



**COME
AFTER
ME**

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January 21, 2018 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jonah did not simply walk away from his previous way of life. He walked toward Nineveh. The disciples did not only abandon their nets. They walked toward Jesus and to a life of discipleship. G. K. Chesterson is quoted as saying, "Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been tried and found difficult." Yet Christian living is also deeply meaningful. What would happen if you truly took the call to follow Jesus to heart? It isn't only about turning away from things that are counter to the Christian way of life. As it was for Jonah, the disciples at the seashore, and Saint Paul, a true life of faith is also about walking toward God, about loving God and neighbor, about risking an unknown future filled with life and goodness, holiness and grace.

St. Mary of the Assumption – www.stmarysherman.org



MISSION STATEMENT

***St. Mary of the Assumption Parish is a Welcoming Faith Community
Dedicated to Building God's Kingdom by Worship
and Through Education, Love, and Service to All.***

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Sunday Masses

Saturday 4:30 PM Sunday 9:30 AM

St. Joseph

Saturday 6 PM Sunday 8 AM & 11 AM

Daily Masses

Monday - Saturday 8 AM

St. Joseph

Monday - Saturday 9 AM

Holiday Masses

9 AM & 7 PM

Saturday Confessions

12:00 - 1:00 PM 3:45 - 4:15 PM

St. Joseph

Saturday 11 AM - Noon

On Mission For The Church Alive!

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The Kingdom of God is at Hand – In the early days of the Church, the Christian community thought that the coming of the Kingdom and Jesus' return in glory was quickly approaching. They lived their lives with constant anticipation and expectation so that they would be prepared for the day of the Lord to come. Two thousand years later we are still waiting for that day when the Lord will come again to judge the living and the dead and welcome the just ones into his Kingdom in heaven. Yet, we are also aware that the Kingdom is currently at hand in and through the Church on earth. This means that each of us, no matter our state in life, plays a role in building up and strengthening the Kingdom of God. The On Mission for The Church Alive! initiative seeks to do just that: build up the Kingdom of God, the Church, so that it can grow and thrive. The Church is alive and is given greater vibrancy the more we are engaged in its life and work. Let us all do our part to contribute to the flourishing of our parish communities in the weeks and months ahead. Visit onmissionchurchalive.org to learn more and to stay informed.

Cremation And Catholic Teaching

In the early days of the Church, persecutors burned bodies in mockery of Christian belief in the resurrection of the body. Today, the Church believes that these hostile factors are no longer prevalent. Thus, the church will permit cremation as long as it is not chosen for reasons hostile to Catholic teaching and when there are other good reasons to justify the practice. However, the church still prefers the practice of the burial of the body of the deceased over cremation.

According to the Order of Christian Funerals, "the cremated remains of a body should be treated with the same respect given to the human body from which they come. This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practices of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friends of the deceased, are not the reverent disposition that the church requires."

When handling cremated remains in the cemetery office or field, remember that special care is required so as not to disrespect the remains of the body. If you have to keep them in the office temporarily, be sure to place them in a secure and respectful place. When handling them, hold them and carry them in the same respectful manner.

This information is excerpted from a very helpful brochure co-published by The Diocesan Office for Worship and The Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Diocese of Pittsburgh entitled *Cremation and Catholic Funeral Rites*.

Alternate Seating For Those In Need and Low Gluten Hosts

Contact the priest in the sacristy **before Mass** if you are unable to sit in the front pews to receive Holy Communion or have a gluten intolerance. Accommodations are in place but Father needs to know in order to assure that you receive Holy Communion during the Mass celebration.

**ST. MICHAEL,
THE ARCHANGEL,**

DEFEND US IN BATTLE...

Pray for those in the military:

Alec Cottage, Jimmy Adley, Jordan Cottage, Trevor Cottage, Greg Haney, Bo Haney, Josh Oesterling, Nate Oesterling, Jack Haney, Brandon Bauer, Matthew McCandless, Brad Fetters, John Heinzl, Stephen Konyha, Joshua Huncheck, Devin Michel, Garrett Fend, Nicholas Cottage, Dustin Michel, Matthew Marra, Nicholas Cypher, Ricky Hoffman, Ryan Jackman, Russell Bauer

Fish Fry

Fish fry is looking for donations of butter, eggs, decaf and regular coffee, sugar, flour, and green peppers. If you are able to donate any of these items, please drop them off at the Parish Office. Thank you to everyone who donates towards the fish fries and everyone who helps out.

Part Time Maintenance Position

We are in need of a part time maintenance person for St. Mary Parish. Responsibilities include overall maintenance of facilities and equipment; shovel, plow & salt in the winter and mow, trim & prune in the summer. Hours are flexible and estimated at 20-25 hours per week. Must complete all Diocesan clearances. If interested, contact the parish office.

Why Am I Here?

