

**GOOD SHEPHERD**

MASS SCHEDULE:  
SUNDAY 8:00 AM

**SACRED HEART**

MASS SCHEDULE:  
SATURDAY 8:00 AM  
SUNDAY 11:00 AM

**MADONNA DEL  
CASTELLO**

MASS SCHEDULE:  
SATURDAY VIGIL 4:00 PM  
THURSDAY 8:00 AM

**ST. COLMAN**

MASS SCHEDULE:  
SATURDAY VIGIL 5:30 PM  
SUNDAY 5:30 PM  
TUESDAY 8:00 AM  
CONFESSION TIME:  
SATURDAY 12:00 NOON - 1:00 PM

**ST. JOHN FISHER**

MASS SCHEDULE:  
SATURDAY VIGIL 4:00 PM  
WEDNESDAY 8:00 AM

**ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE**

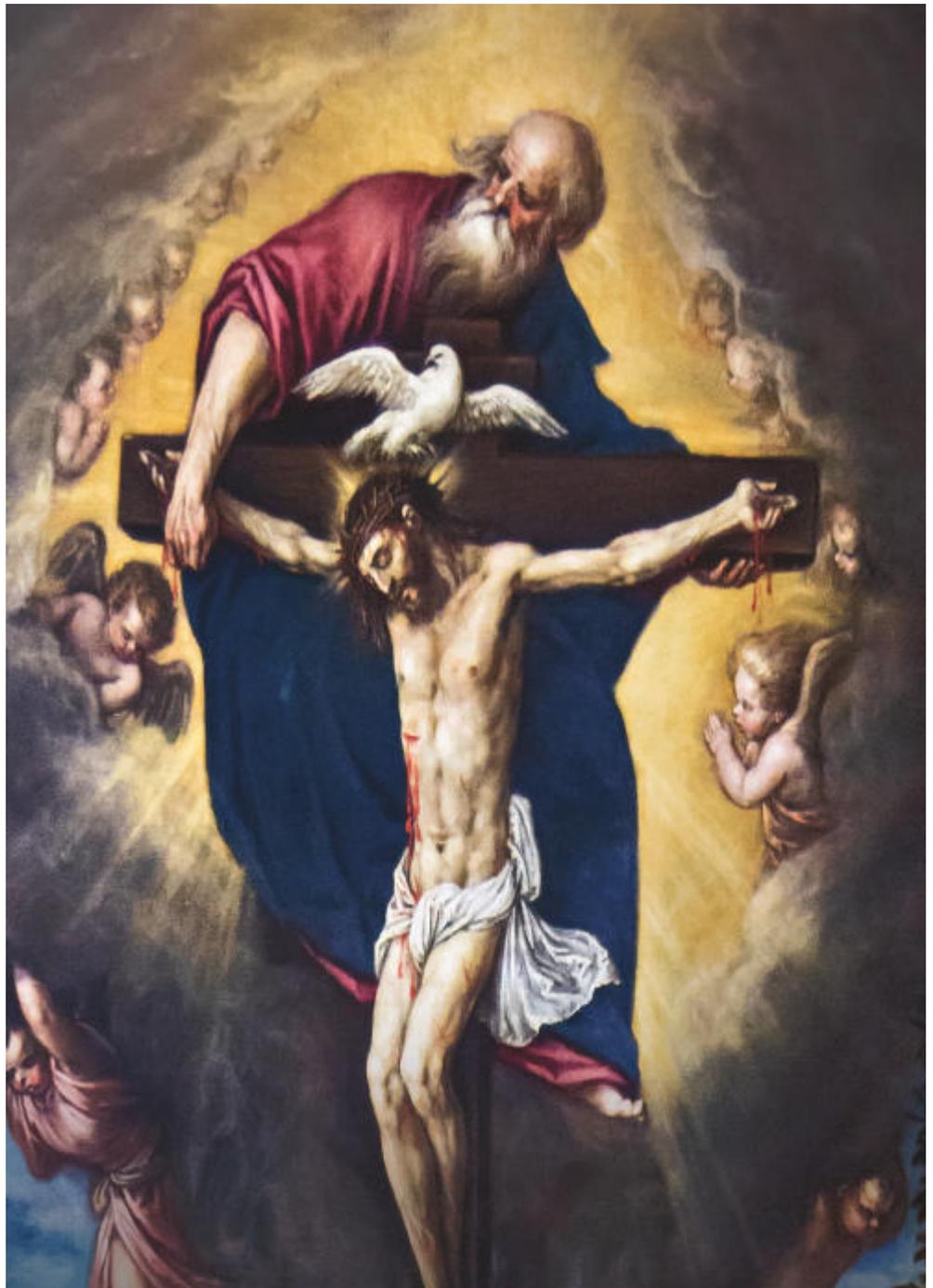
MASS SCHEDULE:  
SUNDAY 9:00 AM  
FRIDAY 8:00 AM

