

The Catholic Community of the East End of Pittsburgh



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March 10, 2019

The First Sunday of Lent

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Reverend David H. Taylor, Senior Parochial Vicar

Reverend Cajetan Anyanwu, Reverend Augustine Temu, Reverend James Adeoye - In Residence

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Mass Schedule

St. Charles Lwanga Sunday 9:00 am
(at Mother of Good Counsel)
St. Bede Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am
11:00 am
St. James Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

CCD Sundays 9:45 - 10:45 am at St. Bede

Confession

Saturday: 9:30 - 10:30 am (at St. Bede)

Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday: 9:30am - 10:30am (at St. Bede)

Baptism and Weddings

By appointment only

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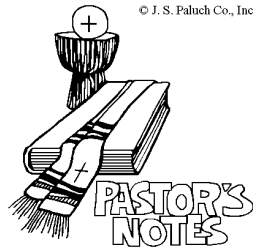
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“With God All Things Are Possible!”

Pastor's Note

March 10, 2019
First Sunday of Lent

“Under Construction,
Spiritual Renovation.”



This weekend we celebrate the First Sunday of Lent. We walk this journey together for the next six weeks focusing on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. In the Gospel of Luke, we read how Jesus enters the desert (wilderness) for Forty days, to be tempted by the devil. Temptation is something that we all struggle with on a daily basis. It always starts out as something which seems minor and insignificant but then it can grow. If we develop a habit of daily prayer then we can combat the daily temptations that life throws at us.

Congratulations to our Second Graders who are receiving their First Sacrament of Reconciliation this weekend. Special thanks to our parents, teachers, Catechists, and Teresa Maynor our Religious Education Director for helping to prepare them for this special day!

“Under Construction, Spiritual Renovation.”

Are you Registered?

All registered parishioners should have received a copy of the Pittsburgh Catholic newspaper last weekend that went out as “Universal Distribution.” Please contact Terri at St. Bede, Joyce at St. Charles Lwanga or Cathy at St. James if you are not receiving your parish offertory envelopes, Pittsburgh Catholic newspaper, and/or parish mailings. Please make sure that you are registered and that your information is current. We are unable to issue “Sponsor Letters” (Letters of Recommendation) for Baptisms and Confirmations if you are not registered.

Daily Masses are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8am in the St. James Chapel, Tuesday and Thursday at St. Charles Lwanga- Mother of Good Counsel and 9:00am- Monday thru Saturday at St. Bede. The Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration is available every Saturday from 9:30am to 10:30am at St. Bede.

Our combined CCEP Worship and Faith Formation Committees are planning wonderful events during the Lenten Season to get spiritually enriched. The theme this Lent is “Under Construction, Spiritual Renovation.” Please join us this **Sunday, March 10, 1 to 3:00 pm- St. Bede Church. Guest Speaker- Ms. Mimika Garesche** from the Diocese of Pittsburgh Office of Parish Services.

Parish Share 2019

The Annual Parish Share 2019 Campaign has begun. Our goal this year for **St. Bede is \$90,903, St. Charles Lwanga- \$15,000, and St. James- \$48,000.** Parish Share helps operate the day to day operations at the Pastoral Center downtown, and supports our Seminary, Hospital Chaplaincy and College Campus programs. Please be as generous as possible.

Little Sisters of the Poor

Thank you to all who supported the Little Sisters of the Poor when they visited us here at CCEP the weekend of February 16 and 17. A total of **\$4,390.73** was collected at all three of our campuses to help with their ministry to provide compassionate care to the elderly at their home in Brighton Heights. Thank you for your generosity.

Catholic Education Plus

Tune into KDKA Radio 1020am on Sunday, March 17 for Catholic Education Plus. My guests will be our very own Stephanie Michael from Sister Thea Bowman Catholic Academy and Lauren Rudy from St. Benedict the Moor School in the Hill District. Our topic will be learning more about the two schools and the Extra Mile Foundation.

