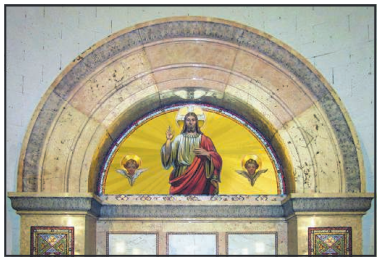
The Catholic Community of Rankin and Swissvale

MADONNA DEL CASTELLO PARISH

2021 S. Braddock Avenue • Swissvale, PA 15218

March 18, 2018



Word of God Catholic Parish

7446 McClure Avenue • Swissvale, PA 15218

Administrative Office: 2021 S. Braddock Avenue • Pittsburgh, PA 15218

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily:	**Monday** *(Madonna)*	**7:00 P.M.**
	Tuesday *(Word of God)*	**9:30 A.M.**
	Wednesday *(Madonna)*	**8:00 A.M.**
	Thursday *(Word of God)*	**9:30 A.M.**
	Friday *(Madonna)*	**8:00 A.M.**
	Saturday *(Word of God)*	**9:30 A.M.**
Saturday Vigil *(Madonna)*		**4:00 P.M.**
Saturday Vigil *(Word of God)*		**6:00 P.M.**
Sunday *(Word of God)*		**9:00 A.M.**
Sunday *(Madonna)*		**11:00 A.M.**

Consult the bulletin for Holy Day and Holiday Mass schedule

PARISH STAFF

Fr. John Lynam ..... *Pastor*
Keith Kondrich ..... *Deacon*
Ron Demblowski ..... *Deacon/Pastoral Associate*
Edward Kapsha ..... *Madonna Music Director*
Michael Burke ..... *Word of God Music Director*
Kelly James ..... *Madonna Parish Secretary*
Karen Flynn ..... *Word of God Parish Secretary*
Marcia Murello ..... *Coordinator of Religious Ed.*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 12:00 Noon
(Word of God church)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the Parish Office
for an appointment

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Contact the Parish Office
for an appointment at least
6 months before the wedding

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Available after Mass
and upon request

CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Office *(Madonna)* 412-271-5666
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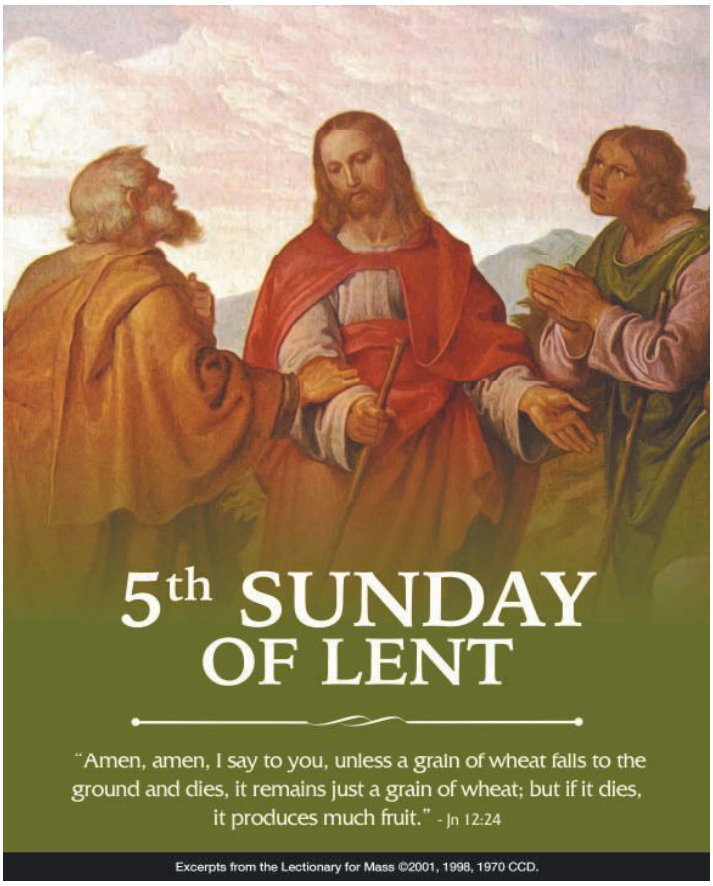
Parish Prayer Line 412-804-8858

East Catholic School 412-351-5403
2001 Ardmore B1vd., Pgh., PA 15221
Sr. Judith Stojhovic, RSM ..... *Principal*
School Website ..... www.eastcatholicschool.org

A member of the East Catholic School Consortium

Bulletin Deadline Monday at Noon.



