



Christ Our Light Parish

Saint Benedict Catholic Church, Corner of North 7th Street & Gomber Avenue, Cambridge OH
Sts. Peter and Paul Oratory, 136 East High Avenue, Lore City OH
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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at St. Benedict Chapel and continues from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at St. Benedict Church.

BAPTISMS: Families desiring baptism for their child must be registered in the parish. Parents must attend a preparation class.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Articles must be submitted in writing by noon on Wednesdays, inserts a week early, and are subject to approval by the pastor. Space is limited, so we reserve the right to edit.



FACEBOOK PAGE: Live-Streamed Mass every day.
"Christ Our Light Parish, Guernsey County, OH."

HOSPITAL VISITATION: Please call immediately if you or a loved one is in the hospital.

MINISTRY TO THOSE IN NURSING HOMES, HOSPITALS, AND THE HOMEBOUND: If you or a loved one wishes to receive the Eucharist or have regular pastoral visits, please call the parish office.

RECONCILIATION:

St. Benedict Church - Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Sts. Peter and Paul Oratory - Sundays at 11:45 a.m.

And by Appointment

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Parish School of Religion (PSR) classes for children in grades K through 8 are held Sunday mornings from September to May.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):

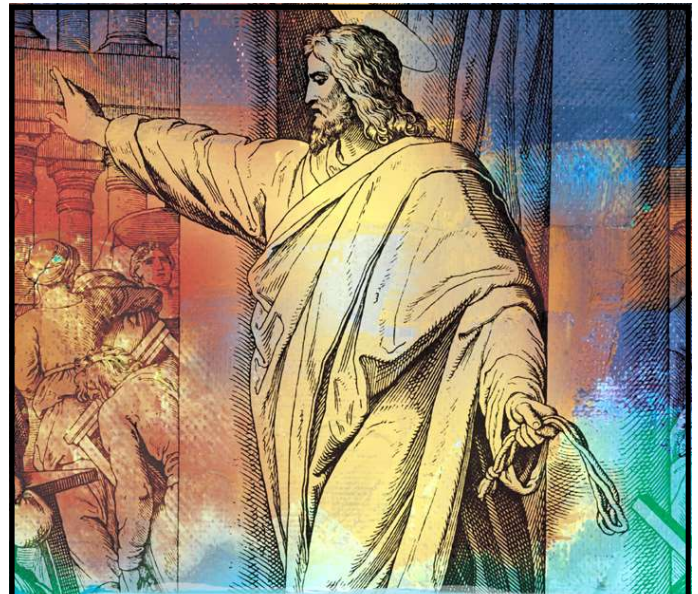
Adult preparation for Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Call Fr. Hrezo or Pat Farley for information.

SCHEDULING MASS INTENTIONS: Anyone wishing to schedule Masses on special days, especially weekends, should do so at least 6 months in advance.

WEDDINGS: Arrangements must be made six months in advance.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: Registration forms can be found at the church, oratory and parish office.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT Sunday, March 7, 2021



Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - John 2:13b-15a

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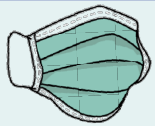
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Web Site www.stbenedictschool.net

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Web Site...www.colsvdp.org **Phone** ... 740-432-7609 x 207



JUST A REMINDER: We request that everyone wear a face mask at Mass and when in the church buildings. Let's protect each other!

