March 1, 2020

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, “All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me.” - Mt 4:8-9


OUR MISSION STATEMENT
Know Christ, Love Christ, Serve Christ and Invite others to Christ through Word, Sacrament and Sacrifice!

PASTORAL TEAM
Fr. Joseph McCaffrey
Pastor
Fr. Anthony Sciarappa
Parochial Vicar
Fr. Brendan Dawson
Parochial Vicar
Fr. Nicholas Spirko
In Residence
Dcn. John Carran
Dcn. S. Daniel Kielar
Sr. Annie Bremmer, OSF,
Pastoral Associate
Sr. Barbara Ann Johnston,
CSJ, Pastoral Care Minister

In Special Recognition of Pastoral Council member,
Tom McCosby

Tom McCosby, of T. W. McCosby, LLC, was presented with the Pennsylvania Builders Association’s Builder of the Year award on Friday, February 21, 2020 at the PBA Annual Board meeting/awards banquet in King of Prussia, PA.
Tom is the current president of Lawrence County Builders Association.
Thank you again to everyone who made our first Holy Spirit Mardi Gras celebration an enormous success! As you can see from the photographs, we had a sell-out crowd from the entire area. Thank you to the Mardi Gras Celebration Committee, our building and grounds staff, the dedicated parishioners who served the parish in innumerable ways and our Ambassadors of Hospitality: the largest number of youth ever at a Mardi Gras, those who manned the ticket tables, raffles, auction, the amazing appetizer tables and buffet showing that our parish is truly one.

This Lent we are reminded of the battle we all face with evil. Adam and Eve, our first parents, suffered from that battle. Jesus came to save us and took on the evil one. He did not protect himself from entering into our human frailty and suffering. But it was through His martyrdom and pain that we are saved and strengthened to win our own battle with the devil.

As a community of Catholic Christians joined with brothers and sisters of every race and tongue around the world, we embark on this Lenten journey to faith in Christ and rid our hearts and lives of sin.

To help us all on our Lenten journey, we have a number of opportunities in our parish. There is the LENTEN SERIES 2020: Vatican II and Our Call to Holiness presented by Harry J. Dudley, D. Min. at St. Joseph the Worker site—Social Hall (Lower Level) on Tuesday mornings: 9:30 am to 11:00 am on March 3, 10, 24, 31 and also on Wednesday evenings: 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm on March 4, 11, 25, April 1. See bulletin page 11 for Penance Services and Stations of the Cross, and page 4 for Reconciliation, Adoration and Rosary information. The parish has also made available copies of Bishop Robert Barron’s Lenten Gospel Reflections. If you have not gotten a copy, stop by the parish office at St. Vitus while they are still available.

NOTE: Don’t forget that next Sunday marks the beginning of daylight saving time when we advance our clocks forward one hour.

God love you,

FR. MAC
### Mass Schedule & Intentions

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29th—VIGIL: THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

- 4:00 pm  St. Camillus—Dawson—Carl McIltrot (Children & Grandchildren)
- 4:00 pm  St. Vitus—Farrell—Nicholas Amabile, Sr. (Wife)
- 5:00 pm  St. Vincent de Paul—McCaффrey—Rose Marcantino (Becky Nogacek)
- 7:00 pm  Westminster College Chapel—Sciarrappa

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1st—THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

- 7:00 am  St. Vitus—Sciarrappa—Samuel Medure (Medure Family)
- 8:00 am  St. Mary—McCaффrey—Susan Fisher (Gebhart Family)
- 8:45 am  St. James—Farrell—Edward & Marie Shober (David & Michele Shober)
- 9:00 am  St. Vitus—Sciarrappa—Shane A. McQuiston (Connie & James DiMuccio)
- 9:30 am  St. Joseph—Spirko—Stanley Szuba (Wife, Joan & Children)
- 10:00 am  St. Vincent de Paul—Dawson—Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- 10:45 am  St. Anthony—Farrell—Deceased Members of Luketic & Gribens Families (Family)
- 11:00 am  St. Camillus—McCaффrey—Russell Oscar Warner (Family)
- 11:30 am  St. Mary—Dawson—Edward J. Kelley, Sr., 50th Anniversary of his death (Family)