A NOTE FROM FATHER JOHN

We plan to resume the Sign of Peace and the distribution of the Precious Blood on Palm Sunday. It is important to note that we use the right word symbols for Holy Communion. A number of people have come up to me saying "When are we going to start having wine again?" If an individual thinks that it is just wine, they should not present themselves for Holy Communion. What our Lord offers us is the Sacred Host and His Precious Blood. Please strive to use the proper terms.

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The Light is Still on For you! Wed., March 21, 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at Madonna and Word of God. Now is the time. God is waiting to offer you forgiveness, healing and peace. The light is on and the confessional door will be open. Please share this news with others, and invite those who may not have gone to confession in awhile to come back to the Sacrament. Mark your calendars!

Unbound—Freedom in Christ—One Day Conference-Sat., March 24, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., St. Agnes, Irwin. Neal Lozano video seminar with live teachings from Fr. Boniface Hicks, OSB. Unbound is a simple, gentle and powerful prayer ministry where you will learn how to claim the freedom that Jesus Christ promises. This prayer model of healing helps overcome wounds and sins of the past which bind us. Practical keys will show us how to respond to the grace that sets us free; cost-$20. For more info. call Peggy, 412-398-0776 or email unboundpittsburgh@gmail.com.

Join Society of St. Vincent de Paul members on their spiritual growth journey by tuning in to "Our Faith in Action: Today's Society of St. Vincent de Paul" on EWTN. The Pittsburgh Council will be featured **Sat., March 24th at 6:00p.m.** Learn more about the society by visiting www.svdpit.org.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil - March 17
4:00 PM James Donnelly (Rosemary Sainne)
6:00 PM For the People

Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 18
9:00 AM Thomas & Elizabeth Welsh (Welsh Family)
11:00 AM Mary K. Scaramucci (John C. Scaramuci, MD)

Monday - March 19 - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Bl. Virgin Mary
7:00 PM Raymond & Pauline Albani (Andrea & Scott Eicher)

Tuesday - March 20
9:30 AM Giuseppe Dichiera (Dichiera Family)

Wednesday - March 21
8:00 AM Domenic Petrarca (Pat Grimes)

Thursday - March 22
9:30 AM Giuseppe Dichiera (Dtr. Rosetta & Family)

Friday - March 23 - St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
8:00 AM Dolly Bloise (The LeDonne Family)

Saturday - March 24 - Blessed Oscar Romero
9:30 AM William & Rita Schmidt (Bob/Gerry Barrett)

Saturday Vigil - March 24
4:00 PM For the People
6:00 PM Dec. of Furry & Mondry Families (Larry & Pat Furry)

Palm Sunday - March 25
9:00 AM Norman DeLuca-3rd Death Anniversary (Wife & Family)
11:00 AM Beloved Deceased of Bonacci & Martin Families (John & Janice Bonacci)

THIS WEEK

Sunday
9:00 AM to 11:00 AM –Gift Shop open

Monday
6:30 PM Word of God Choir Rehearsal - Word of God

Tuesday
7:00 PM Holy Hour - Madonna
Eucharistic Adoration, Lenten Reflection, Rosary & Benediction

Wednesday
5:30 PM to 8:30 p.m. - The Light is on For You Reconciliation - Madonna & Word of God
7:00 PM Bible Study—Dattilo Hall

Thursday
4:00 PM Legion of Mary - Swissvale Towers

Friday
12:00 PM Stations with Exposition & Benediction Word of God
12:00 PM to 7:00 PM—Fish Fry—Madonna
7:00 PM Holy Hour—Madonna
Eucharistic Adoration, Stations, Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction

Saturday
12:00 PM Reconciliation - Word of God Parish

Palm Sunday - Collection of Food-Swissvale Food Pantry
9:00 AM to 11:00 AM - Gift Shop open-Parish Center

Memorial Easter Flower Envelopes: Please return them to the parish office by Monday, March 26.

LOOK FOR THE LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA

How can St. Joseph help you this Lent?