**ST. MAURICE**

MASS SCHEDULE:  
SUNDAY 10:00 AM  
MONDAY 7:00 PM  
CONFESSION TIME:  
MONDAY 7:30 - 8:30 PM

**WORD OF GOD**

MASS SCHEDULE:  
SUNDAY 10:00 AM  
MONDAY-FRIDAY LIVESTREAM  
MASS 9:00 AM  
CONFESSION TIME:  
SATURDAY 12:00 NOON - 1:00 PM



**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**



God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. - Jn 3:16

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**Safe Environment...**It is the policy of the Diocese that all volunteers must complete the Safe Environment process before beginning a ministry or activity in any Parish. Please call 412-271-0809 for more information..

### Diocese of Pittsburgh Crisis Hotline:

1-888-808-1235

### Diocesan Victim Assistance

**Coordinator:** 412-456-3093 (Office)

**PA Child Line:** 1-800-932-0313

*New Parishioners are most welcome!*  
*Please call the office of the church you would like to join.*  
*We will be happy to assist you!*

# Faith Chronicles

By Father Frank D. Almade



It gives me great pleasure to announce that Bishop David Zubik has accepted the petition of our seven parishes in grouping 216 – Good Shepherd (Braddock), Madonna del Castello (Swissvale), St. Colman (Turtle Creek), St. John Fisher (Churchill), St. Jude the Apostle (Wilmerding), St. Maurice (Forest Hills) and Word of God (Swissvale) – to become one new parish on July 1, 2020. The patron and name of our new parish is **St. Joseph the Worker**.

This name received the most votes from the members of the Pastoral Councils back in November, when we submitted 14 names to the bishop for review. This name received the most votes by parishioners in March when we offered five names as possible titles of our new parish. It is also the name I desired for our new parish.

It is very appropriate that we honor St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus and loving spouse of Mary, Mother of God. It is also very appropriate that we remember St. Joseph as a carpenter (“tekton” in Greek, a worker of wood and stone), who also taught his son Jesus the craft of being a carpenter. Our new parish’s communities along the Monongahela River and through the hills and valleys of eastern Allegheny County are filled with hard workers. In the Edgar Thomson steel plant in Braddock, which has been in continuous service for almost 150 years. In former Westinghouse factories in Turtle Creek and Wilmerding. On the railroads that snake through our region. In offices in Churchill and Forest Hills, in stores in our communities and in Monroeville and Murrysville, in the local townships and boroughs, police departments and fire departments.

I have long had devotion to St. Joseph the Worker, as he reminds me of my parents who were hard workers. My dad, Frank, worked in a coal mine in Washington County after he graduated from high school. He was a Marine during World War II, serving in the South Pacific theatre. After the war he was a clerk in the J&L steel mill in Hazelwood for 35 years. He also volunteered as a Little League manager for more than 20 years. My mom, Mary, worked as a “Rosy riveter” in a mill in Lawrenceville in her teens during World War II, after she dropped out of high school. Later she was an overseas telephone operator for AT&T, and then a cleaning lady in one of the skyscrapers in Downtown Pittsburgh. Mom and Dad taught my brothers and me the value of hard work, dedication and thrift by their wonderful example. They also passed on their love of Christ as faithful Catholics. I’m sure St. Joseph taught Jesus these same virtues, as he passed on the love of God through the Jewish faith.

Devotion to St. Joseph is as old as the Gospel. Pope Pius IX named St. Joseph patron of the universal church in 1870, with the feast day on March 19. Under the title of “worker” or “carpenter” devotion to Joseph grew in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, during the Industrial Revolution. (In our diocese St. Joseph the Worker Parish was founded in New Castle, Lawrence County, in 1888 by German immigrants.) The feast of St. Joseph the Worker was approved by Pope Pius XII in 1955, with the feast day of May 1. This was to indirectly confront communist countries, which often had large celebrations of their authoritarian regimes on “May Day.”