**MONDAY, MARCH 2nd—LENTEN WEEKDAY**

- Noon  St. Mary—McCaффrey—Louis Palmiro (Joseph Palmiro)
- 3:15 pm  Shenango on the Green—Dawson—Pfahles Family (Family)
- 6:00 pm  St. Joseph—Dawson—Michael Data (Family)

**TUESDAY, MARCH 3rd—LENTEN WEEKDAY**

- 8:30 am  St. Vitus—Sciarrappa—Deceased Venturella Family (Harry & Georgia Micco)
- 2:30 pm  Quality Life Services (Golden Hill)—Sciarrappa—Deborah Cearfoss (Claudia Nogee)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4th—LENTEN WEEKDAY**

- 8:30 am  St. Camillus—McCaффrey—Stanley Szuba (Wife & Children)
- Noon  St. Mary—Sciarrappa—Margaret Fee (Eakin & Russin Family)

**THURSDAY, MARCH 5th—LENTEN WEEKDAY**

- 8:30 am  St. Camillus—Spirko—Betty Ford (Ruthann, Annette & Madeline)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 6th—LENTEN WEEKDAY**

- 8:30 am  St. Camillus—Sciarrappa—Sean McGregor Van Der Wal (Family)
- Noon  St. Mary—Dawson—Deceased Members of Pizzitola Family (Family)

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7th—VIGIL: THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

- 4:00 pm  St. Camillus—McCaффrey—Holy Face of Jesus
- 4:00 pm  St. Vitus—Sciarrappa—Anthony Vitullo (Jim, Doreen & Michael Vitullo)
- 5:00 pm  St. Vincent de Paul—Dawson—Mike Stull (Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren)

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8th—THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

- 7:00 am  St. Vitus—Spirko—Shane McQuiston (Mom, Dad, Kortney)
- 8:00 am  St. Mary—Farrell—Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- 8:45 am  St. James—Sciarrappa—William Lippman (Mark & Becky Nogacek)
- 9:00 am  St. Vitus—McCaффrey—Victor Torsello, Deceased Makarevich & Ross Family (Family)
- 9:30 am  St. Joseph—Farrell—Patsy & Pauline Del & Albert Gettings (Family)
- 10:00 am  St. Vincent de Paul—Dawson—Dr. Lawrence Fazioli (Deacon John & Robin Carran)
- 10:45 am  St. Anthony—Sciarrappa—John Pezzuolo (Larry & Darlene Pezzuolo)
- 11:00 am  St. Camillus—McCaффrey—Ronald Duda, Sr. (Deacon John & Robin Carran)
- 11:30 am  St. Mary—Dawson—Frieda & Ronald Krueger (Gettings Family)

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The celebrant schedule is subject to adjustment.
The bulletin is printed several days ahead of the Sunday date.

**Holy Spirit Parish Main Office**
910 S Mercer St  New Castle PA 16101
The Adoration Chapel on North Beaver St. (across from St. Mary Church) is open for adoration and prayer. Anyone wishing to visit may come between dawn and dusk. Adoration Chapel Hours: Open Sundays at 1:00 pm until Saturdays at 2:00 pm. Closed Saturdays at 2:00 pm until Sundays at 1:00 pm.

Those interested in becoming Adorers may do so by calling Vickie at 724-652-5538 x 8.

Adorers Are Needed for the following times:
Sundays: 1:00 pm—2:00 pm

The Rosary is said on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 7:00 pm in St. Camillus Church. All are Welcome!

Marian Movement of Priests
Rosary Cenacle Group
Please join us! Sundays at 4:00 pm (sharp) until 4:30 pm at the Adoration Chapel.

Holy Spirit Choir Schedule:
Sunday, March 8, 2020
Choir A: 8:45 am—St. James
Choir B: 9:00 am—St. Vitus

SCHEDULE OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):
Saturdays:
St. Camillus: 11:00 am—Noon
St. Vitus: 11:30 am—12:30 pm
St. Vincent de Paul: 4:00 pm—4:30 pm
Mondays:
St. Joseph the Worker: 5:15 pm—5:45 pm

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Cecilia Boatner
Daughter of Quincy & Melissa (Stull) Boatner

Luke James Dando
Son of Jacob & Emily (Lannon) Dando

Bailey Grace Geramita
Daughter of Joseph & Amy (Patton) Geramita

Allie Grace Tanner
Daughter of Jason & Rachel (Marshall) Tanner

REST IN PEACE

Elizabeth Mae Heaney
Connie L. Proffit
Eugene M. Ross, Sr.

