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Saint Paul Cathedral

Fifth Ave & Craig St
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Saint Regis

3256 Parkview Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Saint Rosalia

411 Greenfield Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15207

Saint Stephen

5115 Second Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15207

MISSION STATEMENT

The Catholic Community of Greenfield, Hazelwood and Oakland seeks to proclaim, witness and share the Good News of Jesus Christ with everyone. Empowered by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist, Saint Paul Cathedral Parish welcomes all to come and to join us on our mission to deepen our faith and holiness, grow in our love for God and others, and extend charity to all, especially the poor and those in need.

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday, March 1

Lenten Weekday -
Dn 9:4b-10 * Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 2

Lenten Weekday -
Is 1:10, 16-20 * Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 3

Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin -
Jer 18:18-20 * Mt 20:17-28

Thursday, March 4

Saint Casimir -
Jer 17:5-10 * Lk 16:19-31

Friday, March 5

Lenten Weekday -
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a *
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 6

Lenten Weekday -
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 * Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, March 7

Third Sunday of Lent -
Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 *
1 Cor 1:22-25 * Jn 2:13-25, or, for Year A,
Ex 17:3-7 * Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 * Jn 4:5-42 or
4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

PARISH INFORMATION

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 1

8:15 am	St. Paul Cathedral	Elizabeth S. McKenna
10:00 am	St. Rosalia	Rosalee Bucci, Andrew Vehec, and Donato Bucci
12:05 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Emily Febbraro

Tuesday, March 2

8:15 am	St. Paul Cathedral	Julius and Elizabeth Magyar
12:05 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Rosario Joves Downey

Wednesday, March 3

8:15 am	St. Paul Cathedral	Barbara M. McCracken
10:00 am	St. Rosalia	Kathleen and John Mulroy
12:05 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Frank Twist
12:45 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Novena and Benediction

Thursday, March 4

8:15 am	St. Paul Cathedral	P. F. Gallagher Family, Living and Deceased
12:05 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	John Haft

Friday, March 5

8:15 am	St. Paul Cathedral	Julius DePaolo
12:05 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Julia Casciato
7:00 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Saturday, March 6

8:15 am	St. Paul Cathedral	Magdalene Shuker
12:05 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Thomas Tunney
4:00 pm	St. Rosalia	Paul Salmon, Jr.
6:00 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Bartley and Bridget Connolly

Sunday, March 7

6:30 am	St. Paul Cathedral	Stanley and Eleanor Kondrot
9:00 am	St. Rosalia	Giuseppe and Caterina DiNardo
10:00 am	St. Paul Cathedral	Taylor and Barone Family, Deceased
12:00 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Patricia Rooney
12:00 pm	St. Rosalia (Spanish)	People of the Parish
6:00 pm	St. Paul Cathedral	Mary Jane Scully

LITURGY SCHEDULE (CURRENT)

Mass Times

St. Paul Cathedral
Saturday Anticipated: 6pm
Sunday: 6:30am, 10am, 12noon & 6pm
Weekdays (Monday - Saturday):
8:15am & 12:05pm

St. Rosalia
Saturday Anticipated: 4pm
Sunday: 9am & 12noon (Spanish)
Weekdays (Monday & Wednesday):
10am

Confession Times

St. Rosalia Parking Lot
Friday & Saturday: 12noon - 1pm

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

St. Paul Cathedral
Wednesday: 7pm - 8pm
Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration: 7pm
Novena Prayers & Benediction: 7:30pm

Televised Mass

Live on Comcast:
Channel 95 (In Pittsburgh)
Live Streamed Online:
ghocatholics.org/tv-ministry
facebook.com/stpaulpgh
Weekdays (Monday - Saturday): 8:15am
Sunday: 10am

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator: 412-456-3093 (Office); 1-888-808-1235 (Hotline)
PA Child Line: 1-800-932-0313 — Call 9-1-1 immediately if a child is in danger

REFLECTIONS

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

It is almost incredulous to believe that God would ask Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, his only beloved son. "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love and offer him up as a holocaust." It is even more unbelievable to hear that Abraham did exactly what God asked him to do. "Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it, then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son." This is not a story for the fickle hearted or those weak in faith. This was the great test of Abraham's faith and what was seen so clearly is his complete trust in God. "I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved Son." This act of unconditional surrender to the Lord resulted in the rich blessings that came to Abraham and all his descendants in the faith. "In your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing - all this because you obeyed my command."

