



## February 11, 2018 6th Sunday In Ordinary Time

In what ways are you isolated, hurting, or broken? Does someone else judge you unfairly? Are there circumstances that are beyond your control that overwhelm you or dictate the way you live your life? The Lord waits for your call, your cry in faith. Do you know the healing, compassionate, caring love of God for you, in prayer, sacraments, or the attention of others? Witness to the powerful love of God through your attitudes and words, your actions and interactions with others. Imitate Christ. Show mercy to others. Be a healing presence when relationships are torn apart. Have you encountered the love of God in your life? Give witness to this love at home, work, parish, and the world. Give glory to God as you act on faith.

**St. Mary of the Assumption – [www.stmarysherman.org](http://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

### Lent Is Here

That time of life in our liturgical year that we identify as our Lenten Season for 2018 is upon us. With Ash Wednesday on February 14th, we begin our traditional 40 days journey to Easter. These 40 days call us as a church to both communal and individual practices centered on the “Big Three” of Fasting, Almsgiving and Prayer.

Rather than list a number of examples of Lenten practices one might consider for one’s Lenten observance, I want to encourage each to keep it simple. To keep it simple this Lent try the 1-1-1 Plan. Simply put the 1-1-1 Plan is:

- Concentrate or focus on one sin or fault that is getting in the way of your relationship with God and with others.
- Add one positive activity that will deepen your prayer and spiritual life.
- Deny yourself something you really like or are attached to.

You can fill in the details for yourselves of what these one items or activities will look like for you and then stick to your Plan. Don’t give up if you don’t keep your Plan as strictly as you might want to yet don’t easily excuse yourself from the Plan. Self-discipline and persistence are very much a part of our Lenten journey. Let us pray for one another and may you have a Blessed and faith filled Lent.

Lent offers us an adequate opportunity to take some time to look at our relationship to Jesus, our sisters and brothers, and our church life. We are encouraged to review our priorities– those aspects of life that we hold as important for ourselves. One dimension of this review is to see that Priorities in Life = Priorities in Liturgy.

Just as it is so easy to get caught up in the wrong everyday concerns and end up fretting and worrying about many things, so it is easy to get caught up in the wrong worship priorities and lose sight of what we are really doing when we gather to worship. Because worship comprises a rather complex ritual with many details, it is easy to lose sight of the bigger picture: we assemble primarily to give God thanks and praise.

Rather we like the choice music, the personality of the priest, the friendliness of the ushers, the informal atmosphere, etc. (while these elements are important), Mass calls us to a surrender to the prayers, encountering God through many divine presences, making a good effort to hear God’s words spoken in us in the readings, entering into remembering God’s saving deeds on our behalf, offering ourselves as a pleasing gift along with the bread and wine, opening ourselves to being transported by God’s presence and grace, praying for the living and dead of the whole world, accepting the disciples duty to live the celebration upon dismissal.

It is actually much easier to be more concerned with right music, postures, movements, etc., than it is to be concerned about focusing on God and the fullness of life that God offers us each time we gather to celebrate mass. The former can be quickly forgotten upon leaving the church building: the latter shapes a life.

### 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

**Food Baskets**

First I want to thank you for the donations of food and money for the Christmas baskets. They were FULL and the people were really grateful to receive them! January we were still ok with the surplus from Christmas, hence no notice. February you will notice our numbers went up to 6 families. We will be packing on February 21st and could use some assistance with toilet paper, spaghetti sauce, fruit, crackers and lunch items. On a personal note, thank you for flipping me a gift card, cash or asking me what you can donate to make the baskets fuller. If it was not for our Parishioners helping, the doors would have shut long ago. I also must mention due to your generosity of food a medical bill got paid, little ones got new shoes purchased or extra money went to a mortgage payment. You do not see the joy these baskets have brought, or assistance to lessen the financial burden, I have. I must tell you I was brought to tears by a grateful family and the touching thank you! If you are in need of help or need a lighter load for a month, please contact me or the Parish office. I also want to give a shout out to Amy Pettinato and her helpers for a job well done with the giving tree! You and your crew are AMAZING!

~ Pam

**Fatima Statue**

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.



**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

**To keep this list up-to-date please call the office when we can add or remove names from this list.**

**\*\*\* To enable the parish to provide a more complete ministry to those listed here please give us a phone number, contact person, and location of these brothers and sisters. We would like to have a more frequent contact with them. Thank you.**  
~Fr. Ward & Fr. Mark

**40 Days For Life**

February 14th- March 25th  
Christians throughout Pittsburgh are invited to take part in the international 40 Days for Life campaign. The mission of 40 Days for Life is to unite the Body of Christ in the spiritual battle to end abortion. Through 40 Days for Life, 13,998 lives have been spared from abortion, 170 abortion workers converted and 90 abortion facilities have closed! Join us for 40 days of prayer and fasting and a peaceful vigil held everyday from 7AM-7PM in front of Planned Parenthood at 933 Liberty Avenue. To find out more about how you can be involved go to [www.40daysforlifepittsburgh.com](http://www.40daysforlifepittsburgh.com) or [www.40daysforlife.com/pittsburgh](http://www.40daysforlife.com/pittsburgh) or contact Nikki Bruni at 412-926-9413 or [nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com](mailto:nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com).

**St. Mary's day for prayer at Planned Parenthood is on March 11th from 11AM-3PM.**



**First Reconciliation**

Second grade will be making their first reconciliation on Saturday, February 17th at 10AM. Please keep them in your prayers.

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



# CALENDAR

## **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.

## **February 18, 2018**

K of C Pancake Breakfast From 8AM-1PM at St. Joe's in Cabot.

## **February 21, 2018**

Packing Food Baskets.

