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# Evangelion

(Evan-JEL-yon, Greek, "the good news")



Fresco of "Temptation of Jesus" in Joriskerk (St. George Church), Antwerp, Belgium, 19th century

HE is HERE! | January 31, 2021 | 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

**PROCESSIONAL—“Be Not Afraid”**

Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs. Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh. And if wicked tongues insult and hate you all because of me, blessed, blessed are you!

Be not afraid. I go before you always. Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

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**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.

**FIRST READING—Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

Moses spoke to all the people, saying: “A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen. This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.’ And the LORD said to me, ‘This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it. But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die.’”

**RESPONSORIAL—Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9**

**Response: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him. (R.)

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides. (R.)

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: “Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works.” (R.)

**SECOND READING— 1 Corinthians 7:32-35**

Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided. An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious about the things of the world, how she may please her husband. I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

## **GOSPEL— Mark 1:21-28**

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

## **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, 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.

## **PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS—“Magnificat”**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord. My spirit sings to God, my saving God, Who on this day above all others favored me And raised me up, a light for all to see.

Through me great deeds will God make manifest, And all the earth will come to call me blest. Unbounded love and mercy sure will I proclaim For all who know and praise God's holy name.

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## **RECESSIONAL—“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”**

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To his feet they tribute bring; Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore his praises sing: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

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# 85%

# OPTIONS

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER JAY

of women who feel stuck with pregnancy find life solutions when they come to Women's Choice Network. In Pittsburgh last year there were 6,088 abortions. But when 440 mothers approached Women's Choice seeking help, 374 of those babies were saved and born. So what does it look like to offer a mommy options?

### It looks like first black Brazilian priest to be beatified:

Blessed Francisco de Paula Victor (1827-1905) was born to a mother in crisis. A slave, unwilling or unable to name the father of her child, she might well have hoped for an easier end to her pregnancy than single motherhood. But she raised her child, in spite of the obstacles, and Blessed Francisco went on to be freed, ordained a priest, and beatified, the first Black Brazilian to be so honored.

### In the Bible it looks like baby Jesus:

"But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, 'Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.'"

—Matthew 1:20

### Locally it looks at these names of babies whose mommies found options in 2020:

Vernon	Edward	Mila	Zara	Loki	Isabelle	Aiden	Shaya	Lashaun	Nadine
Minkah	Harlan	Clementine	John	Maria	Ezra	Ezra	Braylen	Dominic	Melodi
Ka'Von	Denise	Xaden	Tyler	Jayden	Chloe	Violet Lee	Charles	Luxton	Ariana
Isaac	Pamela	Zoey	Onyx	Emilia	Malaun	Joesphine	Samuel	Keoloni	Journey
Alexandra	Samaira	Varun	Sophia	Onyx	Sy'ere	Carmen	Leon	Noah	Blakely
Tyleele	Josie	Sebastian	Mikha'el	Amad	Aden	Dallas	Maurice	Genesis	Shanyla
Daxton	Yanel	Medina	Alaya	Vaylor	Ne'Lyn	Jaxon	Sicily	Delilah	William
Samantha	Sophia	Dante	Tucker	George	Himena	Charles	Le Shaun	Leigh	Todd
Kemarsha	Elais	Matteo	Milah	Dora	Dominic	Josephine	Priscilla	Ayla	Selene
Levi	Jade	Journey	Garvy	Josiah	Karlie	Carmen	Bishop	Alitzia	Ahsa
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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE BABIES SAVED LAST YEAR THROUGH WOMEN'S CHOICE NETWORK**

Let us all discern how God is leading us to love the pre-born babies and save their lives. Here is what two Saints did:

#### TAKING A STAND AT WORK

Servant of God Jérôme Lejeune (1926-1994) was a brilliant geneticist, the scientist who discovered that Down Syndrome is a result of trisomy 21. He was celebrated by the medical community until he realized that his work was being used to encourage parents to abort their children. At that, he spoke out, begging people to defend the unborn. It was career suicide and he knew it. On the night he won a prestigious award, he asked his audience to question the morality of abortion. Returning home, he told his wife, "Tonight I lost my Nobel prize."

#### PRAYERS OF REPARATION

When Venerable Annie Zelikova (1924-1941) was 13, she heard her distraught mother pleading, "That's a sin against heaven and against the infant—you can't kill it!" Annie knew that God was asking her to make reparation for this evil. She offered Him her life. Her spiritual director explained that she was making reparation for abortions. Within six weeks, Annie had been given three months to live. Instead, she lay dying for four years, offering her life to the Lord to console his heart for abortions performed throughout the world. She died of tuberculosis at 17.

