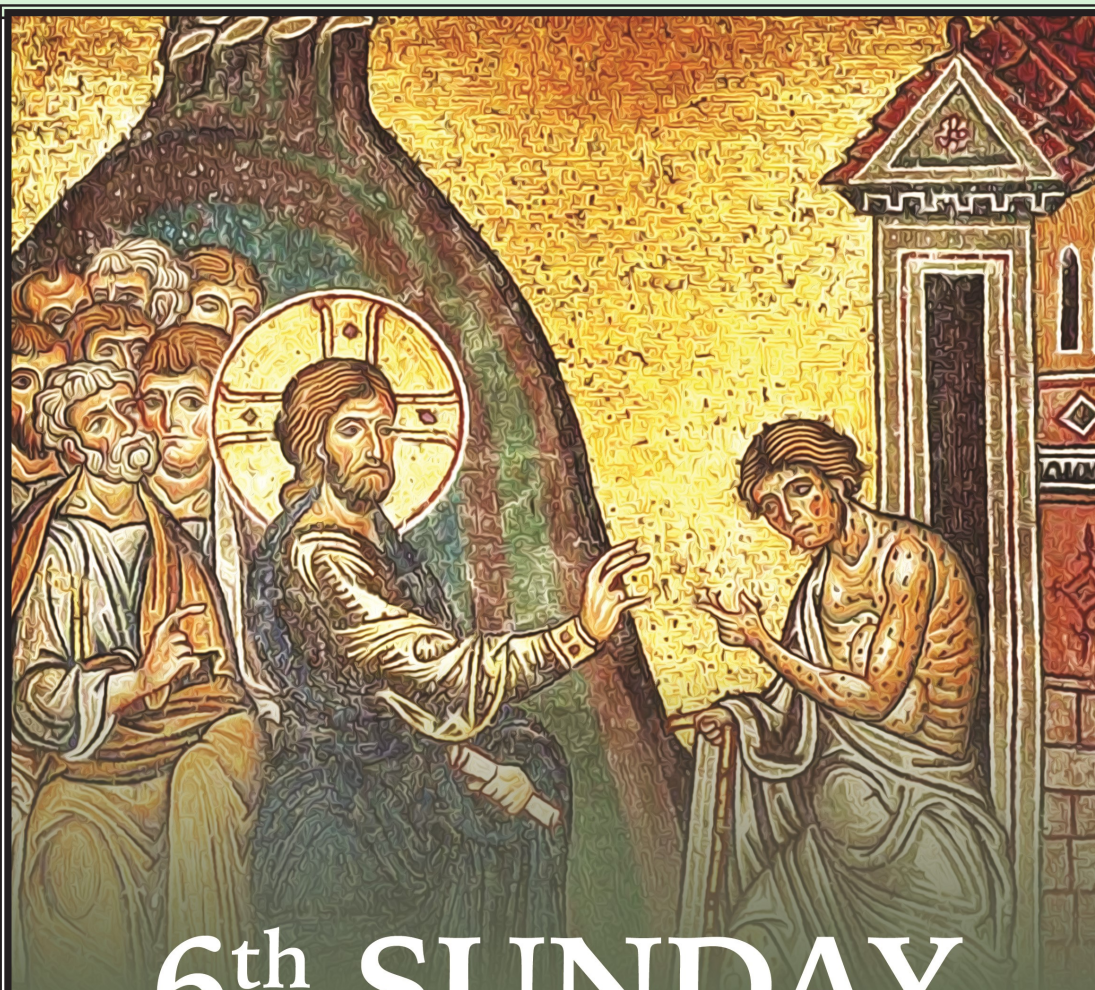




THE CATHOLIC PARISHES of  
**Saint Joseph · Saint Juan Diego**  
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# 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said,  
“If you wish, you can make me clean.” Moved with pity, he  
stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him,  
“I do will it. Be made clean.” - Mk 1:40-41