God desires that kind of faith in the heart of each of us who strive to be his children. God himself gave up his beloved Son to take on the sins of our own human flesh, allowing him to die on the Cross so that we might have the opportunity for redemption and life eternal. As Saint Paul wrote to the Romans: "He who did not spare his own Son, but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?" God has opened his heart freely in love, pouring out through the saving sacrifice of Jesus, all the love, mercy and compassion that could possibly be given to those he loved. Faith calls us and challenges us to that same kind of self-giving.

Lent is not for the faint of heart. We are called in this holy season of grace to take on the forces of evil and sin, to battle with all our strength the temptations of life that fill us with pride, greed, jealousy, self-interest, lack of compassion, unkindness, and selfishness. We can all too easily dismiss the need for God's grace and our complete dependence on God. Who of us are like Abraham, willing and ready to sacrifice our most treasured and beloved possessions out of obedience and love to the one who made us and gave us everything in the first place?

The Transfiguration revealed for Peter, James, and John - and each of us who follow - the true identity of Jesus as the Son of God, the one who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Those disciples were asked to endure great hardships and sufferings, even death, as they carried out the work of Jesus. But God's voice is clear and direct: Listen to Him! Jesus is the only way to the Father; he brings to us the pathway to happiness, to peace, to the fullness of life, to joy - both here in this life and fully in the next. Like Moses and Abraham, like the prophets and kings, like Peter, James, and John as well as our dear Mother Mary, like the followers in every age of the Church, we must hear the voice of God and listen to him. Lent calls us through prayer, fasting and works of charity to deepen the room in our hearts and lives for the One who alone can bring us life and truth. Of course, it will not be easy; faith never has been. Great sacrifices are required of us and we must endure the sufferings and crosses that come with our human condition - but so did Jesus himself! We pray with the psalmist today: "I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living. I believed even when I said I am greatly afflicted for we are precious in the eyes of the Lord." Amen.

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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"During Lent Catholics should be increasingly concerned with speaking words of comfort, strength, consolation, and encouragement, and not words that demean, sadden, anger, or show scorn. In order to give hope to others, it is sometimes enough simply to be kind, to be willing to set everything else aside in order to show interest, to give the gift of a smile, to speak a word of encouragement, to listen amid general indifference."

~ Pope Francis

"If we wish to serve God and love our neighbor well, we must manifest our joy in the service we render to Him and them. Let us open wide our hearts. It is joy which invites us. Press forward and fear nothing." ~ Saint Katharine Drexel

SOCIAL MEDIA

For parish updates, news, and more find us on Twitter and Facebook:

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facebook.com/stpaulpgh

THE FR. VANYO LIBRARY

The Father Vanyo Library is closed until further notice. You can visit librarycat.org/lib/vanyolibrary to view the books and resources available.

ONLINE GIVING

Giving has never been easier! Visit ghocatholics.org and click on the "Donate to St. Paul Cathedral" page under the "Resources" tab. First-time users will need to create a new account. Schedule recurring gifts or make one-time donations.

FOR THE MOST UPDATED INFORMATION

on the diocesan response to COVID-19, please visit diopitt.org.

FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

A word of thanks to all who give so generously to support our parish and its many services.

Sunday, February 7:

4:00 pm:	\$819.00
6:00 pm:	\$531.00
6:30 am:	\$699.00
9:00 am:	\$400.00
10:00 am:	\$2,156.00
12:00 pm:	\$553.00
12:00 pm (Spanish):	\$119.00
6:00 pm:	\$405.00
Mail-In:	\$9,260.00
Total:	\$14,942.00

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH:

"Let us pray that we may experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God."