In 1981 Pope John Paul II wrote a brilliant encyclical letter, “*Laborem Exercens*,” in English, “On Human Work.” It was given on the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ground-breaking social justice encyclical letter of Pope Leo XIII, “*Rerum Novarum*.” St. John Paul wrote this about St. Joseph the Worker and work:

The truth that by means of work man participates in the activity of God himself, his Creator, was *given particular prominence by Jesus Christ*-the Jesus at whom many of his first listeners in Nazareth “were astonished, saying, ‘Where did this man get all this? What is the wisdom given to him?.. Is not this the carpenter?’” For Jesus not only proclaimed but first and foremost fulfilled by his deeds the “gospel”, the word of eternal Wisdom, that had been entrusted to him. Therefore this was also “the gospel of work”, because *he who proclaimed it was himself a man of work*, a craftsman like Joseph of Nazareth. And if we do not find in his words a special command to work-but rather on one occasion a prohibition against too much anxiety about work and life - at the same time the eloquence of the life of Christ is unequivocal: he belongs to the “working world”, he has appreciation and respect for human work. It can indeed be said that *he looks with love upon human work* and the different forms that it takes, seeing in each one of these forms a particular facet of man’s likeness with God, the Creator and Father. Is it not he who says: “My Father is the vinedresser,” and in various ways puts *into his teaching* the fundamental truth about work which is already expressed in the whole tradition of the Old Testament, beginning with the Book of Genesis?

I am most grateful to Bishop Zubik for approving the recommendation to name our new parish after St. Joseph the Worker. I look forward to sharing widely our new name, as we move forward to “love Jesus, learn Jesus, live Jesus and share Jesus.”

# Mass Intentions

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Offered By
<b>Sat. June 6</b> <i>Vigil Mass</i>	8:00 AM	Sacred Heart	†Irene Koncerak	Pauline Koratko
	4:00 PM	Madonna del Castello	†Anthony Russo, Sr.	Pat & Guy Mazzella
	4:00 PM	St. John Fisher	†Annette Troll	Peg Crossey & Char Conn
	5:30 PM	St. Colman	1) †Mary Harmuth 2) †Eleanor Sadler	1) Children 2) Judith & John
<b>Sunday, June 7</b> <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	8:00 AM	Good Shepherd	†Helen McDonnell	Glen & Marie McAllister
	9:00 AM	St. Jude the Apostle	1) †Margaret Thomas 2) †Al & Marge Volpe	1) Family 2) Family
	10:00 AM	St. Maurice	†Bill Blair	Leah Blair
	10:00 AM	Word of God	†Dominick J. Cimino	Bill Viott
	11:00 AM	Sacred Heart	†Robert Balogh	Family
	5:30 PM	St. Colman	1) †Irene Hudak 2) †Jim Hood & Janet Kolstad	1) Irene Hummert 2) Don & Michelle Lehman
<b>Mon. June 8</b> <i>Weekday</i>	9:00 AM	Word of God (Livestream Mass)	†Deceased Phil Diana Family	Phil Diana
	7:00 PM	St. Maurice	†Agnes & John Dougherty	Family
<b>Tues. June 9</b> <i>Weekday</i>	8:00 AM	St. Colman	1) †Ralph & Renzie Viggiano and Rose & Paul Petrocelli 2) †Daniel T. Craig	1) Family 2) Family
	9:00 AM	Word of God (Livestream Mass)	Health of Rose & Dean	Anonymous
<b>Wed. June 10</b> <i>Weekday</i>	8:00 AM	St. John Fisher	1) †Bob Seiler 2) †All Living & Deceased of our Parishes	1) Morning Rosary Group
	9:00 AM	Word of God (Livestream Mass)	†Dorothy Webb	Cafeteria Ladies
<b>Thurs. June 11</b> <i>Saint Barnabas, Apostle</i>	8:00 AM	Madonna del Castello	†Eugene, Carm & Tom Coffee	Petrarca Family
	9:00 AM	Word of God (Livestream Mass)	1) †Fr. Stanislaus Matabaalo 2) †Marianne McLaughlin Reeves	1) Furman Family 2) Martin McLaughlin Family
<b>Fri. June 12</b> <i>Weekday</i>	8:00 AM	St. Jude the Apostle	†Joanne Kelly	Basil & Sue Falleroni
	9:00 AM	Word of God (Livestream Mass)	†Janice Demblowski	Carmella Coyne
<b>Sat. June 13</b> <i>Vigil Mass</i>	8:00 AM	Sacred Heart	†Irene Koncerak	Bob & Toni Burkovich
	4:00 PM	Madonna del Castello	†Augustine Cappella	Madonna Kitchen Crew
	4:00 PM	St. John Fisher	†Nancy Stabile	Ladies of Charity
	5:30 PM	St. Colman	†James V. Bentley	Family
<b>Sunday, June 14</b> <i>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</i>	8:00 AM	Good Shepherd	†Anthony Brandl	Larry Trasky
	9:00 AM	St. Jude the Apostle	†Tiffany Cheripka	Barbara Burgert
	10:00 AM	St. Maurice	1) †Ralph M. Aquino 2) †Edward Poprocky	1) Family 2) Rita (Poprocky) Catalano Family
	10:00 AM	Word of God	†Jay Kennedy	Dolly Clougherty
	11:00 AM	Sacred Heart	†Michael Caroccia	Wife, Jennie
	5:30 PM	St. Colman	†Marie & Ted Novak, Sr.	Ted & Judy Novak



