

## February 25, 2018 2nd Sunday Of Lent

Often it can seem as if our faith is being tested. We can be asked, like Abraham, how much we are willing to sacrifice in obedience to God's call. Abraham appeared willing to sacrifice his most precious gift, his son, Isaac. Abraham went so far as to take the knife with which he could have ended his son's life. But God did not ask that of him. God asked only that he be willing and that he continue to listen. In Mark, it is the disciples who are tested to understand the vision that they are given of Jesus, visibly transformed from an ordinary man like themselves to beloved Son of God. Peter, impulsive Peter, speaks and plans an action. He is rebuked and told to listen. The test is not about action. The test is to listen.



**THIS IS MY  
BELOVED SON  
LISTEN TO HIM**

**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.*

#### **Parish Office**

Monday through Friday 8:30AM to 2:30PM  
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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

#### **Holyday Masses**

9 AM & 7 PM

#### **Saturday Confessions**

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

*St. Joseph*

Saturday 11 AM - Noon

### St. Mary's Famous Fish Fries

On Friday, February 16th we sold 1197 dinners and we couldn't have done it without all your help! We are still asking for volunteers and donations of butter and don't forget about the desserts! Please call Rod Scott at 724-285-4829 if you are able to volunteer.



### On Mission For The Church Alive!

It Is Good That We Are Here – As Jesus was transfigured in dazzling white with Moses and Elijah on Mount Tabor the Apostles do not want the moment to end. We can only imagine what it was like to see Jesus in splendor and glory and can also understand the Apostles' desire to stay there forever. After all, isn't that what we anticipate heaven to be like? Yet, days before, these same Apostles wanted nothing to do with Jesus telling them that he must suffer and die and that they must take up their crosses and follow him to be his disciples. Do we, at times, want all the glory without any of the work and suffering? During this Lenten season it is very good that we are with Jesus in his suffering, so that we might be with him one day in his glory. The same is true of our journey On Mission for The Church Alive! While there may be great challenges in forming new, vibrant communities of faith, the new life possible for our parishes will shine brightly and be reflected in our lives. May we remain devoted to prayer, fasting and good works this Lent so that our hearts will be made ready for all that lies in store for us. Visit [onmissionchurchalive.org](http://onmissionchurchalive.org) to learn more and to stay informed.



### 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 [nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com](mailto:nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com) or 412-926-9413. **St. Mary's day for prayer at Planned Parenthood is on March 11th from 11AM-3PM.**

**\*\*\*St. Mary's will be collecting change in boxes at the main entrance of the Church this weekend and running until the end of the 40 Days For Life Campaign. This is a monetary collection for Lifeline in Butler. \*\*\***

### 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

**Parish Share Pledge Program**

Please take your 2018 Parish Share Pledge envelope located at the main entrance of the church. The more envelopes that are picked up will help keep the cost of postage down since remaining envelopes will be mailed.

**Disposal of Palm**

Holy palms should be returned to nature. Should you wish to dispose of your palm, you may bury or burn it. Please do not bring palm back to the church or leave it at the church entrances.



First Eucharist Parent Meeting will be held on March 8th at 7PM in Marian Hall. **This is a required meeting for all of the parents who will be having a child receive their First Eucharist this spring.**

**Extra Opportunities For Confessions**

Leave The Light On will be on Wednesday, March 21st from 6-9PM at St. Mary's. Every church in the diocese will be offering confessions on this day. Also, St. Mary's will be having confessions at 7PM on Thursday, March 15th.

**Stations of the Cross**

Wednesday's at 6:30PM in the Church.  
\*\*There will not be Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, March 21st due to Leave the Light On.

**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

**St. Mary Preschool Open House**

Sunday, March 4th from 12:30PM-1:30PM.

Come meet the teachers and learn about our program! At this time we are accepting registrations for the 2018-2019 school year. Your child must be 3 by September 1, 2017 to be in our preschool class and 4 by September 1st for our pre-kindergarten class. If you are not able to attend, but would like to register your child please stop into the church office to pick up a registration form. If you have any questions, please call Amy Pettinato at 724-285-3285.



**Community Dinner**

St. Mary Parish is hosting the community dinner at St. Paul Church on Tuesday, March 13th. We will be preparing and serving a meal for about 150 people. Once again we ask for your help with desserts. You may drop them off in the school building on Tuesday, March 13th between Noon and 3PM. Please use the back door to drop off desserts. If you have any questions, please contact Juanita Collins 724-287-7741 or Cheryl Weiland 724-283-6179. Thank you for your help.

**Living Stations**

It's that time again – all parish youth in the Confirmation class and older are invited to participate in the Living Stations on Good Friday at 8PM. Tentative practice dates are Sundays March 18th and 25th from 6-7:30PM in the church. Please sign up in the front entrance of the church. Be part of the tradition!

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

# CALENDAR

## March 4, 2018

Preschool Open House From 12:30-1:30PM.

## 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.

## March 15, 2018

Confessions At 7PM.

## March 18, 2018

Living Stations Practice From 6-7:30PM.

## March 21, 2018

Leave The Light On 6-9PM.

## March 25, 2018

Living Stations Practice From 6-7:30PM.

## **First Saturday Devotions**

Blue Army will have First Saturday Devotions on March 3rd with 8AM Mass at St. Paul Church followed by the Rosary. Meeting to follow in The Collins Room. Guest speaker is Father Nick Argentieri. Topic of discussion is Our Lady of Sorrows. All are welcome.

