March 22, 2020  †  Fourth Sunday of Lent

“We, though many, are one body in Christ”  Romans 12:5

CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY OF BLOOMFIELD, GARFIELD, AND LAWRENCEVILLE

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All Masses and Public Confession Times have been Suspended until Future Notice

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Sacraments & Important Information

BAPTISMS: A preparation class is required for parents and godparents. Contact the parish office to make arrangements.

WEDDINGS: The sacrament of marriage requires a time of spiritual preparation. Couples planning to marry must contact one of the parish priests at least six months before the marriage to set a date and begin preparations for this sacrament.

SICK and SHUT-INS: The Sacraments are available to those who are unable to celebrate Mass due to sickness or age. To make arrangements for visitation to your home, please call the parish office.

FUNERALS: Funerals are scheduled Monday through Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Funerals cannot be celebrated on Sundays or Holidays. Arrangements can be made through the funeral director.

SACRAMENTAL SPONSORS: To be a Sacramental sponsor, one must be: a practicing Catholic, at least 16 years of age, have been confirmed and be a registered member of a parish. Please contact the parish office to set up an appointment to speak to a priest.

SACRAMENTAL RECORDS: Baptismal, Communion, Confirmation, Marriage and Death records before 2012 for the former parishes of St. Joseph, Immaculate Conception, St. Lawrence O’Toole as well as St. Augustine, Holy Family, St. John the Baptist and St. Mary 46th Street have been relocated to the Diocese of Pittsburgh Archives & Records Center. Requests should be directed to: 412-456-3158. Sacramental Records for Our Lady of the Angels and Saint Maria Goretti Parish can be obtained by calling the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Family-Centered Religious Education Program (FCREP), formerly known as CCD, is available for students in grades K through 8. Please contact Grouping Director of Religious Education, Mr. Don Fontana at faithform.ola@gmail.com or call your parish office.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is available for those who are interested in being received into the Church or, if you have not already done so, to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Please contact Deacon Richard at: richard.fitzpatrick@gmail.com for additional information or call your parish office.

TRANSPORTATION: If you need transportation to Mass, please call the parish office.

NEW MEMBERS: If you are interested in joining our parish family, please complete a Registration Form either on-line, in the back of church or at the parish office. We look forward to seeing you.

Hospital Chaplains in Residence

- Children’s Hospital  Fr. Nick Argentieri (nargentieri@diopitt.org)  Saint Maria Goretti—Parish House
- Magee Hospital  Fr. Douglas A. Boyd (FRDAB@aol.com)  Saint Maria Goretti—Parish House
- West Penn Hospital  Fr. Reginald Lyimo, O.F.M., Cap. (reginaldlyimo@gmail.com)  Our Lady of the Angels—Parish House
- Shadyside Hospital  Fr. Pierre Sodini (psodini@diopitt.org)  Saint Maria Goretti—Parish House

Readings for the Week of March 22, 2020

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a and 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-4
Parish Information

**Our Lady of the Angels Parish**

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Parish Phone: 412-682-0929
Parish Fax: 412-682-6889
Parish Website: www.olasmg.org
General Parish Email: parish@oloa.org
Secretary Email: eileen@oloa.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/OurLadyoftheAngelsParish/
Our Lady of the Angels Food Pantry: 412-682-3877

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION REPORT**

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**2020 Parish Share as of 03/08/2020**

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**Sanctuary Candles**

Church: **SPECIAL INTENTION**

Chapel: **SPECIAL INTENTION**

**Saint Maria Goretti Parish**

Parish Office: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. ~ 4 p.m.
Parish Phone: 412-682-2354
Parish Fax: 412-682-6766
Parish Website: www.olasmg.org
Parish Email: parish.secretary.smg@gmail.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/SaintMariaGorettiPittsburgh
St. Vincent de Paul Society: 412-628-2077
Saint Maria Goretti Catholic Community of Bloomfield Food Pantry: 412-578-5923