## **March 8, 2018**

First Eucharist Parent Meeting At 7PM In Marian Hall.

## **March 11, 2018**

St. Mary's 40 Days For Life Vigil From 11AM- 3PM.

## **Meager Meals at St. John Parish**

St. John Parish will be hosting three Meager Meals during Lent. If you would like to take a break from eating a large fish dinner, stop by St. John Parish, Fenelton, between 4:30PM and 6:30PM for a lighter meal, which includes Seven Sorrows Soup, Cheesy Broccoli, Mac N Cheese, bread, crackers, fruit and drinks. A free will donation will be taken, which benefits the Food Bank of St. John Parish. Consider staying for Stations of the Cross, which will be held in the church at 7PM. The dates of the Meager Meals are February 23rd, March 9th, and March 23rd.

## **Mass Of Remembrance & Healing**

Join Bishop David Zubik as he celebrates Mass to remember and pray for those who have died from drug addiction and to seek healing for those who have survived the death of a loved one due to drug addiction. Sunday, February 11th at 2:30PM at Saint Paul Cathedral (108 N. Dithridge Street Pittsburgh, PA 15213).



## **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, February 18th 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.

## **Who Am I To Judge**

Responding to Relativism with Logic & Love Wednesdays 7- 8:30PM in Saint Joseph in Cabot Hall Café. All adults and teens are invited to attend. For questions email sjaff@zoominternet.net or call 724-352-3443. **Feb. 14:** The Lost "Art of Living", **Feb. 21:** Engaging Moral Relativism, **Feb. 28:** "I Disagree" Doesn't Mean "I Hate You", **March 7:** Exposing the Mask: What Relativism is Often Covering Up, **March 14:** What is Truth? Common Questions about Moral Relativism.

## **The Road To Redemption**

Lent Cycle B

St. Joseph Church in Cabot

Join us this Lent as we take 6 weeks to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ! Are we ready for the King? Are our hearts ready to accept the passion of our Lord so that we may share in his glorious Resurrection? The six weeks leading up to Easter mark our own 40 days in the desert with Jesus.

This study concentrates on the Sunday lectionary readings and incorporates the ancient method of Lectio Divina (praying the scriptures). Lectio Divina is a powerful way to 'hear' God speaking to us personally through scripture. Two options:

Wednesday mornings beginning February 14th or Thursday mornings beginning February 15th. Both sessions are 10AM to Noon in St. Joseph Hall Café. A book fee of \$17 will be collected at the first session. To register contact: 724-352-3443 or sjaff@zoominternet.net.

## **Holy Hour At St. Pauls**

**Divine Mercy Holy Hour:** Tuesday, February 20th at 7PM. Prayers for Family Healing, On Mission for the Church Alive, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Benediction.

## Masses for the Week

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018

ST. SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN

8 AM RONALD PASSARELLI

4:30 PM THOMAS BELL SR. (FAMILY)

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:30 AM PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARY'S

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018

8 AM JANICE BAPTISTE (TOM & SANDY KARCH)

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018

8 AM GERT CYPHER (DAN MICHEL & CURT & GRANDCHILDREN)

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018

ASH WEDNESDAY

9 AM ED & MAE EICHENLAUB FAMILY (LANEICE & DAN OLESNEVICH)

7 PM PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARY'S

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2018

8 AM THE LIVING & DECEASED OF THE ALFRED & MARY SPOHN FAMILY (MIKE & LIZ SPOHN)

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2018

8 AM DIANNE GREEN (CATHY & GERARD GREEN)

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2018

THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER

8 AM MARGARET NEBEL (PATRICIA DAVIS)

4:30 PM WIL WIDENHOFER (JOHN LORENZ)

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2018

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9:30 AM PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARY'S

### FINANCIALS: FEBRUARY 4, 2018

Offertory:	\$ 3,745
Candles:	\$ 203
Parish Share:	\$ 1,613
Utilities:	\$ 10
Flowers:	\$ -0-
St. Anthony/ DePaul:	\$ 12
Solemnity of Mary:	\$ 2
Parish Share Goal:	\$50,810.00
Donations Collected:	\$50,626.06
Christmas Charities (12/25/17):	\$ 1,619.01
St. Anthony/ DePaul (1/21/18):	\$ 1,369.00
<b>Exceeded Goal By:</b>	<b>\$ 2,804.07*</b>

\* All money exceeding our Parish Share goal for 2017 will remain in our parish and not be assessed.

**ATTENDANCE 330**

## Readings for the Week

### Monday, February 12:

Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13

### Tuesday, February 13:

Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

### Wednesday, February 14:

Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

### Thursday, February 15:

Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

### Friday, February 16:

Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

### Saturday, February 17:

Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

### Sunday, February 18:

Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

## Liturgy

	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers	Altar Servers
Feb. 14 Ash Wed. 9:00 AM	1. Laneice Olesnevich 2. Grace Leroy B. Mickey Weiland C. Gina Stutz	Cathy McGee	
Feb. 14 Ash Wed. 7:00 PM	1. Cathy Green 2. Rick Hoffman B. Patty Jackman C. Kip Collins	Wendy Collins	Brady Collins <b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Feb. 17 Saturday 4:30 PM	1. Linda Green 2. Becca Bauer B. Deb Crusan C. Charlotte Ruediger	Tasha Werner	Oksana Ortmann Rylee Werner
Feb. 18 Sunday 9:30 AM	1. Brad Marra 2. Diane Collins B. Chris Kriley	Holly Collins	Patrick Kriley Henry Scardina

### COLLECTION COUNTERS

<b>Feb. 12</b>	Bernice & Andy, John Lorenz, and Carole Oresick
<b>Feb. 19</b>	Donna Etzel, Cathy Green, Joan Miller, and Charlotte R.