Mass Intentions for the Week of March 7, 2021

Saturday, March 6	5:00pm	SB	People of Christ Our Light Parish
Sunday, March 7 (Third Sunday of Lent)			
	8:00am	SB	† Mike Long by Dan and Lynn Padden
	10:30am	SB	† Mary Gombeda Kyser (Anniversary, March 6) by Catherine Gombeda
	12:15pm	SSPP	† Dave Scholik by Daniel Pekari
Monday, March 8	8:35am	SB	† Daniel Yurick by Clare Becker
Tuesday, March 9	8:35am	SB	Vocations by the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity
Wednesday, March 10	8:35am	SB	Intentions of Irene Mailot (Birthday) by Gene and Sisters, Bena and Mary
Thursday, March 11	8:35am	SB	† Dorothy Lackney by Norma Longinie
	9:45am	SB	† Robbie Adams by Family (School Mass, not open to the public at this time)
Friday, March 12	8:35am	SB	† Nick Yakubik by John and Jane Beros
Saturday, March 13	8:35am	SB	† Lorraine Hesson by the St. Vincent de Paul Society
	5:00pm	SB	People of Christ Our Light Parish
Sunday, March 14 (Fourth Sunday of Lent)			
	8:00am	SB	† Sr. Mary Bride Grubbs (Anniversary) by the Grubbs, Grace and Lohman Families
	10:30am	SB	† Frances Jurkovich by Fr. Hrezo
	12:15pm	SSPP	† Christine Lackney by Jim Reese

Ministers of the Altar for Saturday & Sunday, March 13-14, 2021

	Saturday (SB) 5:00 p.m.	Sunday (SB) 8:00 a.m.	Sunday (SB) 10:30 a.m.	Sunday (SSPP) 12:15 p.m.
Lectors	Alycia Oswald	Joe Miller	Alex Mullen	Betty Duche'
Ushers	Jacob Padden	Craig Stickelmeyer	Alan Bay	Eugene Duke
Cantors	Audrey Kuklica	Mary Schlacks	Choir	

Pro Life

The Pro-Life Committee will meet March 21st in the St. Benedict Church Marian Room. Join us to defend life from womb to womb. Contact: Jocye Day at 740-584-3780.

Table of Plenty

Suggested food donations for Grace Pantry for March are peanut butter, soups and ramen noodles. Please place your donations in the marked box in the Marian Room of St. Benedict Church.



Schedule for This Week

Sunday, March 7

Before Masses ... Pro-Life Rosary
 All Masses Monthly Collection for Those in Need
 After Masses Scrip Sales (SB Marian Room)
 9:15am Parish School of Religion (SB Church)
 11:30am Confession (SSPP Oratory)

Monday, March 8

9:00am Rosary (SB Church)
 9:30am Saint Joseph Faith Formation
 (SB Conference Room)
 6:00pm Saint Joseph Faith Formation
 (SB Social Hall)

Tuesday, March 9

9:00am Rosary (SB Church)
 6:30pm Knights of Columbus Rosary and
 Meeting (SB Social Hall)

Wednesday, March 10

9:00am Rosary (SB Church)
 9:00am-4:00pm Eucharistic Adoration (SB Chapel)
 4:00pm Eucharistic Adoration Continues
 (SB Church)
 4:30pm Evening Prayer and Benediction
 (SB Church)
 6:30pm Stations of the Cross (SSPP Oratory)

Thursday, March 11

9:00am Rosary (SB Marian Room)
 6:30pm RCIA (SB Social Hall)

Friday, March 12

9:00am Rosary (SB Church)
 6:30pm Stations of the Cross (SB Church)

Saturday, March 13

9:00am Rosary (SB Church)
 9:15am SVdP Meeting (SB Social Hall)
 3:30pm Confession (SB Church)
 4:30pm Pro-Life Rosary (SB Church)

Sunday, March 14

After Masses Scrip Sales (SB Marian Room)
 9:15am Parish School of Religion (SB Church)
 11:30am Confession (SSPP Oratory)
 2:30pm Bereavement Haven (SB Social Hall)

The Bereavement Haven

will meet next Sunday, March 14th,
 at 2:30 p.m. in the St. Benedict
 Social Hall. If you are struggling
 with the loss of a loved one,
 please join us in sharing and
 reflection.



Lenten Vocation Crucifix

All are invited to take part in the
 Vocation Crucifix Program this Lent.
 Each Sunday in Lent a family, couple
 or individual will be called forward at
 the end of Mass to receive the Vocation
 Crucifix. In taking the Crucifix they commit
 themselves to pray during the week for an
 increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.
 Sign-up sheets are available in the Marian Room at St.
 Benedict Church and at the back of Sts. Peter & Paul
 Oratory. If you need more information, please
 call Jacob Padden at 740-421-1393.