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February 14, 2021

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# MASS INTENTIONS

## SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:00 pm	<b>February 13—6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> The people of Saint Joseph Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00 am 11:00 am	<b>February 14—6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> † Joyce Walters (The Walters Family) † Edward Wierzbowski (The Wierzbowski Family)
<b>MONDAY</b> 8:00 am	<b>February 15—Weekday in Ordinary Time</b> † Rose Marie Mariani (Guido Mariani & Family)
<b>TUESDAY</b> 8:00 am	<b>February 16—Weekday in Ordinary Time</b> In Honor of the Holy Face of Jesus
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 8:00 am 12:00 Noon 6:30 pm	<b>February 17—Ash Wednesday</b> The people of Saint Joseph Parish Prayer Service The people of Saint Joseph Parish
<b>THURSDAY</b> 8:00 am	<b>February 18—Lenten Weekday</b> † Bernard M. Reese (The Reese Family)
<b>FRIDAY</b> 8:00 am	<b>February 19—Lenten Weekday</b> † Mr. & Mrs. John Halicky (John & Cindy Halicky)
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:00 pm	<b>February 20—1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> † Dolores & Peter Maltese (Rose Stegman)
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00 am 11:00 am	<b>February 21—1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> The people of Saint Joseph Parish † Vince & Betty Louise Sodini (The Sodini Family)

## SAINT JUAN DIEGO PARISH

<b>SATURDAY</b> <i>Madonna Church</i> 4:30 pm	<b>February 13—6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> † John & Catherine Kopas (Joseph & Joan Bruno)
<b>SUNDAY</b> <i>Saint Mary Church</i> 11:30 am	<b>February 14—6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> † Nicholas Kasunich (Wife, Rita)
<b>MONDAY</b> <i>Madonna Church</i> 9:00 am	<b>February 15—Weekday in Ordinary Time</b> † John Staud (Janet)
<b>TUESDAY</b> <i>Madonna Church</i> 9:00 am	<b>February 16—Weekday in Ordinary Time</b> † Mary Tomanio (Ann D'Angelo)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <i>Madonna Church</i> 9:00 am	<b>February 17—Ash Wednesday</b> † William Francis DeStefano (Daughter, Evelyn)
<b>SATURDAY</b> <i>Madonna Church</i> 4:30 pm	<b>February 20—1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> † Pietro Ferraro (Wife, Maria, & Family)
<b>SUNDAY</b> <i>Saint Mary Church</i> 11:30 am	<b>February 21—1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> † Ray & Mary Ann Scott (Family)

## REST IN PEACE

### Saint Juan Diego

† Rev. Thomas Manion (former pastor of Saint Mary Church) •  
February 3, 2021

### Saint Padre Pio

† Elizabeth Fornaser • January 31, 2021  
† Francis Dlugonski • February 1, 2021

### Saint Scholastica

† Dolores Rueger • February 2, 2021

## SAINT PADRE PIO PARISH

<b>SUNDAY</b> <i>Saint Francis of Assisi Church</i> 8:00 am	<b>February 14—6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> † Edward Brown (Mae Brown)
<i>Saint Edward Church</i> 10:00 am	† Audrey Friel (Jack & Children)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <i>Saint Edward Church</i> 12:00 Noon 6:00 pm	<b>February 17—Ash Wednesday</b> † Charles Welsh (Family) Prayer Service
<b>THURSDAY</b> <i>Saint Edward Church</i> 9:00 am	<b>February 18—Lenten Weekday</b> † Gertrude & Norman Swab (Trudy)
<b>FRIDAY</b> <i>Saint Edward Church</i> 9:00 am	<b>February 19—Lenten Weekday</b> The people of Saint Padre Pio Parish
<b>SATURDAY</b> <i>Saint Edward Church</i> 9:00 am	<b>February 20—Lenten Weekday</b> † Charles Heiry (Allegheny Valley Ultreya)
<b>SUNDAY</b> <i>Saint Francis of Assisi Church</i> 8:00 am	<b>February 21—1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> † Kay Werderitch (Bob & Sandy Werderitch)
<i>Saint Edward Church</i> 10:00 am	† Jane Doerfler (Valerie & David)

