



Father Sam's Forum

This is a busy and important week for our parish! We begin today with honoring the presence of Jesus Christ in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Join us at 4:30 this afternoon for the closing services which include Evening Prayer, homily by our Regional Vicar, Fr. Fred Cain, Eucharistic procession and then Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration begins at the close of the 11:30 Mass today and continues until the services at 4:30.

Later this evening, at 7:00, Frank Runyeon opens our Lenten Mission with the first of his three nights that bring the bible to life. Come and join us as he opens the Gospel of Mark tonight, followed by the Sermon on the Mount on Monday night, and the Letter of James on Tuesday night.

Wednesday at 7:00pm we hold our annual Lenten Penance Service. A number of priests will be on hand to hear confessions before Easter. Don't wait until the last minute to make your confession.

Then on Friday and Saturday we present our new version of the passion play, *We Are Witnesses*. Enter the story of Christ's suffering and death as it unfolds before you. Tickets are limited because of seating, so get yours in the parish office soon. There is no charge for the performance but a free will offering will be taken to defray the production costs.

Allow the Lord to do something new for you as we hear in our readings at Mass today. This is a week for lots of new ways to encounter God if we open ourselves to the mysterious ways He will reach out to us.

Mass Intentions: Mar. 21—Mar. 28

Sunday, March 21—Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 7:45a **John & Johanna Kosir** (Family)
 9:30a **Viola Jarasiewicz**
 (Mitch & Priscilla Jarasiewicz)
 11:30a **Joe Kanish** (Michele Mistoffelees)

Monday, March 22—Lenten Weekday

- 8:30a **C. D. & Eileen Kauffman**
 (Kauffman Family)

Tuesday, March 23—Lenten Weekday

- 6:30a **Elizabeth Jackson** (Bill & Kathy Wanninger)
 8:30a **Jim Volanski**
 (Mark & Kim Jackson & Family)

Wednesday, March 24—Lenten Weekday

- 6:30a **Thanksgiving Mass for Luke Xavier Daley** (Grandparents)
 8:30a **Jack Manion** (8:30am Mass Group)

Thursday, March 25—Annunciation

- 6:30a **John, Mildred & Eleanor Daley**
 (M/M Robert Daley)
 8:30a **Ronald Brooks** (Jeff & Susan Brooks)

Friday, March 26—Lenten Weekday

- 8:30a **Raymond A Seemiller**
 (Robert & Kathyne Marino)

Saturday, March 27—Lenten Weekday

- 8:30a **John J. Culley** (Kathryn Hayward, Sister)
 5:00p **25th Anniversary: Eugene & Terra Mauro**

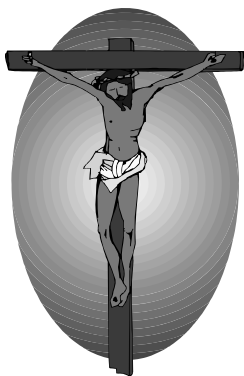
Sunday, March 28—Palm Sunday

- 7:45a **For the People of the Parish**
 9:30a **John Stanish**
 (George & Mary Lou Frost & Family)
 11:30a **Vic Moyer** (Bower Hill School Bus)

*The Sanctuary Candle burns this week
 in memory of Dorothy Wasieleski,
 requested by John & Rita Milavec.*

**Hotline for Victims of Sexual Abuse
 412-456-3060 or 1-888-808-1235**

The Schedule for Holy Week



Next Sunday: The *Solemn Procession* of Palm Sunday will take place at the 11:30am Mass. We will have the *Solemn Entrance* at the 5:00pm Vigil on Saturday, and the 9:30am on Sunday, and the *Simple Entrance* at the 7:45am Sunday. For the 11:30 Mass, everyone is asked to gather in O'Brien Hall where the service begins. The procession will make its way from the hall to the church.

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00pm, the church remains open for Adoration until 11:45pm when Night Prayer will be prayed.

