

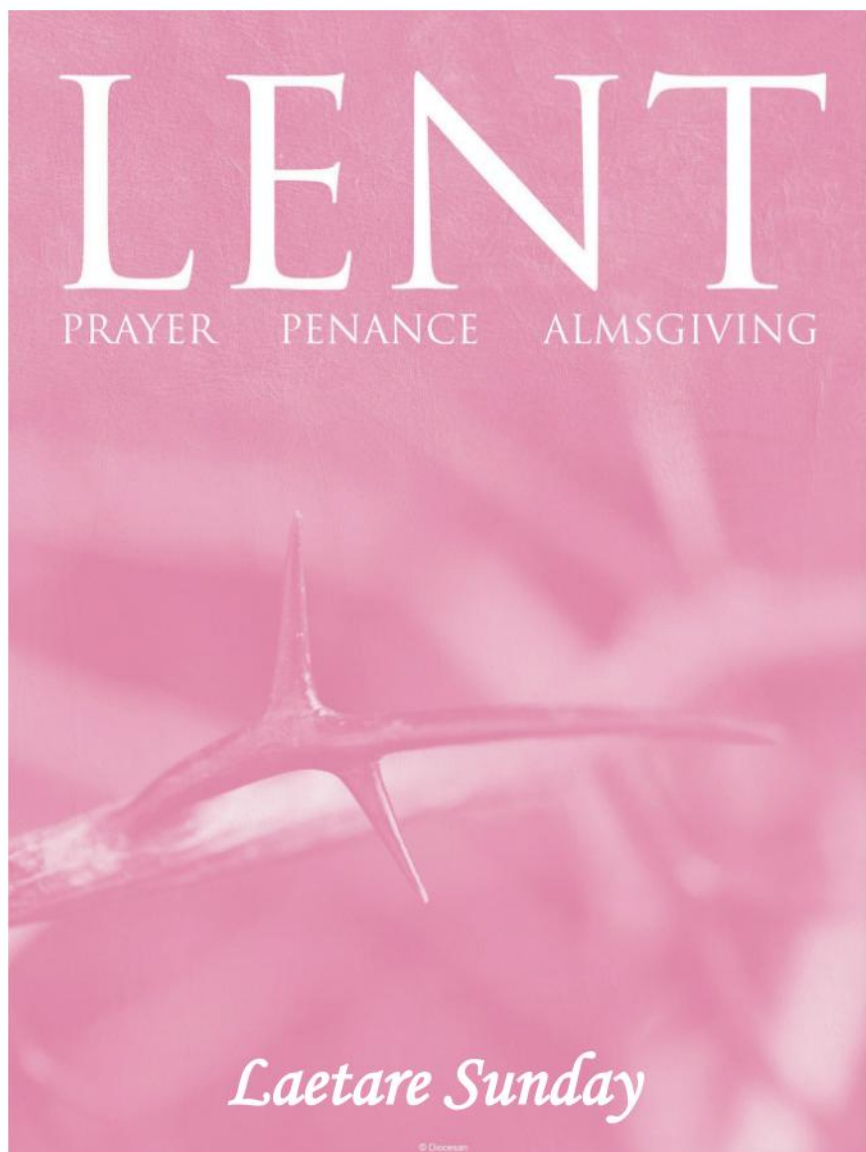
St. James Parish

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Our Mission Statement

Our mission at Saint James Parish is to be, from the beginning to the end, oriented to and focused on, Jesus. Our lives are rooted in the mystery of our faith that the incarnate Word of God has revealed to us. This mystery culminates in the celebration of the Eucharist, which is the source and summit of Christian worship. In the Eucharist we are nourished and empowered as living tabernacles to bring the life and light of Jesus Christ to the world in which we live, and to proclaim His saving Gospel in season and out of season. As in all things, we are always seeking to glorify His Holy Name.

March 19, 2023



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday: 4:00 PM - St. Hilary
5:30 PM - I.C.
Sunday: 8:00 AM - St. Hilary
9:00 AM - Sacred Heart
10:30 AM - I.C.
Radio Mass WJPA-AM 1450
12:15 PM - I.C.
Weekdays: Monday-Friday
6:30 AM, & 12:00 PM - I.C.
Monday: 7:00 PM - St. Hilary
Saturday: 9:00 AM - I.C.

CONFESSION TIMES

Mondays 6:00 - 6:45 PM - St. Hilary
Saturdays 9:30 AM - I.C.
Or by appointment

HOLY HOUR/ADORATION

Mondays 6:00 PM - St. Hilary
Monday thru Friday 11:00 AM
Thursdays 6:30 PM - I.C.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

From the Desk of Reverend Edward L. Yuhas Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ:

In the celebration of Mass, we have now reached the Fourth Sunday of Lent which is known as *Laetare Sunday* marked by rose colored vestments – a time when we are reminded that the coming passion, suffering, death and glorious resurrection of Jesus is nearing.

