

Bulletin

April 2, 2017

Our Lady of Peace

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Fr. Jim Kurtz, OFM Cap, Pastor

“Lazarus, come out!”

Mass Schedule

Saturday: Vigil-4:00pm (1st weekend of Nov. thru Palm Sunday)

5:30pm (remainder of the year unless otherwise noted)

Sunday: 8:30am and 10:30am

Weekdays: Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs. and Fri. 9:00am (unless noted otherwise in the bulletin)

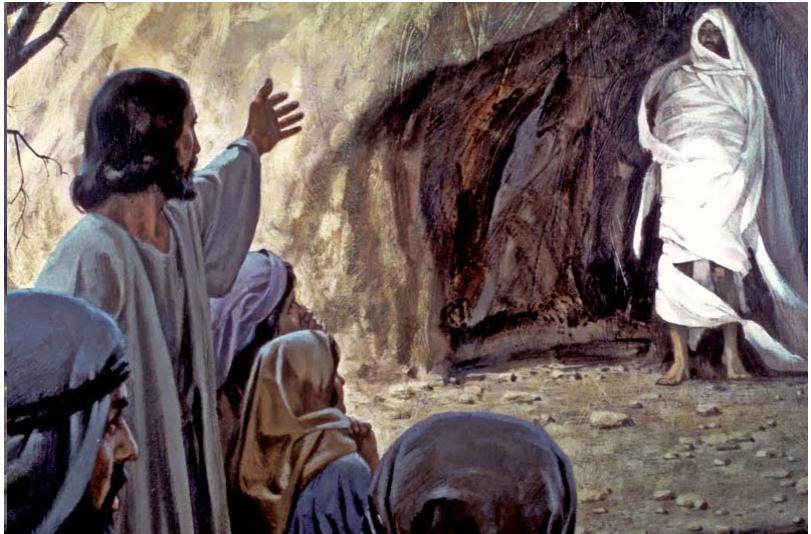
Holy Days: See Schedule in Bulletin

Office Hours Monday - Friday from 9:00am - 4:00pm

<http://www.joann.com/>

Sacraments

Baptism Parents are required to attend a Preparation Class, normally held on the second Sunday of every other month. Date and time of baptism are arranged at this session. In order for a child to be baptized parents must be a registered member of the parish for at least three months prior to the baptism. One parent must be a practicing Catholic who actively participates in the life of the Church including regular attendance at Mass. Please call the parish office in advance to register for the class.



Rite of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00pm (1st weekend of Nov. thru Palm Sunday)

4:30PM (Easter to 1st weekend of November)

Anytime by appointment

With Our Lady of Peace as our model of faith, hope, and love, we are a committed Catholic Christian people working together for God through worship, education, and service to achieve spiritual growth. As a parish family devoted to Christ, we welcome others to our faith community.

Marriage Marriage requires a period of spiritual preparation. Couples should make an appointment with the priest at least six months prior to the anticipated wedding date. Pre-marriage classes, as well as meetings with the priest, are necessary. One party to be married must be a registered parishioner and practicing Catholic who actively participates in the life of the Church including regular attendance at Mass.

RCIA We welcome those who are interested in becoming Roman Catholic Christians. To enter a program of formation and prayer contact the Religious Education Office.

Ministry to the Sick/Elderly Please call the Parish Office if a relative has been admitted to the hospital. Those unable to attend Mass because of age, sickness or disability, may receive

Holy Communion at home. If you know someone who would benefit from a visit, please call the Parish office. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be administered prior to going into the hospital or at home by calling the Parish Office.

Sponsors To act as a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation requires a person to be a registered member of the parish for at least three months and to actively participate in the life of the Church including regular attendance at Mass.

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**FIFTH SUNDAY
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JESUS' MINISTRY SUMMARIZED

The story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead is the single longest story (apart from the Passion) in the Gospel of John. In it we find a summary of most of Jesus' ministry. We see his very human nature as he is moved by Martha and Mary's sorrows and as he himself weeps at the tomb of Lazarus. He is the wisdom of God's Word made flesh as he explains to his followers that the death of Lazarus will serve as a sign of the glory of God. He crowns the miracles he works in John's Gospel (which began with the most "human" miracle of making new wine at Cana's wedding) by raising Lazarus from the dead—a "preview," if you will, of his own death and resurrection to come. This portrait of Jesus reminds us, as we near the end of our Lenten journey, that he is with us, knows us, understands us in every moment of our lives. He knows the joy of our human feasting, he knows the sorrow of our weeping. As we prepare to walk with him through the days of Holy Week, we are filled with faith that—through Christ—God's glory will be with us in every moment of our lives and—with Christ—in our life everlasting.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Thus says the LORD God: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

Psalm — With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130).

