March 8, 2020

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” - Mt 17:5b

Our Mission Statement

Know Christ, Love Christ, Serve Christ and Invite others to Christ through Word, Sacrament and Sacrifice!
Congratulations to Tom McCosby of T. W. McCosby, LLC, a member of our Pastoral Council who was recently given the Pennsylvania Builders Association’s Builder of the Year award! This award recognizes builders who go above and beyond the call of duty. These are the ones who set the bar for others to emulate. We are very proud of Tom.

Speaking of our Pastoral and Finance Councils, I would like to remind you who is on these councils. Joining Tom McCosby on the Pastoral Council are:

Marla Brown       Amy Chornenky     Phyllis Genareo        Joe Ginocchi         Susan Kearns
Tom Leihy           Matt McCosby           Harry Micco        Joe Pascarella     John Provencher
John Stevens.

Our Finance Council members are

Brad Cain       Vince Fuleno      David Gettings    George Liskooka       Debbie Lynch           Reed Newell
Jerry Prestopine       Jodi Russo       Tracey Vasko

On this second Sunday of Lent, please do not become discouraged if you have had difficulty keeping your Lenten resolution. We are reminded when we pray the Stations of the Cross that our Lord also fell several times and each time he tenaciously arose and continued on. We must do the same. Don’t let the devil discourage you for any failures along this Lenten journey. Be tenacious! Let us trust, not in ourselves, but in God’s grace. Persevere in leaving behind sin and darkness and embrace the Light and Hope of Jesus Christ and His love for us. Let your “good works” be the light that draws others to Christ!

God love you,

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 8th—VIGIL: THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
4:00 pm St. Camillus—McCaflrey—Holy Face of Jesus
4:00 pm St. Vitus—Sciarappa—Anthony Vitullo (Jim, Doreen & Michael Vitullo)
5:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul—Dawson—Mike Stull (Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren)

SATURDAY, MARCH 7th—VIGIL: THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
8:00 am St. Camillus—Sciarappa—Ann Exposito (Janice & Francis Fusco)
Noon St. Mary—Sciarappa—Kathy Squeglia (Family)
2:00 pm Haven Convalescent Home—Sciarappa—Eleanor Kapcewicz (Family)

MONDAY, MARCH 9th—LENTEN WEEKDAY
Noon St. Mary—Dawson—Marie, Frank & Kathy Squeglia (Family)
6:00 pm St. Joseph—McCaflrey—George Lamorella (Anthony Appugliese)

TUESDAY, MARCH 10th—LENTEN WEEKDAY
8:30 am St. Vitus—McCaflrey—Deceased Mone Family (Jeanne Mone & Family)
1:45 pm Jameson Care Center—Sciarappa—Mary Ann DeFiore (Family)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11th—LENTEN WEEKDAY
8:30 am St. Camillus—McCaflrey—Ann Exposito (Janice & Francis Fusco)
Noon St. Mary—Sciarappa—Kathy Squeglia (Family)
2:00 pm Haven Convalescent Home—Sciarappa—Eleanor Kapcewicz (Family)

THURSDAY, MARCH 12th—LENTEN WEEKDAY
8:30 am St. Camillus—Sciarappa—Dorothy Boron (Marilyn & Joe Pavlacic)

FRIDAY, MARCH 13th—LENTEN WEEKDAY
8:30 am St. Camillus—Dawson—Edwin Stevens (Family)
Noon St. Mary—Spink—Fred Natale (Wife, Rosemarie)

SATURDAY, MARCH 14th—VIGIL: THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
4:00 pm St. Camillus—Sciarappa—Ronald Williams (Jamie Wetjen & Ron Williams)
4:00 pm St. James—Palkowski—Deceased Women of the Parish (Women of Faith)
4:00 pm St. Vitus—McCaflrey—Adam & Florence Garcewski (Family)
5:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul—Dawson—John & Evelyn Perrotta (Bob & Rosa)