Simplicity: In John 6, when Jesus boldly declares, "I am the bread of life," his hearers murmur among themselves and ask, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph?" (Jn. 6:41). Apparently, they considered Joseph to be just a regular, law-abiding Jew—an average Joe, if you will. By implication, Joseph didn't go around Nazareth working miracles and polishing his halo; rather, he lived his holiness wrapped in simplicity. The key difference is simplicity. When we act simply, we take no heed of our glory, but seek God's alone. Such simplicity is a modesty of soul, guarding the intimacy we have with God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Work: On May 1, we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. He is a saint who knows how to roll up his sleeves and put in a hard day's work. Lent is a good time to live out this dignity of work by imitating St. Joseph. God draws us to Himself through the ordinary means of simply fulfilling our tasks. We need not search for extraordinary acts of penance or lengthy prayers, especially if these detract from our normal duties. So before we add on extra practices, we should redouble our attentiveness to the work already before us. (To be continued in the next bulletin.)

-Br. Joseph Martin Hagan, O.P.

Please be sure to place your suggested donation in the money slot on the display so the ministry can be self-supporting.

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY: Collection of food is taken the **last Sunday of each month** at Word of God Parish (leave donations inside the entrances of the church); and at Madonna (leave donations in Dattilo Hall). Make checks out to "Swissvale Cares" and memo "Food Pantry." **The Food Pantry is moving! Our new location will be 2028 Noble St.** Distributions will continue to be on the first and third Thursday of each month 9:00a.m. until noon. Volunteers are always welcome to come out and help serve those in our community who are in need. Any questions please call Dario, 412-452-2792. **Produce to People update: We will begin the last Tuesday of each month through October.** The distributions will be from the parking lot at the 2000 block of Noble St. Fresh seasonal vegetables and fruits will be distributed 10:00a.m.-11:30a.m. All are welcome! Volunteers can plan to help set up at 9:00 a.m. Please plan to come and join us.

If you are in need or know someone in the area who would be in need of a ham for Easter, please contact the parish office.

Good Friday Collection: Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education, and helps to preserve the sacred shrines. In these times of crisis, this collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to this collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

MARY'S CORNER: The Legion of Mary invites all Active and Auxiliary Members to our **Annual Re-Consecration to Jesus through Mary Sun., March 25**, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, 45 North Sprague Ave., (Bellevue) Pittsburgh, PA 15202. Holy Mass-12 noon; Holy Hour-1:15p.m.-2:15p.m.; Social will follow with a lunch buffet in the church hall. Please join us to celebrate the Annunciation of Mary! We look forward to seeing you at the Acies. Anyone who would like to rededicate their lives to Jesus through Mary is welcome!

PRAYER AND PRAISE GROUP meets at 7:00p.m. the 2nd & 4th Thursdays each month at Madonna. For info. call Mike, 412-241-1254.

Lenten Tuesday Holy Hours-7:00 p.m., Madonna: Adoration, Reflection, Rosary & Benediction. The March 20th topic is "Confession."

40 Days for Life: Began on Ash Wednesday and ends Sunday, March 25th. Our parishes are invited to unite with Christian churches in the Pittsburgh area to pray and fast to end abortion. Our parishes will also stand in peaceful prayer vigil at the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic, 933 Liberty Avenue on Sunday March 25th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Information packets with sign-up forms are available in the literature racks and tables. Please sign up for one or more hours. If you cannot join us physically, please support us with your prayers. You may also participate on any day between now and March 25th. Questions: Deacon Ron, parish office, or 40daysforlifepittsburgh. com.

Ecumenical Lenten Pilgrimage-March 21, 7:00 p.m. Pastor Michael Friday will preach on "Can You Drink the Cup I am Going to Drink?" at the Mennonite Church 2018 S. Braddock Ave., Swissvale, PA 15218. A free will offering will be taken up for the Swissvale Community Emergency Fund.

Via Dolorosa ("Way of Sorrows") Walk: Good Friday, March 30th. The walk is a 1/2 mile prayer walk in imitation of the 1/3 mile that Jesus Christ carried His cross through the streets of Jerusalem. The walk begins at 11:30a.m. in Word of God Church (7446 McClure Ave.), and continues through the business district, ending at noon on the steps of Pittsburgh Mennonite Church, 2018 So. Braddock Ave., followed by a soup and bread meal courtesy of the Mennonite congregation. Rain or shine. You can also join along the way or at the end. Sponsored by the Swissvale Churches. Questions: Dcn. Ron Demblowski, 412-241-1372.