Second Reading — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

Gospel — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name. Many of those who had seen what had happened began to believe in Jesus (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).

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MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE

We have many available week day Masses. Please call the parish office at 724-869-3024 if you would like to schedule a Mass for your intention.

Sisters of St. Joseph selling Raffle

Tickets

THIS WEEKEND

The Sisters of St. Joseph will sell raffle tickets the weekend of **April 1 and 2** as part of the Sisters of St. Joseph Auxiliary's 55th Annual Spring Luncheon event, which benefits the Sisters and their ministries. Raffle tickets are \$10 each, but they contact two Pick 4 numbers on each ticket. Winners are based on the PA Pick Four 7PM number. Prizes from \$100 to \$500 will be awarded every day in June 2017. The Sisters are very grateful for your support of this significant fundraiser.

Request for Help - McGuire Memorial

McGuire Memorial is in need of volunteers to help with transporting their residents to and from morning Mass. Help is needed Monday thru Friday at 9:30AM and Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 11AM. They could also use some help on Sunday morning for their 11:45AM Mass. If you would like to explore the possibility, perhaps see them before you commit, please call Fr. Mike Greb, OFM Cap, Director of Pastoral Care at 724-843-3400, ext 1127 and he will be very happy to meet with you and look at the possibilities. If you have the required clearances from your local parishes, please bring them with you, if not paperwork will be provided.

Christian Mothers Meetings

Board Meeting - Tuesday, April 4th at 6PM in the education center. All officers, board members, prefects, and interested members are encouraged to attend.

General Meeting - Tuesday, April 11th at 6:30PM, Stations of the Cross will be held in the church, with the meeting in Stephens Hall afterwards. Parishioners are welcome to join us. Bands 4 and 5, Prefects Sylvia Kless and Linda Uhernik, will host the meeting. Plans for the May dinner and celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Christian Mothers will be discussed. For more info, please contact Linda Uhernik, President, at 724-728-2896.

HOLY NAME BANQUET

The Beaver County Holy Name Society will honor our parishioner, **Dan Mannion**, with the Blessed John Vercelli Award for his outstanding service to Our Lady of Peace Parish. Dan will be honored at a banquet on April 23, 2017 at St. Frances Cabrini in Center Twp. Happy Hour starts at 4:30PM and dinner is at 5:30PM. Tickets will be sold in our parish office from March 19 to April 10. The cost is \$28 per ticket. Please plan to attend to help honor Dan for his service to our parish. Congratulations Dan!!!



ATTENTION Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Servers, and Greeters

We will be in need of Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Servers and Greeters for Holy Week Services and Easter Masses. Sign up sheets can be found in the back of the Church at the side entrance for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Servers. Sign up sheets for Greeters can be found where the reconciliation room is located.

CCD News

Our CCD program will have its last evening of classes for this school year on Monday, April 3. We will conclude the year with a prayer service for the last half hour of class. Parents are invited to attend in the Church beginning at 6PM.

Save the Date - MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, April 21 - we will have a movie night in Rooms 4 and 5 of the Education Building. Popcorn will be provided.

Vacation Bible School

This year for VBS, we will have a "Super Hero" themed week of fun and adventures. There is a lot of planning that goes into making the week a success. Our first work meeting will be on Monday, April 24 at 7PM to begin cutting and pasting and preparing the decorations and the crafts for the week. If you would like to join this crazy team of volunteers or just help with the pre-work, please join us for our first meeting. If you have any questions, call Cindy Deschaine at 724-869-4723 ext 2 or olopdre@verizon.net.

Spring Bible Study

2017 marks the 100th Anniversary of Mary's apparitions to three shepherd children in Fatima, making this the perfect time to renew our devotion to our Blessed Mother. **Beginning on Wednesday, April 19**, we will meet on Wednesday nights at 7PM to "Renew our devotion to Mary". We will begin our study with a viewing of "The 13th Day" by Ian & Dominic Higgins on the first night. Our study will continue on Wednesdays exploring Mary's life, different devotions to Mary, and the various Scripture passages from the Old Testament that prepare the way for Mary. Join us this Easter season as we renew our devotion to the Messenger of Peace from Fatima. Each class will be in Room 5 of the education building.