**MASS INTENTION AT ST. JOHN VIANNEY MANOR**  
Monday, June 8: Caroline DiBiase by Ted & Judy Lanyi

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



## PARISH SUPPORT

GOOD SHEPHERD	
Offertory	\$2,554.00
MADONNA DEL CASTELLO	
Offertory	\$3,083.00
ST. COLMAN	
Offertory	\$2,365.00
ST. JOHN FISHER	
Offertory	\$2,022.00
ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE	
Offertory	\$1,357.00
ST. MAURICE	
Offertory	\$3,226.00
WORD OF GOD	
Offertory	\$6,429.00

**Thank you for your continued generosity!**

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS are available at all Sunday Masses. To receive a gluten-free host, go to the line where the priest is distributing communion, and indicate to him the hosts being held by the Altar Server. At weekday Masses, please stop in the sacristy before Mass and make your request.

### Prayer Line

St. Maurice—412-277-0693 or  
412-871-3245

Madonna & Word of God—412-804-8858

### BULLETIN DEADLINE

All bulletin articles must be submitted in writing or by email to [stjudetheapostle@verizon.net](mailto:stjudetheapostle@verizon.net) by 10:00 am on Friday.

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE

ST. MAURICE CHURCH CHAPEL  
MONDAYS 7:30—8:00 PM

WORD OF GOD CHURCH SANCTUARY  
SATURDAYS 12 NOON—1:00 PM

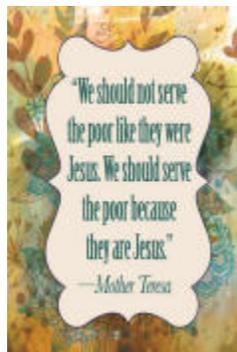
ST. COLMAN CHURCH SANCTUARY  
SATURDAYS 12 NOON—1:00 PM

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

The new date for the Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation session is Saturday, August 22, 2020 at St. Maurice in the Parish Center. Our Pre-Cana session is also open to couples from other parishes, so if you have friends who are planning on getting married, feel free to offer our Marriage Preparation class to them. We'd love to have them. The Marriage Preparation classes for our grouping, also known as Pre-Cana, will fulfill the Diocese of Pittsburgh's guidelines for being married in the Catholic Church and include talks from our clergy team and qualified couples on having a Sacramental Marriage, Finance, Parenting and Communication. The interactive day is run by our successful team and we welcome couples from our parishes and neighboring parishes to attend. If you have already registered for the session, no further action is required. If you haven't registered yet, please do so at your earliest convenience. Registration is required and is \$60 per couple. Our Parish Office is open Monday—Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm. We can be reached by calling 412-271-0809. We will be making sure that all precautions for your health and safety are followed for this session. More specific instructions will be forthcoming in August.

## RICE BOWLS

All but a few of the Rice Bowls have been collected. There are still some available in the churches if anyone would like one. If you would be kind enough, please use an envelope with Rice Bowl written on it and drop in the Sunday collection during the month of June. I'll let you know the total collected and share it with any concerns. I'm afraid the boxes might be too heavy for our collection baskets so I'll have a box at the main entrance of each church for everyone to place the envelopes in. Thanks.....Father Al, 412-812-5275



## BAPTISMS



Baptisms are again being scheduled in our churches. The current directives including social distancing and everyone wearing a mask (except young children). No more than 25 people are permitted while we are in the yellow phase. The elderly and health compromised are encouraged to stay home. They can still serve as a Godparent while a proxy would stand in for them at the ceremony. Please contact the parish office for more information.

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** Louis Fortini, Madeline Freund, Irene Patko and Nancy Stabile who recently passed to the Lord. May their souls rest in peace. Amen.



## THE MAKING OF...“HOW DEEP THE FATHER’S LOVE FOR US”

Several people have asked how the St. Maurice Choir video, “How Deep the Father’s Love” was made. Although the finished product looks a bit like a Zoom choir rehearsal, the process for making the video was actually quite different—and didn’t involve Zoom at all!