Good Friday: Morning Prayer in the Chapel, 9:00am; Stations of the Cross, Noon; the 7 Last Words, 12:45pm; the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, 1:30pm; Tenebrae, 7:00pm.

Holy Saturday: Morning Prayer, 9:00am; Church Decorating, 9:15am; Daytime Prayer & the Blessing of Easter Foods, 12:30am; the Solemn Vigil of Easter, 8:30pm.

Easter Sunday: Masses at 7:45, 9:30, & 11:30am.



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Serving the Parish Next Weekend March 27—March 28

Sat. 5:00pm— Fr. Esposito

Lectors: Gordon, Ellsworth **Greeters:** Schardt, Mitchell
EMHC: Milavec, Pfeifer, Norton, Scheuering, P & G Adams,
 LaCamera, Corbett, Vandewater **Servers:** Waigand, Curry
 Corbett, P & M Ellsworth

7:45am— Fr. Esposito

Lectors: Brugger, Hollot **Greeters:** Henger, Kalaski **EMHC:**
 Gavran, Basile, Berger, Puskarich, S & J Christopher, Kail, Faina,
 Petricca **Servers:** Brugger, Wiegmann, Bowlin

9:30am— Fr. Ruffalo

Lectors: Fitzgerald, Ruggieri **Greeters:** Verlato, Oberschelp
EMHC: Capozza, Klinar, Torres, McGovern, Schultz, Orient,
 Serrino, Weaver, J Smith **Servers:** C & A Mavrich, S Weaver,
 Hilzendeger, Wisniewski

11:30am— Fr. Ruffalo, Deacon Layton

Lectors: Ray, Oliverio **Greeters:** Bartoli, Becker **EMHC:**
 Boyd, Oldaker, Stein, Huffner, Hayward, B Smith, P, L & K
 Newmaster **Servers:** Toscano Children

Parish Eucharistic Day

Today our parish celebrates a day in honor of the holy sacrament of the Eucharist with adoration following the 11:30am Mass and continuing until the closing services at 4:30pm. Come spend some time with the Lord whom we believe is truly present in the Eucharist. Our closing services include Evening Prayer, homily by our Regional Vicar, Fr. Fred Cain, Eucharistic Procession, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Lenten Confessions & Penance Service

Our annual Lenten Penance Service with multiple priest confessors is this week, Wednesday, March 24, 7:00pm. Take this opportunity to make your confession for Easter. Other confession times before Easter are Saturday, March 24, 11:00am, and Tuesday, March 30, 7:00pm. **There are no confessions on Wednesday, March 31 because of rehearsal for the liturgies of the Triduum.**

Prayer Experience for Feast of the Annunciation

Members of our Centering Prayer group will lead a rosary and scripture hour to celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation on March 25, at 7:00pm in the Chapel. Please join us for prayer, scripture and reflection.

Check out this great Catholic web site: www.wordonfire.org

Readings for the Week of March 21

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-12/Jn 8:1-11
 Monday: Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62/Jn 8:12-20
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95/Jn 8:31-42
 Thursday: Is 7:10-14;8-10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
 Next Sunday: Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56

Caring for the Sick

As we strive to practice service and hospitality, part of our mission, caring for the sick, is a real part of how we do that. But to do that, we have to first know who the sick among us are. Please contact the parish office if someone is hospitalized or recovering at home and would benefit from a visit, Communion at home, or some other form of pastoral care. In such a large parish, it is easy to slip through the cracks. Dennis Gehrlein, our pastoral associate, is trying to bring together volunteers who can assist him and the clergy in this important part of parish life. **Going to the hospital? Please tell one of the priests so that you may receive a special blessing or the sacrament of the sick. It helps.**



Liturgical Ministers for Triduum & Easter Sunday

Holy Thursday, 7:00pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper

Lectors: McKenzie, Brugger EMHC: J & S Christopher, Herald, Puskarich, Vandewater Servers: Brugger, N & V DeRienzo, Hilzendeger, LaRosa, Pampero
Rehearsal, Wednesday, March 31, 6:30pm