Spring Cleaning

Since the basketball season is winding down and more weekend athletic and social activities will be moving outdoors in the coming weeks, we are going to do some internal “Spring Cleaning” around the St. Bede Campus. On **Saturday, March 23** the St. Bede School and Gym will be closed all day. Tarax Cleaning Services will be here to do some “detail cleaning” to the cafeteria, kitchen, floors and restrooms. We ask that no activities be scheduled that day to allow the cleaning crew full access to the building to clean. We appreciate your cooperation.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Patrick August McClincy** and **Jacinta Zofia Tkoca** who were Baptized last weekend!

Congratulations to **Ryan Michael Smith** and **Evan Edward Tulenko** who made their “Profession of Faith” last Sunday. A Profession of Faith is when a Baptized Christian is baptized in another non-Catholic Christian Church but wants to become Catholic. Ryan and Evan are Second Grade Students at St. Bede and will be receiving their First Holy Communion next month with their classmates. Ryan is the son of Matt and Becky Smith and Evan is the son of Dennis and Mary Tulenko.

Something to Think About...

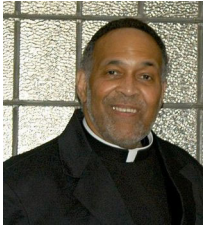
Angels can fly because they take themselves lightly;
devils fall because of their gravity.

- **G.K. Chesterton**

With God, All Things Are Possible!

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Reflections from Fr. Taylor

Each year Lent sends us on a journey that begins with ashes and ends with the passion, death, and resurrection of the Lord. This is a season of the year that each of us has to be intimately involved in. It is most

challenging because we have to take a good look at our own life. This is a big challenge because we will see things that we do not want to face. No one gets through a Lenten Journey alone - we do it with one another. We learn that overcoming sin and evil must start with ourselves. Our weaknesses often lie in what we fail to do. Today's Gospel shows us that the forces of evil can confront us in our weakest moments. The devil thought this would work with our Lord, but not so. Our strength comes in preparation and that's what the Lenten journey is all about. As a parish family let's work on this together. We have numerous opportunities to pray, sacrifice, and to be generous and forgiving to others. It sounds like a big Challenge and it certainly is. May you all have a blessed Lenten season.

- Father Taylor

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be Stations of the Cross during Lent on Fridays at 7pm at St Bede

and on Wednesdays 3/13, 3/20, 3/27 and 4/3 at 7pm at St. James in the Chapel.

LENTEN REFLECTION DAYS

The Catholic Community of the East End of Pittsburgh will hold a series of Lenten Afternoons of Reflection on selected Sundays during Lent. Our theme will be "Under Construction: Spiritual Renovations." Come join us on the following dates from **1 - 3pm:**

March 10: St. Bede Church

March 24: St. Charles Lwanga, Mother of Good Counsel Church

April 7: St. James Church

Come explore ways to make "spiritual renovations" that can be sustained beyond the Lenten season.

SCL CENTURY CLUB has 73 members. Dues are \$100.⁰⁰ per year, \$10.⁰⁰ payments may be made monthly. There are four monthly drawings of \$25.⁰⁰. The Banquet will be held September 22, 2019. 37 more members needed to reach 100. Membership forms are available in church.

Happy Birthday Francis Bruni - March 12th

BIBLE STUDY

Will be held on Monday, March 11th at 5:30pm at Holy Rosary Rectory.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at ST. JAMES

Children's Liturgy takes place at St. James every Sunday at the 10am Mass. Children ages 3-7 (up to First Communion) are welcome to attend to hear the Liturgy of the Word and discuss how they can implement lessons from the scripture in their own lives. There is an activity and a take home bulletin to share with their families. The children begin Mass with their families then one of our leaders escorts the students to the Chapel after a blessing from the priest. The children rejoin their families for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Parents are welcome to attend or send their children alone, depending on their abilities and preference. We are in need of additional Children's Liturgy leaders and assistants. Call St. James 412.241.1392 or email cceepgh@gmail.com if you are interested in learning more or helping out.

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

East End Council #3530 Knights of Columbus will meet in St. Raphael hall on Wednesday, March 13th at 7:15 p.m. The Rosary will be followed by a short meeting and refreshments. Men 18 and older are invited to come and join us. Learn more about our founder Father Michael McGivney and share in some great homemade Irish stew.