British Landscapes

Our Lady of Peace Parish is planning a 10 day inclusive tour of England, Scotland, and Wales on June 17-26, 2017. Feeling the vibrant energy of England, hearing the unique sounds of Scotland, and seeing the rolling countryside of Wales, we will journey on a beautiful trip that combines the exploration of dramatic history and natural wonders. The tour begins in London where we will have a welcome dinner at a traditional English pub. We will travel to the Tower of London, Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abby, Buckingham Palace and the changing of the guard, venture to mystical Stonehenge, the Globe Theater and Shakespeare's birthplace as well as enjoy a private dinner at Hall's Croft, a 400-year-old Shakespeare family home. Boarding a train at Lond's King's Cross we will journey to medieval York. We will visit Costwolds, thatched roof cottages where Paul McCartney has a home, and Stratford-Upon-Avon.

In Scotland we see Hadrian's Wall which once marked the border of the Roman Empire. Then to Edinburgh and Edinburgh Castle. You also might want to visit St. Andrews where golf was born. We visit Grasmere, home of the poet William Wadsworth then stay in the beautiful Ruthin Castle in Wales. **Optional tour extension to Dublin, Ireland or Paris, France will also be offered.**

Only a few seats remain on this trip! For information call Jackie at 724-869-9908 or Jim at 724-775-8127.



We invite everyone to all of the following Holy Week activities.

Wednesday, April 12- *Tenebrae*, 8:00PM, Church

Holy Thursday, April 13, *7:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper*
followed by private adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11PM

Good Friday, April 14,

- * *Fish Fry*, 11AM - 7PM, Stephens Hall
- * *Stations of the Cross*, 1:00PM
- * ***Celebration of the Lord's Passion*, 2PM in church**
- * *Stations of the Cross*, 6:30PM
- * Decorating Church for Easter

Holy Saturday, April 15,

- * *Easter Basket Blessing*, 12 noon, church
- * ***Easter Vigil Mass, 8:30PM,***
(NO 5:30PM VIGIL)

Easter Sunday, April 16 - Masses 8:30AM and 10:30AM

Confessions during Holy Week

Monday, Apr. 10 and Tuesday, Apr. 11 - After 9AM Mass & 7-8PM;
Wed., Apr. 12 → after 9AM Mass (Last scheduled opportunity)

Beaver Valley Choral Society presents a Lenten Choral & Instrumental Concert.

Dates and locations are:

Saturday, April 1, 4PM - Grace Lutheran Church, 393 Adams St., Rochester

Sunday, April 2, 4PM - Beaver United Methodist Church, 345 College Ave., Beaver

Saturday, April 8, 4PM - First Presbyterian Church, 1103 Eighth Ave., Beaver Falls

Sunday, April 9, 4PM - Chippewa United Methodist Church, 2545 Darlington Rd, Chippewa Twp.

Free admission - Freewill Offering Accepted

DURING LENT....

Lenten Fish Fry Dates:

April 14 (Good Friday), and May 5, 11AM to 7PM in Stephens Hall.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at **1PM and 6:30PM** in the Church.

LENTEN HOLY HOURS

Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Wednesdays during Lent, 7-8PM in the Church.

Communal Penance Services

St. Cecilia - Sun. April 2, 7PM
 St. Frances Cabrini- Mon. April 3, 7PM
 Our Lady of Fatima - Tues. April 4, 7PM
 Our Lady of Peace - Wed. April 5, 7PM
 Sts Peter and Paul - Thurs. April 6, 7PM
 St. John the Baptist (Monaca) - Sat. April 8, Noon
 St. Titus - Sat. April 8, Noon
 Holy Family - Mon., April 10, 7PM

Easter Memorial Flowers

Envelopes for this purpose can be found in your regular contribution envelope packet for February/March. This envelope is pink and is marked Easter Flowers. **If you require additional space than what is on the envelope to list names, simply enclose a paper with additional names.** The Memorial Flowers will be placed on the altar in honor of loved ones or in memory of departed loved ones. The names of the memorials and donors will be published in the Easter bulletin. If you have misplaced this envelope, simply put your contribution in a plain envelope, marked with your name and daytime phone number, name of person you are requesting memorial flowers for, and amount. Donations for flowers are \$10, \$15, and \$20 per plant. Please place your envelope in the regular collection basket. **Deadline for submission is April 9.**

Would you like to join the

chime choir? If you would like to chime for the Easter season, please contact Ceci Martini at 869-4723. Rehearsals are Saturday mornings from 10:30AM to 11:45AM.



