, contact Julie Stiehler at 412-367-9001 or jstiehler@mountcarmelpgh.org.

7-Day Sanctuary Lights

Dedications for the Sanctuary Light are available each week for \$20 at each of our four churches. To reserve a date contact Julie Stiehler at 412-367-9001 or jstiehler@mountcarmelpgh.org.

Confessions

Mondays, 12:30 p.m., St. Sebastian Church
Saturdays, 11:00 a.m.–Noon, St. Athanasius
Also, by appointment

Open for Private Prayer (Monday-Friday)

St. Athanasius, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
St. Sebastian, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
St. Teresa of Avila, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Registering in the Parish

Call Nancy Koslosky at 412-367-9001, ext. 8536, or email her at nkoslosky@mountcarmelpgh.org.

Scheduling a Baptism

Call Gina Harms at 412-367-9001, ext. 8410, or email her at gharms@mountcarmelpgh.org.

Religious Education

Please direct all questions about religious education and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd to Will Reaves, Faith Formation Department, at 412-367-9001. ext. 8521 or wreaves@mountcarmelpgh.org.

Confirmation

In our parish, Confirmation takes place in the spring. For more information contact Will Reaves, Faith Formation Department, at 412-367-9001. ext. 8521 or wreaves@mountcarmelpgh.org.

Becoming a Baptism or Confirmation Sponsor

Please direct all inquiries to Nancy Koslosky at 412-367-9001, ext. 8536 or nkoslosky@mountcarmelpgh.org.

Obtaining a Baptismal Certificate

These requests may be directed to the Diocesan Archives and Records Center at 412-456-3158.

Scheduling the Sacrament of Matrimony

To begin planning and scheduling the sacrament of marriage in one of our churches, contact Deacon Cliff Homer at chomer@mountcarmelpgh.org.

Rosaries and Devotions

A full list of devotions scheduled each month is available at www.mountcarmelpgh.org/devotions.

Mass Intentions

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Monday March 20 Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Doris Pierce †	Jody Feigel
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Dorothy Pfund †	Kathleen McAndrews
	12:30 PM	St. Sebastian	Confessions following the 12 PM Mass	
Tuesday March 21 <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Fern Wessel †	Rich & Carol Vrane
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Clarice (Penny) Marchione †	Denis & Sheila Burke
Wednesday March 22 <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Jim & Millie Morgan †	Bud & Karen Burke
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Joann Slowik †	Richard, Karen, Diane & Jim
Thursday March 23 <i>Lenten Weekday/St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Irene Matis †	Linda Ludwig
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Joseph Machi †	Lennon & DiBucci Families
Friday March 24 <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	8:30AM	St. Athanasius	John Olson †	Wife: Tammy Olson
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Marion Capanec †	John & Shelley West
Saturday March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord	10 AM	Incarnation of the Lord	Joann Rusnak †	Reverend John Rushofsky
	11 AM	St. Athanasius	Confessions	
	4 PM Vigil Mass	St. Teresa of Avila	David, Audrey & Andrew Homza †	Bill Homza & Family
	5 PM Vigil Mass	St. Athanasius	Joseph Wakelin †	Family
	6 PM Vigil Mass	St. Sebastian	Deceased of Collins & Jack Families †	Family
Sunday March 26 Fifth Sunday of Lent	8 AM	Incarnation of the Lord	The People of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish	
	9 AM	St. Athanasius	Angelo Santucci and Elmer Barnett †	Rocco & Teresa Santucci
	10 AM	St. Sebastian	Helen Driscoll †	Gretchen Cetti & Family
	11 AM	St. Teresa of Avila	Helen Plavetsky †	Carol Burns

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**“For Christ plays in ten thousand places,
Lovely in limbs not His To the Father
through the features of men’s faces.” G.M. Hopkins, SJ**

TIME TO GO SHOPPING FOR THE FOOD PANTRY



Detergent, dishwashing soap, jelly, oatmeal, juice (no apple), fruit cocktail, noodles, Manwich, Chef Boy R Dee spaghetti (no ravioli) and paper products are the items currently most needed in the parish food pantry. Drop your gifts in any of the bins located in each of the four church narthexes. Our parish food pantry, sponsored by the Saint Vincent de Paul Conference, regularly serves about forty families every two weeks. Your kind gifts bless these individuals and families.