SUNDAY, MARCH 15th—THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
7:00 am St. Vitus—McCaflrey—Albert, Eleanor & Laura Chill (Family)
8:00 am St. Mary—Sciarappa—Lelo “Dutch” Carlin (Wife, Rose Carlin)
8:45 am St. James—Dawson—Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
9:00 am St. Vitus—McCaflrey—George Lamorella (Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Gillette)
9:30 am St. Joseph—Sciarappa—Antonio & Antoinette Aloisia (Dot McCullough)
10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul—Palkowski—Our Parents (Brad, Mary Ann & Family)
10:45 am St. Anthony—Dawson—Patricia Carbon & Annagrace Peluso (Family)
11:00 am St. Camillus—McCaflrey—Marie Chlebowski (Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Shebek)
11:30 am St. Mary—Spink—Pauline Ann Blair (Mr. & Mrs. Joe Ziccardi)

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

BAPTISM CLASS SCHEDULE:
March 9th, April 20th
St. Camillus site, Religious Education Building
to register or for information,
contact Sr. Barbara Ann Johnston at 724-652-9471 Ext. 12

THE ROSARY
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 15, 2020
Choir A: 9:30 am—St. Joseph
Choir B: 10:00 am—St. Vincent

Readings for the week of March 8, 2020

**Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
**Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38
**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12
**Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28
**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10/Ps 11-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
**Next Sunday:** Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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.
**J. M. J. From the Desk of Deacon John:**

Did you remember to “Spring Ahead” this weekend? I don’t know about you, but the older I get the harder it is for me to get going an hour sooner! Spring is just a couple of weeks away and hopefully we can bid the cold weather goodbye until next winter.

We were fortunate to have such a mild winter as we saved on snow removal expenses. Thus far this winter we have paid $12,925.00 in snow removal/salt. Unfortunately, we do not have the staff and equipment to cover all sites in doing the snow removal ourselves. Consequently, we must rely on third party vendors to take care of most of our locations.

In your newest envelope packets you will notice the Easter Flower Envelope. Please note the return date for this envelope is **March 15, 2020**. If you desire to have your flower intentions listed in the Easter Sunday Bulletin you must have it mailed in or dropped in the collection basket by March 15, 2020. Unfortunately, due to the advanced bulletin deadlines because of Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter, we had to have this earlier cut-off date.

This week you should have received your 2020 Parish Share Pledge Cards in the mail. Our assessment for this year is $402,313.00. The final balance left owing on our 2019 Parish Share Assessment remains at $22,780.07.

Please remember that this month we have the Fifth Sunday collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Due to the many individuals the Society has aided this winter, they have substantially depleted their funds. The St. Vincent de Paul Society volunteers are grateful to all who financially support them in assisting others who are less fortunate than ourselves.

May this Second Week of Lent continue to bring us ever closer in our relationship with our dear Lord.

*God love you,*

*Deacon John*

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**Time, Talent & Treasure: Financial Stewardship**

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Sharing Christ begins in April
No great chef ever began their culinary career making soufflés and Beef Wellington. They begin by making simple dishes with a trusted cook at their side. They learned the techniques of cooking from someone who is “well seasoned” (Pun intended). Evangelists learn in the same way. We learn how to bring others to Christ by watching and listening to successful evangelists. This is how the Apostles learned. They took instruction from the best – from Jesus Himself.

In the Sharing Christ course, we will be taking the same steps to learn how to make the Kerygma known to others. Sharing Christ is for anyone who wants to learn how to share the life, suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is also for those who are seasoned evangelists who would like to polish their skills. In this course, we help each other develop the way we communicate what we believe as Catholic Christians. The evenings we spend together learning how to do this are a time of zero stress; fun-filled evenings spent with new and old friends. We will pray together, learn together, and share our faith with each other accompanied by beautiful music.

We are beginning the Sharing Christ course on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at the St. James site. The time for the evening sessions is 7 to 9 pm. There will be refreshments and the sessions are free of cost. Sharing Christ concludes with the retreat at the Villa Maria on Saturday, May 23, 2020.

To register, call or text Barb Strittmatter at 724-656-0942, or email her at strittmatterb@gmail.com.

—Janet Crespi

Jesus is our Light!
Today we will hear, once again, the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus! Jesus chose Peter, James and John to witness this remarkable event. Peter said to Jesus, How Good Lord, to Be Here, which just happens to be our entrance hymn today. Haven’t we all wondered what it would be like to see Jesus? But to see Him transfigured—full of Light—WOW! What a sight!