# SANCTIFY THE ORDINARY

**S**t. Peter had an interesting critique of St. Paul's writings. He said, "There are some things in them [Paul's letters] that are hard to understand, that the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction" (2 Peter 3:16). This week's second reading can be one such passage, especially when read without the context of the whole chapter. It can sound like the Bible says that marriage is bad because it distracts you from the things of the Lord.

St. Paul does point out that marriage brings with it certain preoccupations that are not necessarily focused on the Lord, things like supporting your family, juggling kids' activities, and yes, your spouse's feelings. He also points out that married couples rightly care for and about one another and their children. Otherwise this reading would say something like, "I want you to be free from anxieties, and so the married man should ignore worldly affairs and not worry about pleasing his wife." In fact, one of the overarching themes of this section of *1 Corinthians* is that married couples take on certain moral duties to each other in their pursuit of holiness. St. Paul rightly points out that the married vocation is not always easy. Therein lies the adventure of marriage!

Today, the Spirit reminds us of the vocation of all the laity, whether married or single, which is to infuse the ordinary preoccupations of life with the Gospel. Filing your taxes can become an act of worship, recognizing it as fiscal support of a legitimate authority that reflects the authority of the Lord (see *1 Peter 2:13-17*). Scheduling an oil change can become a prayer of thanks for your car and act of stewardship of the resources with which the Lord has blessed you (see *James 1:17*).



## THE CATECHIST COLUMN

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Parenting your children, loving your spouse, and being a good friend and neighbor can be done in recognition that you reflect the Lord in those relationships (see *2 Corinthians 5:20*) and that any experience of authentic love is an experience of the God who is love (see *1 John 4:8*).

As laity, our calling is in some sense to be preoccupied with the things of the world while making them into the things of God. The specific calling to Christian Marriage is a calling to make every aspect of married life—romance, family finances, sharing domestic duties, raising children, vacation planning, decisions about paint color and furniture, etc.—infused with the living presence of Jesus. The very things St. Paul warns can become distractions from the things of God are the things the Spirit challenges us to make into vehicles for God, even if they are small and trivial.

Last week, the Spirit challenged us through St. Paul's words to live our marriages differently, as marriages focused on the Lord. This week, the Spirit pushes us further with St. Paul's words to sanctify the ordinary, the worldly, the anxieties and distractions of marriage. The same can be said of the single life. ■

# GOOD NEWS

## THE OSBORNES MAKE SURE THE SENIORS HAVE THEIR MOMENTS

Steve and Jeaneen Osborne were still grieving at the tragic loss of their son. Pope Francis was coming to the United States and his closest stop to their home here in the Great Grouping footprint was in Philadelphia. It might do them good, they thought, to get away for a while.

It was a trip that changed how they would view the rest of their lives. Paraphrasing the Pontiff, "Quit feeling sorry for yourselves," Francis said in a homily heard by the hundreds gathered. "Get out and help people who need your help," remembered Steve. And that resonated with the Osbornes. That call to action led them to SSJP's *Senior Connection Outreach Ministry*.

Steve credits Mike Heins, who has since moved to Michigan to be closer to grandkids, as the man who got the Osbornes into the mix. Although a graduate of the Air Force Academy, a proud veteran of flying cargo planes around the world and flying us Yinzers for 35 years for *USAIR* and then *American Airlines*, Steve wasn't sure he could help. "I wasn't particularly 'handy.' We went to a demonstration by *Habitat for Humanity* on how to put a floor down in a house," he remembered. "Okay, Jeaneen and I looked at each other. We got this. On to the next thing."

Steve is from Nevada where his dad's military career landed him. Jeaneen is a Pittsburgh native. They met when Steve was flying commercial flights out of Greater Pitt. They discovered something else about seniors

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across the region they were helping with home repairs. Many of these folks were lonely. "Widows and widowers, some older couples who lost their friends over time, it wasn't just the help we gave them with their homes but the lack of social interaction with someone outside their claustrophobic worlds that seemed to be distressing them," Steve recalled.

That led to the creation of a new adjunct program: *Friends for Seniors*. Volunteers from the Great Grouping check in on these seniors by phone once a week, and before the pandemic, make a personal visit each month. "They tell us they really appreciate the calls, especially now with the virus because they're in the age group with a lot of vulnerability," Steve said. "Families of the seniors are scattered across the country now and the old model of the nearby extended family people grew up with, that is gone."