## SAINT SCHOLASTICA PARISH

<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:00 pm	<b>February 13—6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> † Deceased members of the Marsico Family (Tish Marsico)
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>February 14—6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> † Andrea Certo (Jo Certo) The people of Saint Scholastica Parish
<b>MONDAY</b> 10:00 am	<b>February 15—Weekday in Ordinary Time</b> † Gertrude Panza (Bea Tollan)
<b>TUESDAY</b> 10:00 am	<b>February 16—Weekday in Ordinary Time</b> In Honor of the Holy Face of Jesus
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 10:00 am 5:00 pm	<b>February 17—Ash Wednesday</b> † Will Saunders (Kathy Murray) Prayer Service
<b>THURSDAY</b> 10:00 am	<b>February 18—Lenten Weekday</b> † Natalie Certo (Jo Certo)
<b>FRIDAY</b> 10:00 am	<b>February 19—Lenten Weekday</b> † Cindy Akanowicz (Connie Donnelly)
<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:00 pm	<b>February 20—1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> † Alfred Mancini (The Mancini Family)
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:30 am 12:00 Noon	<b>February 21—1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> † Gertrude Panza (Jim & Gail Witsenshe) The people of Saint Scholastica Parish

## TABERNACLE VIGIL CANDLE

Week of February 14

**Saint Scholastica:** For Christian unity, joy, gladness & hope in the year  
of Saint Joseph (Kathleen McAndrews)

# LITURGICAL LIFE



## DAILY MASSES WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15

8:00 am	Saint Joseph Church	Fr. Bill Siple
	<i>Monday through Friday</i>	
9:00 am	Madonna of Jerusalem Church	Fr. Mike Decewicz
	<i>Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday</i>	
	Saint Edward Church	
	<i>Thursday, Friday, Saturday</i>	
10:00 am	Saint Scholastica Church	Fr. Dale DeNinno
	<i>Monday through Friday</i>	

## SATURDAY VIGIL MASSES—FEBRUARY 20

4:00 pm	Saint Joseph Church	Fr. Bill Siple
4:30 pm	Madonna of Jerusalem Church	Fr. Dale DeNinno
5:00 pm	Saint Scholastica Church	Fr. Mike Decewicz

## SUNDAY MASSES—FEBRUARY 21

8:00 am	Saint Francis of Assisi Church	Fr. Mike Decewicz
9:00 am	Saint Joseph Church	Fr. Bill Siple
9:30 am	Saint Scholastica Church	Fr. Dale DeNinno
10:00 am	Saint Edward Church	Fr. Mike Decewicz
11:00 am	Saint Joseph Church	Fr. Bill Siple
11:00 am	Saint John Cantius Church	Fr. Lee (Korean Mass)
11:30 am	Saint Mary Church	Fr. Dale DeNinno
12:00 noon	Saint Scholastica Church	Fr. Mike Decewicz

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

### Every Saturday

9:30-10:00 am	Saint Edward Church
11:30-12:00 noon	Saint Joseph Church
3:30-4:00 pm	Madonna of Jerusalem Church

### Every Thursday

6:30-7:00 pm	Saint Scholastica Church
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## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday—February 14

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 1 Cor 10:31—11:1 Mark 1:40-45

### Monday—February 15

Genesis 4:1-15, 25 Mark 8:11-13

### Tuesday—February 16

Genesis 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10 Mark 8:14-21

### Wednesday—February 17

Joel 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20—6:2 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

### Thursday—February 18

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Luke 9:22-25

### Friday—February 19

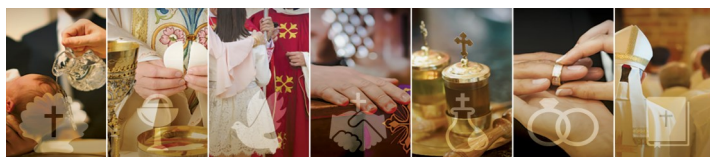
Isaiah 58:1-9a Matthew 9:14-15

### Saturday—February 20

Isaiah 58:9b-14 Luke 5:27-32

### Sunday—February 21

Genesis 9:8-15 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15



## SACRAMENTS and MORE

**BAPTISMS:** Celebrated during any of the weekend liturgies or after the last Sunday liturgy (11:00am at Saint Joseph, 11:30am at Saint Mary, 12:00pm at Saint Scholastica). First time parents must complete a baptism preparation class. Contact the parish office of the appropriate church for details.

**WEDDINGS:** Celebrated at 2:00pm on Saturdays. Contact the parish office of the appropriate church at least six months before the desired date.

**FUNERALS:** Offered at 10:00am, Monday through Saturday.

**ANOIDING OF THE SICK:** Please contact the appropriate parish office.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** See the bulletin schedule for times and locations.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Offered at each Mass for deceased loved ones or for other special intentions. Please call the parish office to schedule.

