

LIVING IN THE SPIRIT



Growing up, my Catholic faith wasn't something that I thought a lot about. All I knew was that my family went to church every Sunday and that I had received the necessary sacraments. Once my brother and I got older, church became more of a chore. Being in middle school, I did not understand my faith at this point. I did not understand why I had to go every Sunday, or why I wasn't allowed to wear my ripped jeans. It wasn't until my freshman year of high school when I started to really think about my faith and what it meant to me. I had not gotten confirmed in eighth grade with my class because my family got busy, putting church on the backburner.

Going to spring retreat my freshman year was one of the best things I could have done for myself. It reintroduced the church community- more specifically youth group - into my life. I found something that I truly enjoyed that was a part of my faith. After this, I became more involved in not only youth group, but also going to Mass more. I started to really listen to Father Greg's homilies and applied them to my life, realizing that this was something I really needed.

At that point, I decided that I wanted to get confirmed. Chris was supportive of my choice and helped me through the process. Getting confirmed in high school was very different from my friends who had gotten confirmed a couple of years earlier. This was my conscious choice and decision to get confirmed, I was in control of it. This made the experience a lot more meaningful in my opinion because I knew what I wanted for myself. My sophomore year I became a lector. This was a great experience that I needed to take my faith to another level. Being a lector helped me understand the readings better. I started to link the readings to the homilies and then further into my life and how I behaved. I really enjoy lectoring and being able to be a part of Mass, it helps strengthen my faith and keeps me actively thinking about what it means to me. -Lindsay Bouldin



Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 12th at 7:00pm

Stations of the Cross by Pope Francis

We will pray with the meditations on the Stations of the Cross that Pope Francis offered last Lent 2020. There is a House of Detention in Padua and fourteen people were invited by Pope Francis to meditate on the Passion of our Lord, bringing it to bear on their own situations. Those invited included five prisoners, a family that was the victim of a murder, the daughter of a man given a life sentence, a prison teacher, a civil magistrate, the mother of a prisoner, a catechist, a volunteer religious brother, a prison guard and a priest who was accused and then finally acquitted after eight years in the justice system.

Contemplating Calvary through these reflections is to believe that an entire life can be played out in a few moments, as happened to the good thief. All it takes is to fill those moments with truth: contrition for sins committed, the realization that death is not forever, the certainty that Christ is the innocent man unjustly mocked. Everything is possible for those who believe, because even in the darkness there resounds the proclamation full of hope: "For with God nothing will be impossible" (*Lk 1:37*).

Vespers

Join us for Vespers on Sundays at 6:30 PM.

They will be live-streamed.

Each week members of our parish family will reflect on the same passage: **Philippians 3:12-21**

Our speaker will be:

Marjorie Hale-February 28

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WEEKEND MASSES

Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:30pm
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 AM

DAILY MASS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00 AM, Tuesday 7 PM

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4 PM Saturday-Available on Website and YouTube Channel

PARISH OFFICE HOURS Monday-Thursday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

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**Sunday, February 28, 2021
Second Sunday of Lent**

Monday: Weekday

9:00 AM: Eleanor Smith/*Meg Williams*

Tuesday: Weekday

7 PM: Angela Casarella/*The Likely Family*

Wednesday: Saint Katherine Drexel, Virgin

9:00 AM: Ann Kenny/*Cathy Souto*

Thursday: Saint Casimir

No Mass

Friday: Weekday

9:00 AM: Mary Heffernan /*Maureen Cauley*

**Sunday, March 7, 2021
Third Sunday of Lent**

Saturday Vigil:

5:00 PM: Jimmy Walsh/*Jack McCullagh*

Sunday:

8:30 AM: Edward Lubas/*Beverly Lubas & Sons*

10:00 AM: People of the Parish

11:30 AM: Mark Ives/*Jack McCullagh*

Growing in Faith Together



Sometimes we think about making big plans for Lenten sacrificing, only to fall behind with work, family, and other responsibilities. If you find yourself in the second week of Lent with no

commitment to better prayer lives, doing good deeds, or practicing acts of self-denial, it is never too late.

Consider participating in the Catholic Relief Rice Bowl project. Or, choose to fast from something and donate the money you would have spent to a worthwhile local charity. Join us for Vespers on Sunday evenings at 6:30, either in person or join on YouTube.

Consider fasting from electronics for a day, and spend some extra time reading the daily scriptures.



There are plenty of good Lenten ideas in the **Lent in a Bag**. Whatever you choose, it is never too late to start!

Upcoming GIFT

Weekly GIFT sessions and Confirmation preparation sessions can be found at www.borromeogift.org

First Reconciliation

Preparation for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation has begun. Because of the ongoing virus, we are currently meeting remotely for the four sessions of preparation for Reconciliation. Sessions are held by Zoom on Sunday mornings at 11am. In March, we will have a Saturday retreat and celebrate the Sacrament on Saturday March 27.

RECONCILIATION DURING LENT

Practicing forgiveness not only saves families from divisiveness, but makes them capable of helping society to be less heartless and less cruel. Yes, each act of forgiveness fixes the cracks in the house and strengthens the walls. Pope Francis

Times for confession during the remaining weeks of Lent are:

Saturday, March 13 1:00-3:00 PM

Saturday, March 20 1:00-3:00 PM

Tuesday, March 23 5:30-6:45 PM

There will be no confessions on Saturday April 3.