Steve said the *Friends* ministry is a blessing to his volunteer members, too. "One of our ministry members, Chuck Sestini, who is a retired optometrist, always says it makes his day to make a senior's day a little bit brighter. That's our calling and we are privileged to serve," Steve said.

For those interested in learning more about *Friends for Seniors* to either volunteer or volunteer a new connection, Steve invites people to reach him at [SROsborne2012@gmail.com](mailto:SROsborne2012@gmail.com) or (724)544-3876.

# exploring CATHOLICISM

Christ-centered conversations with Padre Jay

FROM SSJP'S "FRIENDS FOR SENIORS" MINISTRY...

## STEVE OSBORNE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 AT 2PM



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Dear Friends of LIFE,

Thank you again, for joining in this effort to commemorate the 60+ million lives lost to abortion since the passage of Roe vs. Wade. I hope that you were successful in getting your candles lit in this windy weather.

God bless you!

—Terri Kunzmann

*"As for me and my household, we shall serve the Lord."*

—Joshua 24:15

**VIRTUAL MARCH FOR LIFE  
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# LIFETEEN

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*L*ifeTeen's mission is to lead teens closer to Jesus. And my job as one of the *Core Team* members is to work with Nick, our Director of Youth Ministry, to share Jesus Christ with the high school teens of our parish. When I joined the *LifeTeen Core Team* last February, I really did not expect to also help shepherd the teens through a global pandemic, social and cultural change the likes of which they had never seen before, and a contentious election cycle. But here we are.

And what a fascinating time it has been! I've grown closer to Christ through the work of bringing others closer to him. My prayer life has been strengthened; I've learned how to speak with conviction and caring to young minds; I've learned how to play *Mafia* and *GoogaMooga* and ladderball; I've smashed pumpkins with the best of them. I've laughed, I've cried. I've met some amazing kids and I've tried to give them another example of a kind Catholic man.

I also would not give up the challenges and laughter I shared with an outstanding group of five other men and women who have chosen to spend their summer Thursday evenings and their fall/winter/spring Sunday nights with a group of teens that are longing for connection with our Mother Church and their faith.

To the men and women of our parish who may have a calling towards youth ministry, I encourage you to seriously consider it. It is a wonderful way to share of your time and talent, and to fulfill your obligation to make disciples. I'm also happy to talk to anyone about my experience; you can reach me at [mgarland@gmail.com](mailto:mgarland@gmail.com). God bless you and the teens of our parish!

—Matt Garland

[greatgrouping.org/lifeteen](https://greatgrouping.org/lifeteen)

# CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

**A**s a Catholic grade school and Catholic high school alumnus, I knew first-hand how children benefit from Catholic schools' academic excellence and rigor combined with the ability to openly practice one's faith on a daily basis in what becomes a normal routine of education for the whole person—mind, body, and spirit.

Parent involvement is important at Catholic schools, and watching my children grow and flourish throughout their school years while being able to partner with teachers and other parents who want what is best for them has been such a joy. There has been a culture of faith, hope, and love at our schools and of service to others that is taught from the youngest of ages. Having other students and families praying with you and for you throughout the joys and struggles of life makes faith come alive in Catholic School communities. Routinely taking roles in singing, reading, and serving at Masses on a regular basis builds confidence in such life skills as public speaking and leadership as well as an active faith life. Moving through school years with a consistent group of peers forms many close friendships. Walking through the halls and seeing the love and devotion our teachers have for living our faith and passing it on to our children and how their job is much more of a ministry than a career reassures me that my children are in a great school environment. Shared goals of educating my children not only for success in their future career but also as a person of faith who uses their gifts to serve and give back has been invaluable.

I am so grateful for the blessings of Catholic education in my children's and my own life. If you are considering this option for your family, know that God will provide the means and will bless the sacrifices made to give your children this wonderful education.

—Ann Moats



FOR ONE WEEK EACH  
YEAR, THERE IS AN  
ATMOSPHERE OF TOTAL  
CELEBRATION OF ALL  
THAT ENCOMPASSES  
ATTENDING  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



I am in the seventh grade at *Blessed Francis Seelos Academy* (formerly *Saint Alphonsus School*). I've attended Catholic School since Kindergarten. For most of my school years, both of my older sisters were in the same school building as me, and I liked seeing them throughout my day in the halls. Now that I am in the middle school grades, I like seeing the younger students, and I try to be a good role model for them. I also like saying prayers as a class throughout the school day. We go to Mass every Wednesday, and I like getting to participate in the Mass. Since the first grade, at various times I have read the readings and prayer intentions, cantored, and been an altar server. I like that, as I walk through our halls, there are reminders of my faith on the walls, and they help remind me I am not alone and that Jesus is with me.

