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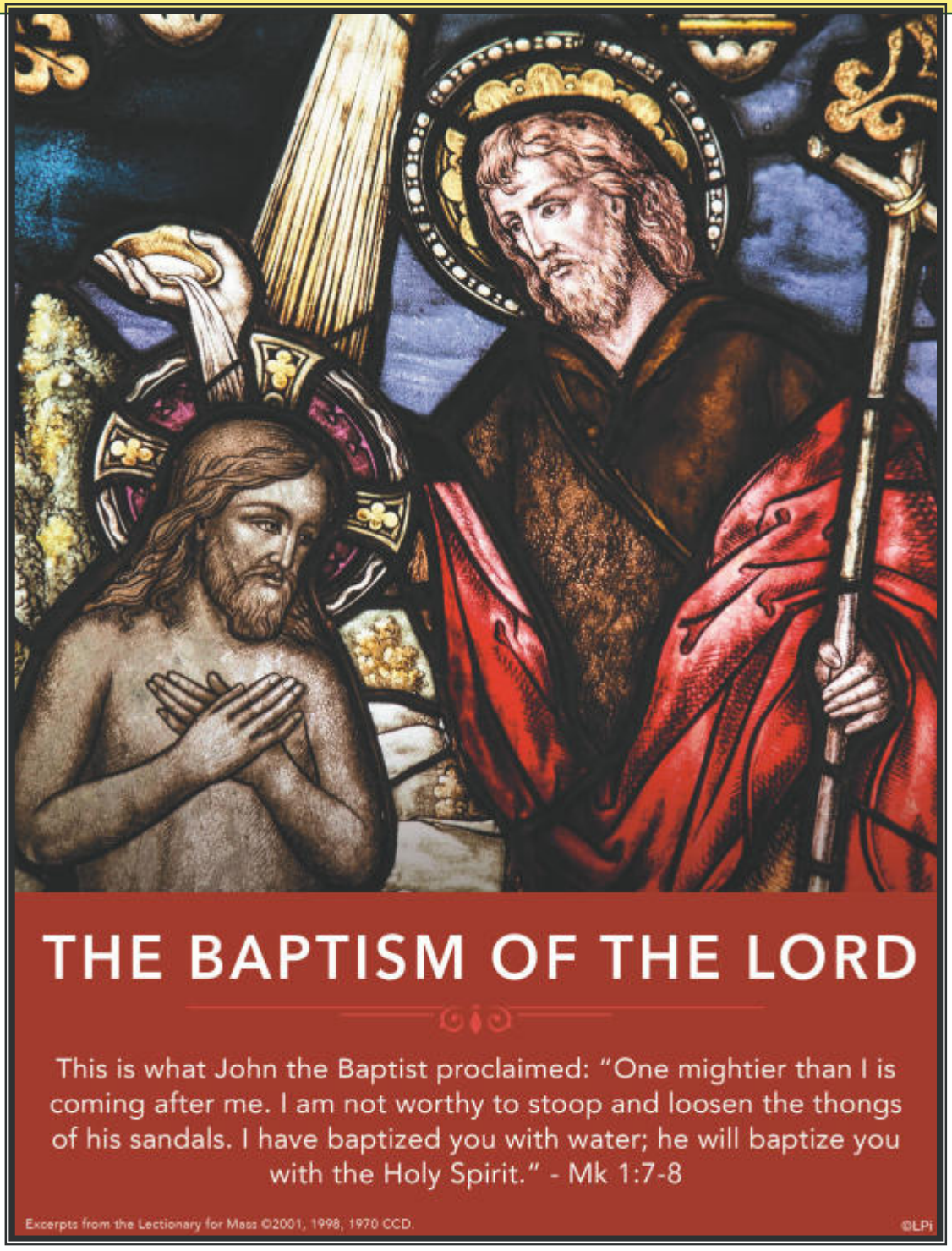
Saint Joseph · Saint Juan Diego
Saint Padre Pio · Saint Scholastica



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mk 1:7-8

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MASS INTENTIONS

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

SATURDAY **January 9—Baptism of the Lord**
4:00 pm † William Saunders (The Pawlikowski Family)

SUNDAY **January 10—Baptism of the Lord**
9:00 am † Joyce Walters (Frank, Ken & Celine Walters)
11:00 am † Edward G. Duss (Family)

MONDAY **January 11—Weekday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 am † Joyce Walters (Frank Walters)