At Mass this weekend we hear from the Gospel of Saint John about a man who was born blind and all the challenges he faced when Jesus cured him of his blindness. Faith in Jesus has given him a whole different way of seeing the world around him. We are called to draw strength from this Gospel passage as Christians who claim to follow Christ the Light. In our world marked by so much noise, distraction and hopelessness, it is easy for us to be trapped and to become blind through sin. Our Lord knows our weakness and is willing to help us provided that we come to him for healing.

A gift that we have been given is the Sacrament of Penance, one of the two healing sacraments Jesus has given us through the Church.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us: *“Christ instituted the Sacrament of Penance for all sinful members of his Church: above all for those who, since Baptism, have fallen into grave sin, and have thus lost their baptismal grace and wounded ecclesial communion. It is to them that the Sacrament of Penance offers a new possibility to convert and to recover the grace of justification. The Fathers of the Church present this Sacrament as “the second plank [of salvation] after the shipwreck which is the loss of grace” - CCC 1446.*

You have the opportunity to participate in the Sacrament of Penance each week. We also are providing you the opportunity for individual confessions on several other occasions in this Lenten season at both our parishes. You are invited to participate! Make a thorough examination of conscience followed by a good confession of your sins.

How long has it been since your last confession? Come to the Sacrament of Penance and be reconciled with God. Do you know someone who has not been to confession in a while – invite them to come with you. Be a disciple of Jesus and evangelize, reach out to inactive and alienated Catholics, be the bridge to lead others to Christ in the Sacrament of Penance. Everyone is encouraged to make a good confession during the season of Lent to ready our hearts for the celebration of the resurrection of Christ at Easter.

Having been called to walk as children of the light as Saint Paul reminds us in our Second Reading at Mass this weekend, we can take inspiration from the man born blind in the Gospel and ensure that we keep praying: *“Lord, that I may see!”*

*“Confession heals,
confession justifies,
confession grants pardon of sin,
all hope consists in confession;
in confession there is a chance for mercy.*

~Saint Isidore of Seville~



Reverend Edward L. Yuhas

Almsgiving  Praying  Fasting

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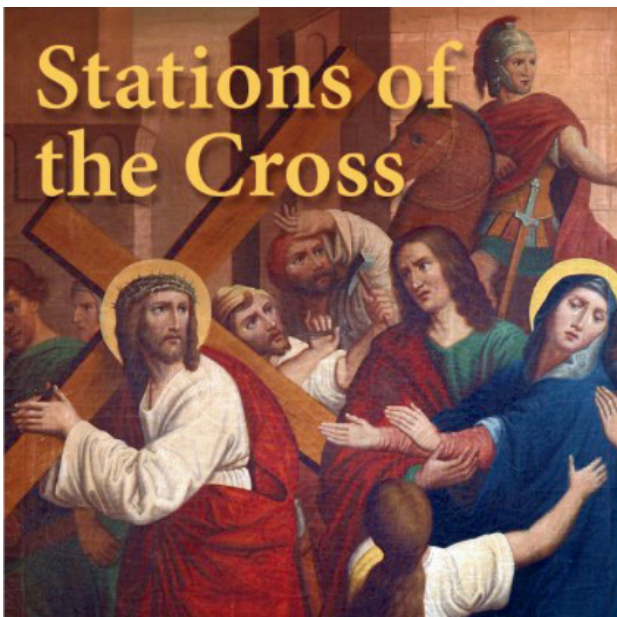


In accord with the practice of the Church, the cross and images of the saints will be covered with violet cloth from the Fifth Sunday of Lent. The cross will remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion in Good Friday, but images of the saints remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

From the 12th chapter of the Gospel of Saint John, we hear: "Some Greeks" say, "we would like to see Jesus." On the 5th Sunday of Lent, some of you may very well be saying, "We would like to see Jesus, or my favorite statue." In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images may be observed beginning with the 5th Sunday of Lent. Crosses, with the exception of processional crosses, remain covered until the end of the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images can remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil. Why? What does this ancient practice mean? Why the 5th Sunday of Lent and what does this have to do with the Theology of the Body? All good questions, so let us look at the answers and learn something about our faith and Our Lord.