—Zachary Moats

I am a recent graduate of *Oakland Catholic High School*, and I can honestly say that going to Catholic school has shaped every aspect of my life. *Oakland* educated me as a whole person in mind, body, and spirit, and I am a better person because of it. *Oakland* helped me to become a confident, competent, and compassionate person. At *Oakland Catholic*, I found my best friends and spiritual sisters whom I know will always have my back through highs and lows. Spiritually, *Oakland* helped me make my faith my own. Through the monthly Adorations and yearly retreats and religion classes, I learned what it means to be an active Catholic. I will always treasure my time in the supportive and prayerful environment of Catholic school.

—Cassie Moats



I have had a wonderful experience with going to Catholic school. I have known from the littlest age that going to Catholic School is special and has shaped me into the person I am today. I remember the teachers who helped me find confidence in myself and helped me to realize that, if I work hard, I can do anything. From my first grade teacher teaching me how to add and subtract to my eighth grade teacher talking me through a thesis paper, I've been educated in a very supportive environment. As I was choosing a high school, I knew I needed a place that could help me grow, and *Oakland Catholic* has been that place. The teachers are approachable and want to see you succeed. They have reinforced my confidence and faith in myself. Having the opportunity to go to Confession, Mass, and Adoration at least once a week and having our faith at my fingertips has helped me through so much. I have met so many like-minded friends, and I'm able to share my beliefs in a safe space. Going to Catholic school has been the best choice, and being able to start every day in prayer rooted in God always reminds me of one of my favorite sayings which is, "Nothing is impossible with God." Catholic school has helped me stay strong in my faith. I am so glad my family chose Catholic school so I can learn in a place where I have experienced caring about me as a whole person.

—Vanessa Moats

# HOLY SPIRIT INTERPRETER OF SCRIPTURE

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In Sacred Scripture, God speaks to man in a human way. To interpret Scripture correctly, the reader must be attentive to what the human authors truly wanted to affirm, and to what God wanted to reveal to us by their words.<sup>75</sup>

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In order to discover the sacred authors' intention, the reader must take into account the conditions of their time and culture, the literary genres in use at that time, and the modes of feeling, speaking and narrating then current. "For the fact is that truth is differently presented and expressed in the various types of historical writing, in prophetic and poetical texts, and in other forms of literary expression."<sup>76</sup>

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But since Sacred Scripture is inspired, there is another and no less important principle of correct interpretation, without which Scripture would remain a dead letter. "Sacred Scripture must be read and interpreted in the light of the same Spirit by whom it was written."<sup>77</sup>

The Second Vatican Council indicates three criteria for interpreting Scripture in accordance with the Spirit who inspired it.<sup>78</sup>

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1. Be especially attentive "to the content and unity of the whole Scripture". Different as the books which compose it may be, Scripture is a unity by reason of the unity of God's plan, of which Christ Jesus is the center and heart, open since his Passover.<sup>79</sup>

The phrase "heart of Christ" can refer to Sacred Scripture, which makes known his heart, closed before the Passion, as the Scripture was obscure. But the Scripture has been opened since the Passion; since those who from then on have understood it, consider and discern in what way the prophecies must be interpreted.<sup>80</sup>

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2. Read the Scripture within "the living Tradition of the whole Church". According to a saying of the Fathers, Sacred Scripture is written principally in the Church's heart rather than in documents and records, for the Church carries in her Tradition the living memorial of God's Word, and it is the Holy Spirit who gives her the spiritual interpretation of the Scripture ("... according to the spiritual meaning which the Spirit grants to the Church"<sup>81</sup>).

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3. Be attentive to the analogy of faith.<sup>82</sup> By "analogy of faith" we mean the coherence of the truths of faith among themselves and within the whole plan of Revelation.

FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH



To give life to someone is the greatest of all gifts. To save a life is the next. Who gave life to Jesus? It was Mary. Who saved his life? It was Joseph. Ask Saint Paul who persecuted him. Ask Saint Peter who denied him. Ask all the saints who put him to death. But if we ask, 'Who saved his life?' Be silent, patriarchs, be silent, prophets, be silent, apostles, confessors, and martyrs. Let Saint Joseph speak, for this honor is his alone; he alone is the savior of his Savior."