Good Friday, 1:30pm, Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Lectors: Morosco, Mahla EMHC: Specca
 Servers: Brugger, Waigand
 Ushers: Silvestri
Rehearsal, Wednesday, March 31, 7:15pm

Good Friday, 7:00pm, Tenebrae

Lectors: Ellsworth, DiCello, Wanninger
 Servers: D, C, & , Schratz
Rehearsal, Good Friday, April 2, 6:30pm

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 3, 8:30pm

Lectors: Specca, Ruggieri, Gehrlein, Pustay, Ross, Benya,
 +1 needed

EMHC: Baumgartner, Bench, D & T Martin, Sarra
 Servers: K & C Bench, Bowlin, Hilzendeger, Kimes,
 Figueroa

Ushers: Jung,
Rehearsal, Wednesday, March 31, 7:40pm

Easter Sunday, April 4

7:45am

Lectors: Jung Bonadio
 EMHC: McGinnis, Bonadio, Serrino, S & J Brooks, Kail,
 + 1 needed
 Servers: Brugger, Hillen, Wiegman, Brooks, Hilzendeger
 Ushers: Silvestri

9:30am

Lectors: Wells, Trappanotto,
 EMHC: Schultz, McGovern, LaCamera, G & P Adams,
 Glover, Cushma

11:30am

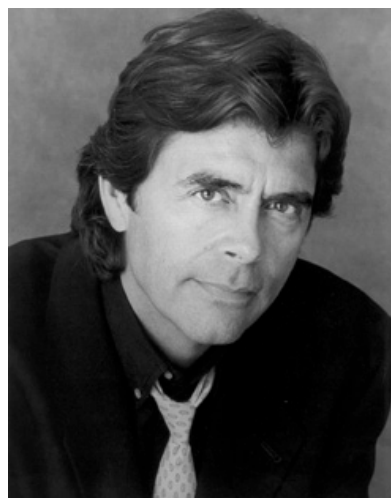
Lectors: DiCello, + 1 needed
 EMHC: Oldaker, Huffner, Greenwald, + 6 needed
 Servers: D, C, & L Schratz

Did You Give?

Capital Campaign Memorial

We are close to completing the preparations for our memorial and need to finalize the donor lists. The lists are still available in the parish office for you to view and check the accuracy of spelling, etc. If you were missed because of poor record keeping, please check with Kathy in the parish office. The deadline for any changes is March 31.

Lenten Mission This Week



Remember to join us tonight, Monday, March 22, and Tuesday, March 23, at 7:00pm in the church, as Frank Runyeon, TV actor offers us reflections on three books of the bible. As we prepare for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter, these performances will enhance and inform our understanding of God's word in the

Gospel of Mark, the Sermon on the Mount from the Gospel of Matthew, and the Letter of James.

Children's Easter Choir

This year, the Children's Choir will sing at the 9:30am Easter Sunday Mass. Rehearsals are on the following Wednesdays at 4:30pm in the Choir Room: March 24, and 31. The Children's Choir is open to those in the 2nd grade or older. Please call Greg Fincham at 724-941-9406, ext. 108 if you need more information.

Passion Play 2010

Tickets for our Passion Play this week are available in the parish office. We have a limited number for each performance. They are distributed on a first come, first served basis. There is no charge, but a free will offering to defray the cost of the production will be taken at each performance. ***Doors open on Friday at 7:00pm and the performance begins at 7:45 and on Saturday doors open at 6:15pm for the 7:00 performance.***

Lenten Fish Fry

The annual Fish Fry continues every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) from 4:00pm to 7:30pm in O'Brien Hall. Eat in or take out. Crafts and movies for the kids too! Bring the whole family and tell your friends and neighbors! Once again we also have *Fish Fry Lunch* available every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) from 11:00am to 1:00pm. You may eat in or order take out. **More volunteers are needed.** Please call Michael Benya at 724-942-0843 if you can help.



Ask Father Sam

When I was young there used to be Laetare Sunday followed by Passion Sunday and then Palm Sunday. Did that change?