SEVEN CHURCH WALK: Holy Thursday, March 29th, approximately 8:15 p.m., bus leaves from Madonna Locust Street exit. We plan to visit the East Catholic Consortium parishes. Church tours planned. Bus space is limited and reservations required. Contact the Word of God Parish Office, 412-241-1372. Free will offering for bus driver accepted.

PALM CROSSES: The Youth Group of Madonna will be selling palm crosses at each Mass the weekend of Palm Sunday. Order forms are in the back of the church for pre-orders. Cost-$15 each; questions-call Deneen, 412-758-3216.

Public Way of the Cross-Good Fri., March 30, Wilkinsburg. All are invited to participate in the "Way of the Cross...Way of Compassion, Public Procession of Prayer." **Stations will begin at 10:00a.m. at St. James** with stops in the neighborhood, and finish one block from St. James. A collection will be taken up for The Sanctuary Project, a faith-based community effort in Wilkinsburg to end youth violence and restore hope to our neighborhoods; info. call St. James Church, 412-241-1392.

Madonna del Castello

The Altar Candles are in memory of ROBERT JENNINGS from Lisa Buettner.

The Tabernacle Lamp is in memory of ROBERT JENNINGS from Lisa Buettner.

The Altar Bread and Wine are in memory of ROBERT JENNINGS from Lisa Buettner.

PSP Donations in Memory of:
DOMENIC PETRARCA from John & Judy De Bernardo, James & Donna Macura, Sumiko Ballog, Paul & Julie Klabnik, Rosemarie Costanza, Carmella Coyne, Joyce Petrarca, M/M David Sabol, M/M Tom Austin, Marie Capezzuto, Suanna Rockwell, M/M James Tomko, M/M Steve Veverka, Jane Marcelli, M/M Jim Watson, M/M John Goldcamp, Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, Unit 84, James R. Kukurin Associates Employees, Crossgates Management, Inc., Vince & Jo Donatelli, Joanna Mayo, Richard Wilson & Evan & Conor Mayo Wilson, Bishop Paul J. Bradley.
JOE MIELE from Sam & Shirley Rocco, John & Olive Magnotta.

Rest in peace: JOSEPH PAUL MIELE, husband of the late Carmella.

MADONNA COLLECTIONS

March 11…….....$3,749.00
Utilities…….....$751.00
Home Missions…….....$160.00

Madonna del Castello Annual Fish Fry: Fridays during Lent (excluding Good Friday), Dattilo Hall, 12:00p.m.-7:00p.m.

Menu: Baked or fried cod dinners or sandwiches, eggplant parmesan, shrimp baskets, haluski, macaroni and cheese, pasta e fagiole, applesauce, cole slaw. Beverages and children's menu available. Delivery available until 2:00 p.m. within a limited area.

HELP WANTED—NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. We need YOUR help to make this critical parish fundraiser a success. We are very short-staffed and need YOUR help. Everything from slicing sandwich rolls and making cole slaw, to serving food and packing to -go orders, set up to clean up, and dishwashing to delivery. Stay all day or just a few hours, whatever time you can give is urgently needed and will be greatly appreciated. Call Lois Petrarca at 412-646-2344 for details. Sign-up sheet in Dattilo Hall. Donate baked goods and desserts to sell during the dinners. Contact Mary Iannucci at 412-371-4912, or drop off during the day on any Friday. Donate butter, noodles, sugar, flour, coffee, cabbage, onions, or cash donations. Drop off in Dattilo Hall after any Mass. Support your fish fry. Come and enjoy our delicious dinners and support your parish.

Child Protective Services Law: Report any acts of child abuse to Commonwealth of PA Hotline 1-800-932-0313.
Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline: 1-888-808-1235.
Diocesan website, www.diopitt.org, under "Protecting God's Children." Sessions available on-line.
Diocesan Safe Environment Certification: Contact Kelly James at the parish office.

WORD OF GOD

Throughout This Week in Word of God Parish Masses, we will use the Altar Wine & Sanctuary Lamps in memory of LEN SCHOCKLING from Greg & Julie Barbish.

PSP Donation in Memory of CHARLES "BOB" McLeigh from Karen Goldbach.