REFLECTIONS

FROM THE HEART OF OUR PASTOR, FATHER STUBNA

- CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS.** Diocesan regulations are still in place to prevent the spread of the coronavirus or any other type of flu or virus. We publish these periodically, but I need to emphasize several that are very important. We need everyone's cooperation in our attempts to remain open and to stay safe and healthy. Please cooperate as members of our parish family with the rules in place:
 - The wearing of masks is mandatory for anyone who comes to Church for any reason; these are not optional.**
 - Social distancing rules apply for everyone who comes as well.**
 - Out of charity and concern for others, we are asking that everyone please receive Holy Communion on the hand during this pandemic and not on the tongue. We realize that some people have strong feelings about receiving Holy Communion on the tongue, but we are asking your consideration to dispense from this practice, out of charity, for the welfare and safety of everyone.**
 - The distribution of the Precious Blood during the Eucharist is suspended.**
 - Holy water fonts will remain empty.**
 - The exchange of the Sign of Peace is suspended.**
 - The obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been lifted and we encourage you to take advantage of the livestreaming and cablecasting of our daily and Sunday Masses.**
 - Anyone who is feeling ill or sick must stay home. In the interest of the health of others in the faith community, those who feel ill or exhibit any flu or cold symptoms should stay home until they are well.**
 - We are required to clean and to sanitize between every single Mass and event that takes place. We are so grateful to our volunteers who are helping us with this task, but we need others. Consider staying after Mass and pitching in.**
 - No printed Mass programs or other materials are allowed to be distributed at this time other than the parish bulletin.**
 - We are permitted to operate at 25% capacity within the social limits. For Saint Paul Cathedral that is about 400 people and for Saint Rosalia about 125 people.**
 - Funerals and weddings are limited to no more than 250 people at the Cathedral and 125 people at Saint Rosalia, Saint Stephen, and Saint Regis.**
 - Baptisms are limited to no more than 50 people at all**

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church sites. Baptisms will be scheduled with one family at a time.

2. Erica Gamberro is our parish pastoral associate. Her primary responsibilities include coordinating the RCIA formation process, young adult ministry and evangelization. **We have begun a new journey with RCIA this year in our parish** that reflects the meaning and intent of the Church's documents on how we work with those seeking full communion with the Church. Sometimes there is a tendency in parishes to treat RCIA as a series of classes that begin in September and end at Easter. In reality, we have people inquiring throughout the year about the Catholic faith. Erica has begun a process of formation that invites those seeking the faith to join us at any point throughout the year and to create groups of people on this journey depending on their situation and previous formation and experience with the Church. This allows us to have an organic process of faith formation that is open and inclusive of all seekers whenever they come to us. As a result, some people will be brought into the Church at different times throughout the year, not just at the Easter vigil. On February 14 and February 15, we had the joy of welcoming four new people into the Church and our parish family because they were ready to be fully initiated. Typically, these are people who have been baptized in another Christian faith (candidates). Those who have never been baptized (catechumens) require a longer period of formation and are almost always brought into the Church at the Easter vigil. Let us continue to pray for all those who are part of the RCIA process in our parish as they discern God's call to full communion with the Catholic Church.

OUR MONTHLY AFTERNOON OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION will take place today, Sunday, February 28. The Eucharist will be exposed following the 12:00 Noon Mass and I invite all our parishioners to stop in and pray before the Blessed Sacrament at some point between 1:00 and 5:00 pm this afternoon. Please consider spending at least a half hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Solemn Vespers and Evening Prayer will be celebrated that evening, along with Benediction, at 5:00 pm. Please come and join us for this special afternoon of praise and prayer before the Real Presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The fruits of Eucharistic adoration are abundant for those who participate – for our families, our parish, the Church, and our nation.

WEEKLY LENTEN BULLETIN INSERT. We are providing you a weekly Lenten insert in our bulletin that is a gift for this Lenten season. Please use it to help make the most of this Lenten season. It provides insights into the Scriptures, offers prayers, highlights the Church's teaching on Lenten practices, and invites our families to reflect on the meaning of Lent and to pray together. Please use it with your family.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is available every Friday and Saturday from 12:00 noon until 1:00 pm at the Saint Rosalia school building.

ST. PAUL CATHEDRAL SANCTUARY CANDLE

This week, from February 27 through March 5, the Sanctuary Candle at St. Paul Cathedral is being offered for:

BERNARD GARVEY

May he rest in peace.

ST. PAUL CATHEDRAL BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL LIGHT

This week, from February 27 through March 5, the Blessed Mother Vigil Light at St. Paul Cathedral is being offered for:

THE HEALTH OF NANCY PATTERSON

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SANCTUARY CANDLES AND BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLES

can burn in memory of a deceased loved one or for a special intention at both St. Rosalia site and St. Paul Cathedral. Only those intentions that have actually been requested with an offering will be listed in our weekly bulletin. Please call the parish office if you want to request an intention.

VIGIL CANDLES CAN BE LIT AT OUR CHURCHES

by sending in your donation and the intention that you want to offer. We are happy to light the candle and say a prayer for that intention on your behalf.