ALMSGIVING AND LENT

The Catechism of the Catholic Church provides us an explanation of “almsgiving.” You may recall that the gospel for Ash Wednesday reminds us that “when you give alms, do not let your right hand know what your left hand is doing.” The catechism notes in two brief sections:

2462 Giving alms to the poor is a witness to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God.

2463 How can we not recognize Lazarus, the hungry beggar in the parable (cf. Lk 17:19-31), in the multitude of human beings without bread, a roof or a place to stay? How can we fail to hear Jesus: "As you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me" (Mt 25:45)?

So if you need a “pick-me-up” toward the end of Lent, lend a hand to someone and that’s just between you and divinity!



ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Medical equipment, for loan, is available at no cost from a group associated with the Saint Vincent de Paul Organization. Information is available at nbrcmedicalequipment@yahoo.com. Contact James Tillman.



Margaret Ashmore

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EGG HUNT *EVENT*

Saturday, APRIL 1st

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Join us at Athanasian Hall on Saturday, April 1st, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., for an indoor egg hunt, games and crafts—an event for elementary school-age children and younger.

For more information about the Community Center offerings, call Margaret (at the number above) or stop in and visit us at the Community Center Mon.- Fri., 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Other Upcoming Programs

SENIOR LUNCH - April 20th

AGING WELL WORKSHOPS - April & May

PICKLEBALL CLINIC Sat. May 6th

Seeking Participants

* Intermediate ITALIAN *

* Beginning LINE DANCING *

* SEWING CLASS *

Looking for Volunteers

Are you looking for place to volunteer a couple hours a week while you enjoy meeting interesting people? Perhaps you have a talent or passion that you are called to share. The Parish Community Center could be just the place to bring it to others. Contact Margaret at 412-585-5575 to check out the possibilities.

A gathering place to enhance the quality of life for young and old by promoting involvement, fellowship and support.



Will Reaves

The ACTS model of prayer I've been describing is a structure to guide us when we pray to God in private. I originally learned the model as a Protestant, and I have found considerable value in it. But since becoming Catholic, I've noticed there's one key element of prayer that is missing, or at least underemphasized, in this model: silence. ACTS is a very active mode of praying, and one of the most important things we can do in prayer is to be still before God, listening to his voice. Adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication are all good things, but they are all things that *we* do. Silence is the place where we step back and let God speak.

I said a few weeks ago that true confession is a hard thing for us in our culture. Being silent, and finding silence in our lives, are even harder. Even if we stay quiet, we are surrounded by devices and distractions—phones, radio, tv, the sounds of cars and the hum of electronics—and that doesn't include the good things in our life like family and friends which also require our attention. Likewise, everything in our culture tells us that our opinions, our experiences, and our desires are the most important thing. When we stop to listen, to be still and know that he is God, we engage in a profoundly countercultural act. And we have to be willing to be surprised by what he might have to tell us. I'll talk next week about a specific way to prepare ourselves to hear him.

Challenge: Find someplace where you can spend time in silence for a prolonged period of time. Spend at least one full minute before praying and five minutes after in silence. What does God have to say to you?

Lenten Fasting, Saint Patrick's Day, and Meatless Fridays

Bishop Zubik offered a dispensation from the normal obligation to abstain from meat on a Lenten Friday, owing to the celebration of Saint Patrick's Day. While this feast is not prominent enough in the calendar to ordinarily cause such a dispensation, a local bishop has the authority to offer it based on local circumstances, and Bishop Zubik did so with the caveat that some other form of penance (e.g. almsgiving, extra prayer) should be substituted on the Friday by those who partake in meat.