**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION:** Offered for grades K-8 on Sunday afternoons and Wednesday evenings at Saint Joseph Church, September through April. Contact the Faith Formation Office at 412-963-8885 for details or to register.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** All parishioners are encouraged to contribute their time and talents to the church. We have opportunities to serve at Mass as lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, ushers, music ministers and altar servers. Please contact the parish office for information on all our volunteer opportunities. All staff and volunteers in the Diocese of Pittsburgh are required to obtain clearances and training to comply with the Safe Environment Policy. See [diopitt.org/compliance](http://diopitt.org/compliance) or contact the parish office for details.

**MEMBERSHIP:** To register at one of the Lower Allegheny Valley Catholic parishes, update your contact information, or let us know if you or a family member is homebound or has moved to a nursing home, please use the form at the end of this bulletin or contact the appropriate parish office.



### Collection for February 6 & 7

Saint Joseph Parish:	\$10,442
<i>Needed each week:</i>	<i>\$10,500</i>
Saint Juan Diego Parish:	\$6,219
<i>Needed each week:</i>	<i>\$7,550</i>
Saint Padre Pio Parish:	\$5,433
<i>Needed each week:</i>	<i>\$6,950</i>
Saint Scholastica Parish:	\$8,739
<i>Needed each week:</i>	<i>\$7,950</i>

# A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

By now I suppose we should be accustomed to unexpected or unwelcome changes. After all that has been the experience for the past year. Everything that once was is now different. The education environment, the place of work, the interaction with others, the manner in which we worship. And, then, along comes Ash Wednesday, prompting us to ask: Will it be different? Will it be the same? The answer can be rightly spoken as YES and NO!

**Yes, it will be the same.** Ash Wednesday will mark the beginning of the 40 day journey of Lent, leading us to acts of penance, works of charity, and more time spent in prayer.

**Yes, it will be the same.** Ash Wednesday will require Catholics to refrain from eating meat on that day as well as all the Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday. It will also mean that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are to be days of fasting, meaning that only one main meal may be eaten.

**Yes, it will be the same.** The season of Lent will offer time for reflection on the suffering and death of Christ in the Friday devotion of Stations of the Cross.

**Yes, it will be the same.** Ash Wednesday and Lent will prompt a response to the words of the Prophet Joel: *"Return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lord your God"*.

**Yes, it will be the same.** Palm Sunday and Holy Week will lead us through the Paschal Mystery of Christ in his suffering, death and resurrection.

**No, it will not be the same.** The distribution of ashes will have a different look and feel. Due to the pandemic, clergy will not mark a cross with ashes on people's foreheads, as is usually done in the United States. Directives from the Holy See, i.e., *The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments* have been sent to all dioceses outlining procedures that are already followed in many parts of the world. The manner in which ashes are to be distributed is as follows: clergy are to first bless the ashes, sprinkle them with holy water, and address all those present by saying one time, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel," or "Remember that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return." Then, instead of making the sign of the cross with ashes on the forehead of each person, the ashes will be sprinkled on top of their head. This method will help the priest, deacon or minister to avoid having direct contact with a large amount of people.

Whether or not ashes are received does not negate the importance of the season of Lent. It is my hope that everyone will take to heart the challenge and purpose of the 40 days. Self-sacrifice and denial are essential; works of charity cannot be overlooked; and additional time in prayer

with the Lord is a critical part of growing in holiness. The expectation is that we say YES to all of it.

*Father Dale DeNinno*

## Ash Wednesday February 17, 2021

The schedule of Masses and Prayer Services on Ash Wednesday will include:

### Saint Joseph Church—Fr. Bill Siple

8:00 am	Mass and Ashes
12:00 Noon	Prayer Service and Ashes
6:30 pm	Mass and Ashes

### Madonna Church—Fr. Mike Decewicz

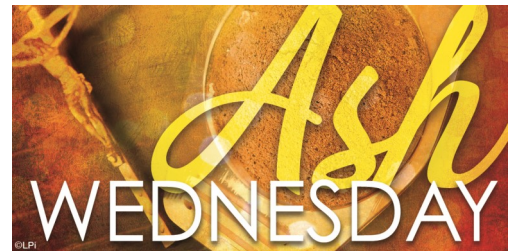
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### Saint Scholastica Church—Fr. Dale DeNinno