Lenten Stations of the Cross

- 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday (Sts. Peter & Paul)
- 6:30 p.m. each Friday (St. Benedict)

Lenten Reconciliation (Confession)

- 11:30 a.m. each Sunday (Sts. Peter & Paul)
- 3:30 p.m. each Saturday (St. Benedict)



2021 National Catholic Women's Conference
MARCH 12-14, 2021

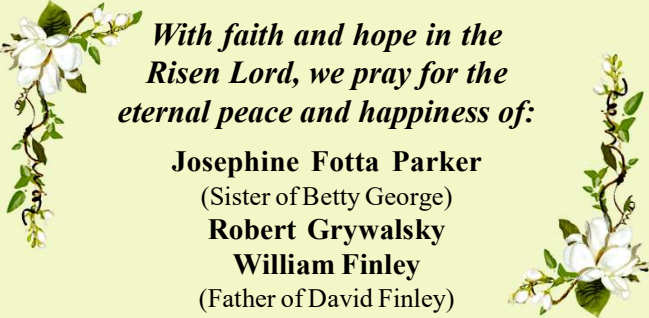
The National Catholic Women's Conference is
 a FREE virtual event for Catholic women of all
 ages. This year, we will explore all the ways
 that we as women can open ourselves to
 receive Christ's peace. Despite the pressures
 that we feel in life, peace is possible! Let's
 explore it together.

- Discover women just like you sharing similar
 struggles, and how they're finding freedom in
 Faith.
- Learn how prayer enhances your vocation
 as mother, spouse, professional, and friend.
- Experience how God multiplies our time and
 energy when we make prayer a priority.

The free event goes from March 12-14.

Register today at:

go.virtualcatholicconference.com/NCWC2021



*With faith and hope in the
Risen Lord, we pray for the
eternal peace and happiness of:*

Josephine Fotta Parker
(Sister of Betty George)

Robert Grywalsky
William Finley
(Father of David Finley)



**Please pray for all God’s
children who are ill,
homebound or in nursing
homes, and those who
care for them.**

Megan Archer, Judy Beaver, Larry Beck, Dorothy Bednarski, Joe Bennor, Whitney Benson, Kathy Billi, Bill Bodner, Steve Bodner, Frank Booth, Brinley Boyd, Imelda Bruney, David Callihan, Rosie Campbell, Diane Carkin, Jeff Carpenter, Patti Cartner, Milt Cerny, the Chesler Family, Monica Chicwak, Yung Chuang, Karen Chumney, Lee Cline, Mike Cowgill, Anita Cox, Jennifer Cox, Linda Delik, Peggy Ditto, Angie Doerfler, Carl James Duch, Michael Duke, Patty Eibel, Liam Elliott, Mary Evans, Don Fairchild, Betty Fannin, Jen Fannin, William “Buzzy” Ferguson, Irene Feyko, Marsha Finley, Greg Gibson, Pat Graven, Louise Hack and Family, Steve Hall, Dave Hanes, Stephen Hannum, Mark Hayes, Mary Ann Haynes, Jane Hemlar, Violes Henry, Betty Hill, Karen Jakubisin Hinrichs, Dolly Hitzel, Ted Hoey, Angie Pruneski House, Sally and Payton Hubal, Laverne Ingles, David and Paul Iten, Rachel Jirles, Josh Jones, Diane Krall, William Kyser Jr., Amara Larrison, Martin Lehotay, Mary Long, Andrea May, Lisa McGregor, Joyce McPeak, Keagan Meek, Angela Merva, Haley Morris, Alice Orr, Mary Ann Pachuta, Christine Palmer, John Palmer, Dick and Frances Pavlov, Linda Pawlowski, Sally Pfalzgraf, Ben Pickenpough, Don Ross, Emma Ross, Mary Schmid, Jett Schmitt, Terri Scott, Vi Scott, Rosemary Sebek, Irene Sekel, Steve Shedlock Jr., John Shipley, Pat Siegwarth, Joe & Joan Sikora, Carys Singler, Mallory Smith, Mike Smith, William Smith, Ramona Springer, John Sprouse, Louie Stahovec, Mark Stahovec, Mary Stoner, Stephen Storch, Ken Stump, Loran Stutz, Chris Seward, Steve and Ethel Stasny, Don Thatcher, Margaret Urdak, Valerie Wallo, Gerald Warner, JoMarie Wasik, James Weidlich, Matthew Wentzel, Bill and Cathy Whitmire, Diana Whitmire, Don & Grace Whitmore, Jodie Williams, Andrea Yakubik, Helen Yakubik

