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Evangelion

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

HE is HERE! | March 21, 2021 | 5th Sunday of Lent

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT + MARCH 21, 2021

PROCESSIONAL—“Turn to the Living God ”

Turn, turn to the living God, the God of healing and comfort, and with delight, God will turn to you. With delight, God will turn to you.

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FIRST READING—Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

RESPONSORIAL—Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

Response: Create in me a clean heart, O God, a clean heart, O God, create in me.

O God, in your goodness have mercy on me. In your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt, and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)

A clean heart create for me, O God, a steadfast spirit renew in me. Cast me not out from your presence, O God. Take not your Holy Spirit from me. (R.)

Give us back the joy of our salvation, and renew in us a willing spirit. O Lord, open my lips, Lord, open my lips, and we will sing your praise. (R.)

SECOND READING—Hebrews 5:7-9

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

GOSPEL—John 12:20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we would like to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be.

GOSPEL—John 12:20-33 (cont.)

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

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.

POST CONSECRATIONEM (MYSTERY OF FAITH)

*All: Mortem tuam annuntiámus, Dómine, et tuam resurrectiónem confitémur, donec vénias.
(We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.)*

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RECESSIONAL—"From Ashes to the Living Font"

From ashes to the living font Your Church must journey, Lord, Baptized in grace, in grace renewed by your most holy word.

Through fasting, prayer, and charity Your voice speaks deep within, returning us to ways of truth and turning us from sin.

Unless, like grains of wheat, we fall upon the ground to die, we cannot share the gift of life, raised up, like you, on high.

From ashes to the living font Your Church must journey still, through cross and tomb to Easter joy, in Spirit fire fulfilled.

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ASK, SEEK, KNOCK ...AND THEN WHAT?

Doors opened for me twice on June 1... 18 years apart—First, the glass doors to enter a religious order in Cheshire, Connecticut. In my sophomore year of college, I was sobered up by the life-changing shock of having a friend take his life. I went to the local Catholic Church and threw my keys to the tabernacle, asking Jesus to drive my life, and he gave me the road map to the seminary. As I was seeking my way, he led me with Pope John Paul II, whose hand I shook a few months after the shocking death of my friend. Finally, the priests who took me to Rome were members of a religious community whose seminary was in Cheshire. So, I “knocked on the door”—arriving on June 1, 1993—to take my first step toward priesthood.

When that door opened at first I was nervous and sad but at the same time excited and joyful. Nervous because I did not know the Bible, prayers of the Rosary, or the act of Contrition. (I had cheated off of Bill Morris on my altar boy test in 4th grade because I did not know the difference between a *chalice* and a *ciborium*.) I was sad because this step into seminary meant a radical separation from my family; it meant I would never marry a woman or have kids; it meant specifically that I would not be at the weddings of my sister Jenny nor my best friend Greg. But at the same time it was where everything in my life pointed. The door of God’s providence was opening up a place where I could hear the voice of Jesus, where I could nourish myself daily on the Eucharist at Mass, where I could train to become a priest. Silence was 75% of the day, and for two years we did not read the news nor watch TV. I loved that! Just being with God. The door of this religious order opened two years of detox from the world so as to order my priorities to God... *seek the Kingdom of God first and all the rest will be given.*

Then, the door to the diocesan seminary opened to me as I closed the door on the religious community I had joined—18 years later to the day. On June 1, 2011, I drove from Atlanta, GA as a priest leaving the religious community to become a diocesan priest of Pittsburgh. I asked the Lord to give me clarity on how I was supposed to be a priest living in a community that covered up abuse of freedom, immorality and money laundering, and did not have the willpower to reform. He clearly inspired me when I saw Christ’s smile in the Eucharist, saying, “I just want you to be a happy priest in Pittsburgh.” What a relief after some years of suffering! I called Bishop Zubik on Good Friday of 2011, and he gave me the go-ahead to enter the diocese. I was assigned to live at the seminary for the summer of 2011. Just as the drive through the Fort Pitt Tunnels opens up to the amazing cityscape, with the rivers and buildings, Jesus opened up a door—a gateway into Western PA—where I could joyfully and loyally serve him as his priest.

