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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday at Noon

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily 7:30 a.m.

Saturday (vigil mass) 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Consult the bulletin for Holy Day and Holiday Mass schedule.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Sunday's after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. and by appointment.

BAPTISMS

Call the office for an appointment.

MARRIAGE

Contact the Pastor at least six months in advance.

Mass Schedule

Monday, March 5 7:30 A.M.
Deceased Donofrio & Cosentini Families (Mary Donofrio)

Tuesday, March 6 7:30 A.M.
Pauline & Raymond Albani (Andrea & Scott Eicher & Tyler Punturi)

Tuesday, March 6 7:00 P.M.
Holy Hour

Wednesday, March 7 7:30 A.M.
Liz Lynam Mochan (Schano Family)

Thursday, March 8 7:30 A.M.
Vincent P. Cataldi (Domenick Orfitelli)

Friday, March 9 7:30 A.M.
Carmella & Carl Scaramucci (John Scaramucci MD)

Friday, March 9 7:00 P.M.
Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 10 7:30 A.M.
Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, March 10 4:00 P.M.
For Our Parishioners

Sunday, March 11 10:30 A.M.
Sam Catanzano Family (Joe & Ann Catanzano)



Saturday, March 10 4:00 P.M.
Eliza Bagwell & Krista Bagwell

Sunday, March 11 10:30 A.M.
Andrew Klabnik & Savannah Stophel



Saturday, March 10 4:00 P.M.
Chris Gibson, Mike Pascal, Cathy Wreath, Guy Mazzella

Sunday, March 11 10:30 A.M.
Richard Defazio, Dennis Capezzuto, Andy Migliorato, Bill Pfoff



Saturday, March 10 4:00 P.M.
Rose Pascal

Sunday, March 11 10:30 A.M.
Dorothy Webb

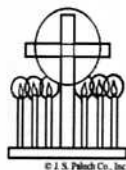
PSP DONATION

In memory of:

ANGELINE GARGER from Bernard & Annamarie DiBernardo, Charlene J. Perrone.



The Tabernacle Lamp is in memory of
LORENZO & ANNA BARONE
From Wayne & Joann Henk & Family.



The Alter Candles are in memory of
ONEY FERRARI
From Mary Villiotti.



The Altar Wine is in memory of
ANTIONETTE PETRARCA
From Mary Ventura.

+++ REST IN PEACE +++

PAUL J. KUSZAJ, brother of Deborah Goodfellow.
ANGELINE GARGER.
ROSE CIOPPA, mother of Joe & Michelle.

Anyone who would like to have any or all of the gifts celebrated in memory of or tribute to a loved one(s), should complete the form below, place information and money in a plain envelope and deposit sealed envelope in the collection basket, mail it to the rectory or deposit in the front door mail slot.

Memorial or Living Tribute Request

I would like to offer:

Altar Flowers	(\$50) _____
Altar Bread	(\$25) _____
Altar Wine	(\$25) _____
Altar Candles	(\$10) _____
Tabernacle Lamp	(\$10) _____
Complete Offering	(\$120) _____

In Memory of _____

In Tribute to _____

From _____



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please take advantage of the Adoration before Sunday Masses. Please remember to be reverent as you enter church as our Lord is exposed in the Most Blessed Sacrament.



Our Annual fish Fry will be held Fridays during Lent (except Good Friday) in our social hall from Noon to 7:00 P.M. Baked or fried cod dinners, sandwiches, haluski, macaroni & cheese, pasta e fagiole, apple-

sauce, bread & butter & beverages are available. Children's menu and take out orders available. Deliveries available within a reasonable distance until 3:00 P.M.

Also, we are asking for donations of noodles, cabbage, onions, sugar & flour. You can drop these items off at the social hall before or after all weekend masses or call Lois Petrarca (412-371-9458) or Mary Iannucci (412-371-4912).

We will be needing baked goods for Lenten Fridays. Call Karen Sarsfield (724-325-4849) or Mary Iannucci (412-371-4912).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross and Holy Hour are held during Lent on Fridays at 7 p.m. in church.

If you're driving in your car this Lent, tune in to Catholic Radio-WAOB-106.7 FM.

Did you know?

Preventing Child Abuse is Everyone's Responsibility

It is every adult's moral responsibility to protect possible victims by reporting the suspected abuse or neglect to the responsible authorities. Sexual abuse of minors is a pervasive societal problem and only concerted and sustained efforts by all adults in every segment of society can help to protect children and youth.