REST IN PEACE Sister Anne Celine Mucscheller, CSJ. May her soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace.

SCL CHRISTIAN MOTHERS / LADIES GUILD

ALL Ladies welcome to our first meeting of Christian Mothers/ Ladies Guild on April 7th after 9:00am Mass. We will have a bake sale on Palm Sunday April 14th after 9:00am Mass we want all members to participate. More information will follow.

THE NEW PEOPLE

Copies of the March issue of The New People published by the Thomas Merton Center are available as you leave Mass this weekend at St. James.

SOUP and STATIONS

Join us on March 8th, 22nd, April 5th at 6pm in the cafeteria for soup, and then head upstairs to the church with us for Stations of the Cross at 7pm. Bring your family for this wonderful Lenten activity!



**Prayer
Fasting
Almsgiving**

St. Bede School News

Sunday 3/10	Monday 3/11	Tuesday 3/12	Wednesday 3/13	Thursday 3/14	Friday 3/15	Saturday 3/16
	Recorder concert (Gr. 3-6) 1:45 gym Yoga 2:30 -3:15 Hogwarts art club 2:45-4 Comic Book Club 2:45- 4	PTG Dress down Tennis: 2:45-3:30	8th grade Confir- mation Retreat Eric Carle Book Club (2:45 – 4) Social Studies Adventure Camp (2:45 - 4)	Mad Science 2:45 - 3:45 Programming Club 2:45- 4	9am Mass Stations of the Cross 1:40pm Stream and Literacy Club 2:45 - 4	

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

from Sister Daniela Bronka

- We are confirming the final details of the STREAM project. Last Monday, the STREAM team met with the design team to work on the final details (like color scheme etc...) for the STREAM center. This Friday, after school, different companies will submit bids for re-wiring the building for the wireless internet connection. Going forward, there will be weekly meeting between the contractor and administrator, to discuss the logistics, and time line for the renovations. We hope to break ground June 6th. Because St. Bede School will be a construction zone, no summer camps will be offered this year. The office will remain open and will be running on a modified schedule. As we get closer to the end of the school year and beginning of the renovation, we will have more details on all tasks that we need help with; such as moving books, moving and packing classrooms, etc....

- Our Kindergarten class learned this week how to type sight words and classmates' names on key-boards. They also tallied how many times they typed each word. They also celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday!



- Congratulations** to the 6th Grade Boys JV Basketball team who won the Diocesan Championship. Congrats to the players and coaches on a very strong showing and a fantastic season!

OTHER CCEEP NEWS.....



Catechumen and candidates for Easter sacraments
(R) Kristen McFadden-catechumen for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist (L) Ken Tullar and Taylor Jensen - candidates for Eucharist and confirmation

JOINT PASTORAL COUNCIL

St. Charles Lwanga

Theresa Maynor
Barbara Bauknight

Gloria White
Linda Atkins

St. Bede

Joan Price
Eric Setzler

Dante Romito
Denise Charron-Prochownik

St. James

Anne Kovalan-Santori
Patricia Albacete

Peter Lahoda
Lois Campbell

Mark your calendars now for the first speaker in the 2019 Spring Speakers Series of the Association of Pittsburgh Priests: Jeffrey Sachs, Ph.D., an award-winning economist with degrees from Harvard and Columbia Universities. **“Poverty Requires a Faith Response: What Can We Do?”** on Monday, March 25 at 7 PM at the Kearns Spirituality Center, 9000 Babcock Blvd. in Allison Park (behind the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Divine Providence). Cost is \$20. To register or for more information, contact Fr. John Oesterle at 412-232-8198.