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WINE, CHEESE, AND THE GOSPEL: SPRING 2021. Father Stubna will host four sessions of Wine, Cheese, and the Gospel **beginning this Monday, March 1. Our topic will be the Year of Saint Joseph: What does the Church believe and teach about Saint Joseph?** In light of the pandemic and restrictions in place, we will plan on hosting Wine, Cheese, and the Gospel virtually until we can begin to gather in person. The program begins at 7:00 pm with a presentation and then time for questions and answers until about 8:00 pm. It will be cablecast on Comcast Channel 95, livestreamed from our parish website and on Facebook. It is open to all young adults and adults and all are welcome to attend. Each session has a different topic and is an informal gathering of fellowship and faith as we seek to learn more about what we believe as Catholics. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for Wine, Cheese, and the Gospel this spring.

March 1: Year of St. Joseph: What do we believe about St. Joseph?
March 29: The Rituals of Holy Week
April 26: Sacramentals and Some Popular Devotions
June 28: The Post-Nicene Fathers of the Church

THE BULLETIN is the lifeline to our parish and is the primary means of communication. Please take time to read the bulletin in its entirety. One parishioner reminded me this past week of how important it is for the bulletin to be delivered to the shut-ins and elderly of our parish and how much it means to them. If you know of any one in your apartment building or neighborhood who cannot make it to Church on Sunday, please consider taking them a bulletin so they can be connected to the life our parish. Many people have thanked me for all that is in the bulletin because it keeps them connected with all that is happening and helps them to learn more about their faith as well. Be a good Samaritan and bring a bulletin to someone close by who cannot make it to Mass! Share it with your family members. You will bring a great deal of happiness and joy to their lives and perhaps help someone else to grow more deeply in faith. You can access the bulletin online as well.

PARISH SHARE 2021. The letters and pledge cards for Parish Share 2021 have gone out and the members of our parish should be receiving them this week or next. **Our parish goal for 2021 is \$105,477** (\$1,229 less than last year's goal). Please help us to be successful in this year's campaign. This is an opportunity for each of us as members of the Church to make an annual gift to help both Bishop Zubik and the Diocese in the many ministries that benefit our parishes and so many others in the larger Church, as well as to help our own parish family. I am asking each of you to consider helping us in this important effort. As good stewards of all that God has blessed us with, Parish Share offers us an opportunity to use our financial blessings to help the Church in its many ministries that touch the lives of so many people with the love and mercy of God. Anything over and above our goal remains as added income to our parish so it is very important that we all contribute and help make this campaign a success. Thank you for your support and for your generosity. God bless you.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are a beautiful devotion that invites us to walk the Way of the Cross with Jesus. Stations of the Cross will be celebrated during the Lenten season at the Cathedral on Wednesdays at 12:45 pm (following the 12:05 Mass) and on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm (with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction). I encourage everyone to come and pray with us, to bring your family and friends, and walk the Way of the Cross with our Lord.

CABLECAST (COMCAST CHANNEL 95) AND LIVE-STREAMING ON FACEBOOK AND THE CATHEDRAL WEBSITE. The Wednesday evening Novena to our Mother of Perpetual Help and the Friday evening Stations of the Cross are being cablecast and live-streamed. Both begin at 7:00 pm and include Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction. Please join us virtually for these beautiful prayer experiences.



OUR WEEKLY NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP. At Saint Paul Cathedral on Wednesday evenings the Eucharist is exposed on the altar at 7:00 pm and the novena prayers and Benediction begin at 7:30 pm until about 8:00 pm. Please consider attending and bringing your needs and prayers to the attention of Our Blessed Mother who always hears our prayers and desires to lead us to the loving heart of her Son, Jesus Christ.

THE LIGHT IS STILL ON FOR YOU! Haven't been to confession in a while? Interested, but worry you don't remember how to make a good confession? Visit www.diopitt.org/lightison and read "A Short Guide to Confession." Bishop Zubik has asked every parish to participate again this year in The Light Is On For You. **Several priests will be available in the Cathedral itself on Wednesday evening, March 10 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm** to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Jesus Christ and His Church. God awaits with the gift of his forgiveness, his peace, and his mercy. **Wearing a mask and social distancing is required. Confessions will not be heard in the confessionals but in stations set up in different parts of the Cathedral where a screen will be in place between the penitent and the priest-confessor. All are welcome. One priest will be able to hear confessions in Spanish as well.**

