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The mission of All Saints Parish is to expand the Kingdom of God by showing people the way to salvation through the Eucharist, in our faith, our compassion, and our actions.

This is showcased in our four core values, namely:

**Prayer:** Dependence on God and Communicating with God.

**Ministry:** Having knowledge of the faith and putting it into practice.

**Christian Attitude:** Being welcoming, hospitable, compassionate, caring, and loving of everyone.

**Stewardship:** Care for the spiritual and physical assets of the Parish, namely our time, talent, and treasure.

## FEBRUARY 26, 2017

### EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 AM  
Weekdays: See schedule in bulletin

### Sacraments

**Baptisms** are celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month after the 10:00 AM Mass. Pre-Baptismal classes are required. Contact the Parish Office for arrangements.

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays 12:30 - 1:00 PM and after the 5:00 PM Mass.

**Marriage:** Contact Parish Office at least 6 months in advance of proposed date.

**Visitation of the Sick or Shut-Ins:** Inform the Parish Office when anyone is ill at home or in the hospital. Upon request, Holy Communion can be brought to the home by the priest and/or a Eucharistic Minister.

### Bulletin Deadline:

All bulletin announcements must be received by Monday noon in written form.

### Preparation for Entering the Church (RCIA):

We welcome those who are interested in becoming Catholics. To enter a program of formation and prayer, contact the Parish Office.

**Parish Membership:** New parishioners are always welcome! Call the Parish Office for a census form.

### Prayer Meeting:

Every Wednesday from 1:30-3:30 PM. See bulletin for monthly Mass time.

### All Saints Food Pantry:

2nd Wednesday of the month - 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

**DUE TO VACATION THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION WILL BE PUBLISHED AT A LATER DATE.**

***Don't Be Anxious***

*People have, it seems, a natural penchant for misplaced emphasis on unimportant things. They can easily get caught up with what they're having for dinner or what they will wear.*

*Often it is a tragedy that helps people to refocus on what is really important. What I shall wear is an irrelevant question when I am facing surgery or chemotherapy. What's for dinner is immaterial to those living through grief or unemployment.*

*In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us not to worry. He doesn't say, "Don't eat. Don't cook. Don't buy clothes." He says, "Don't worry." Jesus asks us not to relinquish our responsibilities but to let go of our anxiety. Anxiety betrays a lack of trust and Jesus reminds us that "Your heavenly Father knows" all that you need (Matthew 6:32).*

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Thomas V. Rishel, Howard Schran, Jason Fleishner, Bart Riley, Francis Haberman, Carol Sees, Ed Oresic, Kathy Rishel, Ryan Woodrow, Ronald Molinero, David Hufnagel, Marie T. Schran, Tom Stumpf, Ida Fowler, Father Garry Patriquin, Mildred Hoffman, Louise Wyzomirski, Rose Golden, Eileen Dougherty, Erin Schmitt, Joseph Wittman, Alice Smolkovich, Patricia Curriston, Jason Wolling, Gina Sienko, Emma Oresic, Fran Stiltz, Mary Jo Sciuollo, Susan Killmeyer, Charles Robinson, Anthony Sciuollo, Maria Wolownik, Lisa Lindsey, Katherine Rodack, Kathy Cook, Jordan McCue, and all the sick of our parish. **Please note:** We ask the families who have requested prayers to please give us a call when your loved one is better so they can be removed from our list.

**Baptism Preparation**

Baptisms take place on the second and fourth Sundays of the month immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass. Before a Baptism can be scheduled, registration and attendance at a Baptismal preparation class are required of all parents. We strongly suggest that you attend the class before your child is born. **The next class is scheduled for March 9, 2017 at 7:30 PM in the rectory meeting room.** Please call 412-781-0530 to register.

**Christian Mothers & Guild Meeting**

Christian Mothers & Guild meeting is on Friday, March 3rd, beginning with evening prayer at 6:30 PM followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM. Meeting will follow in the Activities Building with Mary Ann Hartung and Ida Fowler, Districts 9 & 10, as hostesses. Members are asked to try to attend the meeting.

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**From the desk of the Administrator**

Due to press times, I'll share more about the Colloquium later. Stay tuned.

It's hard to believe that Lent begins this week! Where has the time gone? Sheesh.

I want to share with you that there are many opportunities to help you during this Holy Season. Of course, the purpose of these forty days is to help us grow closer to Christ through His passion, death, and resurrection. Hmm, where have we heard THAT pattern previously? Funny how this all ties together!