Entering the doorway of God’s providential priestly plan for me meant trustful surrender. Once God opens the door, we should enter, knowing that He gave us freedom, and in freedom we explore and creatively live in the Father’s house: our Catholic Church. That door is narrow at first, but leads to the endless expanses of heaven. The wide door which the devil opens pulls you down into the confines of hell. So when God opens the door, enter not like a guest who tentatively will visit a few rooms, but like a child coming home, racing to explore and have adventures in the presence of the Father’s protection.

Maybe *Psalm 37* can help us enter the open door with confidence: “Commit your life to the Lord, trust in him and he will act.” Please pray for us priests to have the strength and courage to let Jesus in our hearts and to share him with others.



Eternal Father, I offer Thee the most Precious Blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all of the Holy Souls in Purgatory. For sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church. For those in my own home, and those within my own family. Amen.

It was revealed by our Lord to St. Gertrude the Great that every time this prayer is said, 1,000 souls are released from Purgatory.

I received a *Pieta* prayer book as a gift from my Mother for my First Holy Communion, and the St. Gertrude prayer stuck out to me. It seemed too good to be true to my 8-year-old mind. I was always told to pray for holy souls, but never knew how much good my prayers were doing. But this prayer was sure to send 1,000 souls into Heaven at once! I made it my goal to pray it 10 times a day every day since.

Recently, during a trying day at work, I went to Our Lady of Peace at lunchtime for some time with the Blessed Sacrament to soothe my distressed mind. After spending time with the Lord, I saw a booklet called *Read Me or Rue It*, next to the hand sanitizer. I read it over the next few days.

The booklet talks about how bitterly the souls trapped in Purgatory suffer, and how great we will be rewarded if we assist these souls with prayer and supplication. It is a must-read for all Catholics.

I feel called to share my devotion to St. Gertrude. This is where you come in. Read the prayer. (It only takes a minute to pray it twice.) In five minutes, 10,000 souls can be sent to paradise. In roughly five minutes, 10 of us can save 100,000 souls!

I want to form a prayer group to gather for one hour a week to pray for Holy Souls of Purgatory. Anyone interested can contact me at ruffingevan@gmail.com to express interest.

—Evan Ruffing



“HAVE PITY ON ME,
HAVE PITY ON ME, AT
LEAST YOU MY FRIENDS,
BECAUSE THE HAND
OF THE LORD HATH
TOUCHED ME.”

—Job 19:21

THIS IS THE TOUCHING
PRAYER THAT THE POOR
SOULS IN PURGATORY
ADDRESS TO THEIR
FRIENDS ON EARTH,
BEGGING, IMPLOING
THEIR HELP, IN ACCENTS
OF THE DEEPEST
ANGUISH.”

—from “Read Me or Rue It”



Saint Anthony

NOVENA

from Good Samaritan Parish
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TUESDAYS

APRIL 13 • 20 • 27

MAY 4 • 11 • 18 • 25

JUNE 1 • 8

6:30 PM MASS

FOLLOWED BY
NOVENA PRAYERS &
VENERATION OF THE
SAINT ANTHONY RELIC

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—Fay



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ADORATION

Are you feeling stressed, anxious, and overwhelmed? Do you need help to quiet the noise of the world? Consider spending time alone with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration is available to you every Monday-Thursday from 8AM-8PM at Our Lady of Peace in Conway. Please note the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed at Midnight on Holy Thursday (following the 7 Tabernacle Walk) and will not be exposed until Monday, April 5 at 8AM.

LENTEN ENRICHMENT

Join us every Thursday during Lent for our Lenten Reflection on the Seven Last Words of Jesus spoken while he was on the cross. We meet every **Thursday at 7PM in Good Samaritan church**. Attend in person or on the Good Samaritan Live-stream. Recordings of this series can also be found on the Great Grouping Beaver Valley YouTube Channel.