—Blessed William Joseph Chaminade

**Saint Joseph, pray for us!**

"If you want to be close to Christ,  
I repeat to you,

**ITE AD  
IOSEPH**

...Go to Joseph!"

—Venerable Pope Pius XII



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## ADORATION

Are you feeling stressed, anxious, overwhelmed? Consider spending some time with Our Lord truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration is available Sunday-Friday 8AM-8PM Questions? Deacon Tom Boucek [tboucek@greatgrouping.org](mailto:tboucek@greatgrouping.org).

## END OF YEAR DONATION STATEMENTS

Parish year-end donation statements for tax purposes will be mailed out upon request. Those who requested a statement last year will automatically receive one this year. If you would like to receive one this year and did not request one last year, please email Marilyn Schroeder [mschroeder@greatgrouping.org](mailto:mschroeder@greatgrouping.org) or Jess DeCarlo [jdecarlo@greatgrouping.org](mailto:jdecarlo@greatgrouping.org)

## EXPLORING CATHOLICISM

Join Fr. Jay weekly in Exploring Catholicism! This series airs weekly on Tuesdays at 2PM and is available to view anytime on our YouTube & Facebook pages. **Tuesday, February 2** Fr. Jay will sit down with Steve Osborne. Steve is involved with the Saints John & Paul Friends with Seniors Ministry. [greatgrouping.org/exploring-catholicism](http://greatgrouping.org/exploring-catholicism)

## OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

We have several outreach opportunities available.

**Meal Making:** Help make meals for local agencies on Saturday, February 6 from 9AM - Noon in the CDC. Due to COVID we are limited to 30 people. Registration Required

**Cookie Baking:** We are pairing with the Red Door and their Warming shelter to provide cookie packages each week for the visitors. We have the cookie dough to use for the first couple weeks. Help is needed weekly to bake and package 5 dozen and return to the CDC by Thursdays by noon. Help is also needed with sorting and delivery.

**Valentine Bags for Homebound:** Kids are invited to create brown lunch bags with a St. Valentine message or theme that will be distributed to the homebound.

**Appalachia Mission Trip:** We are proceeding cautiously, but plan to go on Mission Trip this Summer to Kentucky the week of July 11-17. Students in middle school must be accompanied by a parent. Registering at this point does not commit you, but helps us to know the number of people interested.

For more information on any of these opportunities visit [greatgrouping.org/outreach](http://greatgrouping.org/outreach) or email Janet Roberto [jroberto@greatgrouping.org](mailto:jroberto@greatgrouping.org)

## PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

We will be blessing any personal candles brought from home at the **7AM and 9AM Masses** at Saints John & Paul on **Tuesday, February 2**.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a special fundraising collection for the Appalachian Mission Trip after Masses the weekend of February 7. Thank you for your generosity.

## LIFETEEN

LifeTeen, our ministry for high school students, meets on **Sunday from 5:00-6:00PM in the Church for Holy Hour**. Contact Nick at [nsciarappa@greatgrouping.org](mailto:nsciarappa@greatgrouping.org) for more info.

## MISSIO

Missio is our ministry for young adults in their 20's and 30's. Our next gathering is **February 10 at 7:00PM in the upper Cardinal DiNardo Center**. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram [@MadeForMissio](https://www.instagram.com/MadeForMissio).

## XLT

Save the date for our next XLT on **Wednesday, February 10, 7:00-8:30PM, at Saints John & Paul** in the church. XLT is an evening of worship music led by our contemporary band, Anchor1, an uplifting message from our guest speaker, Taylor McKeegan and Eucharistic Adoration. All ages are welcome.

## AT HOME MARRIAGE RETREAT

February 7-14, we will celebrate National Marriage Week. This year our theme is: To Have, To Hold, To Honor. Here's how you can join us: Spend a little dedicated time in prayer and reflection by participating in our seven-day at-home retreat (available in pdf in English and Spanish) focused on marriage. [usccb.org/resources/NMW](http://usccb.org/resources/NMW)

## RENEW THE 'I DO'

Renew the 'I do' will host a special Candlelight Renewal of Vows Mass to celebrate World Marriage Weekend! Join together with your spouse for this special Mass, celebrated by Fr. Jay Donahue on **Saturday, February 13 8:00PM at Church of The Epiphany**, downtown Pittsburgh. A champagne toast will follow outside on the steps of the historic Church! RSVP today at [renewtheido.org](http://renewtheido.org). Space is limited for this COVID friendly event!

## MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

† Memorial Mass ‡ Mass for Spiritual & Physical Wellness

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1 (Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20)

9:00 AM † David McGregor (Family)

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 (Mal 3:1-4/ Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40)

7:00 AM † Frank Miniotas (Family)

9:00 AM † Bob Leight (Donna Hamilton)

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3 (Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6)

9:00 AM † Robert Leight (Mark & MaryAnn Scott)

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4 (Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13)

7:00 AM † Fr. Theodore Rutkowski (Great Grouping Priests)

9:00 AM † Jim Fahrion (Steve & Jeaneen Osborne)

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5 (Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29)

9:00 AM † Marietta Cosentino (Mary & Dennis Murphy)

6:30 PM † Virginia Frick (Bible Study Friends)

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6 (Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34)

9:00 AM † Dolores Kapustik (Children & Grandchildren)

5:00 PM † Frances A. Leone (Sister, Michele Leone & Mother)

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 (Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39)

7:30 AM † John Weixel (Judy Kosko)

9:00 AM † Alfonso Mongitore (Prof. Dr. Pino Tese)

11:00 AM † Mark & John Brader (Brader, Buck, Munoz & Ruffing Families)

7:00 PM ‡ Faithful of the Great Grouping



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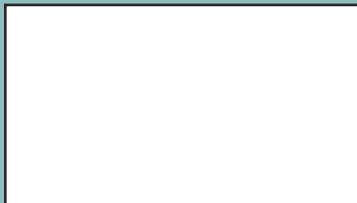
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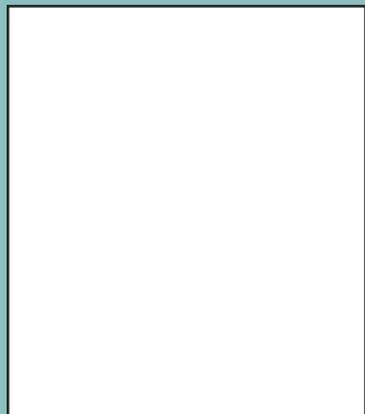


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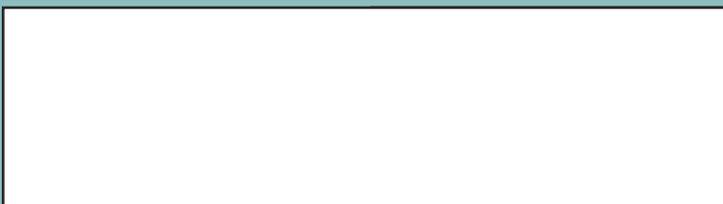
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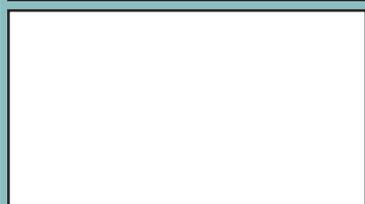
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7:00 PM Youth Summer Camp Parent Mtg  
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### Tuesday, February 2

7:00 RCIA (Church)

### Wednesday, February 3

10:00 AM Revelations Bible Study (Virtual)

### Thursday, February 4

9:45 AM Revelations Bible Study (Virtual)  
10:00 AM Holy Half Hour (Grotto)  
6:00 PM Confessions (MPR/Nursery)  
7:00 PM Revelation Bible Study (Virtual)

### Friday, February 5

Nothing Scheduled

### Saturday, February 6

9:00 AM Meal Making (UCDC)  
4:00 PM Confessions (MPR/Nursery)

### Sunday, February 7

1:00 PM Flame of Love Cenacle (Grotto)  
5:00 PM LifeTeen (Church)

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9:00 AM Saints John & Paul



7:00 AM Saints John & Paul  
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5:30 PM CONFESSION at Good Samaritan  
6:30 PM Good Samaritan



8:00 AM Saint John the Baptist  
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul



7:00 AM Saints John & Paul  
8:00 AM Our Lady of Peace  
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul  
6:00 PM CONFESSION at Saints John & Paul



8:00 AM St. John the Baptist  
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul  
1st Friday 7:00 PM Saints John & Paul



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3:00 PM CONFESSION at Quigley  
4:00 PM Beaver Valley Vigil Mass at Quigley  
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