10:00 am	Mass and Ashes
5:00 pm	Prayer Service and Ashes

### Saint Edward Church—Fr. Mike Decewicz

12:00 Noon	Mass and Ashes
6:00 pm	Prayer Service and Ashes



## Stations of the Cross Fridays in Lent

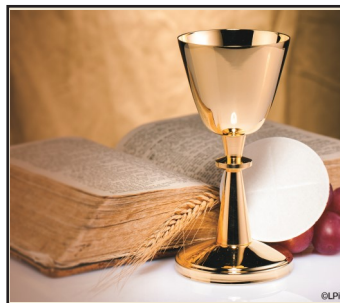
12:00 Noon	Saint Scholastica Church
2:15 pm	Saint Scholastica Church (school children)
4:30 pm	Madonna Church
6:00 pm	Saint Edward Church
7:00 pm	Saint Joseph Church

### Ash Wednesday Fish Fry

Because of coronavirus restrictions and concern for the health safety of volunteers and customers, the Fish Fry at Saint Joseph Church will **NOT** be held this year on Ash Wednesday.



# NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS



## LAV PARISH NEWS

### A Pastor's Expression of Gratitude

The words of Jesus come easily to mind: *"Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them . . . when you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you . . . do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret"* (Matthew 6: 1-4).

I am mindful of this message because of what was done recently for Saint Joseph Church in the purchase of a new crucifix by an anonymous donor. Saint Scholastica Church was also the recipient of a separate anonymous donation that allowed for the painting of the statue of Saint Scholastica located at the entrance to the Vigil Candle room, the refurbishment of two chalices used at the altar during Mass, and the purchase of two candelabra used during the celebration of Benediction, and a lectern at the priest's chair.

In addition it was the generosity of a local contractor who did the work of hanging the new crucifix and taking the one down that hung in the center of Saint Joseph Church. That same contractor did the work and covered the expense of painting the wall around the crucifix in Saint Scholastica Church and the baptismal font area; moved the tabernacle to its new location behind the altar of sacrifice; and built the wall separating the sanctuary from the candle area as well as the platform from which the priest now presides. All done with the expressed desire for anonymity.

I am so grateful to these individuals for giving of their time, talent and treasure. May the Lord bless them for what they have done for two of our churches. In that same Gospel passage from Saint Matthew, Jesus says further: *"And your Father who sees in secret will repay you."*

**End of Year Statements:** Parishioners who would like a 2020 Contribution Statement should contact their parish office to request that one be mailed to them. Thank you to everyone for your generosity throughout the year!

**The Men's Shelter** is still in need of several food items for their evening meal on Saturday, February 27. Please sign up at [www.LAVCatholic.org/shelter](http://www.LAVCatholic.org/shelter). Thank you for helping those in need!

**Saint Joseph Preschool UPDATE:** The three day program for three year olds is now full. We are anticipating adding a two-day three year old class. If you would like to be added to this list, please contact the preschool. We are

still accepting registrations for the two year old and four year old programs. For more information, visit [www.LAVCatholic.org/about-our-preschool](http://www.LAVCatholic.org/about-our-preschool).

**"A Taste of Haiti and the Caribbean":** Mark your calendar for a unique, virtual event on Thursday, March 11, at 7:00 pm, featuring preparation of a Caribbean-themed meal, recipes for you to try at home, special giveaways, and a live appearance by Dr. Rodrigue Mortel of the High Hopes for Haiti Foundation! Registration and other details are coming soon.

**Mary's Way of the Cross:** The Aquinas Guild of Saint Scholastica invites all LAV members to pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at noon at Saint Scholastica Church. This meditation invites us to come to the cross through the eyes and heart of the Blessed Mother.

**Online resources for Lent** are abundant! Here are a few to enrich your journey through the season:

- Loyola Press: [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com). Navigate from Catholic Resources > Liturgical Year > Lent.
- The "Praying Lent" page of Creighton University's Online Ministries: [onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/](http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/). Add "children" to the url for suggestions on helping children with Lent.
- Dynamic Catholic's "Best Lent Ever": [dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever](http://dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever).

Links can also be found on our website at [LAVCatholic.org/news](http://LAVCatholic.org/news).



**Question:** Carnivale and Mardi Gras celebrations are linked to Ash Wednesday, Lent, fast and abstinence. Can you tell us more about the connections between these events?