In a world that is losing its sense of meaning and purpose, these liturgical actions do have a rich mystical and spiritual meaning and purpose pointing to a reality in Jesus Christ - His hiddenness. This practice goes back to at least to the 17th century. In the old liturgical calendar beginning with the 5th Sunday of Lent was called the Passiontide due to the fact that the Passion account of our Lord was read on this Sunday, Palm Sunday and Monday to Wednesday of Holy Week. Also, as Father Edward McNamara notes, "it probably derives from a custom, noted in Germany from

the 9th century, of extending a large cloth before the altar from the beginning of Lent. The cloth called the '*Hungertuch*' (hunger cloth), hid the altar entirely from the faithful during Lent and was not removed until the reading of the Passion on Wednesday of Holy Week at the words 'the veil of the temple was rent in two.'"



Join us as we make a spiritual pilgrimage to Jerusalem to retrace Jesus' steps from his arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane to being forced to carry the cross to the crucifixion site at Golgotha.

Fridays

6:30pm at St. Hilary

7:00pm at Immaculate Conception

Sundays

Following 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

On **Friday, March 31st**, the 8th grade students from John F. Kennedy Catholic School will present the Living Stations of the Cross at Immaculate Conception Church at 1:15pm and 6:30pm. This is a beautiful 8th grade tradition. Mark your calendar and plan to join us!

Updates from Father Ed

Livestreaming Masses

Since my arrival, I have fielded a lot of inquiries regarding the current practice of livestreaming many Masses at Saint James Parish. Since we are no longer under a world-wide health crises and the Covid-19 pandemic is under control, the practice of livestreaming Masses at our parish has been carefully reviewed.

In the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Bishop Zubik has lifted the dispensation for participating in weekend Mass, which means Catholics are to be participating in person at weekend Mass to fulfill the obligation which is in place. Except for the homebound, watching Mass on television or another electronic device does not fulfill the Sunday/weekend obligation and the Commandment given to Moses.

Following consultation with the clergy team, parish pastoral staff and advisory council members, Saint James Parish will reduce the amount of livestream Masses effective April 1, 2023. The new schedule will include:

4 PM Saturday Mass
8 AM Sunday Mass
12:00 NOON Mass Monday through Friday

*The 10:30 AM Sunday Mass can also be heard via radio at WJPA at 95.3 FM and 1450 AM.

The Masses that are livestreamed are a ministry to the homebound, elderly and those who cannot participated in person at Masses due to advanced age or chronic ill health.

Our parish is very grateful to those who were paid to provide livestreaming services. Our parish is now looking for persons to volunteer for the livestreaming ministry. If you are a college student in the media/communications arena needing field work to be fulfilled, would you consider volunteering for this ministry? If you are a parishioner who is interested in volunteering for livestream ministry, please contact Father Ed Yuhas: fatheredyuhas@gmail.com

Saint James Parish has spent \$15,727.97 over the past few years in providing the livestreaming of Masses during the world-wide health crises as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The livestreaming of Masses will be reviewed periodically moving forward.

Weekday Mass Intentions Needed!

Saint James Parish is pleased to have the 2023 Mass Intention Book open. Masses can be offered for a deceased family member: in memory of a loved one, friend or fellow parishioner. Masses can also be offered for the living, in honor of a living person, for instance on a birthday, wedding anniversary, retirement, for health and God's blessings, etc. Offering Masses for the deceased honors the memory of the person. Offering Masses for the living makes a wonderful gift!

You may book your intentions by completing the form below. Notes: You MUST include the \$10 stipend when scheduling Masses. Only *TWO Masses per year can be scheduled on weekends*. Additional Masses may be scheduled for weekdays and ***our parish has a great need for weekday Mass intentions***. Any questions, contact: Sister Margaretta Nussbaumer: 724-225-1425, ext 206.

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS 2023

INTENTION: _____

AS REQUESTED BY: _____

DESIRED DATE: _____ MASS TIME: _____ CHURCH _____

Requestor's Name: _____ Phone#: _____

Continued Updates from Father Ed

Facilities and Temporalities Committee – Request for Volunteers

In addition to our parish pastoral and spiritual needs, there are many facility and temporal needs among our three campuses here at Saint James Parish. Following consultation with the parish Finance Council, I am seeking to establish a Facilities and Temporalities Committee to aid me in the task of prioritizing the facility and temporal affairs in order to apprise you of what we need to address with more immediate needs and future major projects.

If you have particular skills and talents in these areas or served previously on such a committee, if you have interest in facilities and temporalities, then please contact me via email: fatheredyhas@gmail.com or at the parish administration center: 724-225-1425, extension 202. I would like representatives from each of our three campuses. Once I have volunteers, I will schedule a meeting so that we can begin our work.

Environment and Art Committee – Will you help?