**Sanctuary Candles**

**Immaculate Conception:**
Special Intention

**St. Joseph:**
For a quick healing for all those affected by the Coronavirus

**PRAY FOR...**
the Sick and Homebound of our parishes and those recently hospitalized.

**AT HOME WITH THE LORD...**
Keith A. Grech, Richard E. Scholze
May all the deceased rest in the peace of Christ and may God bring comfort to their families.
Needless to say we are in unnatural and trying times not only in our parishes, but in the city, the country, and the world. None of us has experienced a pandemic like we are facing today. It puts fear and uncertainty in the hearts of all as we face a contagion that we cannot see, but which controls our lives and limits our social contact at a time that we feel the strongest desire to be together.

I do not think any of us ever thought we would see the day that we are kept from coming together even for the Mass and Eucharist at a time when we feel the greatest need for that celebration of our faith and the concrete presence of our God in His Eucharistic Presence. Hopefully this time of isolation leads us to an even greater yearning for that Presence and the experience of Community. Hopefully it also leads all of us to intensify our spirit of prayer, not only for an end to this pandemic but also for special blessings upon all those suffering from the virus as well as for the safety of all those responding daily to relieve the suffering, not only of those who have contracted the virus, but also all those who need help and encouragement just to carry on during this very difficult time. With the help of our God we will get through this trying time; and we pray that we will be stronger and also more compassionate when we can safely come out and continue our lives with new purpose and strength.

A friend from California passed on a quote to me that I thought was timely in giving all of us hope.

“And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still. And they listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently.

And the people healed. And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed.”

Kitty O’Meara

This Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called “Laetare” Sunday, which is Latin for: “Rejoice”. Even though we do not seem to have much to rejoice about in this particular year it may be just what we need to focus on to not lose hope.

This name along with the rose-colored vestments sets the tone of joy as Lent is beyond the half-way point. Last weekend, with the story of the Samaritan woman at the well, we were introduced to Jesus as “living water”. This week in the story of the healing on the man born blind, we see Jesus as Light in our darkness. Jesus says: “While I am in the world, I am the light of the world” and he proceeds to show that truth by healing a beggar who had been blind from birth. The story plays out as the man, who has been given sight, now has to endure the disbelief of his neighbors, the challenges of the Pharisees to denounce Jesus who cured him, and the denial of his parents who do not want to incur the disdain of the synagogue officials. The man is all alone when Jesus again finds him and asks him: “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” The man says: “Who is he sir that I may believe in him?” and Jesus said: “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he”…and he worshiped him.

The contrast in the story is striking between the man born blind, who comes to see and to believe, and those around him who can physically see but are hardened against turning their lives over to Christ in faith. The Lord asks us to search our hearts and to let in the light that is Christ, so that we do not miss Christ in our midst and fail to rejoice in the Light of our lives. We turn to Christ to be our Light in this time of darkness.

Bro. John
OFFERTORY AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Even though we do not have Masses on this weekend and in the foreseeable future, we do hope that, if possible, you would either send in your offering or, when this crisis is over, that that you will try to make up the contributions that you were not able to give during the interim. Besides the regular offertory and the Parish Share, during this time we also had a special Second Collection in support of three different causes. The Campaign for Human Development supports startup efforts to break the cycle of poverty in our country. The Catholic Home Missions seeks to help poor dioceses in the spreading of the faith. National Collection for Black and Native American Missions, which helps parishes and programs that assist these populations in our country. You should have had an envelope in your packet for this Special Collection and it too can be sent in or can be given once we return to celebrating together.

AUTOMATIC OFFERTORY PAYMENT

A number of parishioners have arranged with their bank to have a weekly or monthly check drawn from their bank account and a check is sent to the parish for their Offertory or Parish Share Contributions. If you would like to do this you can just go to your bank and tell them that you would like to include your Parish in your Online Bill Paying, your bank can set that up so that a check will be sent each month to the Parish with the amount that you would like to donate. This simplifies your contributing in that you will not have to remember to find your envelope and write a check each week and it will be taken care of automatically by your bank and sent directly to the Parish. If you would like further information about this option for giving, please contact your own bank or you can call the Parish Office.