Sr. Thea Bowman School News

Sunday 3/10	Monday 3/11 ACRE testing Gr. 5 - 8	Tuesday 3/12 ACRE testing Gr. 5 - 8	Wednesday 3/13 Aviary fieldtrip Gr. 2 ACRE testing Gr. 5 - 8	Thursday 3/14 ACRE testing Gr. 5 - 8	Friday 3/15 ACRE testing Gr. 5 - 8	Saturday 3/16
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CELEBRATING READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK

Our primary classrooms celebrated Read Across America Week all last week! On Monday, they celebrated "Cat and the Hat" day where they all wore a hat with their uniform. On Tuesday, they celebrated "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish" by dressing down in red and blue. On Wednesday, they celebrated "Green Eggs and Ham" day - the students dressed down in green and some of them even taste tested green eggs and ham! On Thursday, the classes celebrated "Fox in Socks" by wearing silly socks with their uniform. To round the week off, they celebrated "Oh the Places You Will Go" on Friday by dressing down in a college shirt or a shirt from a place they have visited.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FIELD TRIP

On February 21st, our 7th and 8th grade classes visited Vincentian Academy to enjoy the musical "Annie". They really enjoyed the show and we are thankful that Vincentian Academy offered this opportunity to our students!

ENROLL NOW

STBCA is now accepting enrollments for the 2019-2020 school year! Call the school office at 412-242-3515 or email info@stbca.net to schedule a school tour. Shadowing is also available for students in 5th-7th grade. For current students - refer a family to STBCA and receive a tuition credit if they enroll!

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

For the month of March, soup is requested for the St. James Food Bank. Please place these items in the containers provided at the break in the pews at St. James or in the boxes at the back of Mother of Good Counsel and St. Bede. Thanks for your support of the St. James food program.

Ways to Serve in the Catholic Community of the East End of Pittsburgh

Sacristans: There is a sacristan position open for the 1st Sunday of the month and two sacristans are needed for the 5th Sunday of the month (4 Sundays in 2019). Training will be provided. For more information: 412.241.1392 or cceepgh@gmail.com.

Greeters: Continuing in the spirit of unity and hospitality, we are looking for greeters for all Masses. Only requirements: Arrive 15 minutes before Mass and wear a smile to welcome all worshippers. For more information, leave a message for Helen Sysko at 412.241.1392 or cceepgh@gmail.com

Clearances through Protecting God's Children are required.

St. James Ministry Center: Until new staff has been hired for social ministry for the Catholic Community of the East End of Pittsburgh, St. James Ministry Center and its ministries will continue with a team of volunteers with volunteer leadership at 723 Rebecca Avenue. To find out more, call the Ministry Center at 412.241.1309. Hours of operation, pantry services, Mary's Child, the Senior Box Program, health ministry, social service referrals and other forms of assistance will continue. Caring volunteers needed to address the needs of our neighbors in our communities of Homewood, Lincoln-Lemington, Point Breeze and Wilksburg.

CONGRATULATIONS Oakland Catholic Honor Roll

Highest Honors

Clara Albacete, Molly Ayoob, Lindsey Bonavita, Caroline Caruso, Mia Fantini, Nina Fratto, Eithne Hartnett, Olivia Jobe, Tara Loughran, Margaret Lynch, Ella Maier, Angelina Mico, Julia Mollen, Alyssa Morgan, Katherine Newell, Rielly O'Brien, Margaret O'Brien, Kathryn Rende, Angelina Sora, Isabella Viator, Daniela Watkins, Natalie Watson, Catherine Weber

Honors

Riley Bankovic, Cecelia Costello, Hannah Rizk

Next Sunday

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S T E W A R D S H I P

St. Charles Lwanga		March 17	March 24
Lector	9:00 am	Anthony Basilico	Charles Whitney
Eucharistic Ministers		Victor Thorpe Gerald Rosella	Barbara Bell Harriet Halley
Altar Servers		Yvonne Cole	Anthony Basilico

St. James		March 16/17	March 23/24
Lector	4:00 pm 10:00 am	Malarkey Manila / Reynoso	Murock Rose / Rothermel
Eucharistic Ministers	4:00 pm 10:00 am	E. Christie C. Halloran M. Murock L. Bossert R. Bossert V. Cook	M. Crawford J. Hylazewski C. Rekowski M. Sullivan K. Sullivan
Altar Servers	Saturday Sunday	Team 3 Izieme / Tankermi	Clara A. Ryan F.
Children's Sunday Liturgy		Kristie	Lori with Anne and Matt
Sacristans Van Driver	Sunday Sunday	Campbell / Raffaele	Clancey / Rekowski