TUESDAY **January 12—Weekday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 am The people of Saint Joseph Parish

WEDNESDAY **January 13—Weekday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 am † F. Bryan Kennedy, M.D. (Robert & Marjorie Hartsock)

THURSDAY **January 14—Weekday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 am Terence Loyden (The Vukmir Family)

FRIDAY **January 15—Weekday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 am † Joseph Zgurzynski (Dom Marasco & Family)

SATURDAY **January 16—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
4:00 pm The people of Saint Joseph Parish

SUNDAY **January 17—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:00 am The people of Saint Joseph Parish
11:00 am † Mary & Steve Miketic (Joyce Miketic)

SAINT JUAN DIEGO PARISH

SATURDAY **January 9—Baptism of the Lord**
Madonna Church
4:30 pm † The Peiffer Family (Pat & Chuck Gempe)

SUNDAY **January 10—Baptism of the Lord**
Saint Mary Church
11:30 am † John & Helen Bursich (Bud & Janice Peitz)

MONDAY **January 11—Weekday in Ordinary Time**
Madonna Church
9:00 am † Lindsay Estep (Fr. Michael & Staff)

TUESDAY **January 12—Weekday in Ordinary Time**
Madonna Church
9:00 am † Martin J. Saunders (Tom & Priscilla Jackman)

WEDNESDAY **January 13—Weekday in Ordinary Time**
Madonna Church
9:00 am † Mary Tomanio (Pat & Nancy Vecchio-Moore)

SATURDAY **January 16—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Madonna Church
4:30 pm † Stanley & Helen Markelewicz (Daughters)

SUNDAY **January 17—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Saint Mary Church
11:30 am † Louis Borowski (Wife, Arlene)

TABERNACLE VIGIL CANDLE

Week of January 10

Saint Joseph: † Joyce Walters (Frank, Ken & Celine Walters)
Saint Scholastica: † Mary Jo Romano (Friends at St. Scholastica)

SAINT PADRE PIO PARISH

SUNDAY **January 10—Baptism of the Lord**
Saint Francis of Assisi Church
8:00 am † Charles Heiry (Allegheny Valley Ultreya)
Saint Edward Church
10:00 am † Tim McKay (Mother, Joan McKay)

THURSDAY **January 14—Weekday in Ordinary Time**
Saint Edward Church
9:00 am The people of Saint Padre Pio Parish

FRIDAY **January 15—Weekday in Ordinary Time**
Saint Edward Church
9:00 am Special Intention

SATURDAY **January 16—Weekday in Ordinary Time**
Saint Edward Church
9:00 am † John Houston (Arlene)

SUNDAY **January 17—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Saint Francis of Assisi Church
8:00 am The people of Saint Padre Pio Parish
Saint Edward Church
10:00 am † The DiVecchia Family (Loretta DiVecchia)

SAINT SCHOLASTICA PARISH

SATURDAY **January 9—Baptism of the Lord**
5:00 pm † Monica Ribar (Deana Miller)

SUNDAY **January 10—Baptism of the Lord**
9:30 am † Gertrude Panza (Katelyn Piroth)
12:00 Noon The people of Saint Scholastica Parish

MONDAY **January 11—Weekday in Ordinary Time**
10:00 am † Sr. Sara Magaldi, OSF(Tish Marsico)

TUESDAY **January 12—Weekday in Ordinary Time**
10:00 am † Olivia Longo Martin (Kathy Murray)

WEDNESDAY **January 13—Weekday in Ordinary Time**
10:00 am † The Yeasted & Gavlak Families (Bill & Kathy Gavlak)

THURSDAY **January 14—Weekday in Ordinary Time**
10:00 am † Gertrude Panza (Karen Lynd & Cheryl Kearney)

FRIDAY **January 15—Weekday in Ordinary Time**
10:00 am † Robert West (Mark & Cathy Bellinger)

SATURDAY **January 16—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
5:00 pm The people of Saint Scholastica Parish

SUNDAY **January 17—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:30 am † Connie Certo (Jo Certo)
12:00 Noon † Mary Jo Romano (Connie Donnelly)

REST IN PEACE

Saint Juan Diego

† Charles Farrell • December 23, 2020
† Joseph Zaborowski • December 24, 2020
† Bertha Maciejewski • December 26, 2020
† Dorothy Simbari • December 26, 2020
† Henry Warmus • December 27, 2020
† Dolores Danowski • December 29, 2020