Tenebrae

**Wednesday, April 12
8:00PM in the Church**

The service of Tenebrae is a tradition used in the last days of Lent during Holy Week. Dating back to the early years of the Church, "Tenebrae" comes from the Latin word for "shadows" or "darkness". The Service revolves around certain themes surrounding the Passion of Our Lord, including the Betrayal of Judas, Peter's denial and Jesus' trial. Beginning in a lighted church, a Scripture passage is read, followed by a song sung by the Adult choir as meditation. As each reading is read, a candle is extinguished, and lights in the church are diminished. As the meditation readings and music move toward the theme of the Crucifixion, the church becomes darker and darker. Symbolically, the candles represent the disciples as they gradually took flight in fear. As the last reading is read, the church is in darkness, hearkening to the "darkness" of Jesus' Passion and Death.



Come meditate on the true meaning and impact of the cross.

Presented by the
**ADULT CHOIR, CANTOR: JERRY FLEESON &
LECTORS
of
Our Lady of Peace Parish**

Our Lady of Peace Annual Easter Food Drive on Palm Sunday

While many follow a tradition of ‘giving up’ something we enjoy as our Lenten Observance, other people in our own neighborhoods who are less fortunate than us go without the things we take for granted on a daily basis. As a way to share our blessings, we will be conducting a Food Drive on Palm Sunday. Your donations will be given to the United Methodist Church of Baden Food Pantry and distributed to those most in need throughout our community to help provide them with a special Easter meal.

If you can help out, we will be collecting donations after each mass on Palm Sunday (April 8th and 9th). While any donations are greatly appreciated, the following are those items most needed:

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| * INSTANT MASHED POTATOES | * CANNED SWEET POTATOES | * STUFFING MIX |
| * CANNED PEAS, CORN, GREEN BEANS | * PIE FILLING | * PIE CRUST MIX |
| * CAKE MIX | * CAKE ICING | * CHICKEN BROTH |
| * TURKEY OR CHICKEN GRAVY | * CRANBERRY SAUCE | * JELLO |
| * CANNED PINEAPPLE | * MUFFIN MIX | * RICE |
| * KIDNEY BEANS | * CANNED WHITE POTATOES | * NOODLES |
| * JELLY | * SPAGHETTI SAUCE | * TEA |
| * CANNED MEAT/FISH (HAM, CHICKEN, TUNA, SPAM) | | |
| * LAUNDRY DETERGENT | * DISH DETERGENT | * TOOTHPASTE |
| * SHAMPOO | * BODY SOAP | * TOILET PAPER |

While we may take for granted any of these items, for numerous families in Beaver County, many of these are viewed as ‘luxuries’. Let’s not forget those less fortunate by sharing the bounties we have been blessed with from our Lord. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, feel free to contact Bob Kosinski at 724-869-4523.

**DONATIONS WILL BE COLLECTED OUTSIDE THE CHURCH
BEFORE AND AFTER EVERY MASS ON THE WEEKEND OF
PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH AND 9TH.
PLEASE DON’T FORGET....THOSE IN NEED WON’T.**

Please check to make sure your donations are not expired. Thank you!!

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WHO'S THAT COMING DOWN THE BUNNY TRAIL?

Be sure to mark your calendar and plan to attend this year's ALL YOU CAN EAT Breakfast with the Easter Bunny.

SUNDAY, April 9th (Palm Sunday)

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

MENU INCLUDES: Pancakes

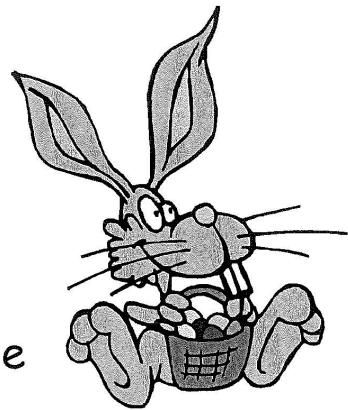
Eggs

Sausage

Ham

Cheesy Potato Casserole

Juice, Coffee & Tea



THE EASTER BUNNY WILL BE MAKING A SPECIAL VISIT FOLLOWING 10:30 MASS. AND THERE WILL BE AN EASTER EGG HUNT AND FACE PAINTING!

ADULTS-\$5

CHILDREN 6 to 12-\$2

CHILDREN 5 & Under - FREE!



SAINT ANTHONY BREAD SALE



The excellent expression of devotion to St. Anthony, known as St. Anthony's Bread, goes back to the thirteenth century. It has been the source of many favors and graces, and has also been of great aid to the poor and the needy.