**We ask your prayers
for all men and women
serving in our armed
forces and those who
put themselves in
harm’s way to protect
and serve others, espe-
cially those connected
to our parish:**



Steven Barrows, Makenzi Carna, Becky Chesar, Billy Church, Phillip Cram, Carl Duch, Scott Fearn, Josh Fletcher, Luke High, Travis Jackson, Jeremy Jones, Stephen J. Kraizel IV, Michael Kuhns, Joshua Lucas, Ryan McGough, Jeff McKnight, William Miller, J.C. Minarchek, Josh Norris, Anthony Stevens, Trever Terrell, Jesse Walters, Sean Weir, Steven Whaley, Zac Wilson, Ethan Wray



Please Pray for our Priests

March 7	Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton
March 8	Rev. Leonard Cencula
	Rev. Richard Tuttle
March 9	Rev. Thomas Hamm
	Rev. Dominic Foster, TOR
March 10	Rev. Vincent Yeager, TOR
	Rev. Donald Frinsko, TOR
March 11	Rev. Nicholas Ward
	Rev. Aleksander Admiak
March 12	Rev. Brian Cavanaugh, TOR
	Rev. Chester Pabin
March 13	Rev. Joshua Erickson
	Rev. Robert Gallagher
March 14	Bishop Gilbert I. Sheldon



Offertory for February 27-28, 2021

Adults	\$9,187.63
Gift	13,000.00
Children	3.00
Miscellaneous	182.35
Religious Education	20.00
Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$9,000.00

The Chalkboard

ST. BENEDICT SCHOOL

Faithfully Educating God's Children
Since 1911

Thank you to everyone who supported our Annual Auction and Raffle this year. We were pleased that we could have an online auction, but are hopeful we can return to an in-person event next year. If you are one of the successful bidders, item pick-up will be held on Monday, March 8th, from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the social hall. Please use the Gomber Avenue entrance.

We are now accepting registrations for the 2021-2022 school year. Please spread the word to family and friends about our wonderful school.

Students and teachers are preparing for “the season of testing”. In March the ARK religion test will be administered to students Gr. 2-8; scholarship students will take state tests also in March; then in April all students will take the IOWA achievement tests.

Please continue to pray for our students, staff and school as we journey through this year with “Jesus as our Guide”.

In His Name, Sue Sanders

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

CASH BONANZA

TICKETS ARE HERE!

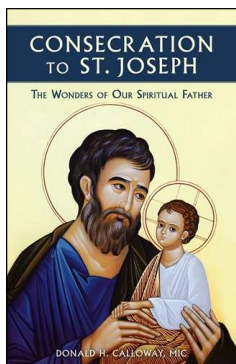


Take a chance to win one of 25 PRIZES totaling \$108,000. All you need to do is to buy a winning ticket. Tickets are only \$5 each or 4 for \$20.

Your participation gives us the opportunity to support charitable causes, such as the Salvation Army, Right to Life, St. Benedict School, Christ Our Light Parish, St. Vincent de Paul, Freedom House (Cambridge's homeless shelter), homes that were hit by fire, special needs kids, and more. We distributed approximately \$8,000 last year. Because of a challenging 2020, it took away our fundraising breakfasts and fish fries.

This year at our Council's first ticket turn-in we will draw a ticket and give \$250 to the lucky winner! The winning ticket will then go back in to the State Council drawing of \$108,000. You could actually win twice!