Please hold in Prayer those who are ill, recovering or homebound; our Priests, Deacons, Religious and Seminarians; our Military and First Responders; and those who reside in Nursing Homes or Assisted Living Facilities.

Readings for the week of March 1, 2020

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
**J. M. J. From the Desk of Deacon John:**

The week begins our 2020 Parish Share campaign. In finalizing 2019 Parish Share numbers, our total assessment was $424,989.00. We collected $402,208.93, leaving us a balance owing of $22,780.07. I would like to point out that had we not received the generous bequest of $100,000.00, we would have owed $122,780.07. We were extremely blessed to have received such a gift, however we cannot count on such an occurrence every year. The 2019 numbers are not yet final, as we have the last week of February to include. We will provide a final accounting in next week’s bulletin.

Our 2020 Parish Share Assessment came in lower compared to the previous year’s. The total assessment for Holy Spirit Parish is based upon the Fiscal Year of 2018-2019 of all seven former parishes. The assessment for 2020 is $402,313.00. This is a reduction of ($22,676.00) from 2019. The reason for the reduction is our total income decreased by $128,840.91. In 2019 our Parish Share Assessment was based on a total income of $2,414,710.23 received as of June 30, 2018. The total income received as of June 30, 2019 for this year’s Parish Share Assessment was $2,285,869.32.

This week you will be receiving in the mail your annual Parish Share pledge card along with a letter from Fr. Mac. In beginning the Holy Season of Lent, we would ask you to seriously reflect and pray about the amount you are able to pledge. Your sacrificial giving to Parish Share helps run our diocesan programs. These dollars help pay the salaries and benefits of diocesan personnel, along with supporting our retired clergy, our seminary priestly formation program and our permanent diaconate programs.

It is important to note the Bishop has assured us that the Parish Share funds will NOT be used for the compensation fund that will aid those who were abused by members of our diocesan clergy, or for related legal expenses. Parish Share supports the many MINISTRIES that help strengthen our faith communities and bring people into a closer relationship with Jesus.

We thank you for your time and consideration, and for all you do for our parish. Remember that God’s generosity is never outdone!

May our dear Lord always find a dwelling place in our hearts.

*God love you, Deacon John*

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### Time, Talent & Treasure: Financial Stewardship

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

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**Needed Per Budget:** $37,988.00

**Over/(Under) Budget:** -$4,745.75

### PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN

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### BUDGET OVERVIEW

**Fiscal 2019/2020**

- **YEAR TO DATE**
  - Offering Received: $1,368,346.32
  - Needed Per Budget: $1,291,592.00
  - Amount Over/Under Budget: $76,754.32

### OTHER COLLECTIONS

- Fuel & Utility
  - *included in Weekly Total: $348.00

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We are in our first week of Lent. How is it going for you? Are you taking Fr. Mac’s advice and abstaining from negativity? Are you feeding your soul with positivity and the love of Jesus? Are you sharing the joy of Christ with others—more specifically, with those who have fallen away from the Church?

Reaching out to pick up the fallen should be at the top of our list of things to do during Lent. This is something we can all do. Each of us has family members, friends, and neighbors who have drifted off the path and need a helping hand to find their way back to the Church. Here are a few ideas to get you started. For example, treat them to a fish dinner at St. James site or St. Vincent de Paul site. You might want to coordinate ahead of time with a few Catholic friends to sit with you at the dinner so they can share a spirit-filled conversation.

Another option is to invite them to join you in attending our Lenten Series 2020: Vatican II and Our Call to Holiness. This is an opportunity to ask questions and learn about Vatican II and our call to holiness. The series is being offered at St. Joseph the Worker in the morning and evening hours to accommodate everyone’s schedule. The details are found in this bulletin.

If you are homebound, you can take the initiative to call someone and have a conversation about our Catholic faith. It doesn’t have to be complicated to evangelize, as a matter of fact, keeping it simple is best. Be yourself. Open yourself up so others can see Jesus within you and through all your works. Make evangelization part of your Lenten mission.

We have available a limited supply of accompaniment books for Matthew Kelly’s Best Lent Ever program. If you would like a copy, please contact Janet Crespi at 724-333-5080.