Our song during the preparation of the gifts is Transform Us. We sing, “Transform us as you transfigured, stood apart on Tabor’s height. Lead us up our sacred mountains. Search us with revealing light. Lift us from where we have fallen, full of questions, filled with fright.”

During communion, we will sing, I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light. I love the refrain. “In Him there is no darkness at all. (John 1:5) The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.” Just imagine, Jesus as Light. No need for an artificial light, but only the Light of Christ to fill the City of God with unimaginable brightness!

We are sent on our way singing Christ Be Our Light, which begins, “Longing for light, we wait in darkness.” Is it any wonder that we choose night as our sleeping time? Because we long for the light, to walk in the light and to live in the light. This earthly light will have to make do for now, but I long to experience that transfigured Light of Christ! Don’t you?

Speaking of Light, on March 12 at 7:30 pm, there will be a Taize service at Villa Maria. Some of the musicians from Holy Spirit Parish will be there to sing and play. Magnificat Chapel will be lit by candles. There will be readings, reflections, prayer, quiet time and beautiful meditative music. A perfect activity for the Lenten season.

Please join us! —Brenda Kostial

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Faith Formation
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd & K-5th grade

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

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

“The atrium (or prepared environment) is one of the important elements that helps the relationship between God and the child to flourish. After a theme has been presented, the child is free to choose an activity that will make possible the inner dialogue with the “Interior Teacher.” How does the atrium help to nourish this relationship? ~ The atrium can be compared to a retreat house facilitating recollection and silence. ~ The atrium is a place for religious life, for community and worship—not a classroom for instruction. ~ The atrium is a place of meaningful work through which the child can have a conversation with God. ~ The atrium was the place in the early church where the catechumens were prepared. For the child, too, the atrium is a place of preparation for involvement in the larger worship community.“ (CGSUSA.org)

Celebration of Healing
Father, we trust You with our lives. For You promise us: "Lord my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me.” (Psalm 30:2)

Faith Formation catechists at St. Vitus had a surprise “Thank you God, for prayers answered” party to celebrate the healing of our sister catechist Ashley Ahern. Ashley battled breast cancer and met many challenges, while never missing a Faith Formation class. Ashley has been declared cancer free. Thanks to all those who prayed for Ashley on her journey, may we continue to pray for all those who suffer from cancer and any physical or emotional illness.

These kindergartners were so excited waiting for their Ash Wednesday Faith Formation class to begin that they were making a joyful noise!
Did you know that abstaining from meat on Fridays is one of our oldest Catholic traditions? There are documents from the first century and beyond showing that meat was the food from which Christians abstained on Fridays to honor Jesus, who sacrificed his flesh on a Friday. Jesus, when questioned about why his disciples did not fast answered, “Can you make the friends of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; in those days they will fast.” Luke 5:34-35. Jesus, the bridegroom, was taken away and crucified on Friday. In a similar vein, abstinence from meat on Fridays was also to show honor to the Lord’s sacrifice.

That in itself should be reason enough to make sacrifices such as fasting or abstaining from meat on Fridays. Another view is that abstinence is a way to learn to control one’s appetite. Whatever that appetite might be. We have choices, we are not controlled by our bodily hungers/desires. The goal is to deny our bodies and honor Jesus! Think about how often our physical bodies lead us to sin and away from God. Isn’t it wonderful to have a chance to let your body lead you toward God!

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Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Next Sunday, March 15, Holy Spirit Parish will have the Rite of Sending at the 10:45 am Mass at our St. Anthony site.

The Rite of Sending is part of the Initiation process for RCIA. The purpose of the Rite is to acknowledge as an outward expression that the Catechumens and Candidates from the RCIA program have been chosen to be true disciples of Jesus to be initiated into a life of Christ and/or mission. They will be sent to the Bishop who then will receive them and enroll them as the Elect, those who have been elected to move forward on their journey and become fully initiated into the Catholic at Easter time.

All are invited and welcomed to attend this Mass. Please come and show your support for these individuals who are being initiated and please continue to pray for them.