SAINT OF THE WEEK. March 3 marks the feast of **SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL**, canonized in 2000. Katharine was raised by her father, a wealthy banker, and stepmother, who were deeply committed to their faith and taught their children to be generous, especially to those in need. Mrs. Drexel believed that God had given wealth to her family so they could aid others and she regularly involved her daughters in distributing food, clothing, medicine, and money to the poor and destitute. Both parents died and Katharine used her wealth to help build schools for Native American children, which became her life's passion. She had a strong desire to become a contemplative nun, but her bishop and spiritual director desired her to remain a single woman serving the Church. In 1891, Katharine founded a new religious community, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians, and Colored People, that combined prayer and social action. Katharine founded 145 Catholic missions, twelve schools for Native Americans, and 50 schools for blacks. During her lifetime she gave away nearly \$20 million in this great effort. Having suffered a serious heart attack, Katharine was forced to retire and got her wish as she spent nearly 18 years in quiet contemplation and prayer before she died at the age of 97 in 1955. We are inspired by her generosity, her courage, her desire to help those most in need, and her life of prayer and service in building the Kingdom of God.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

"In *Evangelium Vitae*, John Paul II is deeply, even passionately, concerned about the social unraveling that inevitably follows our forgetting that freedom 'possesses an inherently relational dimension.' Thus, *Evangelium Vitae* begins with a striking meditation on the biblical story of Cain and Abel. Cain's evasive dodge – 'Am I my brother's keeper?' – embodies the constant human temptation to avoid responsibility for others. The same question, and the same evasion, are characteristic of those who imagine America as the Republic of the Imperial Autonomous Self. John Paul, however, suggests that a democracy capable of protecting the rights of all its citizens is possible only when those citizens understand that the answer to Cain's question was, is and always will be, yes. 'Recognizing and protecting every man and woman as a person and not as an object to be used' is, the Pope argues, the moral foundation of democratic equality and the precondition for civil society. Unless that basic right to life is acknowledged in law, freedom's foundations are gravely weakened as 'society becomes a mass of individuals ... without any mutual bonds.' In such a Hobbesian world, the quest for power inevitably dominates; and in that contest no one is secure, because the moral principle that legitimizes checks on arbitrary power – the absolute inviolability of innocent human life – has been tossed overboard." ~ *George Weigel*

PART TIME WEDDING COORDINATORS NEEDED FOR SAINT PAUL CATHEDRAL. We are seeking one or two people who might be interested in serving as part time wedding coordinators for Saint Paul Cathedral. This would involve one or two weekends a month. This person would be responsible for coordinating Friday afternoon weddings at 2:30 pm (along with a Thursday evening rehearsal at 4:30 pm) and the wedding rehearsals on Friday (typically from 4:00 pm through 7:00 pm) and the weddings on Saturday afternoon (typically from 1:00 pm until 6:00 pm). Training would be provided. Must be a practicing Catholic and have some organizational skills. We currently have several people who are helping with this ministry, but we need to find one or two more. Compensation is provided per wedding. Please contact Father Stubna if you are interested (kstubna@diopitt.org) or call the Cathedral rectory.

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CONGRATULATIONS to our parishioners from Serra Catholic High School who achieved honor roll status this past quarter:

Ruby: ANNA SPUDIC
Gold: GUADALUPE ALBERTO

CONGRATULATIONS to our parishioners from Aquinas Academy who achieved honor roll status this past quarter:

Highest Honors: JULIA MELAND
High Honors: PATRICIA BLUME, GRACE MASTERSON, ANDREW NOETHLING, THOMAS SPILLER

PASSING FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE. We extend our deepest sympathies and prayers to the families of those who were buried from our parish recently. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

St. Paul Cathedral ELEANOR D'ANDREA, MARIA SCIULLI
St. Rosalia site MARY TESTA, CHRISTOPHER MULLEN
Blessing Service ANNE MARIE COCHRAN, FLORENCE PALMIERI

We extend our deepest sympathies and prayers to the family of long-time parishioner **FRANK ANDREOLI** who passed away recently. We extend our deepest sympathies and prayers as well to our parishioner Oscar Valdes on the death of his beloved daughter, **CRISTINA MARIA VALDES**, who was buried in Ellicott City, Maryland. May they rest in peace.

A MEMORIAL MASS will be celebrated on Thursday, March 4 at 10:00 am at Saint Paul Cathedral for **FRANK ANDREOLI**. Frank was a long-time parishioner of Saint Paul Cathedral and served as an usher for many years. He died on February 13 and his funeral arrangements were private.