WORD OF GOD COLLECTIONS

March 11.....$6,344.00
Utilities…….....$763.00
Home Missions…….....$785.00

WORD OF GOD CHOIR NEWS

The Word of God Choir is now energetically rehearsing for Easter. New members are ALWAYS welcome and it is not too late! Why not join this dedicated group? Please consider getting involved in the Choir to participate in the most sacred of liturgies in this season, especially if a weekly Sunday commitment may not be possible right now. Choir rehearsals are held on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the choir gallery at Word of God Church.

Gift Shop and Parish Library News: Canterbury Corner has the new **"He is Risen"** car magnets from the Knights of Columbus. Cost is $5.00 each. Take a look at something **NEW—the Comfort Cross**—a hand-held Cross crafted from olive wood that is useful for prayer and devotional quiet times. The cross can be held comfortably in the palm of the hand and helps to bring focus on prayer.

Parish Library Book Sale—to be held on the weekend of **April 7-8**. Donations of books (especially children's), DVDs, etc. are being accepted now.
Library and Gift Shop are closed on Easter Sunday.

MEMORIAL OFFERING: Any or all of the gifts at **Word of God Parish** can be celebrated in memory of a loved one(s). Please fill out the form below and drop it off at the parish office, send through the mail or put it in the collection basket. You may request a particular week. Dates requested will be scheduled on a first-come/first served basis.

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WORD OF GOD PARISH
MEMORIAL OFFERING REQUEST FORM

I would like to offer:

ALTAR BREADS $30_____ SANCTUARY LAMP $ 5 _____
ALTAR WINE $15_____ COMPLETE OFFERING $60_____
ALTAR CANDLES $10_____

IN MEMORY OF_____

FROM_____

WEEK_____

PHONE_____

PRO LIFE CORNER: "I have set before you life and death….Choose Life!" -Deuteronomy 30:19

EAST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

REGISTRATION 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR: Prospective new families who are interested in learning about our programs from 3-year-old preschool through the 8th grade are welcome to join us and be a part of East Catholic School at 2001 Ardmore Blvd. in Forest Hills. Please call the office at 412-351-5403, 8:30a.m.-2:00p.m. to schedule a tour of the school, request information, or meet parents, students, teachers and administration. See firsthand how East Catholic School offers a rich curriculum that fosters a faith-filled, value-centered, quality education for your child. Students must be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2018 to be eligible for kindergarten.

Living Stations, Tues., March 27, 1:00p.m. & 7:00p.m., St. Maurice Church. Looking for a way to deepen your Lenten experience this year? If you're in the Forest Hills area of Pittsburgh, consider attending a performance of The "Living Stations." They will be presented by the 6th, 7th and 8th graders, who are members of the East Catholic School Fine Arts Club, under the direction of Miss Mary Beth Koontz. The "Living Stations" is an experiential musical journey through Christ's Passion, as well as a spiritual wake-up call that provides a visual realization of what Christ went through on His way to the Cross. The music evolves and propels the participants through the story so that each feels present at the foot of the cross, not just as an observer, but as an active participant in salvation history. These Stations reflect deeply on the Scriptural accounts of Jesus Christ's Passion to help us prepare for Holy Week. We hope you can join us as we proceed on our Lenten journey. Admission is free.

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Bingo, Sun. April 8, 1:00 p.m., Sacred Heart Hall, 1600 Brinton Road, Braddock Hills, PA 15221. Admission-$20, paid at the door. No ticket pre-sale. There will be 16 regular games and 4 specials. Refreshments available for purchase. For more info. call Peggy, 412-824-2588.

Sacred Heart Elementary School's 2nd Annual Cash Bash-Fri., April 20, Teamster Temple in Lawrenceville. Doors open a 6:00 p.m. Tickets-$45/person (includes catered buffet dinner, two drinks, music and dancing. There will be 50/50, basket raffles, and a silent auction. Winners need not be present. For more information and to purchase tickets check www.sacredheartpgh.org/cashbash2018/. For questions email shecashbash@gmail.com.

Epiphany School Reunion-Sat., April 21: This year marks the 45th anniversary of the closing of the school. To commemorate the occasion, the reunion is for all former students, teachers, staff, and friends of Epiphany. Mass-6:00 p.m. followed by the celebration in McDowell Hall beneath the Church. Tickets are $20/person (includes dinner, beer, soda pop, mixers and coffee, BYOB). Those attending are asked to bring old photographs, yearbooks or other memorabilia from Epiphany School. For info. and to RSVP email epiphanyreunion@gmail.com or call the church office, 412-471-0257 opt. 5. Please make checks payable to Epiphany Church, and in the memo line write "reunion." To RSVP through the church, include $20/person, and send to "Epiphany Reunion," 164 Washington Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Deadline for reservations is April 14.