I love the Lenten music!

OK, so it’s not happy and uplifting, but it’s got a beauty of its own. The season of Lent seems to call for something a little more somber, reflective and inward looking.

The psalm for Ash Wednesday and the first Sunday of Lent is Psalm 51 “Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned”. That alone is a soul searching message. “Our Father, We have wandered” refers to the prodigal son, but haven’t we wandered as well? Romans 3:23 says “For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God”. Surely we don’t want to be deprived of the glory of God, so we must look inward and “Change Our Hearts”. We ask for God’s mercy. “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”. (Well, that’s certainly uplifting).

CANTOR WORKSHOP FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Pittsburgh NPM Youth Initiative Committee has confirmed an exciting event for the year—A High School Cantor workshop to be held in conjunction with the Duquesne University Spiritan Campus Ministry. This event is Sunday, March 29 at 1:00 pm at the Duquesne University Chapel of the Holy Spirit.

"A High School Cantor Workshop" is an exciting opportunity for high school students. We are honored to have Mr. David Dreher as our presenter. David is a locally and nationally renowned cantor and cantor instructor, and was also on the staff of "Music Ministry Alive" for 13 years. David will be assisted by Campus Ministry cantors that are also studying music at Duquesne.

David Dreher was here in Lawrence County last October for a workshop for our cantors here at Holy Spirit Parish! High school students can sign up for this event at www.npmpgh.org or contact Holy Spirit Parish music director Brenda Kostial for questions or help in signing up. The deadline to register is March 21.
MARCH 1, 2020

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Vicki Pavalko, Director of CGS
vpavalko@hsplc.org
724-498-0904
4019 US 422, Pulaski, PA 16143

Thank you to those who answered our request!

Thank you to all those who called to offer items for the toddler atrium! Items can be brought to St. Camillus Religious Education Building after Mass on Sunday, March 1 or 8.

Please call Vicki at 724-498-0904 for more information.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Schedule at St. Camillus

February 23
March 1, 8, 22, 29
April 5, 19
9:30 am—10:45 am

Parent Gathering THIS WEDNESDAY
To learn what your children are doing in the atrium: March 4 and our last open gathering for 2019-20 catechetical year is April 1
6:30 pm—7:30 pm
In the atrium!

A group of second graders watch and listen to the altar presentation given by catechist, Miss Susan, in the Holy Spirit atrium at St. Camillus. This presentation was a part of their Saturday First Communion retreat.

Kindergarten-5th Grade

Cathy Frank & Kathy Gabriel
Coordinators of K-5
cfrank@hsplc.org
kgabriel@hsplc.org

Holy Spirit Parish Faith Formation Office
915 S. Jefferson St.
New Castle, PA 16101
724-654-9371

First Communion Retreat
All levels of Pre-K—8th grade come together to help prepare our First Communicants.

Pictures from our first First Communion retreat. To the right: the First Communion Lap Book that the First Communicants made. Upper right: the children decorated the altar cloth with their hand prints. Lower right: the children practice the proper way to receive Holy Communion.

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Middle School
Grades 6-8

BRIAN BURICK,
COORDINATOR OF
MIDDLE SCHOOL FAITH
FORMATION.C.ORG
724-654-9371 #2
915 S. Jefferson St.
New Castle, PA 16101

Did you know that Lent is a penitential season traditionally associated with prayer, fasting and almsgiving?

For forty days, the Church prepares for the great feast of Easter. "Forty days" is a significant time period associated to many events in the Old and New Testament. Most significantly for Christians it is the length of the fast and temptation of Jesus in the desert (cf. Luke 4:1-13).

Although Lent is officially over on Holy Thursday, the Church asks us to continue our Lenten sacrifice a little bit longer, since Good Friday is a day of abstinence and fasting in recognition of Jesus' great sacrifice for us—his passion and death, and Easter doesn't begin until sundown on Holy Saturday.

The official color for Lent is purple.

High School Grades 9-12

PATRICK NEVE, DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY
pneve@hsplc.org 724-652-3422 ext. 2211 910 S. Mercer St., New Castle, PA 16101

UPCOMING SESSIONS

MARCH 1
Wilderness
How are we supposed to celebrate Lent?