Choir members were given copies of the sheet music, along with an MP3 “Click Track” of the accompaniment of the song. They listened to the recording through headphones on one device (a cell phone, laptop or tablet for example), then recorded themselves singing on another device. The result is an a cappella recording of one voice singing. At the beginning the click track, there is a cymbal crash. Choir members clap on their video with the cymbal. This aids in lining up both the audio and video tracks so that everyone’s mouths move together! It works just like the clapperboard used in movies to sync up audio and video. (ACTION!)

Once the individual videos were completed, the singing is pulled from the videos into software called Audacity to be cleaned up, synced up, balanced, edited and mixed. The 20 choir tracks (some folks recorded multiple tracks) were reduced to 2, (Soprano/Alto, and Tenor/Bass) with a separate track for the piano accompaniment. Each of the choir member’s videos, plus two videos of Norm playing the piano, were imported into Adobe Premiere Pro for editing. Each choir member video was resized and cropped to make sure all of the heads were approximately the same size. Then each video was lined up (using the clap) and fine tuned to make sure that everyone’s mouth matched their singing. Even a slight misalignment is noticeable. The singer “boxes” were then placed in their screen location and creative edits were made to fade them in and out—in hopefully interesting ways. The piano tracks and graphics were added last and then the final product is rendered into MP4 format to upload to YouTube-without ever going to Zoom!

We hope that you enjoyed the final product! Watch for more videos from the members of our Music Ministry in the weeks to come!



**Proposed schedule for 4 weekends in June, as revised by the pastoral council subcommittee on reopening.  
One Mass in each church, two at St. Colman (because of Sunday night)**

**INTERIM WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2020**

Saturday	4:00 pm	St. John Fisher
	4:00 pm	Madonna del Castello
	5:30 pm	St. Colman
Sunday	8:00 am	Good Shepherd
	9:00 am	St. Jude the Apostle
	10:00 am	Word of God
	10:00 am	St. Maurice
	11:00 am	Sacred Heart
	5:30 pm	St. Colman

**PARISH OFFICE OPEN**

Monday-Friday—8:30 am-4:30 pm—St. Maurice  
2001 Ardmore Blvd.  
412-271-0809

**We are grateful for your understanding,  
support and prayers in these  
unprecedented times.**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH**

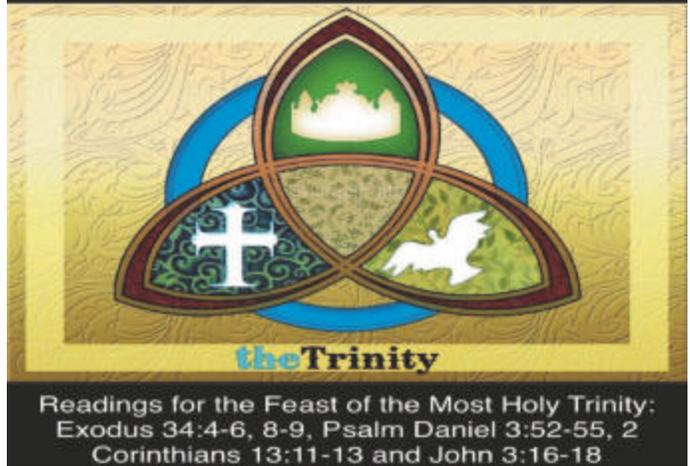
After much discussion and debate, the Knights of Columbus have decided to cancel the Mother's Day brunch scheduled for September 13, 2020. Looking forward, we are planning a tasty and fun brunch for Mother's Day, May 9, 2021 for all the mothers in the St. Joseph the Worker Parish.

**SWISSVALE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**



Food and donations can be dropped off 9:00 am until 5:00 pm on Tuesdays at the parish office at Madonna del Castello, 2021 S. Braddock Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15218. Make checks payable to "Swissvale Cares" and memo "Food Pantry." The Food Pantry is located at 2028 Noble Street. Food distributions for Thursday, June 11 and Friday, June 19 & 26 will be from 9:00 am—12 Noon. Produce distribution will be Tuesday, June 30. We are extremely grateful for all of those who have contributed financially to make this additional food available. It would not be possible without your support. Volunteers welcome. For more information call Dario at 412-452-2792.

"Though incomprehensible to many, the Most Holy Trinity is as real to all believers as we are to one another." - Deacon Herb



**PARISH LIBRARY/GIFT SHOP NEWS**

The Library & Gift Shop are closed during the COVID-19 emergency until further notice. Questions about library materials can be directed to Karen Goldbach at goldbachkm@verizon.net. For any special religious gift needs, please contact Pat Byrnes at 412-271-4830.

**LUCKY DAILY NUMBER CALENDAR  
YOUR NUMBER PLAYS 365 DAYS!**



Donation—\$25.00. New calendar year begins June 1, 2020 and runs through May 31, 2021. No limit to times your number may "hit" on the PA 3 digit evening drawing in the calendar year. Your participation supports **Catholic Daughters of the Americas**. Contact Lisa McCann at 412-519-8762.