Catholic School Families applying for Bishop's Education Fund, please submit your Student Aid Form to the parish office as soon as possible so Father can verify that you are eligible for the Fund.

Career Networking Ministry: St. Maurice Parish has begun a Career Networking Ministry for those who are seeking employment or entering a new career. The mission of the ministry is to provide career transition information, resources, mentoring, and networking. On **Tuesday, March 20th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Davin Room in the church building, the Career Networking Ministry will be offering a general information session on community resources for individuals who are displaced workers seeking support during a career transition. Please register at our parish website, www.stmauriceparish.org, and use the link under the News and Announcements section where it says Career Networking Meeting. You can also contact Diana Hardy, dianahardy@stmauriceparish.org.

SAM – Substance Addiction Ministry

The next Substance Addiction Ministry Rosary for Recovery will be **Wed., March 21,** at St. Januarius, 1450 Renton Rd. Plum, PA 15239. Rosary-7:00p.m. followed by an informal gathering for all who are afflicted or affected by addiction. It will be a safe, confidential place for people to seek education, referral and support; info. contact Noreen at 412-296-1709.

Come Together-Fight Addiction Fundraiser, Sat., March 24, 6:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m., Georgetown Centre, East Bruceton Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15236. This will benefit Light of Life Rescue Mission, a Christian-focused, non-profit organization that provides recovery services, meals and shelter to men, women, and children affected by addiction. Come Together is the region's premier Beatles Tribute Band. Included: dinner, dancing, and other fundraising opportunities. Proceeds benefit Light of Life Rescue Mission. Tickets: $50/person must be purchased in advance—go to www.evenbrite.com/e/come-together-fight-addiction-tickets-42466647887. There will be a Memory Wall in the lobby to honor lives lost to addiction. If you have lost someone or know someone who has and they want to add their loved ones picture call Julie, 412-888-7417 or email Rachel, rachelkauman51@yahoo.com.

IMMACULEE Ilibagiza at Duquesne University-Tues., April 3, 7:00 p.m. in Duquesne's Union Ballroom, fourth floor. Join Rwandan genocide survivor and New York Times best selling author as she shares her story of faith, hope and the power of forgiveness. Sponsored by the Center for African Studies. Event is free. RSVP at Duq.edu/forgiveness.

Readings for March 25, Palm Sunday

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7...The Lord's faithful servant will stand firm even when persecuted.
2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11...Christ was obedient even to death but God has exalted him.
Gospel Reading: Mark 14:1–15:47...Mark's description of Jesus' Passion describes his celebration of the Passover with the disciples, betrayal by Judas, agony and arrest at Gethsemane, actions by the high priests and Sanhedrin, questioning and decisions by Pilate, scourging, crucifixion scene, and burial in the tomb.
Question for reflection: In Mark's gospel, Jesus is abandoned by everyone to die alone. How have you felt abandoned and alone when you had to suffer?

ATTENTION MEN, REGISTER FOR ONE OF THESE IMPORTANT EVENTS!

OPTION ONE:

12th Annual Gathering of Catholic Men

Saturday April 21st

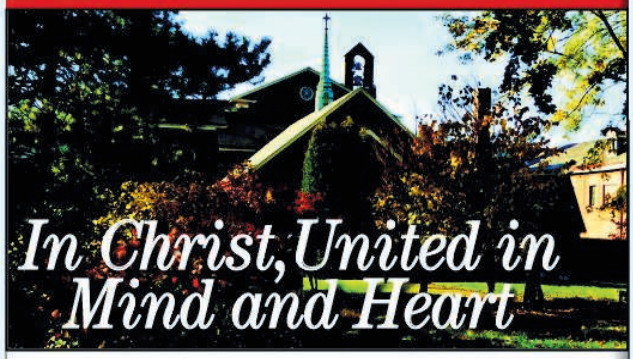
at Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic High School

9 AM to 5 PM (Mass at 4)

- Doors open at 8:00; Program starts at 9:00
- All day admission, come and go as you please
- First come first serve open seating
- Disability seating available
- Free Parking
- Food included with purchase of ticket
- Adult Tickets (Ordered Online) - $40
- Adult Tickets (Purchased at Door) - $50
- Youth/Student Tickets (Ages 13-22) - $10
- Power of 3 (3 Adult Tickets) - $99
- Priests, deacons & religious are free (Please register as space is limited)

Register online @ http://www.cmfpitt.org/register

OPTION TWO:



Annual Men's Retreat @ St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center

April 20, 21, 22

Door opens @ 4:00 PM Friday.
Weekend ends after
11 AM Mass on Sunday.