**Answer:** Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the forty days known as Lent. Every year, Christians highlight this penitential season as a time of self-examination, reformation of one's life, and continued development of a deeper spiritual life. The recommended practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving become the focus of Lenten activity and ritual. Each of these spiritual practices is aimed at personal discipline as well as continued concern for the other, especially the poor or alienated.

Forty days is a symbolic biblical period of time, during which personal transformation occurs and out of which people surface as more spiritual, ready to carry out God's mission. Relying on God's providence and care, no matter how difficult life becomes, is crucial to Lenten spirituality. Fasting was initially stricter, permitting only one simple meal a day without meat, fish, or other delicacies. Such things were not even allowed in the house.

In order to prepare for this in an age of no refrigeration, people gathered to consume whatever was not allowed during Lent. This led to parties or celebrations originally referred to as Carnivale, literally meaning "goodbye to meat," or Mardi Gras, literally meaning "Fat Tuesday." The eating and celebrating ended on the Tuesday just before Ash Wednesday. Today we focus more on moderation in all things, as well as a strong concern the poor. What are you doing for the poor this Lent? ©LPi

# NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS



**High School Life Night:** Join us on Sunday, February 14, in the Saint Scholastica Ministry Center from 6:30 to 8:30 pm for an evening of faith and friendship.

**Appalachia Mission Trip:** All high school students and adults interested in participating in this year's mission trip to West Virginia on June 20-26 are invited to a meeting Monday, February 15, at 6:30 pm in the Saint Scholastica parish hall. Email Meredith Troyan if you would prefer to join the meeting virtually.

**Calling all 20-30 year olds:** The LAV is starting a Young Adult program! We are looking for young women who want to work through the spiritual battles of our generation. How we think shapes how we live. Let's *Get Out of Your Head*, and meet on Zoom on Tuesday, February 16, at 7:30 pm. If you are interested in "Getting Out of Your Head" and reconnecting with your faith, contact Meredith Troyan at [Mtroyan412@gmail.com](mailto:Mtroyan412@gmail.com) (We will be collaborating with the Diocese of Greensburg.)



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**Mark Grgurich, Principal**

**CDTCA's Pierogi Sale** is going on through February 25. Pierogies are \$9 per package with a variety of choices. Please call the school office at 412-781-7927 if you're interested in placing an order. They will be ready for pick-up on March 15.

**CDTCA is now accepting registrations** for pre-school - 8th grade for the 2021 - 2022 school year. To schedule your tour or inquire about enrollment, please email Mrs. Lovett at [katie.lovet@cdtca.org](mailto:katie.lovet@cdtca.org) or call the school office at 412-781-7927.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sunday, February 14	5:30pm	High School Life Night	St. Scholastica, Ministry Center
Monday, February 15	6:30pm	Appalachia Meeting	St. Scholastica, Parish Hall
Tuesday, February 16	7:00pm	A.R.M. Presentation	Madonna of Jerusalem Church
Tuesday, February 16	7:30pm	Young Adult Meeting	Virtual
Wednesday, February 17	6:30pm	Family Faith Formation-2nd Wednesday Group	St. Joseph Church
Thursday, February 18	10:00-11:30am OR 7:00-8:30pm	Women's Bible Study: Walking with Purpose	St. Joseph, John Paul II Hall
Sunday, February 21	11:00am	Family Faith Formation-3rd Sunday Group	St. Joseph Church

Check One:

☐ St. Joseph Parish

☐ St. Juan Diego Parish

☐ St. Padre Pio Parish

☐ St. Scholastica Parish

### Membership Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check One:

☐ New Registration

☐ Change of Address

☐ Moving out of Parish

☐ Requesting Envelopes

# SOCIAL OUTREACH



**Members of our community** who are in need of short-term assistance can contact the LAV Saint Vincent de Paul Society at [lowerallegheynyvalleysvdp@gmail.com](mailto:lowerallegheynyvalleysvdp@gmail.com) or 412-254-4446.

**The LAV parishes provide a hot meal** for the women's shelter at Bethlehem Haven on the first Sunday of each month and the men's shelter at Community House on the fourth Saturday of each month. For details on how you can participate in this ministry, go to [lavcatholic.org/homeless-ministry](http://lavcatholic.org/homeless-ministry).