CHRIST LIFE – SHARING CHRIST

The series of the Christ Life Program called “Sharing Christ” still has one session and a retreat to complete the series. These will be rescheduled once we are able to come back to church. Stay tuned.

CANCELLATIONS

We have had to cancel all the special Tuesdays of Lent spiritual events. We still have hope that we might be able to celebrate Holy Week and Easter, but even that hope may not be able to be fulfilled. We certainly will keep you posted.

WEBSITE

We encourage you to go to our website to find out the latest about the corona virus as it impacts our parishes and to find out and changes coming forth from the Bishop during this time. We have posted on our website the links you can go to for the celebration of online Masses during this time. Our website is: olasmg.org

OLA CASH BASH

At this time the OLA Cash Bash is scheduled to take place on Saturday May 2nd in the new Capuchin Hall on 37th Street. As info about the virus continues to evolve we will make a decision about the event and will look to reschedule to later in the summer if that is necessary. The cost of Cash Bash tickets is $20.00 and each ticket has two three digit numbers on it giving you double the opportunity to win the $3,300 in prize money. You need not be present to win but at the event there will be food and games of chance as well as the drawing for the Baskets. Please take some tickets to sell to family, neighbors, and friends and be sure to sign them out so that we know where all the tickets are. Also on the ticket stub where it lists “seller”, please place a Y or an N so that we know if the one who purchased the ticket will be coming to the Event or not. By early April we will make a decision if the Cash Bash can take place on May 2nd or if it will need to be postponed to a later date.
**BASKET RAFFLE PRIZES**

An important part of the OLA Cash Bash is the Basket Raffle. The committee is seeking parishioners who would be willing to make and donate a Basket to be part of the Raffle or donate a craft or piece of art or any item that might be part of the Raffle. Also if you own a business or know some business owners that might be willing to donate a gift card or some items that might be used in a Basket, please call the OLA Parish Office.

**NEW PARISH SHARE LISTING**

In this bulletin you will see the listing of the new Parish Share Assessment for each of our parishes along with the money already donated toward Parish Share. If you have any questions, please call the parish office.

**SEVEN CHURCH VISIT**

As with everything else at this time we are not sure if on Holy Thursday, April 9th, St. Maria Goretti Parish will once again sponsor a Seven Church Visit after the Holy Thursday Service. If we are able to celebrate Holy Week, the bus will leave from Immaculate Conception Church after the 7:00pm Mass of the Last Supper. The cost is $7.00 per person. Upon returning to the church there will be light refreshments served in the social hall of the church. Stay tuned!

**ATTENTION SENIORS**

Through our affiliation with Saints John and Paul Church, an Outreach Ministry is available to help our seniors, who own their homes, to receive some basic handyman services on their homes if they are no longer able. This group will review your request to determine if the Senior Connection team has the skills required to perform the service. A site leader will visit the home and schedule the work during one of their 5 work days during the coming year. Typical services are painting, repairing leaking faucets or replacing non-working plugs and switches, fixing doors and railings. If you have a project that you would like them to consider, please contact Toni Jester at 412-352-5348.

**NEW YORK CITY WEEKEND**

The trip to New York City in April has been postponed due to the coronavirus. To be on the safe side the trip has been rescheduled for the weekend of July 10 -12. If you are interested, please call Joe Covelliat: 412-480-3138 for more information. Everything will be the same.

**AARP NEWS**

Bloomfield AARP monthly meeting scheduled for March 26 HAS BEEN CANCELLED. We will keep you informed concerning future meetings. The trip to Seneca Niagara, scheduled for May 11, 12 and 13 HAS BEEN CANCELLED. If you have any questions, please call Gloria at 412-683-8605.