To purchase tickets see a local Knight, get tickets at the Church office, contact John Sprouse at 740-432-3254 or Ron Engott at 740-685-5759. If you would like to make a DONATION, you can place a check in the church collection made payable to the *Knights of Columbus #1641* and in the memo space, write *donation*. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.



St. Joseph Faith Formation
Consecration to Jesus through St. Joseph
Mondays, February 15th through March 15th
(You can choose to attend whichever time is more convenient for you.)

- 9:30 a.m. in the St. Benedict Conference Room
- 6:00 p.m. in the St. Benedict Social Hall

The final event will be held on Friday, March 19th, the Solemnity of St. Joseph.

Those who would like to make the consecration to Jesus through St. Joseph could do so immediately following either the regular 8:35 a.m. Mass or after a Mass that evening at 7:00 at St. Benedict Church, following the Friday evening Stations of the Cross.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Christ Our Light Parish has received donations in memory of *Dorothy Lackney and Julia Pachuta*.

February Mass Attendance

<u>Weekend Attendance</u>	<u>Average Attendance</u>
February 6-7 259	5:00 p.m. Saturday 57
February 13-14 237	8:00 a.m. Sunday 62
February 20-21 267	10:30 a.m. Sunday 86
February 27-28 268	12:15 p.m. Sunday 50
Weekly Average 257	Ash Wednesday 146

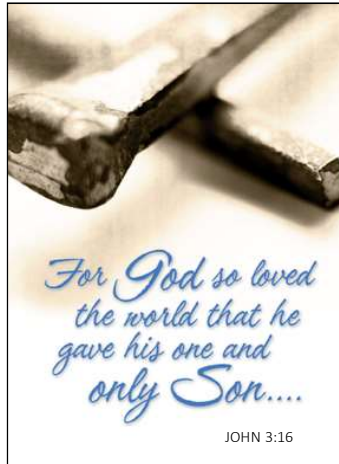
READINGS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 14, 2021

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that we might have life. As we continue on our Lenten journey, let us turn to the Lord who is rich in mercy and compassion.

We live in a world broken by a false sense of worth based on the work ethic and personal accomplishment. Our new life in Christ is God's free gift to us.

In the reading from **Ephesians**, Paul assures us that our salvation is not a commodity we have earned or worked for. We have been taken out of darkness into the light, freely. We choose to live a life of good deeds, not to earn salvation, but as a fitting thanksgiving because we are being saved. The Gospel reminds us that this free gift was given through the ultimate act of love—the giving of one's life, freely.



Christ, lifted up on the cross, is our reminder that we have been saved, gratuitously, by him.

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Whoever among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up and may his God be with you.

How/When have you felt yourself to be truly “one of his people?”

Ephesians 2:4-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith in His kindness to us in Jesus Christ.

What has helped your faith in Jesus to grow stronger?

John 3:14-21

God so loved the world that He gave His only Son.

How have you experienced the love of God?

We pause next week in our Sunday Mass

Readings from the focus on the successive 4 kinds of covenants described in the First Reading. Instead, we observe Laetare Sunday. That will be one of the two times each year when our liturgical color shifts from purple to rose. It is a kind of oasis in the middle of the Lenten desert, a drink of refreshment to help us to persevere with our Lenten disciplines. And, key to this drink of refreshment is love!

Next Sunday's Gospel for, again, the 4th Sunday of Lent, is from the well-known passage of John 3:16, “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son...,” quoted further below. Pope Benedict XVI gave a reflection on this passage during the Way of the Cross held at the Coliseum in Rome on Good Friday, April 10, 2009.

“The anguish of the Passion of the Lord Jesus cannot fail to move to pity even the most hardened hearts, as it constitutes the [high point] of the revelation of God's love for each of us. Saint John observes: *God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life (Jn. 3:16).*

“It is for **love** of us that Christ dies on the cross! Throughout the course of the millennia, a great multitude of men and women have been drawn deeply into this mystery and they have followed him, making in their turn, like him and with his help, a gift to others of their own lives. They are

the saints and the martyrs, many of whom remain unknown to us.