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Sacraments:

### Baptism

Prior to having your child baptized, both parents must attend a pre-baptismal seminar. Please contact St. Maurice at 412-271-0809 to register.

### Penance

Monday: 7:30—8:00 PM  
St. Maurice Church Chapel

Saturday: 12:00—1:00 PM  
Word of God Church Sanctuary

Saturday: 12:00—1:00 PM  
St. Colman Church Sanctuary

### Marriage

By appointment. Anyone who wishes to marry should contact the pastor at least six months prior to the desired date.

### Anointing of the Sick

Available for those who are chronically ill. Please contact the parish in which the person is a member.

### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

This is the process to become Catholic or for Catholics to receive the rest of their Sacraments of Initiation. Please call (412) 271-0809 for more information.

### Holy Communion for Shut-Ins

Please contact the parish in which the person is a member.

## A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbrica di San Pietro M. Falzoni.

O Mary,  
you always brighten our path  
as a sign of salvation and of hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain  
while remaining steadfast in faith.  
O loving Mother,  
you know what we need,  
and we are confident you will provide for us  
as at Cana in Galilee.  
Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,  
the Divine Physician,  
for those who have fallen ill,  
for those who are vulnerable,  
and for those who have died.  
Intercede also for those charged with  
protecting the health and safety of others  
and for those who are tending to the sick  
and seeking a cure.  
Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
who took upon himself our  
sufferings and carried our sorrows,  
so as to lead us, through the Cross,  
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,  
O Holy Mother of God.  
In our needs, despise not our petitions,  
but deliver us always from all dangers,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

*Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis*

KNIGHTS OF  COLUMBUS

# Faith Chronicles

By Father Frank D. Almada



On July 1, 2020, our “eight great churches of the East” will become one united parish, under the patronage of **St. Joseph the Worker**. At the same time, the clergy team which has been together for one year since two groupings were joined continues with their new assignments to the new parish. Let me briefly mention them.

**Father Al Semler** is appointed senior parochial vicar. He is a native of the North Hills, and was ordained in 1967. In his 53 years as a priest, he has served as a pastor several times, diocesan official (in the vocations and missions offices), a dean, a consultor and chaplain.

**Father Martin Barkin** is appointed senior parochial vicar. He is a native of Homestead, and was ordained in 1977. For 20 years he served two parishes in Penn Hills as a pastor. He has also been a master catechist in the diocese, teaching a wide array of courses.

**Father Jeremy Mohler** is appointed parochial vicar. He is a native of Johnstown, and was ordained in 2015. This is his third assignment as a parochial vicar.

**Deacon Joe Dougherty** is a native of Braddock, and was ordained a deacon in 2013. He is married (Mary Jane) and has two children and four grandchildren. He and his wife reside in Braddock. In addition to his pastoral work for the parish, he repairs cars at his shop, Dougherty Auto Services.

**Deacon Keith Kondrich** is a native of Plum, and was ordained a deacon in 2011. He is married (Helen) and has four children. He and his wife reside in Swisshelm Park. He is Outreach Coordinator for Foundation of Hope, which helps those leaving jail or prison to regain their lives.

**Deacon Herb Riley** is a native of Turtle Creek, and was ordained a deacon in 2011. He is married (Cheryl) and has three children and five grandchildren. He and his wife reside in Plum. He is retired after a career as an international compliance officer for several manufacturing firms.

**Father Daniel Aboagye Adjei** is a native of Ghana, West Africa. He was ordained a priest in 2012 for the Diocese of Sekondi-Takoradi. After several years in pastoral work, he was sent by his bishop to earn a doctorate in theology at Duquesne University. Father Daniel resides at St. Maurice rectory, and hopes to complete his degree in the next two years.

Bishop Zubik appointed me as the first pastor of St. Joseph the Worker Parish. I grew up in Baldwin, and was ordained a priest in 1978. This is my fifth time as a pastor/administrator, all in multiple church configurations, and third time being the founding pastor of a merged parish (in 1993 for Incarnation of the Lord Parish, North Side; and in 2009 for St. Juan Diego Parish, Sharpsburg). I also served twice in diocesan administration, directing the social concerns secretariat (1995-2002) and leading the clergy office for 15 months (2006-2007).