7 TABERNACLE WALK

St. Philip Neri began the tradition of a Seven Church Walk in the mid-16th century as a devotion for Wednesday of Holy Week. In the spirit of this devotion, the Great Grouping offers the following devotion for use while visiting the seven tabernacles in our grouping. Our churches will be open Holy Thursday, April 1, following the evening Mass until Midnight. At each tabernacle you are invited to pause and reflect on one of Jesus' seven last words from the Cross. All material can be found at greatgrouping.org/lent

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, March 23** Fr. Jay will sit down with Dave VanVickle, they will discuss exorcism. greatgrouping.org/exploring-catholicism

GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY

Grief Share is moving to the conference room in the round building beginning March 21 at 1PM. If you would like to join via zoom please contact Deacon Tony, agiordano@diopitt.org.

FISH FRY & PIEROGI SALES

Visit our website to see all of the information concerning our famous fish fries and pierogis sales happening during Lent. greatgrouping.org/fishfry In addition to our Friday sales, will offer an additional Pierogi Sale this week on Thursday, March 25, Noon-6PM Order by calling (724) 869-9758.

EASTER BAKE SALE

The Great Grouping will be holding their Easter Bake Sale on **Saturday, March 27, 9AM-1PM at Good Samaritan**. Nut Rolls, Apricot Rolls & Poppysed Rolls \$13 each, Apple Strudel \$13 & Lady Locks \$7/dz. Place orders by calling (724) 266-1670 **the last day to order is March 21**.

MARIAN PRAYER GROUP

Did you know there is a faithful group of people that gather **every Friday at 7PM at Good Samaritan** for Adoration, reciting the Rosary, and Mass. All are welcome to join in this beautiful evening devoted to our Blessed Mother Mary.

SIX STEPS TO SANITY

Our next session will begin on **March 24 and run until June 16 and will be on Zoom**. For more information contact: Chico Ficerai, (724) 612-6991 Chico.G.Ficerai@gmail.com The ministry is to bring hope, healing and freedom to families who are struggling with issues concerning challenging relationships with adult children/spouses who are often in crises as a result of addiction.

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THANK YOU

I wanted to personally thank everyone in the church for your donations, love, and support after the loss of my husband, Ryan.. This past year was difficult for me and the boys and I do not know how I could have survived without your help and many prayers. Most of you are strangers to me but know my husband's grandfather, Bob Kosinski. If you know Bob, then you know what Ryan was like. He will be missed dearly, but I know he would be smiling knowing so many people love and care about us. Thank you from the bottom of my heart, Paula, River, Jax, and Cole.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 22 (Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11)
8:00 AM Good Samaritan • Renee Verdoni (Christy Walker & Family)

TUESDAY, MARCH 23 (Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30)
6:30 PM Good Samaritan • Safety of our Military Serving Overseas (John Gallagher)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24 (Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42)
8:00 AM St. John the Baptist • William & Anna Puhalla (Rudy Puhalla)

THURSDAY, MARCH 25 (Is 7:10-14; 8:10/ Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38)
THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
8:00 AM Our Lady of Peace • Rosemary McFarland (Muchow Family)

FRIDAY, MARCH 26 (Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42)
8:00 AM St. John the Baptist • Improved Health of Patricia Hudson (Rosemary Barringer)

SATURDAY, MARCH 27 (Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56)
4:00 PM Quigley • John, Mary, Ron & Kathleen Connelly (John Connelly)

SUNDAY, MARCH 28 (Mk 11:1-10/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47)
8:00 AM Quigley • Paul Miskulin (Paula Miskulin Dobrosielski)
9:30 AM Quigley • Brian Nelko (Jack & Judy Nelko)
11:00 AM Quigley • Rose Platz (Andrea Zeranick)
4:00 PM Good Samaritan Spanish Mass • Carmen Pantoja (Tina Benedek-Grimm & Family)

MASS SCHEDULE beginning APRIL 17, 2021



ADORATION Monday-Thursday 8AM-8PM at Our Lady of Peace

DAILY MASS

Monday 8AM at Good Samaritan
Tuesday 6:30PM at Good Samaritan
Wednesday 8AM at Saint John the Baptist
Thursday 8AM at Our Lady of Peace
Friday 8AM at Saint John the Baptist