**The Aspinwall Homeless Ministry** is not currently accepting donations of clothing. However, they are very much in need of non-perishable food items such as soups, (both condensed and ready-to-serve), jelly, and powdered or shelf-stable milk. Please leave donations in plastic bags in the gray bins at the Saint Scholastica church entrance.

Donations of Giant Eagle gift cards are gratefully accepted. They can be brought to the Saint Scholastica parish office.

**Collection bins for local Food Pantries** are located in the following Church entrances:

Saint Edward Church and Saint Francis Church are collecting cereal and soup.

Saint Joseph Church is collecting non-perishable items. Please leave donations in the drawer in the vestibule.

Saint Scholastica Church is collecting canned vegetables and fruits. Please put donations in the red collection bin.

**Clothing Donations:** At this time, the St. Vincent DePaul Society is not accepting donations at the clothing collection bin in the back parking lot of Saint Francis Church.

## In Our Community . . .

**Blood Drive Sunday, February 21:** Our local blood bank is critically low and is in need of donations. Rosedale United Methodist Church, located at Homestead & Third Street in Verona, is sponsoring a "Save Lives—Feed Families" blood drive. For every blood donation, Vitalant will donate \$5 to a local food pantry. To make an appointment, call 412-209-7000 or visit [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) and click on the "Schedule Now" button. Search with the group code G0110090.

## Around the Diocese . . .

**The 40 Days for Life campaign** will kick-off on February 16 with Mass celebrated by Bishop William Waltersheid at 6:00pm at the Church of the Epiphany (Divine Mercy Parish) followed by a candlelit Eucharistic procession to Planned Parenthood. For those who are unable to walk two miles comfortably, please join us in the Church at 6pm, and drive to Planned Parenthood for closing prayers at 7:10pm.

For more information, contact Nikki Bruni at [nbruni@40daysforlifepittsburgh.com](mailto:nbruni@40daysforlifepittsburgh.com) or go our website at [40daysforlifepittsburgh.com](http://40daysforlifepittsburgh.com).

## ADDICTION RECOVERY MINISTRY NEWS

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Pittsburgh

### "You duped me, O Lord"

This sentiment, expressed in the Book of Jeremiah, Chapter 20, verse 7a, expresses the sense of anguish and abandonment experienced by someone who is suffering from a substance abuse disorder and by those who love the sufferer.

This quote articulates the isolation and fear that is part of the life of an addict.

On Tuesday, February 16, I will look at Jeremiah, Chapter 20, Verses 7-13, and see how God, although perceived as absent and uncaring, is actually not just present, but also affirming and encouraging those who are suffering from a substance abuse disorder.

The presentation titled, "You duped me, O Lord," will take place at 7:00 p.m. in Madonna of Jerusalem Church, 201 9th Street, Sharpsburg, PA 15215, and on Facebook live on our page, Addiction Recovery Ministry Pittsburgh. It can also be viewed on our website starting on Wednesday, February 17, [addictionrecoveryministrypittsburgh.org](http://addictionrecoveryministrypittsburgh.org).

A.R.M. offers a presentation focused on addiction and recovery the third Tuesday of every month.

A Holy Hour for Recovery is held every 2nd Tuesday of the month beginning at 7:00 pm in Madonna of Jerusalem Church. And every Monday at 1:00 pm, Father Michael offers a brief reflection on addiction and recovery on Facebook live.

All are welcome.

**A.R.M. is collaborating with the Light of Life Rescue Mission** to provide a monthly bagged lunch for their guests. The items still needed for March's Light of Life lunches are:

- Fruit cups – 23
- Raisins – 88
- Granola bars – 53
- Drinks/powder packets – 117
- Gum – 35

Please deliver to the John Paul I Center, 201 9th Street, Sharpsburg, by March 1. Thank you for your continued generosity!



### The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only-begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

### The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

[Bow] *and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

### First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron,  
“If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch which appears to be the sore of leprosy, he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests among his descendants. If the man is leprous and unclean, the priest shall declare him unclean by reason of the sore on his head.

“The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, ‘Unclean, unclean!’ As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp.”

### Responsorial Psalm

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1

Brothers and sisters,  
Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

### Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, “If you wish, you can make me clean.” Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, “I do will it. Be made clean.” The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once.

He said to him, “See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them.”

The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.