Lesson of the Week

Can you tell me more about the Triduum?

The Triduum is the name given to the *three days* that are central to our Christian calendar. From the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday through the Masses of Easter Sunday, we stop the normal routines of our lives to enter a time of deep reflection, prayer and celebration. It's important for Catholics to really understand what this means and that these days are different from all others.

Holy Thursday is about Eucharist, priesthood and service. As we come to remember the Last Supper of Jesus, we see in his actions on that evening that he handed over to his apostles the mission to continue what he did and would do the next day on the cross. In an unusual move, he put aside his garments to take the role of servant and wash their feet. Our service to others imitates the One who came not to be served, but to serve. *Do this in memory of me.*

Good Friday is a somber day, marked by silence and introspection. We continue to reflect on the self-giving of Jesus, who not only broke bread and poured wine and told us that he would be present in these elements, but whose body was broken on the wood of the cross, and whose blood poured out on the hill of Calvary. We must be broken and poured out as well. *Do this in memory of me.*

We keep a fast during these days that the Church tells us is *different* from the fasting of Lent. Our abstinence from food and drink is more intense as we devote time to prayer and reading the Scriptures. The liturgy of Good Friday is *not Mass*. We receive Communion from what was consecrated on Holy Thursday. The service is centered on the telling of the Passion by John, followed by veneration of the cross. We genuflect or bow as we come without our shoes on this *holy ground* where the Savior's blood was shed for our salvation. In the evening we keep a ceremony of "shadows" or *Tenebrae*, reminding us of the time Jesus spent in the tomb.

Holy Saturday is a day of preparation. Those who have been getting ready to celebrate their profession of faith as Catholic Christians, and who will be anointed with the Spirit in Confirmation and come to the Lord's Table for the first time, spend the day in prayer. Let us join them. Volunteers come forward to prepare the church for Easter. The special foods

Youth Ministry News

Sunday Night WORD

Correction from last week's bulletin—All teens are invited to attend the Eucharistic Dinner in O'Brien Hall at 6:00pm in lieu of the meager meal originally planned. We will then attend the first night of the Parish Lenten Mission featuring Frank Runyeon. All teens and families are highly encouraged to attend this three day mission.

Youth & Parent Survey

Youth Ministry is seeking input and feedback from all parents and teens to better meet the needs of the parish. We are putting out surveys to both parents and teens through the website. Please take the survey and encourage others to do so in order that we can get a wide base for the feedback. To participate, go to www.stbenedicttheabbot.org/ym. Thank you so much for your time and support.

Youth Ministry Calendar

Mar. 21—Mar. 28

Mar. 21, 7:00pm—Parish Mission (Church)

Mar. 23, 7:00pm—Theology of the Body (St. Louise)

Mar. 28, 7:00pm—Palm Sunday

Vacation Bible School 2010

Vacation Bible School will be held this year during the week of July 12 –16. Please watch in the future bulletins for more information.

Lesson of the Week...continued

we will eat for our Easter feast at home are brought to church to receive the blessing of the priest. And we await the great Vigil that night. In darkness, a fire is lighted and the Easter Candle is brought into church as Christ dispels the darkness of sin and death. This is liturgy—not a 60-minute Mass at our regular hour, but late, in the darkness of night. It requires time and energy to do it right.

After hearing many readings that tell the story of salvation, the Gospel announces that Jesus is risen. New members are welcomed through the sacraments and the Eucharist is celebrated and shared. The next day, we continue to announce the Good News. In story and song, we proclaim that Christ is risen from the dead.

That's the Triduum. It takes time. You have to want to be there. But it is worth every second because it tells us who we are. *Do this in memory of me.*



Women of St. Benedict "Think Spring"

Join the Women of St. Benedict as they present local author Phyllis Testal Monk, M.Ed. on March 25, at 9:30am in O'Brien Hall. She's the co-author of *Wildflowers of Pennsylvania*, and has a slide presentation of photographs taken by members of the Botanical Society of Western PA. Get a glimpse of spring as we look ahead to what is in store for our area this season! Refreshments will be served.