Diocese of Pittsburgh Abuse Hotline: 1-888-808-1235.

MORNING OF REFLECTION

Morning of Reflection for men, women, high school and older: "Deepening Your Prayer Life – Teachings from Pope Benedict XVI," Sunday, March 18th, 10 am to 12:30 p.m., Word of God Parish, O'Connell Hall, 7444 McClure Ave., Swissvale. \$10/person includes catered lunch. Sitter care planned for registrants. Registration and payment required by noon, Monday, March 12th. contacting Ron Demblowski at the rectory (412.241.1372) or wordofgodpa@gmail.com.

ANNULMENT PROCESS

The Tribunal of the Diocese of Pittsburgh will be providing a 45 minute presentation to provide information about the nullity process and help those wanting to begin the process to do so by receiving the initial paperwork at the meeting. The talks are directed toward those who have a desire for adult education regarding this often misunderstood subject. People involved in RCIA as teachers or directors may have a special interest in attending this talk. There will be a session at St. Bernadette, Monroeville on March 29 at 7 p.m. Call the Tribunal at 412-456-3033 or leave a voice message or send an email to pge-inzer@diopitt.org to let us know if you will be attending.

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Pro-Life Corner

How different our world would be if Joanne Simpson had chosen to abort her unintended pregnancy. Instead, she gave birth to a boy who was adopted by a loving couple. That boy was Steve Jobs, founder of Apple, Inc. and the creative genius behind the iPhone, iPod and iPad and the creator of tens of thousands of jobs.

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One Minute Meditations

Forgive you

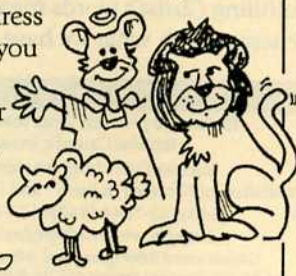
It is an unfortunate aspect of our human condition that we make mistakes, commit errors of judgment, break rules, and violate commandments. In order to get back on the right path, we need to seek God's forgiveness, but we have to forgive ourselves, too. Coming to terms with our failures is key to overcoming them.

Essence of happiness

It has been said that the essence of happiness is thankfulness or gratitude for what we have. Unhappiness often comes with yearning for what we do not or cannot have. Being content with our blessings, and thanking God regularly for his gifts, helps us on the road to happiness.

Reduce stress

One way to reduce your own stress, at least for a while, is to listen to another person's troubles. Actually, providing a sympathetic ear produces a double benefit. By listening, you take the focus off your own stress – and you help another person, too.



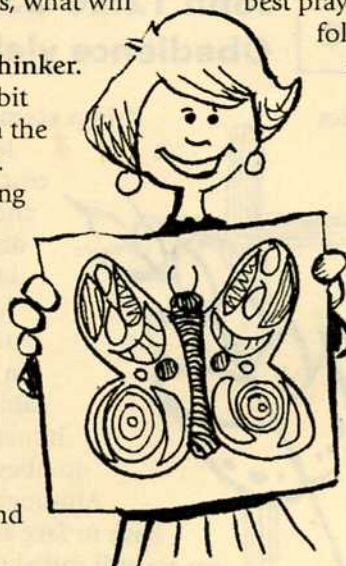
The new you

Lent is our chance to leave our old ways behind and adopt a new way of life. When Easter comes, what will the new you be like?

Be a more positive thinker.

This is the keystone habit that will help you form the other important habits. Squash negative thinking and trust that God will work with you to accomplish goals you set that are in harmony with his will.

Focus on what's important. First, identify what is most important to you – family, friends, faith, and so on. Then eliminate everything else. Not only will you be free to focus on what is most important, this habit will spill over into other areas of your life, such



as tasks, projects, and communication.

Find a powerful prayer routine. The best prayer routines are the ones we follow every day. A firm, daily routine helps you focus on what's important, not just what comes up. Make sure to concentrate on Scripture and add time to listen, too.

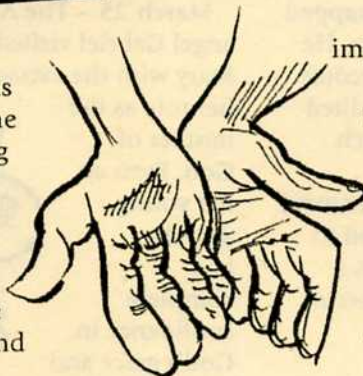
Add kindness.