January 25, 2018 at 7PM at the RC Men's Club. Guest Speaker: Fr. Ward Stakem. Father will address the topic: "Why am I here? And now that I am, where do I go?" Last Call is an opportunity for practicing and non-practicing men and women to meet to learn more about our faith through the insights and experiences of engaging speakers and in fellowship with others. Last Call is targeted at all adult Catholics.

Fatima Statue

To commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the apparitions by Mary at Fatima, St. Mary's "Legion of Mary," has purchased a statue of Our Lady of Fatima. This statue is intended to be a "traveling statue," taken on a weekly basis to individual homes, by request. Anyone interested in being part of this devotion should contact Marge Kladny at 724-283-5215 for details.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR LOVED ONES
WHO ARE HOMEBOUND OR ILL**

Tom Angert, Jim Hoover, Andy Durand, Joyce Steele, Tim Zendron, Fr. Victor Kriley, OFM, Cap., Art Schnur, Steve Biedenbach, Bill & Anna Cranmer, Jay Rinebolt, Marlene (Michel) Fisher, Jim Schiebel, Frank J. Schmiedlin, Joanie Neigh, Colene Deal, Mary Wagner, Marge Karenbauer, Alice Spinneweber, Lainey Heller, Patricia Green, Christina Salasky, Dorothy Collins, Eddie Zedrick, Nick Miller, Tom Miller, Jeffrey McConnell, Dan Fair, Sharon Rosenbauer, Zach Collins, Sally Ann Bulger, Adam Snow, Babs Schnur, Garnet Kriley

**Second Collection This Weekend:
St. Anthony Programs & DePaul
School For Hearing And Speech.**

Scout Sunday

Scout Sunday will be coming up on February 4th. Scouts should wear their uniform and sit together in the church.



Who Am I To Judge

Video Series St. Joseph's in Cabot will be presenting. Dr. Edward Sri's video series "Who Am I to Judge? Responding to Relativism with Logic and Love". Eight sessions to be held on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:30PM in the Saint Joseph Hall Cafe from January 24th through March 14th. Sessions are intended for adults and teenagers. No registration or fee required. Contact Marian at 724-352-3443 or sjaff@zoointernet.net for more information.

Magnificat Pittsburgh Prayer Breakfast

Ladies, come to the Magnificat Pittsburgh prayer breakfast on February 10th, from 9AM to Noon at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Cranberry Twp. Hear speaker Dr. Elizabeth Kim tell of her miraculous healing that took place in Korea in 1978. She immigrated to the U.S. in the same year and went on to excel in her education and career. With an ever-deepening faith she always keeps God first. She is a licensed psychologist that integrates the Catholic faith with psychology in the treatment of children, adolescents and adults. Cost of the breakfast is \$23. To register, call Kay at 724-772-6749 or go to www.magnificatpittsburgh.org.

Registration deadline is February 2nd.

FOR SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES, CALL 724-777-9432 or 724-272-5474.

CALENDAR

January 21, 2018

K of C Pancake Breakfast From 8AM-1PM At St. Joseph In Cabot.

February 4, 2018

Scout Sunday.

February 9, 2018

First Fish Fry.

February 13, 2018

Pastoral Council Meeting At 7PM.

February 14, 2018

Ash Wednesday- Masses Are At 9AM & 7PM.

February 17, 2018

First Reconciliation At 10AM In The Church.

Saint Wendelin Activities

Friday, February 2nd:

-Middle School Semi-Formal Dance. St. Wendelin Student Council will be hosting a Middle School Winter Semi-Formal from 6:30-9PM to Celebrate Catholic Schools Week! All youth in fifth through eighth grade are welcome to attend the dance, which will be held in St. Wendelin's Church Hall. Admission will be a non-perishable food item or monetary donation that will be donated to the local food bank. The admission includes snacks, refreshments, and a keepsake photo. Dress attire will be semi-formal, so no jeans will be allowed.

Saturday, February 3rd:

- Open house from 5-5:45PM, followed by an Alumni Mass at 6PM in Saint Wendelin Church. All are invited.

- Reverse Raffle in the Church Hall at 7PM. The Raffle will include an evening of dinner, and fun. For \$20 you can purchase a Reverse Raffle ticket. One lucky winner will win \$1,500! Over \$4,000 worth of prizes! Only 300 tickets sold. For more information contact Brenda Wolfe at brendasuewolfe@gmail.com or the school office at 724-285-4986.



Child Protective Services

**DIocese VICTIM HOTLINE
NUMBER: 1-888-808-1235**

**Butler County 724-284-5156
Allegheny County 412-473-2000**

WEEKLY GATHERINGS

Men's Scripture Study- Wednesdays @ 9AM - Marian Hall

Women's Scripture Study-Wednesdays @ 9AM - Library

SFO - Wednesdays @ 7PM - Marian Hall

Legion of Mary - Thursdays @ 9AM

Life Teen- 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month @5:30PM



Knights of Columbus

The K of C Pancake Breakfast Buffet will be served on Sunday, January 21st from 8AM-1PM at St. Joe's Parish Hall in Cabot. Our buffet includes a variety of different pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham, and sausage as well as orange juice, coffee, and tea. Cost for adults is \$7, kids 12 and under \$3.

Interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus, contact Rick Hoffman at 724-285-8513.

Butler Catholic School Admission Open House Dates

Wednesday, January 31st, 6:30-8PM & Sunday, March 4th, 1-3PM (515 E Locust St, Butler, PA) 724-285-4276

We invite you to learn more about Butler Catholic School at our upcoming Open House Events. At the Open House you will receive a personalized tour of the school, talk with our teachers, get to know our current students and families, and meet the principal. Visit us and discover the difference a Catholic education can make in the life of your child! Butler Catholic is an excellent choice for your child's education, offering:

- Small class sizes, allowing for individual attention from committed, caring teachers
- A comprehensive Preschool through 8th grade education in one building
- An environment permeated by faith and Gospel values
- Bussing from 7 school districts including: Butler, South Butler, Moniteau, Mars, Karns City, Seneca Valley and Slippery Rock
- Tuition assistance available

For more information, visit us online at www.butlercatholic.org.

Family Movie Nights

Christian based movies for all ages on Fridays at 6PM at St. Peter's Church Hall, Butler.

January 26th - "Angel in the House"

February 9th - "Miracles From Heaven"

All are welcome! No cost - Snacks and beverages provided.

Masses for the Week

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2018

ST. FABIAN, POPE & MARTYR; ST. SEBASTIAN, MARTYR
8 AM NANCY KRILEY (PEARL KOCHER)
4:30 PM PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARY'S

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:30 AM KRISTIN MARTIN (MOM & DAD)

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN
8 AM LIVING & DECEASED OF THE ALFRED & MARY SPOHN FAMILY (MIKE & LIZ SPOHN)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2018

ST. MARIANNE COPE, VIRGIN; ST. VINCENT, DEACON & MARTYR
8 AM JANICE BAPTISTE (NANCY KARCH)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2018

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
8 AM MARGARET NEBEL (PATRICIA DAVIS)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2018

THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, APOSTLE
8 AM JANICE BAPTISTE (TOM & SANDY KARCH)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2018

ST. TIMOTHY & ST. TITUS, BISHOPS
8 AM WILMA BAUER (DALE & MARGE PAGLIA)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2018

ST. ANGELA MERICI, VIRGIN & RELIGIOUS FOUNDER
8 AM DALE KARENBAUER (DOROTHY SCHNUR & FAMILY)
4:30 PM WIL WIDENHOFER (STAN MACIEJEWSKI)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:30 AM PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARY'S

FINANCIALS: JANUARY 14, 2018

Offertory:	\$ 2,526
Candles:	\$ 10
Parish Share:	\$ 270
Utilities:	\$ 373
Flowers:	\$ -0-
Christmas Offering:	\$ 20
Solemnity of Mary:	\$ 22
Support of Children & Youth:	\$ 5
Parish Share Goal:	\$50,810
Donations Collected:	\$48,613
Christmas Charities (12/25/17):	\$ 1,519
St. Anthony/ DePaul (1/21/18):	\$???
Balance Due:	\$ 678

ATTENDANCE 226

COLLECTION COUNTERS

Jan. 22	Tom & Linda Angert, and John Lorenz
Jan. 28	Joann Lindstrom, Pam Schnur, Josi Nebel, and Cheryl Weiland

Readings for the Week

Monday, January 22:

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26;
Mk 3:22-30, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer

Tuesday, January 23:

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 24:

2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday, January 25:

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2;
Mk 16:15-18

Friday, January 26:

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11;
Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, January 27:

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday, January 28:

Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35;
Mk 1:21-28

Liturgy

	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers	Altar Servers
Jan. 27 Saturday 4:30 PM	1. Marge Kladny 2. Cathy Green B. Deb Crusan C. Rege Convery	Elizabeth Green	Victoria Nebel Tommy Cornelius
Jan. 28 Sunday 9:30 AM	1. Mickey Weiland 2. Kip Collins B. Patty Jackman	Cathy McGee	Brady Collins Nicholas Collins

Attention:

As recommended by the Diocesan Financial Services Office, based on tax laws and for internal control purposes, all parishioners will be receiving year end contribution statements for the calendar year 2017. Should you not receive one by January 31st, and need this information for income tax filing, please notify the church office.

Note: Parish Share contributions do not follow the calendar year, and runs from the Sunday before Ash Wednesday until the next Sunday before Ash Wednesday the following year. It is possible that some statements will show donations for both 2016 and 2017 Parish Share. Donations made January 1st through February 19, 2017 will be designated as 2016 Parish Share on the statements but are 2017 donations for tax purposes.