“Even in our own time, how many people, in the silence of their daily lives, unite their sufferings with those of the Crucified One and become apostles of a true spiritual and social renewal! What would [our human family] be without Christ? Saint Augustine observes: ‘You would still be in a state of wretchedness, had he not shown you mercy. You would not have returned to life, had he not shared your death. You would have passed away had he not come to your aid.’ So why not welcome him into our lives?”

“Let us pause...to contemplate his disfigured face: it is the face of the Man of Sorrows. His face is reflected in that of every person who is humiliated and offended, sick and suffering, alone, abandoned and despised. Pouring out his blood, he has broken the solitude of our tears. He has entered into our every grief and our every anxiety.

“Brothers and Sisters! As the cross rises up on Golgotha, the eyes of our faith are already turned towards the dawning of the new Day, and we begin to taste the joy and splendor of Easter.”

May the Lord help our observance of Lent, both this week and next, help us to place our faith in Him, that we may receive the gift of His merciful love for us and for the world, leading to His gift of eternal life in Heaven.

Pastor's Letter

As we are very much at the heart of Lent (literally one month away from Easter as I am writing this on Friday morning, March 5th!) a number of people have said that this already has been a unique Lent. In a way, it's kind of been like a year long Lent since mid-March last year, with so many moments of hope and frustration. With the number of hospitalizations of patients with COVID in Ohio down to 1,009, in the ICUs down to 270, and on ventilators down to 196 as of March 4th, Lord willing this year-long "odyssey" is closer to its conclusion or at least to a Holy Week and Easter a little closer to normal!

Thank you to all who "tried something new this year" by participating in this year's St. Benedict School Annual Auction online. Thank you to the many, many parishioners who have dedicated countless hours over the 30+ years that the auction has been developing. From the Social Hall to the Armory to the Gym and now to the internet: thank you for helping to develop this annual event to be an enjoyable social event and substantial fundraiser for our school.

Please note that we still need a few more Lenten Vocations Crucifix participants, especially from the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and our 12:15 p.m. Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul. As noted before, you would receive the Vocations Crucifix at the conclusion of the Mass, place it in a place of prayer in your house and offer the prayers in the enclosed booklet each day of that week. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Marian Room or on the back table at the Oratory.

Again, the Diocese of Steubenville is planning for a day of introduction for prospective new candidates for the permanent diaconate, on Saturday, March 27th. We will be hosting that event at Sts. Peter and Paul in Lore City. Please keep that event in prayer and ask our Lord to clarify that potential calling for members of our parish here in Guernsey County.

Please note the Pro-Life convention being held next weekend in the Cleveland area, on March 12th and 13th. You can participate online by going to their website at bringingamericabacktolife.org. It looks like an interesting conference with "speakers from around the world."

I had mentioned a couple of weeks ago about planning for a new picture directory and that we were hoping for photo sessions in April. We received a vigorous reply that for most parishioners this April is too soon for them to feel comfortable to participate in the photo sessions. So, we have moved those dates to the first and second full weeks of September! Lord willing, we will be at a much better place for something like that. More on that as we get into August.

I will have more information on this year's Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign in next week's bulletin. You probably have received the first mailing. Thank you for your generosity to this annual campaign.

May the Lord continue to bless us with joy and peace as disciples of Jesus and to help us to be always ready for the gift of eternal life in Heaven!



Update

Walk Where Jesus Walked



Join Fr. Paul Hrezo and *Crown of Bethlehem Tours* for a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land **which has been postponed to June 14-25, 2021.**

Our tour conductors informed me that we are still awaiting clearance from the authorities in Israel.

Close to 80% of the people in Israel have already been vaccinated. Sites and shops formally opened up this

week. We will hear from Crown of Bethlehem at the beginning of March if we can proceed with this pilgrimage, perhaps combining with another group from Texas.