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday 4PM at Our Lady of Peace
and 4PM at Saint John the Baptist
Sunday 8AM at Saint John the Baptist (outdoor)
9AM at Good Samaritan
11AM at Good Samaritan
11AM at Our Lady of Peace (Maronite)
4PM at Good Samaritan (Spanish Mass)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3PM at Our Lady of Peace
and 3PM at Saint John the Baptist

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

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Online Giving—\$75
Parish Share to date—
\$10,979

OUR LADY OF PEACE

Weekly Offertory—\$3,034
Online Giving—\$1,303
Parish Share to date—
\$34,178

SAINTS JOHN & PAUL

Weekly Offertory—\$13,731
Online Giving—\$6,422
Parish Share—\$3,927
Parish Share Online—\$505



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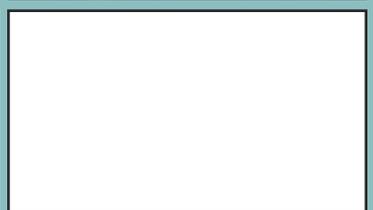

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, March 22

4:00 PM Catechesis of Good Shepherd (OLOP)
6:00 PM Catechesis of Good Shepherd (OLOP)
6:00 PM Sacramental Prep (OLOP)
6:00 PM K-5 Faith Formation (OLOP)

Tuesday, March 23

1:00 PM Catechesis of Good Shepherd (OLOP)
3:45 PM Outreach Samaritan Kitchen (GS)
5:30 PM Confessions (GS)
5:30 PM St. Vincent DePaul Meeting (GS)
6:00 PM Sacramental Prep (OLOP)

Wednesday, March 24

10:00 AM Catechesis of Good Shepherd (OLOP)
6:30 PM Choir Practice (GS)

Thursday, March 25

10:00 AM Catechesis of Good Shepherd (OLOP)
12:00 PM Pierogi Sale until 6 PM (SJB)
7:00 PM ESL Class (GS)
7:00 PM Seven Last Words Lent Reflection (GS)

Friday, March 26

8:30 AM Stations of the Cross (SJB)
9:00 AM Pierogi Sale (SJB)
10:00 AM Toddler Time with Jesus (OLOP)
11:00 AM Fish Fry (GS)
4:00 PM Stations of the Cross (GS)
6:30 PM Maronite Stations of the Cross (OLOP)
7:00 PM Marian Prayer Group (GS)

Saturday, March 27

9:00 AM Bake Sale (GS)
3:00 PM Confessions (Quigley)

Sunday, March 28

11:00 AM Maronite Mass
1:00 PM Grief Share (GS/Virtual)

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Father Antoine Kairouz, Maronite Priest-in-residence
Deacon Anthony Giordano, Deacon James Olson, Deacon Tom Boucek

REGULAR MASS & CONFESSION TIMES



8:00 AM Good Samaritan
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul



7:00 AM Saints John & Paul
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul
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



9:00 AM Saints John & Paul
3:00 PM CONFESSION at Quigley
4:00 PM Beaver Valley Vigil Mass at Quigley
4:00 PM CONFESSION at Saints John & Paul
5:00 PM Vigil Mass at Saints John & Paul



7:30 AM Saints John & Paul
8:00 AM Beaver Valley Mass at Quigley
9:00 AM Saints John & Paul
9:30 AM Beaver Valley Mass at Quigley
11:00 AM Beaver Valley Mass at Quigley
11:00 AM Saints John & Paul
7:00 PM Saints John & Paul
4:00 PM Spanish Mass at Quigley

For Holy Day & Holiday times, please see Week Ahead

HELP LINES

24 Hour Child Abuse Hotline
1-800-932-0313

Crisis Pregnancy Option Line
1-800-395-4357

Post-Abortion Healing/Project Rachel
(412) 456-3167

Pittsburgh Diocese Victim Assistance
1-888-808-1235

Crisis Management Services
1-888-796-8226

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

As Catholics, we believe that Christ becomes truly present within the Blessed Sacrament. As promised by Him, His Presence is abiding, not something that vanishes at the conclusion of Mass. During Eucharistic Adoration, we can sit silently in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces. Adoration available at Our Lady of Peace, Monday-Thursday 8AM-8PM and at Saints John & Paul, Sunday-Friday 8AM-8PM.