Faith 365

We just completed **Week One** of Faith 365. One hundred parishioners are participating in 11 groups, both in-person and on-line.

LENT

Theme--Saved: Lent invites each one of us to embark on a journey; a journey not only to Easter, but an inward journey of understanding and growth.

It does not seem possible that it is almost a year since the pandemic began. How could we have known all that would transpire during these many months? And with some light visible ahead on the horizon, it is a journey that continues still.

What have we experienced during this time? What are we learning about ourselves and our world? In what ways is God calling us to something new on our journey of faith?

Scripture passage: *Exodus 3:1-12*

Video: Go to YouTube and type in: *The Man Behind: Dog is my Co-Pilot*

Reflection:

~In the video, we hear the idea of being saved. Have you ever had an experience of "being saved"---finding a new purpose from a time of great difficulty?

~The theologian, Frederick Buechner, stated: "Vocation, one's call, is the place where our deep gladness meets the world's deep need." How does this quote speak to your heart?



Purling Angels Prayer Shawl Ministry

Monday, March 8th,
9:30 AM -11:00 AM
Arona Hall

St Charles Borromeo Church

Questions: email tombongiacobbe@aol.com

Making Christ's Love Tangible!



Last Sunday, February 21st we were excited to begin our week hosting a virtual information session for

Project Appalachia. This opportunity is available to our current seniors and will take place August 1-7. For this trip we're in Lewisburg, WV working with Almost Heaven Habitat for Humanity. Each day begins and ends with prayer. We're building, painting, and more with Habitat for Humanity, and each evening we take the time to process some of the issues that are pertinent to the folks we're working with and for. It is truly an extraordinary opportunity. Any seniors interested in joining us should contact Chris Small by email at csmall@borromeo.org.

This week begins on Sunday, February 28th with a 10:00am Faith365 meeting and an 11:30am Youth Mass. Members of youth ministry will read and distribute Communion at the Youth Mass, and we're looking forward to a time when we'll be able to sing as well. The members of this year's leadership team will gather on Monday, March 1st to discuss what went well in February and where we can improve. We'll prepare for March and make recruiting calls for JusticeworX Trenton and Philadelphia and Project Appalachia. -Chris Small



Parishioner Survey for C3: Creating a Culture of Calling

Our church is one of 24 congregations participating in Vibrant Faith's Creating a Culture of Calling Initiative.

The Initiative leaders are inviting us to participate in their evaluation and research of the entire program. You can help! Please complete an online survey by **March 15, 2021**. The C3 leaders will share the results from our congregation with us, but your individual survey responses will be anonymous.

Help us learn about how our members understand and live out their callings and its role in their lives.

You can complete the survey by:

- ◆ Using the link in the weekly flocknote from Msgr.
- ◆ Clicking on the **C3 Survey** slide on the homepage of the website

From Where I Stand A Saint Charles Podcast

C3 PODCAST: FROM WHERE I STAND



Current Episode: Rosalie & Tony Lopez share the story of their 48 years of marriage and how it has called forth a deeper understanding of what love means.

March 8th: Nick Hilton shares the story of his call from addiction to healing through the 12-Step Program.

March 22nd: Cassidy DeSantis shares the story of her journey through the RCIA program, especially during the time of the pandemic.

You can listen by clicking on the slide found on the homepage rotator on the parish website:

www.borromeo.org

You can subscribe on Spotify or by using this link: <https://anchor.fm/st-charles-borromeo>

BLOOD DRIVE



We read articles and see the news casts about a nation that has become deeply divided. Despite what we see and hear on a daily basis, we aspire to be a united human family. One thing that unites us all is a common need for blood when we suffer from cancer, trauma and many other serious illnesses.

Saint Charles will be hosting its Lenten Blood Drive on **Saturday, March 13, 2021** from 8 AM to 1 PM. There continues to be a critical need for blood due to the pandemic and many blood drives being canceled.

This Lent, please consider donating blood for another person in need and show that we are all united in God's family.

For questions, please contact Kevin and Jayne McGuigan at jkguigan@aol.com.

CRS RICE BOWL



Once again this Lent, St. Charles is participating in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that invites us to help combat both global and local hunger.

For I was hungry and you gave me

food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me. —Matthew 25:35

There is a Rice Bowl collection box in each **Lent in a Bag**. By collecting spare change throughout Lent we can help alleviate hunger and poverty. Every penny counts.

Pray, Fast, Give.

What a meaningful Lenten experience!

Any questions?

Contact Mary Ann at: malmertz27@gmail.com

GIVE US THIS DAY



**Thursday, March 4th
at 7:00pm**

Theme: Deepening our Prayer Life

We will reflect on our relationship with God and the importance of tending to that relationship each day.

Come and enjoy some music, scripture, and quiet reflection.

Masks will be worn and social distancing observed

eGIVING / FAITH DIRECT

Our ministries and their continued growth depend on the financial support of all parishioners. Online giving helps us in budgeting for our expenditures. To sign up for online giving through Faith Direct:

1. Go to our parish web site at Borromeo.org
2. Click on "Giving" (bottom right)
3. Scroll down and click on www.faithdirect.net
4. Click on "Give Now"
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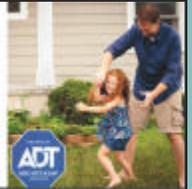
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