As our Lenten journey continues, we are nearing the holiest week of the year for us as Christians with the rapidly approaching Holy Week and Triduum. We are always looking for new people with new ideas who would like to offer their time and talent. Assistance is needed in preparing our worship spaces with appropriate environment and art which reflects the dignity of each liturgy. Members volunteer their time and talent to the liturgical decorating of the worship environment. There are a number of people who are needed to join this committee including seamstresses, flower arrangers, painters, sign makers, ironing/hanging banners, arranging live flowers, etc. A willingness to work hard and the love of enhancing the worship environment are the only requirements. Will you help? Volunteers are needed for the following:

- ♦ **Saturday, April 1** at 1:00 PM for the preparation of Immaculate Conception church for Palm Sunday
- ♦ **Saturday, April 1** at 2:30 PM for the preparation of Saint Hilary church for Palm Sunday
- ♦ **Wednesday, April 5** at 5:00 PM for preparation of Saint Hilary church for Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper
- ♦ **Friday, April 7** at 5:00 PM for the preparation of Immaculate Conception church for the Easter Vigil.
- ♦ **Friday, April 7** at 7:00 PM for the preparation of Saint Hilary church for Easter Sunday.



Your Generosity is Appreciated!



Throughout the Season of Lent, our Pro - Life Group is collecting baby items for the local Catholic Charities office. The items should be brought to our churches on weekends or to the or to the parish office during office hours.

The most needed items are:

- ♦ Diapers
- ♦ Wipes
- ♦ Blankets
- ♦ Lotion
- ♦ Soap
- ♦ Shampoo
- ♦ New/unworn clothing

The items will be delivered to the Catholic Charities Washington Office no later than the First Week of Easter.

Part-Time Housekeeping Job Opening at Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

This part-time position provides housekeeping services for St. Katharine Drexel Parish buildings which include: the Richeyville Church, the Richeyville rectory, the Bentleyville Church, and the Bentleyville rectory. The housekeeping includes dust mopping, vacuuming, waxing of pews, cleaning bathrooms, washing walls and windows, laundering, and trash removal.

Qualified applicants must follow all Safe Environment procedures and policies as outlined by the Diocese of Pittsburgh and should send their resume to:

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish
126 Church Street
Bentleyville, PA 15314
Attention: Pastor

Easter Flower Memorials

In your packet of monthly contribution envelopes, you will find an envelope for memorial donations for Easter flowers/decorations. *It is requested that you contribute \$5.00 for each name you would like published.* This helps to defray the cost of decorating our three churches for Easter and other important occasions throughout the year, while at the same time providing the opportunity to remember a loved one through your memorial gift contribution. In order to have the names published in the Easter season, ***all names with accompanied donations must be received by Sunday, March 26, 2023.*** Thank you in advance for your generous offering!



Food Pantry Collection TODAY

We are continuing with our third Sunday collections this year with the upcoming dates being March 19, April 16, and May 21. Due to cuts in some government programs as well as increasing food costs, the pantry has seen a jump in people coming to the pantry, many for the first time ever.



Thank you for your support in the past and your continued support of this important mission.

OFFERTORY DONATIONS RECEIVED:

March 11th & 12th	\$14,600.55
Easter Flower Memorials	\$1,833.00

Parish Appeal 2023

Goal	\$170,956.00
Received	\$67,069.00
Balance	\$103,887.00

MASS INTENTIONS**Fourth Sunday of Lent****SATURDAY, March 18**

- 4:00 PM (H) † **Marianne Stritmatter** (Family)
 5:30 PM (IC) † **Edward Polito** (Mike & Marianne Sprouse)

SUNDAY, March 19

- 8:00 AM (H) † **The People of Saint James Parish**
 9:00 AM (SH) † **Intentions of Becky Miller** (Virginia Aloia)
 10:30 AM (IC) † **Domonick & Angelina Pastorial** (Daughters)
 12:15 PM (IC) † **Stephen & Kathryn Gebe** (Ben & Melanie Hardy)

MONDAY, March 20 Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 6:30 AM (IC) † **Sue Robertson** (Becky & Tom Wild)
 12:00 PM (IC) † **Jeff & Justin Florian** (Sarah Bagay)
 7:00 PM (H) † **The People of Saint James Parish**

TUESDAY, March 21 Lenten Weekday

- 6:30 AM (IC) † **The People of Saint James Parish**
 12:00 PM (IC) † **Nicholas Hazi & James Hazi, Jr** (Mother & Father)

WEDNESDAY, March 22 Lenten Weekday

- 6:30 AM (IC) † **Ruth & Jack Wild** (Becky & Tom Wild)
 12:00 PM (IC) † **Bernice Jungo** (Myra & Alexis)

THURSDAY, March 23 Lenten Weekday

- 6:30 AM (IC) † **The People of Saint James Parish**
 12:00 PM (IC) † **Fred & Elizabeth Florian** (Mary Jo. Florian)