LITURGICAL LIFE

Worship Schedule

DAILY MASSES WEEK OF JANUARY 11

8:00 am	Saint Joseph Church *Monday through Friday*	Fr. Dale DeNinno
9:00 am	Madonna of Jerusalem Church *Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday*	Fr. Bill Siple
	Saint Edward Church *Thursday, Friday, Saturday*	
10:00 am	Saint Scholastica Church *Monday through Friday*	Fr. Mike Decewicz

SATURDAY VIGIL MASSES—JANUARY 16

4:00 pm	Saint Joseph Church	Fr. Mike Decewicz
4:30 pm	Madonna of Jerusalem Church	Fr. Bill Siple
5:00 pm	Saint Scholastica Church	Fr. Dale DeNinno

SUNDAY MASSES—JANUARY 17

8:00 am	Saint Francis of Assisi Church	Fr. Dale DeNinno
9:00 am	Saint Joseph Church	Fr. Mike Decewicz
9:30 am	Saint Scholastica Church	Fr. Bill Siple
10:00 am	Saint Edward Church	Fr. Dale DeNinno
11:00 am	Saint Joseph Church	Fr. Mike Decewicz
11:00 am	Saint John Cantius Church	Fr. Lee (Korean Mass)
11:30 am	Saint Mary Church	Fr. Bill Siple
12:00 noon	Saint Scholastica Church	Fr. Dale DeNinno

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday

9:30-10:00 am	Saint Edward Church
11:30-12:00 noon	Saint Joseph Church
3:30-4:00 pm	Madonna of Jerusalem Church

Every Thursday

6:30-7:00 pm	Saint Scholastica Church

SACRAMENTS and MORE

Baptisms: Celebrated during any of the weekend liturgies or after the last Sunday liturgy (11:00am at Saint Joseph, 11:30am at Saint Mary, 12:00pm at Saint Scholastica). First time parents must complete a baptism preparation class. Contact the parish office of the appropriate church for details.

Weddings: Celebrated at 2:00pm on Saturdays. Contact the parish office of the appropriate church at least six months before the desired date.

Funerals: Offered at 10:00am, Monday through Saturday.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the appropriate parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: See the bulletin schedule for times and locations.

Mass Intentions: Offered at each Mass for deceased loved ones or for other special intentions. Please call the parish office to schedule.

Family Faith Formation: Offered for grades K-8 on Sunday afternoons and Wednesday evenings at Saint Joseph Church, September through April. Contact the Faith Formation Office at 412-963-8885 for details or to register.

Volunteer Opportunities: All parishioners are encouraged to contribute their time and talents to the church. We have opportunities to serve at Mass as lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, ushers, music ministers and altar servers. Please contact the parish office for information on all our volunteer opportunities. All staff and volunteers in the Diocese of Pittsburgh are required to obtain clearances and training to comply with the Safe Environment Policy. See diopitt.org/compliance or contact the parish office for details.

Membership: To register at one of the Lower Allegheny Valley Catholic parishes, update your contact information, or let us know if you or a family member is homebound or has moved to a nursing home, please use the form at the end of this bulletin or contact the appropriate parish office.

Parish Support

Collection for	Christmas:	Children & Youth:	December 26 & 27:	Solemnity of Mary:	January 2 & 3:
Saint Joseph Parish: *Needed each week:*	$9,909	$1,759	$7,660 *$10,500*	$1,231	$18,067 *$10,500*
Saint Juan Diego Parish: *Needed each week:*	$6,912	$1,105	$3,372 *$7,550*	$1,180	$4,780 *$7,550*
Saint Padre Pio Parish: *Needed each week:*	$4,188	$405	$2,974 *$6,950*	$175	$5,873 *$6,950*
Saint Scholastica Parish: *Needed each week:*	$8,190	$1,589	$6,069 *$7,950*	$637	$10,976 *$7,950*

A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Baptism is a key sacred moment of ritual in the life of an infant child or a teen-ager or an adult. At whatever age or circumstance a person is baptized, it marks initiation into the very life of God. The cleansing waters of baptism wash away the original sin into which we are born; adoption into the family of God as a daughter or son is made real. In addition, a relationship with all those baptized makes us brother and sister to one another and discipleship becomes our identity as we are named followers of Jesus Christ. In prayer and ritual so much happens in baptism but it only marks the beginning.