MARCH 8 & 15
No High School Session

ST. CAMILLUS
11:00 am Mass followed by High School Session
12:00—2:00 pm

$118 REGISTRATION
$75 non-refundable deposit

Contact pneve@hsplc.org to register THIS WEEK

Steubenville is a weekend-long retreat in Steubenville, OH. Featuring Adoration, praise and worship, dynamic speakers, and more.

No student will be turned away due to finances

Website: holyspiritparishoflawrencecounty.org Facebook: facebook.com/hsplc
From Dan Kushner, our seminarian

“Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all who hope in the lord!”
—Ps. 31:24

Hello again from D.C.! I hope you are having/had a great February!
I was reading Ps. 31 this morning, and this verse caught my eye. It is certainly a fitting verse for the seminarians at Theological College, as we have midterm papers and exams rapidly approaching!

But on a serious note, we all have times in our life when we need to call on extra strength from the Lord. Some have this need more often than others. Being in the seminary has allowed me to gain many different perspectives on this subject. When I was in minor seminary in Pittsburgh, I did ministry with the homeless, I visited patients at Mercy Hospital, and I visited inmates at the Allegheny County Jail. All these experiences have provided an interesting perspective on humanity and the many different challenges that people face.

As seminarians, and possibly future priests, we are called to meet people in their times of need and to walk with them. I suppose we are all called to do this to some extent.

This is a picture of me serving coffee at my current homeless ministry in D.C. I'm at what is called "The Fr. McKenna Center". It is a ministry specifically for homeless men in D.C. It provides breakfast, lunch, and dinner for all homeless men who register (*there is a building down the street where homeless women receive the same aid). It also gives homeless people the opportunity to take a shower as well as do their laundry. I come in at 7am on Wednesday mornings, prep and serve breakfast to around 30-40 men, from 8-9, and do other miscellaneous work until 10:30am. Sometimes I am mopping or vacuuming. Today, I worked in the kitchen and baked peanut butter cookies. This is something that I have never done as a seminarian, but I had a good time and they turned out pretty good. You never know where life will take you on any given day!

I pray that you will be open to God’s grace that meets you throughout the ordinary moments of your day, that you will walk with one another in Christ, and that you will always hope in the Lord. I have many challenges ahead of me in the next few weeks, maybe you do too. Be strong! Take courage! And don’t forget to pray for seminarians!

God Bless,

Dan Kushner

Holy Spirit Academy Bingo

Sunday, March 29
Doors Open at Noon  Bingo Begins at 2:00 pm
Sallmen’s Social Center
110 E. Division Street, New Castle, PA 16101
(Just a block from St. Vitus School)

Pre-Sale Tickets: $ 15.00 Tickets Sold at Door: $ 20.00

For Information or to order Tickets Please Call:
Mary Bullano at 724-652-0237
Thomasina Macom at 724-971-4363
Carol Meyers at 724-944-4929
TO BE IN SERVICE TO CHRIST CALL:
Bereavement/Funeral Home/Prayers:
Sr. Annie Bremmer | 724-652-3422 x 2205

Candle Bearers:
Sr. Barbara Ann Johnston | 412-582-1923

Follow up Calls to Bereaved:
Edna Hill | 724-654-5620

Journeying Through Grief:
Mary Ann Isaac | 724-971-8539

Cards for Nursing Homes:
Paula St. Clair | 724-714-1567

Confirmation Blankets:
Susan Kearns | 724-651-1992

Rosary Making:
Barbara Strittmatter | 724-656-0942

Seven Sisters:
Monica Leihy | 620-877-7351

Nursing Home Masses:
Madalaine Nuzzo | 724-614-3453

Stitching Angels:
Sara Kalata | 724-944-7104

*All women and men of the parish are invited to participate in these ministries*

SPIRITUAL POETRY GROUP
March is the month of St. Patrick, spring’s arrival, kite flying and the Spirit that speaks to us in the wind. Join us Friday, March 6th, from 3:00 pm until 4:40, in the Great Room (lower level) at St. James Church (enter from the west—state line side), to celebrate this Spirit that has also been speaking to us in Scripture, song, and poetry. Please call Pauline at 724-964-1104 for information to let us know that you will join us so that we can plan to have materials for you.