Kindness is genuinely caring for others, wanting the best for them, and taking action to demonstrate that caring. Each day, make a decision to add an act of kindness to your day. Let someone go ahead of you in line, give a sincere compliment to a stranger, praise a coworker's effort, greet a passerby.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do we practice almsgiving?

Christ said that the poor would be with us always and stressed the importance of helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves. He said that when we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick and



imprisoned, we do it for him. Our bishops have said that we need to care for the poor. For example, to fulfill Christ's words, the Church recommends that we donate 5% of our income to the Church and 5% to charity. That's almsgiving.

Three ways to make a difference

One in five people in the United States is Catholic. Imagine if we all worked together to make a difference. We can start by thinking differently.

Walk in someone else's shoes. Ask a friend whose culture or tradition is different from your own to teach you about it. Try cooking native dishes or learning some of the language. When you explore cultures different from your own, you become more sensitive to others' perspectives. That helps you to be truly catholic (universal).

Build up the Church. The Church is under attack



and needs all of her members to come together in prayer and communion. Attending Mass more often is how we can strengthen our Church and grow in holiness as people and as a Church.

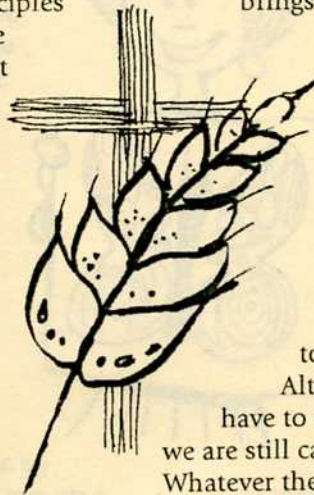
Become an instrument of healing. People are hurting all around us and we can learn to notice others' pain and to do something about it, just as Jesus asked. By modeling the healing qualities of Jesus – gentleness, forgiveness, sensitivity – we can learn to become healers, too.

from **Scripture**

John 12:20-33, Obedience yields new life

Jesus tried to warn his disciples about his death and prepare them for it. A grain of wheat dies in order to produce new life, and Jesus had to die to pay for our sins and bring us new life. With his resurrection, he proved he has eternal life and can offer it to us.

Then he said that we must "hate" our lives and be willing to lose them so we can live. He meant that we have to be ready to lay aside our attachment to goods, worldly security, and pleasure to serve God freely. Serving God



brings eternal life.

Jesus knew that his crucifixion lay ahead and being human, he dreaded it. He also knew that God sent him into the world to die for our sins in our place. So, Jesus said "no" to his human desires in order to obey his Father.

Although we will never have to face such a difficult task, we are still called to obedience. Whatever the father asks we should be willing to do and bring glory to his name.

Feasts & Celebrations

March 17 – St. Patrick (493). Born in Scotland, St. Patrick was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but later returned to become the bishop of Ireland and is credited for having established the Church there.

March 19 – St. Joseph (1st century). Jesus' earthly father and husband to the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph is a model of fatherhood and a protector of families.

March 23 – St. Turibius de Mogrovejo (1606). A brilliant scholar, he was serving as professor of law at

the University of Salamanca when he was chosen to lead the archdiocese of Lima in Peru. He was ordained priest and bishop and worked with intense fervor to strengthen his diocese.

March 25 – The Annunciation. The angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary with the extraordinary news of her role as the mother of God. Even at her young age, she had complete confidence in God's grace and trusted in his wisdom.



Q & A What are the three pillars of Christianity?

The three pillars, or foundations, of Christianity are: prayer, penance, and almsgiving. **Prayer comes first.** That is how we communicate with God. It is difficult to have a relationship with anyone without strong communication. In the family, if we are silent with each other or speak only when absolutely necessary, and then in one syllable words, we drift apart. The same is true in our relationship with God. To develop closeness with him requires speaking with him.

Next is penance. Sin damages or destroys our relationship with God. Sin means turning our backs on God. Penance repairs that relationship. It expresses our sorrow at what we've done to him. When we go to confession because of repentance, God forgives us our sins and returns us to a state of grace.

As for almsgiving, Christ did say the poor would be with us always. But he stressed the importance of helping those less fortunate. He said that when we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned, we do it for him. Fulfilling Christ's words means being generous with what we have.

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