One lesser known fact is that the U.S. bishops appended that same caveat when in 1966, they dispensed the faithful from abstinence from meat on Fridays *outside* of Lent. Their statement reminds us that the ultimate reason we fast and abstain is not due to the orders of the hierarchy, but because we are called to unite ourselves with Christ, and particularly with his passion and suffering, as he died on Friday for our salvation. The full text, called "Pastoral Statement on Penance and Abstinence," is available on the USCCB website. I encourage everyone to read it.



Evelina Sluga

Youth Ministry



JOSEPH and the amazing TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

lyrics by TIM RICE
music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

March 24-26, 2023

Henninger Auditorium
Parish Center, 800 Avila Ct.

Join us as we celebrate our teens' hard work and raise funds to help our brothers and sisters in Appalachia and Peru!

Doors open 45 minutes before the show!

Free admission | Donations collected at door

All funds will go to Project H.O.P.E. and the Diocese's Mission in Chimbote, Peru.

Thank you for your help and generous contributions - We couldn't do this without you!

SHOWTIMES

FRIDAY
7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY
2 p.m. | 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY
2 p.m.

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YOUTH GROUP



YOUNG ADULTS





Noah Wolf
Principal

Holy Cross Academy

FORENSICS



Walt Gaida
Assistant
Principal

Members of the Holy Cross Academy Forensics Team have been working on their public speaking skills all year long! They competed in three tournaments so far with outstanding results. Students compete in the categories of Drama, Prose, Poetry, Declamation, and Impromptu. Individuals can earn first, second, and third place ribbons (or not place) for each of the rounds in which they compete.

We are proud to say that every student has received a first, second, or third place ribbon for every round in all tournaments so far! All in all, the team has been awarded 25 first place ribbons, 12 second place ribbons, and 7 third place ribbons.

Quite an accomplishment!

The team consists of 8th grader Rocco Fischer; 7th graders Josh Lu, Cole Miller, Jared Nastal, Ryan Sharpe, Ben Leonard, and Nicholas Hohosha; and 6th grader Joe Meissner.

In March the team will head to Butler Catholic for the Finals and All-Stars tournament. We wish them the best of luck!

Many thanks to moderators Julie Zizan, Colleen Koch, and Jackie Mueller who helped coach the team through a very successful season.



EASTER FLOWER SALE 2023

The Holy Cross Academy 7th Grade Class is pleased to help you celebrate the beauty of the Easter season by providing you with the opportunity to purchase lovely Spring flowers to decorate your home or give as gifts!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

(We'll remind you about pick-up!)

Email Address: _____

6" Tulip Pots

Pink	Yellow	Purple	Total # of Flowers	x 12.00 (each) =	Total Cost
				x 12.00	

6" Pot Hyacinths

Blue	Pink	Total # of Flowers	x 12.00 (each) =	Total Cost
			x 12.00	

6" Pot Daffodils

Yellow	Total # of Flowers	x 12.00 (each) =	Total Cost
		x 12.00	

6" Pot Lilies

White	Total # of Flowers	x 12.00 (each) =	Total Cost
		x 12.00	

6" Pot Hydrangea

Color	Total # of Flowers	x 20.00 (each) =	Total Cost
		x 20.00	

Order Deadline – Friday, March 24, 2023
Flower Pick-up – Tuesday, April 4, 2023
2:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. @ Holy Cross Academy

Flowerama, located on Babcock Blvd., will be supplying these gorgeous flowers. Each flower will be wrapped with colorful foil.

Questions? Please contact: Joanna Jacobs
jdjacobs_2010@yahoo.com

Please make checks payable to “Holy Cross Academy”. Please add “Easter Flowers” on the memo line.

Submit orders to: Holy Cross Academy
307 Siebert Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Please note: We will do our best to get the selected colors, but they cannot be guaranteed based on the grower's inventory.

Thank you for understanding.

Seller's Name: _____