From St. Vitus School aka Holy Spirit Academy!

We would like to thank Holy Spirit parishioners for your very generous donations given in the monthly school envelopes. Your contributions have been crucial in keeping the many school programs operating. Thank you for your continued support!

Another way to give: If you have your taxes done by H & R Block, they will donate $20 to the non-profit organization of your choice ~ please keep your parish school in mind!

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

CARDS FOR NURSING HOMES
Our mission is to brighten the lives of our parishioners in the nursing homes. We want them to know that they are an important part of our parish and that we are praying for them. We have also added cards for our shut-ins, after seeing the joy the ministry is bringing to the nursing homes. The committee person signs the card with a religious sentiment and “Your Holy Spirit Family”. A prayer is also offered for that person.

We have sent cards for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Valentine’s Day. In future we will send St. Patrick’s Day, Easter, Mothers’ Day, Father’s Day, Hello, Thinking of You and Halloween. We send out around 360 cards for each occasion. (There are boxes at the entrances our parish worship sites. If you have cards to donate for the occasions listed, you may place them in the boxes. Thank you! Thank you also to the Vo-Tech Cosmetology students, Holy Spirit Faith Formation students, Home-Schooled students, the Heritage Girls, members of the communication staff of Holy Spirit Parish, the Holy Spirit Gift Shop, and all those who have donated cards.

Do you know a parishioner not in a nursing home who would like to be included? Text the name and address to 724-714-1567. A heart-felt thank you from our committee!

Paula St. Clair, coordinator,
Cards Ministry of Holy Spirit Parish

BEWARE OF BOGUS E-MAILS & TEXTS
An increasing number of parishioners have reported receiving bogus e-mails and text messages from scammers posing as their priests, asking for gift cards. Never respond to such a request, said Deacon Kevin Lander, director of operations and information technology for the Diocese of Pittsburgh. (Pittsburgh Catholic, October 14, 2019)

This scam is used nationwide against church members of many religious traditions. Delete the messages.

Anyone who has responded and sent gift cards should report it to the police.

If you receive any request that you have questions about, call your parish office to ask before you do anything.

SAVE THE DATE!
Women of Faith
Spring Fling Dinner
April 22nd
The Villa Banquet Center
$ 20.00 per person
More Information to Follow!

Website: holyspiritparishoflawrencecounty.org
Facebook: facebook.com/hsplc
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.

LENT at Holy Spirit Parish

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
(No one 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

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.

Puerto Ricans are Americans. Many of them have little or no communication skills due to the language barrier. We are looking for volunteers to tutor these families in English so that they can be able to 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.

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 10, 24, 31.
Wednesday Evenings: 6:30 pm—8:00 pm March 11, 25, April 1.
March 8
Daylight Savings Time Begins

Cavatelli Dinner
St. Vitus School
11:30 am—6:00 pm

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

March 24
Parish Penance Service
St. Vitus site, church

ST. VITUS SCHOOL CAVATELLI DINNER
THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 8th 11:30 am—6:00 pm
ST. VITUS SCHOOL (915 S. Jefferson St., New Castle)

Adults $10.00
Cavatelli, 2 Meatballs, Salad, Dessert, Drink
Child $5.00
Cavatelli, 1 Meatball, Salad, Dessert, Drink

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING
Saturday, March 14th 9:00 am—11:00 am
St. Mary site—Marian Room
for questions contact Sr. Annie at abremmer@hsplc.org

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
Check us out on Facebook!

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH
Blood Drive

Sunday, March 15th 9:00 am—2:00 pm
The Parish Center at St. Mary site
Participating donors will receive a Vitalent St. Patty’s Day t-shirt!

To make an appointment, please visit vitalent.org, click on the “Make an Appointment” button and search with group code G0040270—or download the Vitalent-Pittsburgh App for your smart phone—call 412-209-7000.