FRIDAY, March 24 Lenten Weekday

- 6:30 AM (IC) † **Larry Ward** (Becky & Tom Wild)
 12:00 PM (IC) † **The People of Saint James Parish**

SATURDAY, March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord

- 9:00 AM (IC) † **The People of Saint James Parish**

Fifth Sunday of Lent**SATURDAY, March 25**

- 4:00 PM (H) † **Mary Helen Smith** (Barbara DeFurio)
 5:30 PM (IC) † **Jacqueline Yuhas** (Tim & Patti Williams)

SUNDAY, March 26

- 8:00 AM (H) † **Karen J. Sulc** (Joseph E. Sulc)
 9:00 AM (SH) † **The People of Saint James Parish**
 10:30 AM (IC) † **Deceased Members of the Andrew Sonson Family** (Family)
 12:15 PM (IC) † **Bill Eichelberger** (Shanafelt Family)
 3:00 PM (IC) † **Missa Pro Populo**

Parish Activities

This week...**Sunday:**

- *Religious Education
- *Food Collection Weekend
- *Youth Group (MS)
- *Youth Group (HS)

Monday:

- *Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday:

- *Martha Washington Quilters
- *Faith Sharing Bible Study
- *Secular Franciscans
- *Finance Council Meeting
- *Dartball
- *RCIA

Wednesday:

- *Meager Meal
- * "The Paschal Triduum, Holy Thursday, Good Friday & the Easter Vigil"

Thursday:

- *St. James Quilters
- *Knitters & Crocheters
- *Holy Hour
- *Healing Hearts
- *Ladies of Charity
- *Choir

Friday:

- *Fish Fry
- *Stations of the Cross

Saturday:

- *Women's Retreat

Sunday:

- *Religious Education
- *Traditional Latin Mass
- *Youth Group (HS)

Washington & Jefferson
Roman Catholic
Newman Club

Please note: 5:00 Mass will not be celebrated on March 19th and 26th, as W & J will be on Spring Break.

In your charity, please pray for

Welcome into God's Family

We were very pleased to welcome **Bruno Alexander Fortunato, son of Alexander & Rebecca (Bakaric) Fortunato**, into God's family through the Sacrament of Baptism on March 12th.

✠ In Memoriam ✠

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Margaret Yaquinto**, buried from Neal Funeral Home*

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



Please join us in praying for all the elect chosen for baptism and candidates in formation to become full members of the Church, especially **Jessica Allison and Paul Stainbrook**.

May they may feel our sincere and unfailing support throughout their journey of faith.

Let us pray to the Lord...

Prayer for End of War between Russia and Ukraine

God our Father,
we pray for the people of the Ukraine and the
people of Russia;
for their countries and their leaders.
We pray for all those who are afraid;
that your everlasting arms hold them in this time of
great fear.
We pray for all those who have the power over life
and death;
that they will choose for all people life, and life in all
its fullness.

We pray for those who choose war;
that they will remember that you direct your people
to turn our swords into ploughshares and seek for
peace.

We pray for leaders on the world stage;
that they are inspired by the wisdom and courage
of Christ.

Above all, Lord, we pray for peace for Ukraine.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ
your Son, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever.

Amen.

Our Prayer List

**Mary & Tony Patterson, Dennis & Judy Lewandowski, Richard Nevin, Jessica Florian,
Mary Jo Guy, Dan Morris, Fr. Jim Young, Brady Markley, Nathan Litvak, Kristen Messer,
Samuel Gallo, Kevin Patterson, Ryan & Ashley Dornon, Charlene MacDonald, Adaline Hruby,
Sheryl Giovanelli, John Kiger, Barbara Woleslagle, Vincent Woleslagle, Eugene Castle,
Kathy Haught, Jim "Bucky" Selway, Matt Petrola, Alka Kopec, David Borkowski, Rosemary
Dittman, Paul Litvak, Ray Durbin, Jennifer Markley, Catherine Lopez, Amanda Marie, Matthew
James Rendell, Jadon Michael Kalp, Adam Gracy, Mary Catherine Lombardo, Virginia Aloia,
Fr. Don Chortos, Robert Rogers, Greg Carey, Timothy Lynch, Rick Simmons**

And all who have asked for our prayers.

If you wish to add someone to our prayer list, call the office, ext. 201 or send an email to
tsushel@stjameswashpa.org. If you are requesting prayer for someone else, please be sure that you
have their permission to be put on this public list. Thank you!

Outdoor Stations of the Cross

WE HAVE SOME EXCITING NEWS FOR ANYONE HEARTY AND ADVENTUROUS

At noon on Good Friday, April 7th Stations of the Cross and the Scriptural Rosary will be, as always, inside Immaculate Conception church. However, we will be hosting WALKING -OUTDOOR STATIONS as well. All are welcome!