One of the opportunities can be found in your pew. Thanks to the Men's Club again this year for helping us along. From our friends at All Saints Press, the men purchased a simple pamphlet entitled *Lent: A Time of Grace, Daily Lenten Reflections from Pope Francis*. Of course you can enjoy them in the pew or you might want to take one along with you for the rest of the week. Pope Francis is always passing along great wisdom. Enjoy and Thanks Men's Club!

And Forty Minutes with Jesus, in the long play version, begins on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. I say "long play version" as it will run through the Easter Season too! The last one will be June 2<sup>nd</sup>! Recall that the format is pretty simple. The first 30 minutes is for silent prayer or spiritual reading. I bet Pope Francis might have something to say to you for your reflection. At 7:00 PM we will pray Evening Prayer.

Each Friday there will be an opportunity to pray the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM. Established by St. Francis, the Way of the Cross is another avenue for drawing closer to Christ, by literally walking in His footsteps. Come and journey with Him.

There are other opportunities for your growth this Lenten season. The seasonal "Light is On" confessions will take place on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Our Religious Ed students will perform the living stations. Two First Friday's with Eucharistic adoration take place.

One last thought is about prayer for the living and the dead. One of the best ways to do that is through the sacrifice of the Mass. Masses can be offered for your deceased family and friends. It's also a way to honor the living – for birthdays, anniversaries, or special needs. Forms are available in the vestibules of the church or contacting the office at 412-781-0530.

See you in Church!

*Fr. Jim Gretz*



## LENTEN SCHEDULE



**Ash Wednesday:** March 1 - Mass at 8:00 AM & 7:00 PM  
12 Noon - Liturgy of the Word  
Ashes will be distributed at the Masses & Liturgy of the Word

**40 Minutes with Jesus:** Beginning March 2nd (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 6:30-7:10 PM; Friday, 6:30-7:00 PM)

**Stations of the Cross:** Fridays at 7:00 PM

**Confession:** Saturdays: 12:30-1:00 PM & after 5:00 PM Mass



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after the 8:00 AM Mass on Friday, March 3rd. All day adoration with Benediction at 6:30 PM followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM. Please try to attend and spend some time in prayer before our Lord.

### THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

*"The Light Is On For You"* is an initiative of the Diocese of Pittsburgh to encourage Catholics to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is the best way to participate in the Lord's Passion at Easter. **Confession will be available on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM in every Catholic parish in the Diocese.**

### 2017 Parish Share Begins Today

The Diocese of Pittsburgh begins the new **Parish Share (PSP)** today. All Saints Parish is assessed \$51,422.00 for this year's campaign. This is money we have to send to the Diocese for all the work they do that we as a parish cannot do. Please use your PSP monthly envelope to help us reach our goal.

### St Mary Cemetery News

In order to maintain the appearance of St Mary Cemetery and ensure the safety of visitors and employees, the Catholic Cemeteries Association will be conducting their annual cemetery clean up during the month of March. Please note that all items will be removed from graves during the clean up process. Please remove any items you wish to keep prior to March 1st. Thank you for your cooperation.

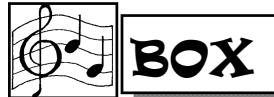
In addition, during the coming months, Catholic Cemeteries Association will be contacting current lot owners of St Mary's Cemetery to do an update of their records. With the change of management of St Mary's Cemetery to the Catholic Parish Cemetery Association in the near future, it is vital that the information contained in our files are current and accurate. This process will require a brief visit by a representative in which they will confirm and update the information contained in our files. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call 412-784-8700.

ON MISSION FOR  
**THE CHURCH ALIVE!**

**BE RENEWED IN YOUR BAPTISM THIS LENT.** Each year Lent offers us a time to reflect on our **Baptism**. At Baptism we are welcomed into the community of faith, the Church. In the waters of Baptism we are made like Christ and become beloved sons and daughters of the Father. Through Baptism the Holy Spirit sends us forth as disciples to use our gifts to help others learn, love and live Jesus. This is the call of **All** the baptized, not just a few.

Renew your potential for discipleship at "**Back to the Font**", a Morning of Reflection that includes presentation, prayer and discussion. Session will be held on **Saturday, March 4 from 9:00 am to noon** at the following locations: **St Alphonsus**, Wexford; **St Bonaventure**, Glenshaw; **St Cecilia**, Rochester; **St Frances Cabrini**, Center Twp; **Holy Family**, New Brighton; **Immaculate Conception**, Washington; **St James the Apostle**, Pulaski; **St Katharine Drexel**, (Ave Maria Church), Bentleyville; **St Michael**, Avella; **Our Lady of Joy**, Holiday Park; **St Paul Seminary**, Crafton; **St Pius X**, Brookline; **St Rita**, Munhall; **St Stephen**, Hazelwood; **St Vincent de Paul**, New Castle; **St Wendelin**, Carbon Center.