I am greatly appreciative of Bishop Zubik for keeping our clergy team together to serve our newly unified parish. We are also privileged to be served by wonderful and dedicated pastoral staff: Deacon Ron Demblowski, pastoral associate; Kelly James, Director of Business Operations; Cheryl Kirkland, Director of Religious Education; Kelley Rodgers, Business Manager; parish musicians Norm Chapman and Jon Zellhart; helper musicians George Bandik, Mike Burke, Karen Humphrey, John Prucnal and Terry Skelley; maintenance workers Jane Arden, Tony Bigos, John Estocin, Don Grubbs, Frank Koncerak and Mila Rothrauff; and administrative assistants Micky Catone, Susan DePasquale, Noreen Fitchwell, Karen Flynn, Natalie Hyzy and Judy Kosar.

I also want to thank the dozens and dozens of volunteers who make our parish lively and energetic, in the areas of the liturgy, music, religious education, social outreach and leadership roles for parish organizations, the Pastoral Council and the Finance Council.

Congratulations to our new clergy team, and all who are working to make our new parish, St. Joseph the Worker Parish, the very best Catholic and Christian community in western Pennsylvania.

## A NOTE FROM FR. MOHLER ON MISSION WEEK AND YOUTH EVENTS

Mission Week, the opportunity for service and retreat for our high school students scheduled for June 21-26, has been canceled. It is a disappointment for all involved, but we all agreed it would not be feasible to do this year. I still want to offer opportunities for our teens to grow closer to Christ and to each other in this summer ahead, whether online or hopefully—eventually with in person events as well. Please contact me with any ideas or questions moving forward at [frmohler@outlook.com](mailto:frmohler@outlook.com).

### Mission Week 2020 Update

With many of our common Catholic practices having been suspended recently, our idea of living the Faith might be going up in flame! Yet, fire not only symbolizes but is one of the most expressive images of the transforming energy of the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit, whom Christ pours out on us, who builds, animates, and sanctifies the Church. Saint Paul reminds us not to let the Spirit be quenched (1 Thess 5:19) and we will not let the coronavirus prevent us from being Church!

With that said, we also must face the reality before us. Mission Week 2020 is going to be very different! Unfortunately, the week-long trip to SNPJ needs to be cancelled. Although we continue to pray for an end to this virus and the social isolation in place to protect us, there simply isn't enough time to pull everything together. We have missed key deadlines and we will not be able to accomplish the site visits, evaluations and prep necessary. However, we are continually working on modified plans for the *possibility* of being present in New Castle to serve in some capacity before the start of next school year.

Recalling the lessons of prayer, fasting and almsgiving Lent taught us, we are proposing the following for Mission Week 2020. Our Mission Week plan currently includes:

**Prayer** – we are asking for volunteers to pray for the people we would have worked with. Respond HECK YES I WANT TO PRAY and we will assign you a family/etc. from those whom we have served and you will commit to praying for that person every day.

**Fasting** – Well, honestly, we were never good at that during Mission Week! Way too much food-but it was always so good. *We're still working on this one – if you have ideas please share.*

**Almsgiving** – many of our service sites can be helped by sending care packages and many of the families we would have been with would benefit by cards, letters and, at times gift cards. We will be compiling a list of these and asking you to form workgroups to compile these care packs.

Also, we are exploring ways to connect with you. We want to share the theme of Mission Week. We want you to hear and be transformed by our great speakers and special guests. Even if we can't gather each night in the barn physically, perhaps we will soon be experts at virtual gatherings and be able to meet for our talks, check-ins, and other fun activities. We are exploring ways of connecting virtually. Oh, and the mission week t-shirt? Yep, you'll still get one! It will not be virtual...

Really, we want to hear from you! Many of you have lived Mission Week and your experience is a great resource. We want and need your input! Please share your ideas with your youth minister.

Together we can show the world that we have been chosen, not forsaken. We are chosen to take the grace of God, that runs deeply in each of us as children of God, into the world. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit and ready to cast out darkness and fear by the force of the flame of our love!

You are in our prayers!

- The Mission Week Team -

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 7, 2020

- SUN 6/7** Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/2 Cor 13:11-13/  
Jn 3:16-18
- MON 6/8** 1 Kgs 17:1-6/Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 2]/Mt 5:1-12
- TUE 6/9** 1 Kgs 17:7-16/Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7a]/Mt 5:13-16
- WED 6/10** 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11 [1b]/Mt 5:17-19
- THR 6/11** Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13 [2a]/Mt 5:20-26
- FRI 6/12** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [8b]/Mt 5:27-32
- SAT 6/13** 1 Kgs 19:19-21/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/Mt 5:33-37
- SUN 6/14** Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12]/  
1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 7, 2020

- Sunday:** The Most Holy Trinity
- Tuesday:** St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church
- Thursday:** St. Barnabas, Apostle
- Saturday:** St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ; Flag Day

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

Today we celebrate the Divine dance, a perfectly choreographed interplay of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Together they dance and move as one though three unique Persons with distinctive, yet harmonious, patterns and steps. They provide a mirror into our soul. Within each one of us, the Divine dance continues, and the music of God's love continues to inspire, sustain, and recreate us with every step and melody. Can you hear the music that the Triune God is playing? Where is the dance leading you? Our minds can never truly understand or know God. But our hearts can seek and find Him. From beginning to end, God is one and, at the same time, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. God's holy Trinitarian dance is calling you to holiness. Join in and dance!