We will begin at the steps of St. Hilary Church with directions and Opening Prayers promptly at noon on Good Friday. We will then work our way in procession down Henderson Ave. onto Jefferson Ave. and up on Chestnut St. We will pray our Closing Prayers at I. C. church and then be on time for the 1:30 pm Good Friday Liturgy at Immaculate Conception church. We will be stopping at local businesses along the way. Station of the Cross books will be provided. If you are planning to attend, please come prepared to walk the 1 and 1/2 miles in all kind of weather we may encounter.

If necessary, those attending may want to come up with a buddy system. Walkers will need to have a car at both churches, unless one is prepared to walk both ways. (carpool).

Hope to see you there!



"Walking With Moms In Need"

Pope John Paul II's encyclical "Evangelium Vitae" (the "Gospel of Life") reaffirmed the Catholic Church's constant teaching on the value and sacredness of every human life. He often emphasized our responsibility and that of all Christians to move away from the "culture of death" by

serving life in all its truth and by working with openness and courage toward a "culture of life" among individuals, families and communities.

Toward this end, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (U.S.C.C.B.) has recently developed a program which is being promoted in all Catholic parishes nationally. It is entitled "Walking with Moms in Need" and is intended to research, discover, promote and provide support and assistance to pregnant and parenting women in our communities who are encountering challenges and difficulties of almost any sort in the successful accomplishment of their responsibilities.

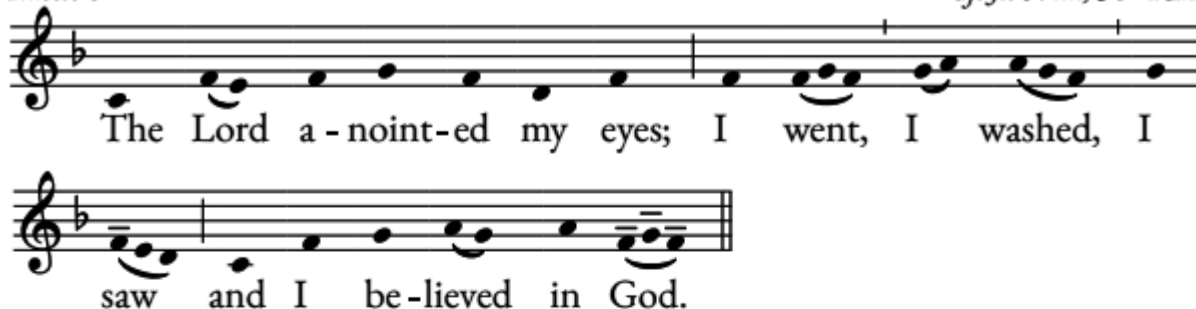
In the past few months here at St James Parish, the Pro-Life Committee has initiated the "Walking With Moms" program by gathering thorough lists of services that exist both in our parish and in our local community. We are now at the point of needing to decide what our parish's response should be to this program with the information gathered so far. A core team of volunteer parishioners is needed to move the program forward. If you are interested and feel called to participate in promoting the "culture of life" in this way, please contact Tracy Sushel at 724-225-1425 (extension 201).

Fourth Sunday of Lent

COMMUNION CHANT

Mode 6

Cf. Jn 9: 11, 38 · RM



Ps 27 (26): 1, 4-6, 9-10, 13

℣. The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
whom should I dread?

℣. There is one thing I ask of the LORD,
only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD,
to inquire at his temple.

℣. For there he keeps me safe in his shelter
in the day of evil.
He hides me under cover of his tent;
he sets me high upon a rock.

D. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

As we have done in the past with the readings, we are including music in the Bulletin this Lenten Season. This beautiful Antiphon will be sung at the Sunday Masses during the distribution of Holy Communion for the Season of Lent. We will then sing a communion hymn, or the choir will sing an anthem, as normal. This antiphon is provided by the Church, much like the specific readings and the prayers for each Mass celebrated. In using it, we are connecting ourselves more deeply with the liturgical tradition of the Church, and enhancing our ability to journey through the Season of Lent as the Church intends.