Easter Blessing of Families

On Easter Sunday, April 4, Bishops David Zubik and William Winter will welcome families of the Diocese to their Annual Blessing of Families at St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland beginning at 2:00pm (Please note earlier start time). As they greet and bless your family personally, they affirm and support you as a household of love and witness to your faith. All families, nuclear, single parent, blended, extended, etc., are invited to come and experience the Bishop's expression of appreciation for the gift that you are and the gifts that you bring to our Diocese. Each family attending will receive a special memento to take home, and the children will receive a sweet treat.

Footprints for Peace Walkers To visit Monday of Holy Week

Pope Benedict XVI made the following statement during his World Peace Day Message on January 1: *"Let us ensure progressive disarmament and a world free of nuclear weapons..."* A group of "peace walkers" have taken that message to heart and are walking from Oak Ridge, TN to the UN in New York. On March 31 they will stop at St. Benedict's for an hour or so for refreshment and conversation as they walk from Washington, PA to St. Joan of Arc Parish where they will spend the night. As we model St. Benedict's call for hospitality and invite these people to spend some time here to rest Monday afternoon, anyone who is interested in talking with them is invited to stop by O'Brien Hall. Perhaps it's not ironic that they grace us with their presence on Monday of Holy Week. For more information, contact our pastoral associate Dennis or check out the website at www.footprintsforpeace.net.

Need confidential assistance? Companionship and understanding for a difficult time? Stephen Ministers are here to help you. Call 724-941-5026.

This Week In Our Parish

Sunday, March 21

**Abbey Coffee House Open after
7:45 & 9:30 Mass**

9:00a	Faith Formation Session	
11:00a	Faith Formation Session	
4:30p	Eucharistic Day Closing	(Church)
5:30p	Eucharistic Day Dinner	(OBH)
7:00p	Lenten Mission: "Alive!"	(Church)

Monday, March 22

8:30a	Special Needs Children	(210)
10:00a	WOSB Yoga	(PBAC)
7:00p	Lenten Mission: "Sermon on the Mount"	(Church)

Tuesday, March 23

8:30a	Special Needs Children	(210)
9:15a	Catholic Scripture Study	(206)
6:00p	Faith Formation Session	
7:00p	Lenten Mission: "Letter of James"	(Church)

Wednesday, March 24

9:30a	Light Weigh	(206)
12:00p	AA	(208)
4:30p	Children's Choir Rehearsal	(Choir)
6:00p	Faith Formation Session	
7:00p	Lenten Penance Service	(Church)
7:45p	Tae Kwon Do	(OBH)
7:45p	Passion Play Dress Rehearsal	(PBAC)
7:45p	St. Vincent de Paul	(206)

Thursday, March 25

9:30a	WOSB General Meeting	(OBH)
12:00p	NA	(206)
6:00p	Aerobics	(PBAC)
7:00p	RCIA	(206)
7:00p	Centering Prayer—Annunciation	(Chapel)
7:00p	Boy Scout Troop 1313	(OBH)
7:00p	Cub Scouts Den 6	(Rm A)
7:00p	MOM'S Group	(213)
7:30p	Adult Choir	(Choir)
7:30p	Communications Com. Mtg.	(210)

Friday, March 26

10:00a	Prayer & Share	(Nursery)
11:00a	Lunch Fish Fry	(OBH)
4:00p	Supper Fish Fry	(OBH)
7:45p	Passion Play	(PBAC)

Saturday, March 27

7:30a	Catholic Men's Fellowship	(206)
9:00a	Aerobics	(PBAC)
11:00a	Confessions	(Church)
7:00p	Passion Play	(PBAC)

Sunday, March 28

**Abbey Coffee House Open after
7:45 & 9:30 Mass**

No Faith Formation Sessions Today

Online giving is in full operation! Visit the parish website and click on the link to sign up to begin donating to the parish automatically today. It's easy and convenient! And...now special collections are available online too! Check it out.



TO GET INVOLVED, CALL . . .

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