For more information or to schedule a donation, please call 877-258-4825 or visit vitalent.org.
Transform a life, and your own!
**WHERE CAN I HELP?**

**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 St. James site, social hall any time after 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 9th & 16th

**Pinch Pierogies** Tuesdays March 10th & 17th

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

**St. Vitus School**—Palm Braiding in the Gym
Every Monday—Thursday through April 3rd
3:00 pm—7:00 pm.
**Must have Volunteer Clearances**
Contact: Mary Bullano (724-652-0237)

**Donate to Basket Raffle, Lottery Tree or Restaurant Gift Card Prize**
Contact: Joan Bobek (724-923-9996)

**Attend the Easterfest Planning Meeting**
**Tuesday, March 10th**
**St. Mary site**—Parish Center 6:00 pm

**Make Nut Rolls**
- **St. Mary site**—Parish Center
  Contact: Connie Anton (724-651-9976)
  Sunday March 22nd 10:00 am—3:00 pm
  Monday March 23rd 9:00 am—3:00 pm

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**SAVE THE DATE!**
**THE FIRST ANNUAL HOLY SPIRIT PARISH EASTERFEST**
will be held Saturday, April 4th
in the Parish Center,
St. Mary site
9:00 am—2:00 pm

Holy Spirit Parish
EASTERFEST
FUNDRAISER
2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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FISH DINNERS

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

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OR TAKE OUT!
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St. Vincent de Paul
Social Hall
1 Lucymont Drive, New Castle, PA 16102
11:00 am—6:00 pm
BAKE SALE EVERY FRIDAY

Call: 724-652-5538 Ext. 6 or 8
Fridays ONLY

MENU:
Fish Dinner $ 10.00:
Baked or Fried Fish, Applesauce or Coleslaw
plus 2 Sides, Italian Bread & Cake
Shrimp Dinner $ 10.00:
Shrimp, Applesauce or Coleslaw plus 2 Sides,
Italian Bread & Cake
Fish Sandwich $ 9.00:
Baked or Fried Fish
& 1 Side
Beverage Included with Eat-Ins
Sides: Mac ‘N Cheese, French Fries, Cabbage
& Noodles, Green Beans, Coleslaw,
Applesauce Extra Sides: $ 2.00

St. James the Apostle
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
Fridays LUNCH ONLY

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
For orders of 10 Sandwiches or more,
please call by 10:30 am (Fridays only)

Website: holyspiritparishoflawrencecounty.org
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Your well-being and safety are always foremost in my prayers and concerns.

At this time of year, there is an increased risk of contracting influenza, and in fact the Pennsylvania Department of Health has declared the flu “widespread” already this season.

As you have seen in the news, people are also preparing for the potential spread of the coronavirus COVID-19. At this writing, there are no confirmed cases of that illness in Pennsylvania. However, the Centers for Disease Control, as well as local healthcare agencies, are encouraging precaution as the situation continues to be monitored. Therefore, I am issuing precautions that will help our faith community, and the region as a whole, stay healthy:

- The distribution of the Precious Blood during the Eucharist is temporarily suspended.
- Holy water fonts should be cleaned and drained on a weekly basis.
- The exchange of the Sign of Peace through physical contact (typically a handshake) is temporarily suspended.
- Those who feel ill are not obligated to attend Sunday Mass. To protect the health of the faith community, they should stay home until they are well.

These precautions will take effect immediately and continue as long as deemed necessary. We will continue to monitor the situation and be ready to make any updates, as needed.

In addition, please follow the hygiene practices recommended by the Pennsylvania Department of Health: cover coughs or sneezes with elbows, not hands; wash hands with soap and water for twenty seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer; clean frequently-touched items and surfaces often; and, if you are sick, stay home.

I continue to pray for you, for those afflicted with illness and for our healthcare providers.

Grateful for our continued efforts together in being On Mission for The Church Alive!, and for our belief that “Nothing is Impossible with God,” I am

Your brother in Christ,

Most Reverend David A. Zubik
Bishop of Pittsburgh

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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 8, 22, 29
April 5, 19

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

VICTIM ASSISTANCE HOT-LINE:
If you are a person who has been hurt by abuse from clergy or others associated with the Church, the Diocese of Pittsburgh offers assistance with counseling, spiritual direction and referrals to other supportive services.
We invite you to contact our Diocesan Assistance Coordinator toll free at 1-888-808-1235
To report abuse to Childline, please call (toll free) 1-800-932-0313
Call 911 if a child is in immediate danger.

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