WORD ON FIRE ENGAGE AND FLOCKNOTE. We are excited to announce that our parish now has **TRIAL ACCESS** during the season of **LENT** to premium video content from Word on Fire. These films and videos feature **Bishop Robert Barron** who has been hailed as "one of the Church's greatest messengers" and is the second most-followed Catholic in the world on social media (behind only Pope Francis.) He is best known for his *CATHOLICISM* film series and his Emmy-nominated *Pivotal Players* series, which have both aired on PBS and EWTN, and have been seen by millions of people. Thanks to Flocknote, our parish's email and texting tool, we can now send you short Bishop Barron videos with engaging questions via email or text message. We encourage you to participate in our parish discussions as together we draw deeper into the Faith. In addition, **you now have access to the entire Word on Fire digital video library.** You can watch any of Bishop Barron's films or study programs whenever you want, on any device! Just click on any video we send to get started! If your email and/or phone number is not registered with the parish, or if you would like to add additional addresses, please register at StPaulCathedralParishPgh.flocknote.com or by texting **CATHEDRALPGH** to **84576**. *If we have enough interest and feedback, we will consider purchasing a parish subscription to Word on Fire Engage. Please check it out!*

PARISH ONLINE LENTEN CALENDAR FOR YOUR DAILY SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT. In addition to our Word on Fire Engage trial on Flocknote, we have another online treat for you this Lent! Our parish clergy and staff have put together a daily Lenten calendar that includes a brief reflection, a prayer, and an action you can take. It can be found on our parish website at www.ghocatholics.org. There is a link on our homepage. You can also find the reflections under the heading, "Faith." Enjoy and have a most blessed Lent!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK. We received this question in our information box: "What Bible do we use as Catholics? Gideon? King James? Or other?" **ANSWER:** The only Bibles approved for use by Catholics must have the proper ecclesiastical approval (The Vatican or the conference of bishops in a particular country). The two most commonly used Catholic bibles are the *New American Bible, Revised Edition (NABRE)* – this is the translation that is used for the readings at Mass – and *New Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition*. The two Bibles you mention, the King James version and the Gideon bible are Protestant bibles and do not contain all the books of the bible that are part of the Canon of Scripture and the translations are not approved by the Catholic Church. Catholics should always read and use at home only Catholic bibles that have the approbation of the Church.

EASTER FLOWERS. There is an opportunity to make an offering to help fund the beautiful and magnificent Easter flowers for the altars at both Saint Paul Cathedral and our Saint Rosalia site this year and to make that offering in memory of deceased loved ones, or for the spiritual benefit of the living. **When you submit the names of those to be remembered PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY AND CLEARLY so that we can read the names.** Mistakes that are made often result from our inability to read the writing when it is submitted. Donations should be made as soon as possible. Given the early publication deadline for the Easter bulletin, only those names received by **Monday, March 22** will be able to be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin. The others will be published in the weeks following Easter as we receive them.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK. We extend our prayers and blessings to all who are sick in our parish and especially those who have been hospitalized recently. In a special way we remember in our prayers: **GAIL BRENNAN.** We always extend our prayers to **FATHER RICHARD WARD,** former resident at Saint Paul Cathedral, for his quick recovery from a recent hospitalization.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY CORNER

FIRESIDE FAITH. Join the Young Adult Ministry on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 pm in Saint Paul Cathedral's Synod Hall for conversation and fellowship. All young adults are welcome.

JOIN US FOR LECTIO DIVINA, the ancient practice of reading and praying over scripture. On Thursday, March 11, we invite you to gather in the Joan of Arc Chapel at St. Paul Cathedral at 7:00 pm to pray together, reflect on the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday, and faith share. We ask that you wear a mask. We encourage you to bring your own Bible or use your phone to follow along the Gospel.

2020 PARISH SHARE UPDATE. Since the parish share program for 2020 began this past February, before our parish merger, each of the four parishes was given an individual goal and we are tracking the gifts and pledges separately. We are providing a final update through the end of January. Many thanks to those who have made gifts and pledges. We appreciate your generosity and support. Anything raised over our diocesan obligation remains in the parish and will help us to meet our financial obligations.