For registration information, please call Fr. Paul at 740-432-7609. The pilgrimage remains \$3,550 per person, round trip from Pittsburgh.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE[®]

THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

The visible, public centerpiece of 40 Days for Life is a focused, 40-day, non-stop, round-the-clock prayer vigil outside a single Planned Parenthood center or other abortion facility. Each day during 40 Days for Life (which happens to correspond with Lent this year), individuals, churches, families and groups will be asked to join together in prayer for a specific request so the entire Body of Christ can unite around a common focus. (You are encouraged to check the website for more info ... www.40Daysforlife.com)

Devotional for Day 19, Sunday, March 7

Intention: We pray for a renewal of our zeal to offer generous help to the unborn and their families.

Scripture: If I have despised the cause of my male or female servant when they complained against me, what then shall I do when God rises up? When He punishes, how shall I answer Him? Did not He who made me in the womb make them? Did not the same One fashion us in the womb? —Job 31:13-15

Prayer: God, forgive us when we try to explain away the obligation we have to help others who need help. Enable us to not devalue them because they are in the circumstance that they are in, but to see them for what they are, those, who like us, were formed by your hand in their mother's womb. Amen.

Devotional for Day 20, Monday, March 8

Intention: That we may realize the generational impact of abortion.

Scripture: Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer and Rebekah his wife conceived. The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is thus, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples, born of you, shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." —Genesis 25:21-23

Prayer: O, God, you formed us in our mother's womb and planned a unique and special life and purpose for each of us, and we do thank you. Grant that we may pray and work for an end to abortion, especially in these 40 days, so that no unborn baby you have made may fail to achieve your divine intention for him or her because of

intentional abortion. We pray this for the sake of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Devotional for Day 21, Tuesday, March 9

Intention: Pray that we each will daily put on the full armor of God, so that we are strong in the Lord and the power of His might.

Scripture: For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day and having done all, to stand. —Ephesians 6:12-13

Prayer: Dear Lord, as you lead us into the spiritual battle of abortion may we be reminded that the battle is truly Yours. Thank you for hearing our requests for direction and protection. Thank you for the victory that is ours because of Your Son Jesus, amen.

Devotional for Day 22, Wednesday, March 10

Intention: May those who hold life as trivial realize that we live because God wills it so.

Scripture: Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this, in His hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind. —Job 12:9-10

Prayer: Thank you Father God for being the Creator of my life and every life. Please give me, and the society in which I live, an appreciation for your gift of life. Please help us set aside our pride and acknowledge that we need you. Show me how I can honor you today in response to all the blessings you bestow freely. In the name of Jesus, amen.

Devotional for Day 23, Thursday, March 11

Intention: We pray for the strength to love those who do not love us.

Scripture: But the Lord said “You have had pity on the plant for which you have not labored, nor made it grow, which came up in the night and perished in the night. And should I not pity Nineveh, that great city, in which are more than one hundred and twenty thousand persons who cannot discern between their right hand and their left, and much livestock? Should I not be concerned about that great city?” —Jonah 4:10-11

Prayer: Gracious God, loving our enemies seems like one of most difficult things you could ask of us. Please remind us that this is how you love and that if you ask it of us then you will give us the grace to do it. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Devotional for Day 24, Friday, March 12

Intention: Pray that God will continue to bless the efforts that have gone into the 40 Days for Life campaign, as we trust Him for the results.

Scripture: Now these are Your servants and Your people, whom You have redeemed by Your great power, and by Your strong hand. O Lord, I pray, please let Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant, and to the prayer of Your servants who desire to fear Your name.

—Nehemiah 1:10-11

Prayer: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in heaven and in the earth is Yours. We pray for your continued guidance and protection throughout the remainder of this 40-day campaign. May we be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in Your work, knowing that our labor will not be in vain. We pray in the name of Jesus, amen.

Devotional for Day 25, Saturday, March 13

Intention: We pray for the conversion of all those who refuse to acknowledge that human life belongs only to God.

Scripture: Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying: “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.” —Jeremiah 1:4-5

Prayer: Lord God, we confess that in You we live and move and have our being. Because You are, we are. May we find grace from You to affirm the being of every human and may we labor to make this truth known to the world around us. Amen.

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