JOURNEYING THROUGH GRIEF
We as a parish have a total of 143 families receiving the Bereavement books thus far. Several notes have come in thanking us as a parish for sending them. To quote one: “I truly appreciate the special book...I read the first two chapters and it has been a great source of comfort and support.” If you would like to join the ministry of sending the books contact Mary Ann Isaac at 724-971-8539 or misaac@hsplc.org

HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS:
In the last few years Lawrence County has received a large influx of Puerto Rican families fleeing the devastation in their homeland created by Hurricane Maria. We are looking for volunteers to tutor these families in English so that they can seek acceptable employment and become productive members of our community. If you are able and willing to help these families, please call United Way of Lawrence County at 724-658-8528.

The Knights of Columbus New Castle Council # 512
held its Tootsie Roll Drive the week-end of February 15th & 16th. We want to thank the parishioners of Holy Spirit Parish who donated money to our cause—we collected $2,600.00! This money will go to the children and adults of Saint Anthony School and McGuire Memorial, which serve those with a range of disabilities. Thanks again, everyone, for your generosity!
LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. Ash Wednesday (February 26th) and Good Friday (April 10th) are days of fast and abstinence. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States.

2. The obligation of abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 18-59. No one should consider this obligation lightly.

3. Those individuals who have a medical condition in which fasting may be considered harmful are not obliged to fast, but should perform some other act of penance or charity.

4. Pastors and parents are to see to it that minors, though not bound by the law of fast and abstinence, are educated in the authentic sense of penance and encouraged to do acts of penance suitable to their age.

5. All members of the Christian Faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during the Lenten season beyond what is prescribed by the law.

6. As a general rule, a request for a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence on Fridays of Lent will not be considered unless some serious reason is present. The attendance at social events, banquets, wedding rehearsals or receptions, or funeral wakes are not considered sufficient reason to request a dispensation.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: FRIDAYS OF LENT

St. Mary Church—Fridays following the Noon Mass
St. Vitus Church—Fridays at 2:00 pm led by School Students
(None on March 27th)
St. Joseph the Worker Church—Fridays at 6:30 pm
St. Vincent De Paul Church—Fridays at 6:30 pm
St. Camillus Church—Fridays at 7:00 pm
St. Vitus Church—Fridays at 7:00 pm

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE
Tuesday, March 24—6:00 pm—8:00 pm—St. Vitus site, church

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU
Wednesday, April 1—6:00 pm—9:00 pm—St. Vitus site, church

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Have you been wondering what to do for Lent? Instead of giving up chocolate, what about spending time with the Lord? There are 168 hours in a week. Besides strengthening your relationship with the Lord at Sunday Mass, how about spending an hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel each week? Jesus is present body, blood, soul and divinity in the Holy Eucharist. Treat yourself to an hour of resting in the Lord—taking a long loving look at the One who longs to gaze upon you. You will be surprised with the inner peace you will find growing in your life!

LENTEN SERIES 2020: Vatican II and Our Call to Holiness

St. Joseph the Worker site—Social Hall (Lower Level)
Offered by Harry J. Dudley, D. Min.

Tuesday Mornings: 9:30 am—11:00 am March 3, 10, 24, 31.
Wednesday Evenings: 6:30 pm—8:00 pm March 4, 11, 25, April 1.
March 8
Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 14
Women of Faith Retreat
10:00 am—4:00 pm
St. James site

March 15
Blood Drive
9:00 am—1:30 pm
St. Mary site, Parish Center

April 1
The Light is on for You
6:00 pm—9:00 pm
St. Vitus site, church

Holy Spirit Gift Shop
ADDRESS
12 Maitland Street
(Parking at the corner of Maitland & Jefferson)

HOURS
Tue. & Thu. 10:00 am—4:00 pm
Sundays 10:00 am—Noon
Other times by appointment call 724-654-8851
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Just You and Me God
“A” Company, 1/52 INF, 198 Light INF Brigade was deployed to the most northern part of South Vietnam. Their mission was to find and engage the NVA. “A” Company would participate in four major battles during this time period, and encounter the enemy a hundred or more times. These engagements would last several minutes, days—or longer. Sleep was a blessing, food was a gift, ammo was an emergency, morale was a challenge, mental attitude an endeavor—but success was indisputable. And “A” Company would be a brotherhood forever. Dan Martwinski wrote this account of his tour in Vietnam primarily for his children, but he has chosen to share it, and to donate all proceeds to Holy Spirit Academy in the name of his grandson, Cameron Martwinski. The book is available at Amazon.com, at Pokeberry Exchange in downtown New Castle, or by calling Dan Martwinski at 724-654-4160.