St. Bede		March 16/17	March 23/24
Lector	4:00 pm 8:00 am 11:00 am	Daniel Siewiorek John Sysko Dante Romito	Kelly Weixel Nancy Tullar Michael Boyle
Eucharistic Ministers	4:00 pm 8:00 am 11:00 am	John Newell Bernadette Harris Lenny Phillips Jim Maher Jim Carroll Cathy Fitzgerald Kathleen Fisher Betsy Cwenar Kari Romito	Bernadette Harris Linda Burkel Henry Rettger Joan Price Lisa Bush George Danko Betsy Cwenar Eric Setzler Melissa Viator
Altar Servers	4:00 pm 8:00 am 11:00 am	Jenna and Teresa Conway-Phillips Paul Benec Brendan Lloyd Timmy McGaffin Hannah Werner	Natalie Azar Evelyn Weixel Landon Greene Sebastian Sora Maurisa Green Francesca Viator

St. Charles Lwanga	
March 3	
Offertory:	\$2,044
Jingle	\$ 25

St. James	
March 3	
Offertory:	\$2,619

St. Bede		
	February 24	March 3
Env.	\$ 7,711	\$ 9,162
Online	\$ 3,028	\$ 2,513
Total	\$ 10,739	\$ 11,675
YTD	(\$ 58,375)	

Protecting God's Children:

CHILDLINE Report suspected child abuse
[1-800-932-0313](tel:1-800-932-0313)
 Diocese of Pgh Victim Abuse Hotline
[1-888-808-1235](tel:1-888-808-1235)

LEARN ABOUT MARRIAGE ANNULMENTS

Divorced Catholics and everyone else who may be interested in learning about the annulment process are welcome to attend a free workshop with Jay Konzemius, JCL, Tribunal Director and Judge. He will speak at six locations during Lent. Topics will include: theology of marriage; ministry of the tribunal; marriage annulment types; why, when and how to start the petition for annulment process; and a process overview. Afterward participants can ask questions and/or start the process. No reservations are required, but if you do plan to attend please email AnnulmentsIntake@diopitt.org or call 412-456-3033 so that seating arrangements can be made. The presentations are scheduled on the following dates and locations from 7:00PM-8:00PM: Mon, Mar 11 - Mary, Mother of Hope, New Castle, Marian Room; Tue, Mar 19 - North American Martyrs, Monroeville, DeLuca Hall; Mon, Mar 25 - Saint Katharine Drexel, Bentleyville, Drexel Hall; Thu, Apr 4 - All Saints, Etna, Activities Building; Mon, Apr 8 - Saint Kilian, Cranberry Twp, Church Hall; Thu, Saint Barbara, Bridgeville, Saint Barbara Hall.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

VIGIL (First Sunday of Lent)

(S Bede) 4:00p Mary Gasparovic (Snodgrass Family)
(S James) 4:00p Living and Deceased Members of the Parish

SUNDAY (FIRST SUNDAY of LENT) [10]

(S Bede) 8:00 Dan Pallatino (Family)
(MGC) 9:00 Dorothy Orsatti (John & Theresa Pagnato)
(S James) 10:00 Anna Manilla Kushner (Patty Manilla)
(S Bede) 11:00 David Sherbarth (Beer Family)

MONDAY (Lenten Weekday) [11]

(S James) 8:00 Mary Stabile (Family)
(S Bede) 9:00 William Loftis (Bob & Kathleen Lee)

TUESDAY (Lenten Weekday) [12]

(MGC) 8:00 Alice Bender Holmes (Paul Bender)
(S Bede) 9:00 Patrick Coyne (Sally Coyne family)

WEDNESDAY (Lenten Weekday) [13]

(S James) 9:00 James Tullius (Family)
(S Bede) 9:00 Dorothy Walsh Hays (Mary Haleckko)

THURSDAY (Lenten Weekday) [14]

(MGC) 8:00 Darlene Venton (Paul Bender)
(S Bede) 9:00 Quinn Blaney (Paula Blandy)

FRIDAY (Lenten Weekday) [15]

(S James) 8:00 Mary Jean Callahan (Family)
(S Bede) 9:00 Maria Lee (Deborah Talarico)