Baptism is not a once-and-for-all event. Rather, it is something dynamic. While a date is recorded on a baptism certificate, that only tells the when. To be clear, the initiation of baptism into the life of God is also an initiation into the responsibility of living out the commitment of walking through life as a child of God who seeks to put on the person of Jesus Christ.

Baptism is about living the theological virtues of faith, hope and love in ways evident to all those we encounter. Faith in the mysteries of God unexplained. Hope in that which lies beyond the present. Love in word and deed of God and one another.

Baptism is actively participating in the building up of community. It is relational. It is an outreach to others as an expression of what Jesus teaches us: *"Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters . . ."*

Baptism is truly witnessed in each of the faith communities of the Lower Allegheny Valley grouping of parishes. It is seen in the women and men who are actively engaged in their Catholic expression of Christianity: in worship of God during Mass . . . in generous outreach to those who are in need . . . in daily acts of charity shown to others . . . and in participation in the events of parish life and liturgy.

My brothers and sisters, I urge you to live your **Baptism** proudly and responsibly. Let it be known that you are a beloved child of God, a follower of Jesus Christ, an active member of Saint Joseph Parish, Saint Juan Diego Parish, Saint Padre Pio Parish, Saint Scholastica Parish.

Father Dale DeNinno

Post-Christmas Update

The crowds never materialized at the thirteen Christmas Masses that were offered in the churches of the Lower Allegheny Valley on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning. Not only did COVID-19 conspire against us, but so did Mother Nature as well. The accumulation of snow made the roads tricky and fear added its part. Nonetheless, Christmas was celebrated and we again sang to the glory of God as we proclaimed the birth of Jesus Christ into the world.

Thank you to all those who were able to attend Mass in-person and to the many more who participated via the live-streamed Mass out of Saint Joseph Church. Thank you, too, for the generosity of your Christmas contributions to each of our parishes and to the collection for the Children and Youth Programs in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Obviously, they didn't match what was expected or budgeted, but hopefully we'll make up the financial loss over the coming months.

Your priests and deacon also want to say thank you for the wonderful expressions of thoughtfulness and generosity shown to us over the days of this now completed Christmas season. Your greeting cards and gifts were very much appreciated. May the Lord bless you for the many kindnesses shown to us.

The Advent Giving Tree Project was a wonderful success. The decorative cards that hung on each of the trees in our six churches of the Lower Allegheny Valley during the season of Advent requested monetary donations that would be equally divided among the local Saint Vincent de Paul Society, the Jubilee Soup Kitchen located in the lower Hill District, and the Hope for Haiti Project which is an outreach to educate 10 children in Saint Marc, Haiti. A total of $21,015.00 was received from our four parishes. Therefore, checks in the amount of $7,005 each will be sent to these three organizations. Your generosity is an expression of Christian charity at work in the world. Thank you very much and may God bless you in sharing your treasure with others.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday—January10
Isaiah 55:1-11 1 John 5:1-9 Mark 1:7-11

Monday—January 11
Hebrews 1:1-6 Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday—January 12
Hebrews 2:5-12 Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday—January 13
Hebrews 2:14-18 Mark 1:29-39

Thursday—January 14
Hebrews 3:7-14 Mark 1:40-45

Friday—January 15
Hebrews 4:1-5, 11 Mark 2:1-12

Saturday—January 16
Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 2:13-17

Sunday—January17
1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20 John 1:35-42

LAV Parish News

Second Collection
for the Saint Anthony School Program and
the DePaul School for Hearing and Speech

Every year the Catholic faithful in the Diocese of Pittsburgh are asked to show their financial support for two very important programs that help young people with special educational needs.

The Saint Anthony Program offers an inclusive education to children ages 5-21 years with special needs and the DePaul School for Hearing and Speech teaches children, birth to 14 years, who are deaf or hard of hearing to listen, speak and learn. Both programs empower students to become active and contributing members of their respective communities.

This second collection will be taken the weekend of January 16-17. Any help you can give is deeply appreciated and makes a tremendous impact on the students who are served. Thank you very much for the generosity of your support.

Enrich your faith with an online Bible study for the new year! As we begin a new year with things in even greater flux than usual, and as we look forward to our new parish community officially forming, it seems appropriate to stop and reflect upon our calling. What does God ask of us now? Who does God call us to be? In "Moses, Called and Equipped," we will reflect upon the call of Moses as a model for our own calling. We will meet online on three Monday evenings, January 25 and February 1 and 8, from 7:30 to 8:45pm.