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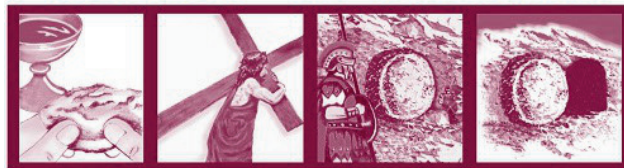
Lenten Regulations



The penitential season of Lent calls all of us to acts of repentance through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Since Lent retains its ancient penitential character, we are to make the entire Lenten season a period of special observance through the three practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. In order to help you explain how this is conveyed through the law that has been handed on to the Church, below you will find an outline of regulations regarding the Lenten season:

1. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States.
2. The obligation of abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at age 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 18-59. No one should consider this obligation lightly.
3. Those individuals who have a medical condition in which fasting may be considered harmful are not obliged to fast, but should perform some other act of penance or charity.
4. Pastors and parents are to see to it that minors, though not bound by the law of fast and abstinence, are educated in the authentic sense of penance and encouraged to do acts of penance suitable to their age.
5. All members of the Christian faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during the Lenten season beyond what is prescribed by the law.
6. As a general rule, a request for a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence on Fridays of Lent will not be considered unless some serious reason is present. The attendance at social events, banquets, wedding rehearsals or receptions, or funeral wakes are not considered sufficient reason to request a dispensation.

Easter Triduum



Holy Thursday: April 6th

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, at St. Hilary

Good Friday: April 7th

Immaculate Conception church

12:00 noon Stations of the Cross

12:30pm Scriptural Rosary

1:30pm Good Friday of the Lord's Passion Liturgy

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday: April 8th

Blessing of Baskets

11:00am Immaculate Conception church

12:00noon St. Hilary church

Easter Vigil: April 8th

7:00pm at Immaculate Conception church

Women of Grace Events

Women of Grace® Retreat Pittsburgh “The Holy Duet: Mary and the Holy Spirit”

March 24-26, 2023

St. John Neumann-Regina Coeli Catholic Church

Dynamic Presentations * Music with Living Praise Worship Team * Mass
Confession * Fellowship * Prayer * Saturday Evening Healing Service
\$145 includes three meals

Presenters: Johnnette Williams, Monsignor Arthur Calkins, and Andi Oney



Opening and Closing Masses celebrated by Most Reverend William Waltersheid



Young Women of Grace Retreat Day Sat, March 25, 9am-6pm

“Discover Why Your Feminine Identity is So Awesome!”

Inspiring Speakers * Discussion * Fun Activities * Confession * Mass * Prayer

Come be affirmed in your femininity and God's endless mercy!

God chose YOU for such a time as this!

\$40 includes lunch, dinner, and materials



Come Early! Retreat preceded by a Benedicta Enrichment Seminar:

*Two Days with Mary:
A Journey Into Our Mother's Heart*

Thursday and Friday, March 23 - 24
Seminars led by Johnnette B. Williams



REGISTER TODAY:



www.womenofgrace.com

800-558-5452

"Two Days With Mary: A Journey Into Our Mother's Heart" Benedicta Enrichment Seminar

Women are invited to come for presentations, reflection, prayer, and group work led by Johnnette Benkovic Williams. St. Louis de Montfort describes Mary as the “sanctuary and the repose of the Holy Trinity, where God dwells more magnificently and more divinely than in any other place...”

Join us as we take a two-day journey into the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Together, we will contemplate the mystery of Our Lady through the writings of great saints, through sacred art, through sacred music, through quiet times of prayer, and through holy conversation and discussion.

The event takes place on Thursday, March 23, from 9am-7pm and Friday, March 24, from 9am-2pm at St. John Neumann Church of Regina Coeli Parish (2230 Rochester Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237). Cost is \$145, including three meals, books, and materials. Scholarship are available; please call 800-558-5452 for assistance. To register, visit: <https://www.womenofgrace.com/events/299>.



Next Generation Parish – Catholic Leadership Institute



As announced since Ash Wednesday, our parish and our partner Saint Katharine Drexel Parish is embracing a three-year parish renewal spearheaded by the national organization Catholic Leadership Institute at **NO cost to the parish**. The Diocese of Pittsburgh has received a sizeable grant from the Lilly Foundation to cover all costs for this initiative.

Every active Catholic is asked to complete an online survey between now and March 31, 2023. For those unable to complete the survey online, we will have hard copy surveys located at the MAIN entrance of each of our churches. Everyone is asked to take this survey seriously as it will inform us of what pastoral priorities you deem most important.

Our parish and Saint Katharine Drexel Parish have been selected by Bishop Zubik to participate in a three-year process of renewal, mission, and evangelization. The survey noted above will initiate this process as we get information from you about your hopes and dreams for the parish. March 11th, 12th and 13th, our parish welcomed Ms. Lucille Smith from the Catholic Leadership Institute who recently attended many of the weekend Masses, met with members of the clergy team, parish pastoral staff and parishioners, members from the finance and pastoral councils, and volunteers. She will be helping us develop a pastoral plan and strategy to continue our revitalization journey. We will be seeing much more of Lucille over the next three years as she is assigned to aid us as a coach through this process of parish renewal.

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If you know of anyone who has been away for a while, let them know that they can come back. Jesus is waiting to offer eternal love. Look for more information in the bulletin as to when and where we will be meeting. We will begin in the coming weeks. Contact the parish office or call Bill Bryker at 724-263-0449.