According to the most ancient chronicles, a child of Padua, even while the great basilica was being built, fell into a barrel of water and was drowned. In her grief the mother called on St. Anthony for help, and promised she would donate the child's weight in grain for the poor if she were restored to life.

While the mother was still praying, the child arose as if asleep. This miracle gave rise to the pious practice of giving alms to the poor as a petition, or in return for favors received through St. Anthony's intercession.

The practice received its present name from a favor received by a pious girl named Louise Bouffier at Toulon in France in the last century. She promised loaves of bread for the poor in exchange for St. Anthony's help. Her shop later became a center of devotion to the Saint: the alms of those whose favors were heard were given to the numerous poor families of the city.

The Franciscans still encourage this act of charity to those in need as a laudable method of sacrifice and of thanksgiving to St. Anthony.

Should you wish to take part in this tradition, Our Lady of Peace Parish will have a bread order and donation on Sunday, April 9. The priest will bless the bread before 8:30AM Mass (Palm Sunday morning), which will be fresh baked at **Stangl's Bakery, Ambridge** (McGinnis Sisters is no longer in business). The bread will be delivered fresh baked that morning. It will be available for pickup during the Easter Bunny Breakfast at Stephens Hall that morning (from 9:30am to 12:30pm). All bread is homemade and can be frozen. The breads will include:

**Irish Soda Bread
Easter Bread (plain)**

**Cranberry Orange Bread
Easter Bread (with raisins)**

All breads are \$4.50 each loaf



When ordering please include how many loaves per item you would like.

All orders **must be prepaid and picked up the morning of April 9 (Palm Sunday) by 12:45PM**. Orders may be dropped off at the office or in the collection basket. Any questions, please call Jackie at 724-869-9908 or Ellen at 724-869-3320.



EASTER BREAD ORDER FORM - **Deadline to order is Monday, April 3**

(All bread is \$4.50/loaf) Money must be paid at time of order....Thanks!

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

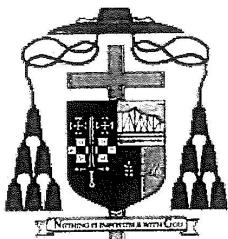
Easter Bread (plain) _____ # of loaves

Easter Bread (with raisins) _____ # of loaves

Irish Soda Bread _____ # of loaves

Cranberry/Orange Bread _____ # of loaves

Amount enclosed: \$ _____



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Office of the Bishop

March 21, 2017

Dear Sisters and Brothers of Our Lady of Peace Parish:

Any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor is a very serious issue, to which neither the Church nor society can turn a blind eye. As your bishop, I take very seriously my responsibility to protect minors and vulnerable adults from such abuse.

For more than two-and-a-half years, you have been praying for your former pastor, Father John P. Fitzgerald, who has been on administrative leave pending a Church trial on an allegation of child sexual abuse. I trust that you are also praying for those who brought the allegation.

In 2014, the Independent Review Board, a group of experts who advise me about allegations of sexual abuse, reviewed the allegation and recommended that I refer the matter to the Vatican. As required by Church law, Father Fitzgerald had to remain on administrative leave until the matter was resolved. It must be noted that this was the only allegation against him ever brought to the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Father Fitzgerald has maintained his innocence throughout. At the same time, the person who brought the allegation has maintained that the abuse did occur.

On Wednesday, March 8, 2017, I received notice that the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome had concluded that the accusation against Father Fitzgerald "has not been proven." It could not be determined with certainty whether the abuse did or did not occur.

In addition, the Congregation has directed me to take appropriate action that provides for the welfare of all parties involved, including the welfare of the public. I take most seriously this directive for the good of all: the person who brought the allegation, Father Fitzgerald and the general public.

In my personal meeting with Father Fitzgerald, he requested that he begin retirement. I have granted his request. He will not exercise public ministry.

I know that this has been a difficult time for you as parishioners of Our Lady of Peace Parish. Your pastor, Father James Kurtz, OFM Cap, has my full confidence as he continues to offer spiritual and emotional guidance. I will be in prayer for you, and I ask you to do the same for me.

Finally, I urge anyone with any information about abuse by a representative of the Church to contact the Diocesan Assistance Coordinator at 1-888-808-1235 or to call the appropriate civil authorities. If the victim is currently a minor, call the Pennsylvania State Abuse Hotline at 1-800-932-0313.

Grateful for our belief that "Nothing is Impossible with God," I am

Your brother in Christ,

+ David A. Zubik

Most Reverend David A. Zubik
Bishop of Pittsburgh

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cc: Very Reverend Samuel J. Esposito, VE