## **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. 28:** "I Disagree" Doesn't Mean "I Hate You", **March 7:** Exposing the Mask: What Relativism is Often Covering Up.

## **Spring Craft & Vendor Show**

Saturday, March 10th from 9AM-2PM at St. Peter's Parish Hall (Butler). Included will be a bake sale, Homemade Soup ~ Quarts & Pints, Soup & Sandwich Lunch Benefits the Community Dinner Fund Butler City Catholic Parishes. All are welcome!



**Child Protective Services**

## **WEEKLY GATHERINGS**

St. Monica's Family Group- Tuesdays 1-2PM- Church  
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

## **Open Houses**

**Monday, February 26th- St. Wendelin School from 9-10AM and 6-7PM.** St. Wendelin School Teachers are inviting in-coming students to participate in a class lesson with their current grade level students while parents receive and complete information about registration for the 2018-2019 school year. St. Wendelin offers: busing for the surrounding districts, full day kindergarten program, advanced technologies, highly qualified teaching staff, and extra curricular activities.

**Sunday, March 4th- Butler Catholic School from 1-3PM.** 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. Butler Catholic School offers: Small class sizes, caring teachers, Preschool through 8th grade education in one building, an environment permeated by faith and Gospel values, bussing from 7 school districts, and tuition assistance is available. For more information, visit us online at [www.butlercatholic.org](http://www.butlercatholic.org) or call 724-285-4276.

**Sunday, March 11th- Holy Sepulcher Catholic School from 1-3PM.** Learn how your child will excel in Catholic School. Holy Sepulcher School offers: Preschool, Full-Day Kindergarten, 1st through 8th grade, integrated technology in every classroom, foreign language Spanish classes, average student/teacher ratio of 12:1, and extended day program. For more information call 724-586-5022 or email [school@holysepulcher.org](mailto:school@holysepulcher.org).

## **Come To Hear Local Christian Leaders**

Every Wednesday. Time for all services: noon and 7PM.

**February 28th-** Location: St. Luke's , Main Street, Saxonburg. Speaker: Father Mark Paddock.

*Join for a blessing for the final stretch of construction of the new worship center at St. Paul's, Sarver and fellowship/refreshments at ABBA's House*

**March 7th-** Location: Zion United Methodist Church (438 Bear Creek Road, Sarver). Speaker: Rev. Shawn Smith of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

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

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

## Masses for the Week

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018

8 AM MARGARET NEBEL (KATHY & RUSS GEIBEL)  
4:30 PM HUBERT MICHEL BIRTHDAY (FAMILY)

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

9:30 AM PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARY'S

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2018

8 AM WIL WIDENHOFER (R.C. MEN'S CLUB)

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2018

8 AM GEORGE VANDERSYDE (GERARD & CATHY GREEN)

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2018

8 AM PAT LORENZ (LOU & MARIANNE COLLINS)

### THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018

8 AM BETTY BELL (GARY & FRAN BEERS)

### FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2018

8 AM MIKE & LIZ SPOHN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

### SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL, VIRGIN

8 AM ALICE BIEDENBACH (STEVE)  
4:30 PM LEON MACURDY (FAMILY)

### SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

9:30 AM PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARY'S

#### FINANCIALS: FEBRUARY 18, 2018

Offertory:	\$ 2,922
Candles:	\$ 20
Parish Share:	\$ 2,190
Utilities:	\$ 85
Flowers:	\$ 47
Solemnity of Mary:	\$ 20
St. Anthony School:	\$ 20

**ATTENDANCE 267**

#### Parish Share

Our Parish Share Goal for 2018 is \$52,654. All Parish Share envelopes collected will be put towards our 2018 parish share goal unless otherwise specified.

#### COLLECTION COUNTERS

**Feb. 26** Betsy Bauer, Carole Oresick, and Candy Williams

**Mar. 5** Candy Williams, Betsy Bauer, and John Lorenz

## Readings for the Week

### Monday, February 26:

Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

### Tuesday, February 27:

Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;  
Mt 23:1-12

### Wednesday, February 28:

Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

### Thursday, March 1:

Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

### Friday, March 2:

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;  
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

### Saturday, March 3:

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

### Sunday, March 4:

Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25 Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

## Liturgy

	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers	Altar Servers
Mar. 03 Saturday 4:30 PM	1. Deb Crusan 2. Linda Green B. Cathy Green C. Laneice Olesnevich	Tasha Werner	Oksana Ortmann Rylee Werner
Mar. 04 Sunday 9:30 AM	1. Dennis Oresick 2. Brad Marra B. David Lis	Beth Lis	Jordan Davis Kira Lis

### Annual Cemetery Clean Up Notice

In order to maintain the appearance of our parish cemetery properties and ensure the safety of visitors and employees, The Catholic Parish Cemeteries Association will be conducting the Annual Cemetery Cleanup during the month of March. Please note that all Christmas items will be removed from all graves during the Cleanup. Please remove any items you wish to keep prior to March 1st. Thank you for your cooperation! It is greatly appreciated.

### First Friday Celebration At St. Mary's

Friday, March 2nd. Holy Hour begins after 8AM Mass. Adoration, Recitation of the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction at 9:45AM.