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The loss of a spouse is a traumatic experience. The Beginning Experience® ministry provides a weekend program to help widowed, divorced, or separated men and women of all faiths to work through their grief to move forward on their life journey with hope.

The next weekend program is April 14-16, 2023 at St. Emma Retreat Center, 1001 Harvey Avenue, Greensburg, PA 15601. Financial assistance may be available to those in need. Visit www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com to register or make a confidential call to Kim at 412-352-2653 or Dick at 724-255-7407 to learn more about this healing ministry.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage September 11-25, 2023



Join us on this spiritual journey of great grace to The Shrine of Our Lady, Queen of Peace in Medjugorje. While in Medjugorje, we will attend daily Holy Mass, Adoration, climb Apparition Hill and Cross Mountain, visit other villages, and attend the talks of any visionaries that may be present.

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Please contact Bernadette Burke 412-563-3857 / email: marystravel2@gmail.com

Adult Education Invitation Marriage Annulments Process

Please join Jay Conzemius, JCL, Judge and Moderator of the Diocesan Tribunal, as he explains marriage annulments and the process. Topics will include: theology of marriage; ministry of the tribunal; marriage annulment types; marriage law; no fee process; why, when and how to start the petition for annulment process; process overview. After the presentation, an opportunity to ask questions and/or to start the process will be made available. No reservations are required, but if you do plan to attend we ask you to email annulmentsintake@diopitt.org or contact the Tribunal at 412-456-3033 so that seating arrangements can be made.

Each one-hour presentation starts at 7:00 PM and will conclude after questions:

- Monday, March 27: St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, Saints John & Paul Campus, Cardinal DeNardo Center (2586 Wexford Bayne Rd, Sewickley, PA 15143)
- Tuesday, March 28: Resurrection Parish, St. Thomas More Church, Family Life Center (126 Fort Couch Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15241).
- Thursday, March 30: Diocesan Pastoral Center, O'Connor Hall/Great Hall B (2900 Noblestown Road, Pittsburgh PA 15205).

All are welcome.



The Light is On for You

Has it been a while since your last confession? Don't be afraid, embarrassed, or intimidated. The light will be on for you at every parish in the Diocese on Wednesday, March 29th. At St. James Parish, each of our 3 churches will be open for Confession at 7:00pm.



Throughout the Diocese

Shroud of Turin Presentation

Come and experience the Shroud of Turin/Holy Face of Jesus Tour presented by Donald Nohs, President of The Holy Face of Jesus Society.

The presentation will be SATURDAY MARCH 25th AT 7PM at St Thomas a Becket Church, Jefferson Hills 139 Gill Hall Road 15025.

Donald's presentation is tremendously informative, spiritually moving, and also life changing. Donald has an amazing collection of replicas associated with Jesus' Passion including a life size photo reproduction of the Shroud, a model of a Roman flagrum and the Crown of Thorns, which correspond to the images on the Shroud. Truly this is a powerful experience that you will never forget! Come and join us and make your Lent more reflective on the Passion of Christ! To register you may go to the Triumph of the Holy Cross website:

<https://triumphoftheholycrosspgh.org/> or call the parish office at 412-755-2046.

Six Steps to SANITY Ministry

This ministry is a safe, confidential environment that offers support and tools to families dealing with a loved one's substance abuse. The next session will be hybrid, both in person and on Zoom, for out of state attendees. Join us in person at Saints John & Paul Church, Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish, Wexford, PA on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 to June 28, 2023 at 7:00 – 8:30 PM in the lower level of the Cardinal DiNardo Center in Rooms 8&9. The session meets for 11 weeks.

We invite and welcome anyone who is dealing with a loved one's substance abuse who could benefit from this ministry. Don't suffer alone, you will be surrounded by people who know what you are going through.

Six Steps to SANITY is a faith-based ministry and support group adapted from the best-selling book, *Setting Boundaries with Your Adult Children* by Allison Bottke, for people who are dealing with addiction in their families. Using the *Setting Boundaries Companion Study Guide* workbook, parents and families will learn how enabling and codependency contribute to addiction. Learning and applying these steps with other parents, spouses or other family members will produce

healing and sanity in their lives. If you would like to have a personal meeting to discuss if this ministry is for you, please contact Chico Ficerai, (724) 612-6991 or at Chico.Ficerai1@gmail.com.

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Our Lady of Mount Carmel CYO teens are excited to present "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" from March 24-26, 2023.

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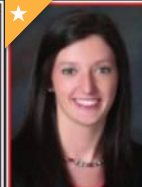
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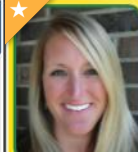


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