If you would like to participate, please contact Andrew Bechman by e-mail at: andybechman@saintscholastica.com. You can order the text online as a booklet or as an eBook. The study is meant to be reflective, but low-key and relaxed. There is no expectation that you do "homework" ahead of time unless you wish to. We hope you can join us!

Thank you to the members of all the parishes for their food donations, monetary donations and $1,800 in gift cards to the St. Vincent DePaul Sharpsburg Food Pantry during the Christmas season and throughout the year. We are very blessed to have members that give to our local families in need especially during the pandemic. May the New Year be a healthy year for all of our families.

End of Year Statements: Parishioners who would like a 2020 Contribution Statement should contact their parish office to request that one be mailed to them. Thank you to everyone for your generosity throughout the year!

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Keep in touch with us
VIA EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGE

The Lower Allegheny Valley Grouping of Parishes website offers many ways to stay connected! Go to LAVCatholic.org find our recorded 4 pm Saturday Mass, The Children's Liturgy of the Word and also recorded devotions such as the Rosary and the Stations of the Cross. To sign up to receive LAV updates by text or email , text "LAVRC" to the number "84576" or go to lavcatholic.flocknote.com. You can also follow us on Facebook at Lower Allegheny Valley Catholic Community.

Twenty Suggested Names
for the Lower Allegheny Valley
Grouping of Parishes

To Honor Christ

1. Christ the King
2. Christ the Servant
3. Lamb of God

To Honor the Blessed Mother

4. Annunciation
5. Our Lady of the Rosary
6. Queen of Heaven

To Honor the Saints

7. Saint Anthony of Padua
8. Saint Bruno
9. Saint Dominic
10. Saint Gemma
11. Saint Ignatius of Loyola
12. Saint John the Apostle
13. Saint Kateri Tekawitha
14. Saint Louis
15. Saint Lucy
16. Saint Luke
17. Saint Paul VI
18. Saint Rita of Cascia
19. Saint Timothy
20. Saint William of Vercelli

These names were submitted in mid-December to Bishop Zubik for his review. In early March this list will be mailed to every registered household in the Lower Allegheny Valley grouping of parishes. At that time you will have the opportunity to express your preference as to which name will be given for the newly merged parishes of Saint Joseph, Saint Juan Diego, Saint Padre Pio and Saint Scholastica. As the Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Bishop Zubik has the authority to make the final decision. We should know of his decision by the middle of May.

May the Holy Spirit bless, guide and inspire him and all of us as we move into the future of this Catholic faith community.

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

High School Life Night: Join us virtually on Sunday, January 10, at 5:30 pm for an evening of faith and friendship.

Middle School Edge Night: Join us virtually on Thursday, January 14, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm for fun faith activities, including taking a deeper dive into the Bible as we learn to better navigate and pray with Scripture.

Links for virtual events are posted on the calendar at lavcatholic.org/calendar.

Our Family Faith Formation program will be returning to in-person classes this week. First Sunday classes will meet on January 10 instead of January 3, and all other classes will follow this change in schedule.

We are looking forward to starting the new year by spending joyful time learning about faith with our families and children!

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CDTCA Open House is Saturday, January 30, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. We will be accepting registrations for pre-school through 8th grade. Reservations are required for Open House. Please visit the Admissions tab on the school website (www.cdtca.org) to make a reservation or call the school office at 412-781-7927. There is also a virtual tour available on the school website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sunday, January 10	5:30pm	High School Life Night	Virtual
Monday, January 11	6:30pm	Appalachia Meeting	Virtual
Monday, January 11	7:30pm	Christmas Bible Study	Virtual
Tuesday, January 12	7:00pm	CALIX Holy Hour	Madonna of Jerusalem Church
Wednesday, January 13	6:30pm	Family Faith Formation-1st Wednesday Group	St. Joseph Church
Thursday, January 14	10:00-11:30am OR 7:00-8:30pm	Women's Bible Study: Walking with Purpose	St. Joseph, John Paul II Hall
Thursday, January 14	4:30pm	Middle School EDGE Night	Virtual
Sunday, January 17	11:00am	Family Faith Formation-2nd Sunday Group	St. Joseph Church

Members of our community who are in need of short-term assistance can contact the LAV Saint Vincent de Paul Society at loweralleghenyvalleysvdp@gmail.com or 412-254-4446 .