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“Let your words teach and your actions speak.”

— St. Anthony of Padua

# LITURGICAL LIFE

**QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture**

**First Reading**

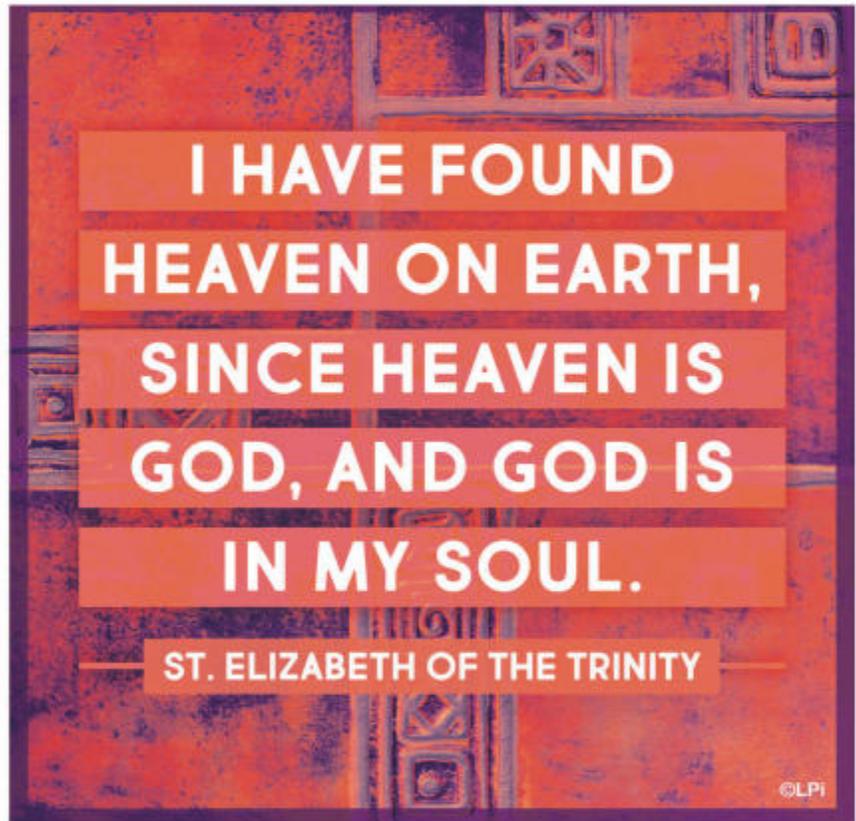
In Moses' appeal to the Lord to remain with the Israelites despite their sinfulness, God reveals his fidelity and mercy. Where do you see these aspects of God in your life journey?

**Second Reading**

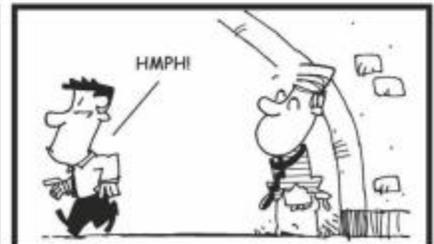
We hear today one of the earliest New Testament references to the Holy Trinity in Paul's closing remarks to the Christians in Corinth. For Paul, the Trinity embodies grace, love, and fellowship. What insight does this offer us about our Triune God?

**Gospel Reading**

This well-known text from the Gospel of John reveals to us God's self-sacrifice for our salvation. Why do you think so many people reject or simply ignore this offer of eternal life from God?



TRINITY SUNDAY



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# HEALTH AND WELLNESS

## 3 EASY STEPS

### To Keeping Yourself & Others Healthy!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



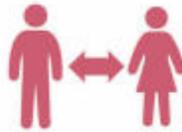
#### Wash Your Hands

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.



#### Don't Touch Your Face

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.



#### Keep Your Distance

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.



*God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.*

- Jn 3:16-17

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass  
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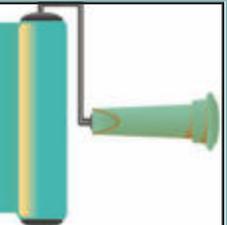
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