PSP 2020 UPDATE (BASED ON JANUARY EXPORTS):

Parish Name	Goal	Total Pledged Amount	Total Amount Paid	Total People Making Pledges	Pledges Not Paid Fully	Outstanding Balance Owed On Pledges	Amount Needed to Reach Goal
Saint Paul Cathedral	\$40,000	\$111,336.35	\$110,041.35	227	7	\$925	(\$71,336.35)
Saint Regis	\$14,050	\$10,086	\$10,086	36	0	\$0	\$3,964
Saint Rosalia	\$28,656	\$27,939.96	\$27,489	107	3	\$450.96	\$716.04
Saint Stephen	\$24,000	\$12,035	\$11,835	45	1	\$200	\$11,965

PARISH NEWS

LENTEN SERIES. A large part of each Gospel is the Passion Narrative. During Lent, join the parish ZOOM Bible Study on Sunday evenings from 8:00 to 9:00 pm to examine the unique perspective and presentation in each Gospel. Several weeks will be devoted to the Synoptic Gospels – Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Special attention will be given to the Gospel of John. Father Steve Palsa, our Parish Chaplain, will lead the study – including reflections, discussion, and prayer. To register contact Regis Flaherty at 412-287-4007 or regisflaherty@gmail.com.

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY. Join Deacon Tom and your neighbors for this weekly Bible Study from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm (via Zoom). On March 1 we'll start "Treating Others as Jesus would." Everyone is welcome – no previous experience is necessary. The parish provides commentaries. We will meet every Monday evening (except March 15) through April 26. Interested? Please contact Deacon Tom (tberna@diopitt.org or 412-414-3125) so he can provide you with the Zoom link and a copy of the commentary.

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – 28 DE FEBRERO DE 2021 – 2º DOMINGO DE LA CUARESMA. *"Este es mi Hijo, el Amado, escúchenlo". (Marcos 9:7). Si recordamos, al ser bautizado el Señor, se escucharon palabras desde el cielo que decían. "Tú eres mi Hijo, el Amado, mi Elegido". (Marcos 1:11). En ese momento de su bautismo iniciaba su misión, ahora, en el momento de la Transfiguración inicia su recorrido hacia Jerusalén para vivir su Pasión ya cercana. La fiesta de la Transfiguración, marca prácticamente la Cuaresma como recorrido de arrepentimiento y conversión. A lo largo de estos cuarenta días, la Iglesia invita a sus feligreses a un cambio. La palabra transfiguración, significa un cambio de forma y revela su verdadera naturaleza y cultura. En este caso se revela la verdadera naturaleza divina de Jesús. ¿Qué debemos nosotros transformar en esta Cuaresma? ¿Qué cambios hubo en la forma de vivir después de la pandemia? Toda transfiguración tiene un recorrido de metamorfosis. La Vida Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de Jesús, vislumbran el futuro nuestro. También, significa que no somos de este mundo, somos peregrinos, avanzamos a una vida nueva que podemos empezar a vivir ya desde aquí en la tierra. Últimamente, con todos los acontecimientos que la humanidad ha experimentado a raíz de la enfermedad y falta de trabajo, se espera que por lo menos a causa de estos, las personas se den cuenta que Dios es el que lleva el control y debemos *escucharlo* como hijos-hijas amados por él. Mantengamos esta semana esta palabra. Escuchar, a la familia, escuchar al hijo-hija, al amigo. El consejo del Papa Francisco es el siguiente. *"Escuchad a Jesús. No lo olvidéis"*. (16 de Marzo 2014). ©LPi*

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2ND SUNDAY
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Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. - Mk 9:7-8

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I am deeply grateful to those who responded to my request for funding to replace six of our artificial, pre-lit Christmas trees for Saint Paul Cathedral and Saint Rosalia. We are excited that all six new trees have been purchased in memory of loved ones. In fact, we received such an overwhelming response that we are able to replace all our Christmas trees for next year – 12 at Saint Paul Cathedral and 4 at Saint Rosalia. These trees will be an important part of our Christmas celebration beginning next year. We also had enough funds to buy 6 new wreaths for the Cathedral exterior doors along Fifth Avenue, Craig Street and the parking lot entrance which is something that we have been wanting to do for some years now.

We will have a formal blessing and remembrance service at some point during the Christmas season next year. We will be remembering in our prayers at all the Masses those whose memory are honored by these new trees, as well as those who have purchased them. Many, many thanks to the generous support and kindness of those who have made this project a success. We thank those who have purchased the trees and those whose memory we remember:

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Many, many thanks to everyone who helped to make this project a great success.
God bless you.

Meditations for the Second Week of Lent

WE THIRST FOR YOU, O LORD

Lenten Prayer

Unto to you, I cry, my God!

"Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

— 1 Corinthians 15:51–52

Dear God, I don't know what lies ahead for me, but I trust that your love will be with me now and until the end of time.



He Was Transformed Before Them

Mark 9:2–10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him up the mountain where he was transfigured before them. When the experience was over, Jesus told them not to say anything about what they saw until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept silent, but the three of them couldn't help but talk among themselves about what rising from the dead could mean.