Experience your own peace and spiritual reflection offered within the facilities and around the beautiful grounds overlooking the city of Pittsburgh.
The weekend retreat will allow you time for prayer, learning, personal growth, and a time of quiet to listen to the voice of God.
The weekend consists of workshops, conferences, reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, and plenty of time for faith sharing.

Register online @ stpaulsretreatcenter-pittsburgh.org or call 412-381-7676

CHOOSE ONE of these weekend events. Continue your spiritual journey.

For further information please call Regis Rhodes @ 412-351-3298.

Holy Week Triduum:
(No Eucharistic Adoration before Triduum Masses & Services)

Holy Thursday (March 29th)
7 pm, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (M)
Seven Church Walk after Mass
(Note: Word of God Church will be open from 8:30 pm to 10 pm for prayer)

Good Friday (March 30th):
11:30 – noon, Ecumenical Via Dolorosa (Begins at Word of God)
12 Noon-Stations (WG)
12:30 pm, Celebration of the Passion of the Lord (WG)
Divine Mercy Novena following the Passion of the Lord (WG)

Holy Saturday (March 31st)
11:30 am, Blessing of Baskets (WG)
Divine Mercy Novena: (WG)
(following Blessing of Baskets)
Noon, Confessions (WG)
7 pm, Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (M)

Easter Sunday (April 1st)
9 am Mass (WG)
11 am Mass (M)
Divine Mercy Novena: (M)
(following the Mass)

Easter Blessing of Families, 2:00 p.m., St. Paul Cathedral, 108 N. Dithridge St., Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Bishop Zubik, Aux. Bp. William Waltersheid & Retired Aux. Bp. William Winter will welcome families of the Diocese of Pittsburgh as they take the opportunity to thank families for the beautiful witness of love and faith that they share with us. Call 412-621-4951 for information.

Covering Statues in Lent: The custom of covering or veiling the cross, statues and pictures stems from the "Fasting Veil," a cloth that was hung up in front of ornate altars, as a way to help people avoid distractions in the final days of Lent.

Thursday Vespers in Lent, 6:30p.m.-Word of God Church: Join us in praying Vespers from the Divine Office. Booklets are provided. Contact Dcn. Ron for more information.

Afternoon of Lenten Reflection-Sun., March 18, 3:00p.m., Holy Trinity Church, 529 Grant Ave. Ext., West Mifflin, PA 15122. Service includes Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Lenten meditations and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Refreshments following. All are welcome; info. 412-466-6545.

Concert-Good Fri., March 30, 7:30 p.m., St. John Fisher Church, 33 Lewin Lane, Pittsburgh (Churchill), PA 15235. Concert presented by The University of Pittsburgh Men's Glee Club under the direction of Richard E. Teaster. A free-will offering will be appreciated. For more info. call the church office at 412-241-4722.

Easter Egg Hunt-Sat., March 31, 1:00 p.m., St. John Fisher Church grounds. Children are invited to begin the celebration of Easter. They should bring a basket to collect the eggs. Registration is required—call the church office. The deadline is Mon., March 26. There is no cost.

Easter Monday-April 2-Dyngus Day, 12:00p.m.-8:00p.m., Polish Falcons Nest 8, 60 S. 18th Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203. Pittsburgh Pierogi Truck-12:00p.m.-8:00p.m., Franktuary Truck-3:00p.m.-8:00p.m. (also serving kielbasa & sauerkraut), also fresh paczki, potato pancakes, Polish & domestic beer all day. Entertainment: Trel-Tones Polka Band-3:00p.m. & folk dance performance-6:30p.m. Kids activities & games-3:00p.m.-8:00p.m. For more info. call 844-203-9917 or email April at millera@polishheritage.org., or visit polishheritage.org. or check the facebook page: facebook.com/pfheritage. Event is free and open to the public.

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