Visit [OnMissionChurchAlive.org](http://OnMissionChurchAlive.org)  
or call 412-456-3180  
or more information or to register.



In our society today, we are constantly being pressured by advertisements regarding what clothing we need to wear, what food we should eat, and what beverages we should drink. It's hard to imagine it, but it must not have been much different in Jesus' time if we go by this Sunday's Gospel reading! Jesus is impressing upon his disciples that they should not waste time worrying about what to wear, eat or drink, as the Father knows their need and will provide for them. He is still providing for our needs today as well. In the first reading, it states that even if a mother forsake her child, the Lord will not forsake us! For the past few weeks, we have been singing a new song, "We Belong to You." It is truly a blessing for us to belong to the Lord, who provides for us all that we need. It should be our joy to sing God's praise with a loud voice for all the good things he does for us!

This Wednesday, we begin our Lenten journey to the cross of Good Friday, and ultimately the font of resurrection on Easter Sunday. The music of the liturgy becomes more minimal. The Gloria and Alleluia are not sung during the Lent. I hope this Lenten season will give all of us a chance to reflect and prepare for the joy of Easter to come!

Yours in ministry,  
Tom Rishel



## WEEKLY LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

### SUNDAY - February 26th Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 5:00pm - (Sat.) John & Dolores Katich (Family)  
8:00am - Sister Lorraine Giel (Giel Family)  
10:00am - For All Parishioners - Living & Deceased

### MONDAY - February 27th Weekday

- 8:00am - James Juran - Birth (Lois & Charles Rodgers)

### TUESDAY - February 28th Weekday

- 8:00am - Rosemary Haberman (All Saints Choir)  
*Novena after Mass*

### WEDNESDAY - March 1st Ash Wednesday

- 8:00am - Russell Mikszan (Carol & Family)  
12:00nn - Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes  
7:00pm - For all Parishioners - Living & Deceased



### THURSDAY - March 2nd Thursday after Ash Wednesday

- 8:00am - John Kenst (Alan & Susan Pate)

### FRIDAY - March 3rd Friday after Ash Wednesday

- 8:00am - Rose Panza - Birth (Judy Weismann)  
*All day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
with Evening Prayer/Benediction at 6:30 PM*  
7:00pm - Stations of the Cross

### SATURDAY - March 4th Saturday after Ash Wednesday

- 8:00am - Anna Juran - Birth (Lois & Charles Rodgers)

### SUNDAY - March 5th First Sunday of Lent

- 5:00pm - (Sat.) For All Parishioners - Living & Deceased  
8:00am - Frank Petrovich (Children)  
10:00am - Sophie Ryan - Anniv (Daughter, Carol & Cathy)



### 2/26/17 - "Rose For Life"

In thanksgiving for the birthdays of my daughter, Andrea, and my two granddaughters, Nicki and Loren by Fay Cristina.



### ALTAR FLOWERS FOR THE WEEK OF 2/26/17

Both sanctuary, Blessed Virgin and Saint Joseph vases were donated for a *Special Intention*.

### Bereavement Support Group

Sister Susanne Sutton will be facilitating a *Grief Support Group* on 6 consecutive Wednesdays, beginning **March 15th and ending April 19th. Sessions will be held in the school meeting room from 1:00-2:30 PM.**



If you are grieving the loss of a loved one (parent, spouse, child, relative or friend) these sessions should help you journey through your grief. Call Sister Susanne at 412-781-5183 ext 5 (CCD Office) for more information or to register. If necessary, leave a message and phone number.

# **THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>2/26/17</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>2/27/17</b>
Men's Bible Study Festival 2017 Mtg	School                    6:30-8:00 PM Act Bldg                8:00 PM
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>2/28/17</b>
Novena Church Cleaning CCD	Church                After 8:00 AM Mass Church                9:00-10:00 AM School                6:30-8:00 PM
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>3/1/17</b>
	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>3/2/17</b>
"40 Minutes with Jesus" Choir Practice	Church                6:30-7:10 PM School                7:30-9:00 PM
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>3/3/17</b>
Exposition Evening Prayer/Benediction Stations of the Cross CM&G Mtg	Church                After 8:00 AM Mass Church                6:30 PM Church                7:00 PM Act Bldg              After Stations
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>3/4/17</b>

## **LENTEN REGULATIONS**

- 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 the age of 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 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. Additionally, the optional memorial of Saint Patrick falls on a Friday this year and its celebration would not be considered sufficient reason as it is not a Solemnity of the Liturgical calendar.





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