SATURDAY (Lenten Weekday) [16]

(S Bede) 9:00 Dorothy Kenny (Bob & Kathleen Lee)

VIGIL (Second Sunday of Lent)

(S Bede) 4:00p Patricia Sheehan (Al & MaryAnn Zajko)
(S James) 4:00p Naomi Andrews (Thompson family)

SUNDAY (SECOND SUNDAY of LENT) [17]

(S Bede) 8:00 William Hurley (Howard Hays Family)
(MGC) 9:00
(S James) 10:00 Quigley family (Cathy Raffaele)
(S Bede) 11:00 For All the People of the Parish

*T.&S.W-b: = temporal and spiritual well-being

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, March 3, 2019

Reading I Sir 27: 4-7
Reading II 1 Cor 15: 54 - 58
Gospel 6: 39 - 45

Sunday, March 10, 2019

Reading I Dt. 26: 4 - 10
Reading II Rom 10: 8 - 13
Gospel Luke 4: 1 - 1

PRAY FOR HEALING for Laretta Ashley, Myra Bilotto, Marie Boyle, Dominic Braithwaite, Paul Brecht, Tim Burke, Willa Campbell, Rosemary Capone, Linda Carr, Jim Carroll, Lillie Carter, Bruno Cassara, Eumenia Castro, John Ceric, Eugene Connor, Leola Cook, John Davis, Ruth Ann Donnelly, Jacqueline Dumond, Herbert Durbeck, Judith Dyke, Donna Dzikowski, Cindy Farabaugh, Butch Filter, Rosemary Fitzgerald, Audrey Fusco, Frances Galardi, Jack Gall, Michael Gallagher, Makenna Grace, Pat Griffin, Esther Hackwelder, Estelle Hagerdorn, Joseph Hamm, Marlene Handrahan, Chris Hudak, Erin Joy Johnson, Marlene Joseph, DiDi Joyce, Fran Kalinowski, Agnes Koppolovech, Florine & Riggi Laus, Susan Loether, Paul Lydon, Josephine Major, Marianne Mangine, Fran McCarthy, Tracey McCarthy, Ruth McGill, Dorothy Meyers, Aileen Minnock, Brendan Minnock, Giovanna Nistico, Judith Nosling, Helen Nothwang, Kevin O'Brien, Charles Papale, Elizabeth Petnuch, Susan Petnuch, Libby Regan, John Rettger, Ingrid Roberts, John Rosella, Joanne Schwarz, Susan Schwochau, Judy Siewiorek, Doreen Simeone, Arthur Smith, Rex Smith, Gregory Spechtold, Sarah Stanfield, Terri Stevenson, Suzanne Steitz, Neil Stewart, DJ Stinelli, Laura Swain, John Temu, Haley Thelen, Barbara Tierno, MaryJane Tirk, Rosemarie Toliver, Arlene Trichtinger, Andrea Ventomiller, Sandra Vesely, James Walsh, Jeff Witkowski, Joan Zankowski, Julian Zekan, Idolo Zinoble and all in need of our prayers who wish to remain anonymous.

ON MISSION FOR **BE WITH ME, LORD**
THE CHURCH
ALIVE!

As we begin our Lenten journey we take upon ourselves those traditional disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving/good works in order that we might be opened, freed from any attachment to sin and ever more trusting in the God's grace. We know that Lent is not always easy. With the best of intentions and with firm resolve we devote ourselves to doing without something or increasing time spent in prayer or doing works of charity. Yet, the temptations also seem to increase that seeks to draw us back into our old ways. The goal of our Lenten journey is not simply that we have more time spent in prayer or less time spent doing those things that keep us from God. Rather, we must also work hard during Lent to incorporate faith into every aspect and every moment of life. One helpful practice is to have short phrases of Scripture or from our heart that become prayers throughout our day. Whether it is saying "Thank you, Jesus" as we recognize the countless moments he is at work for us, or the refrain from today's psalm, "Be with me, Lord," when we recognize we cannot do it alone, we will draw closer to the Lord as we seek to be strengthened and play our part in building up His Kingdom. **onmission-churchalive.org** to learn more and to stay informed.