The LAV parishes provide a hot meal for the women's shelter at Bethlehem Haven on the first Sunday of each month and the men's shelter at Community House on the fourth Saturday of each month. For details on how you can participate in this ministry, go to lavcatholic.org/homeless-ministry.

The Aspinwall Homeless Ministry is collecting non-perishable food items such as soups, jelly, and powdered or shelf-stable milk. Please leave donations in plastic bags in the gray bins at the Saint Scholastica church entrance.

We are grateful to all the many generous donors and volunteers who sorted, wrapped and delivered food, gifts, and Christmas trees. In all we were able to provide a Merry Christmas for 139 local families, including 334 children.

If you would like to help us get a head start for next Christmas, feel free to shop the January sales for toys, watches, wallets and clothing size 2x-5x. Items can be brought to the Saint Scholastica Parish office.

Collection bins for local Food Pantries are located in the following Church entrances:

Saint Edward Church and Saint Francis Church are collecting cereal and soup.

Saint Joseph Church is collecting non-perishable items. Please leave donations in the drawer in the vestibule.

Saint Scholastica Church is collecting canned vegetables and fruits. Please put donations in the red collection bin.

Clothing Donations: At this time, the St. Vincent DePaul Society is not accepting donations at the clothing collection bin in the back parking lot of Saint Francis Church.

ADDICTION RECOVERY MINISTRY NEWS

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Battling addiction with love

Bob Dewitt, Pittsburgh Catholic, January 1, 2021

In 2020, overdose deaths reached an all-time high in Allegheny County, showing that the diocesan Addiction Recovery Ministry is more crucial than ever.

"Addicts are afraid. They're always living on the edge," said Father Michael Decewicz, founder of the ministry known as ARM, and a recovering alcoholic. "Shame is the biggest inhibiter to recovery. It says you are not worthy. You can't believe that God can love you."

In 2017, the county marked a record 737 fatalities from accidental overdoses, and the toll was expected to top 760 last year, according to the Office of the Medical Examiner.

"Abuse has increased during the pandemic," said Deacon Tim Noca, ministry chair. "Isolation is really bad for those suffering from addiction."

ARM, which began nearly three years ago with funding from *Our Campaign for The Church Alive!,* offers weekly meetings, spiritual enrichment and special events. The gatherings follow COVID health guidelines.

The group's mission is "to provide support, encouragement, education, and to bring the love of God to all those struggling with addiction and recovery, and to all those loved ones who have been affected in any way by this disease."

Board member John Tamiggi, executive director of Allegheny Valley Habitat for Humanity, saw the devastating impact of addiction in the New Kensington area. In response, he started a training program for addicts in recovery.

"They learned skills they didn't have before, putting up drywall and working with concrete," he said. "I witnessed firsthand their improved self-esteem and personal growth."

ARM began a new partnership with Gateway Rehab for recovering addicts coming out of treatment, providing cash for a first month's rent, a bus pass or to turn a phone back on.

The fund, named for the late Bill Dixon, Father Decewicz's AA sponsor, has helped more than 50 people so far, according to Deacon Noca. "It creates a cushion," he said.

"Stress is a big factor in relapse," Tamiggi added. "They need support."

ARM's regular program schedule includes:

- Holy Hour at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at Madonna of Jerusalem Church, 220 Ninth St., Sharpsburg.
- Enrichment, 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at Madonna of Jerusalem, and is live streamed at https://www.facebook.com/Addiction-Recovery-Ministry-Pittsburgh-272173470125033.
- Monthly meeting, 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the John Paul I Center, 201 Ninth St.
- Several AA, NA, Al-Anon and Nar-Anon meetings. For full list, visit https://www.addictionrecoveryministrypittsburgh.org/

"People can help through prayer," Deacon Noca said.

"Recovery isn't a cure," Father Decewicz added. "But it's worth the fight."

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only-begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

[*Bow*] ***and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.***

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11

Thus says the LORD:

All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David. As I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of nations, so shall you summon a nation you knew not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you, because of the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked man his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-9

Beloved:
Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one who testifies, and the Spirit is truth. So there are three that testify, the Spirit, the water, and the blood, and the three are of one accord. If we accept human testimony, the testimony of God is surely greater. Now the testimony of God is this, that he has testified on behalf of his Son.

Gospel: Mark 1:7-11

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed:

"One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

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