WOMEN OF FAITH RETREAT
Saturday, March 14th 10:00 am—4:00 pm St. James site
Speaker: Brother Matthew Palkowski
Topic: Forgiveness and Lent

ALL ARE WELCOME!
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST, LUNCH, ADORATION, CONFESSION, MEDITATION, 4:00 pm MASS (counts for your Sunday obligation)

Cost of the Retreat is $5.00. Reservations are Due March 1st.
You may make a reservation by phone!
Call Bonnie Williams at 724-698-7453.
Tell Bonnie how many are coming.
She will tell you how to handle payment.

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FISH DINNERS

Volunteer!
St. Vincent de Paul site:
Russ Carley (724-651-6492),
Shane Kauffman (724-761-5252)

St. James the Apostle site:
Cor Kester (724-964-8501)

Bake for the St. Vincent de Paul Bake Sale!
Drop off your donated Baked Goods at
the St. Vincent de Paul site, social hall
any time after 9:00 am on Fridays.

Donate a Dessert for St. James Dinners
Drop off your donated Dessert at the
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9:00 am on Fridays.

EASTERFEST

Make Pierogies!
St. Mary site—Parish Center 9:00 am till Finish
Contact: Martin Allsopp (724-652-8980)

Peel Potatoes Mondays March 2nd, 9th,
16th & 23rd

Pinch Pierogies Tuesdays March 3rd, 10th,
17th & 24th

Make Palm Crosses!
St. Mary site—lower level, hallway
Sundays: 1:00 pm—4:00 pm
(Beginning March 1st)
Wednesdays 9:30 am—Noon
Contact: Karen Baum (724-651-7301)

St. Vitus School—Palm Braiding in the Gym
March 9th, 10th, 11th & 12th 3:00 pm—7:00 pm.
Contact: Mary Bullano (724652-0237)
FUNDRAISER
1ST SUNDAY OF LENT
Fish Dinners at St. Vincent de Paul site

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH
FISH DINNERS

Fish Dinner: Includes Baked or Fried Fish, Choice of 2 Sides, Choice of Applesauce or Coleslaw, Italian Bread & Cake $10.00

Shrimp Dinner: Includes Shrimp, Choice of 2 Sides, Choice of Applesauce or Coleslaw, Italian Bread & Cake $10.00

Fish Sandwich: Includes Baked or Fried Fish & Choice of 1 Side $ 9.00

Sides: Mac ‘N Cheese, French Fries, Cabbage & Noodles, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Applesauce

Extra Sides: $ 2.00

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Fish Dinners at St. James site

REMAINING FRIDAYS OF LENT:
March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
April 3rd
(NO Fish Dinners on Good Friday)

St. James site
Social Hall
4019 US 422, Pulaski, PA 16143
11:00 am—1:00 pm (Sandwich)
4:00 pm—7:00 pm (Dinner)
Call 724-964-8047

ST. JAMES MENU:
Fish Dinner: Includes Baked or Fried Fish, French Fries, Pierogies, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Applesauce, Rolls, Drink, Homemade Dessert
Adult Dinner $12.00 Kids Dinner $ 6.00

Lunch ONLY: (11:00 am—1:00 pm)
Large Fish Sandwich & Fries $ 7.00 Call 724-964-8047
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“"I need to get back into my faith.””
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SAINT CAMILLUS DE LELLIS SITE
314 W. Englewood Avenue, New Castle, PA 16105

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4019 US 422, Pulaski, PA 16143

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124 North Beaver Street, New Castle, PA 16101

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email archives@diopitt.org, call 412-456-3158 or fax 412-444-4417.

FAITH FORMATION CLASS SCHEDULE
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Kindergarten—5th grades, Middle School 6th—8th grades

ST. VITUS
9:00 am Mass followed by Faith Formation 10:15—11:30 am

REGULAR SESSIONS:
March 1, 8, 22, 29
April 5, 19

ST. CAMILLUS
Faith Formation 9:30—10:45 am followed by Mass at 11:00 am

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