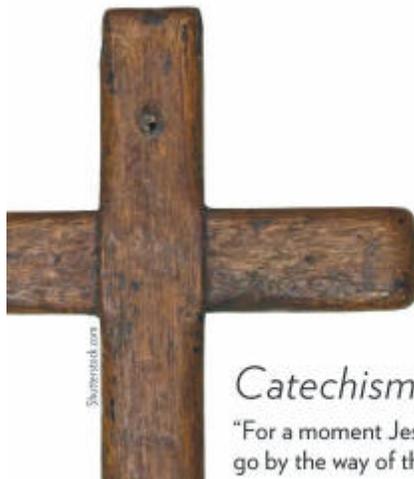
The Transfiguration is a powerful reminder that death is not the end of life. If death meant complete annihilation, as some believe, then Elijah and Moses would not have appeared on either side of Jesus. In this way, the Transfiguration foreshadows the Resurrection. Although the apostles didn't understand what was happening at the time, later, when the

FOR REFLECTION

- › What would I like transformed in my life by Easter?
- › As I look over my life, what are some areas where God has already transformed me?
- › What is one sacrificial action I can perform this week?

Son of Man had risen from the dead, they were able to understand what the Transfiguration meant.

During this second week of Lent, we are asked to think about how we can be transformed through the power of the risen Lord, and we are reminded that one day we, too, will be resurrected.



Catechism CONNECTION

"For a moment Jesus discloses his divine glory, confirming Peter's confession. He also reveals that he will have to go by the way of the cross at Jerusalem in order to 'enter into his glory.'" — *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 555

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Stations of the Cross



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If you cannot attend Stations of the Cross at your parish, create your own. While many Stations in churches are elaborate and ornate, all that is required is to have fourteen crosses, preferably wooden, located so that you can take a step or two between each one. As a family activity, create fourteen crosses from small twigs or branches and place them in a line in your backyard or living room. Walk together as a family, remembering the events of the Passion. At each cross, bow or kneel and say, "Because of your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world."

Traditional Stations of the Cross



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- 1 Jesus Is Condemned to Death
- 2 Jesus Accepts His Cross
- 3 Jesus Falls the First Time
- 4 Jesus Meets His Mother
- 5 Simon Helps Jesus Carry His Cross
- 6 Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus
- 7 Jesus Falls the Second Time
- 8 Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem
- 9 Jesus Falls the Third Time
- 10 Jesus Is Stripped of His Garments
- 11 Jesus Is Nailed to the Cross
- 12 Jesus Dies on the Cross
- 13 Jesus Is Taken Down from the Cross
- 14 Jesus Is Placed in the Tomb

OUR FAITH

The Last Four Things

Saint Alphonsus Liguori recommended that we contemplate the "last four things" especially during Lent. These are: death, judgment, heaven, and hell. While talking about these with children can be difficult, parents can use the season of Lent as a way to gently introduce the topics. One aspect to emphasize is that heaven, as Pope Saint John Paul II said, is not "an abstraction nor a physical place in the clouds, but a living, personal relationship with the Holy Trinity." Heaven, then, is living an eternity in the presence of and in relationship with our loving God. Likewise, the Church teaches that hell is not so much a physical place, but the choice to turn away from God and the deep pain of separation from Our Lord (see CCC 1033).



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SIGNS OF THE SEASON

Mount of Transfiguration

The traditional location for the Mount of Transfiguration is Mount Tabor, about eleven miles west of the Sea of Galilee. Mount Tabor rises about 1,800 feet above the level plain below. It was identified as the site of the Transfiguration as early as the third century by the theologian Origen. The Church of the Transfiguration, a Franciscan church built on the ruins of a centuries-old Byzantine church, now stands at the summit of Mount Tabor.

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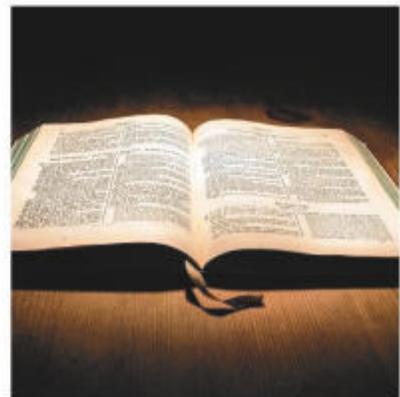
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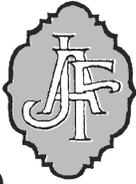
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