Roman Catholic Parishes of Northeastern Butler County



A good tree does not bear rotten fruit.



### A Message from Fr. Matt ...

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

After last week, I know you think that all I do is watch HGTV, but, have you ever seen the show, "My Lottery Dream Home"? It is funny as heck. It got me wondering, what would you do if you won the lottery? Have you ever thought about it? Knowing many of you, while, yeah, you would pay off what you need to and maybe do something nice for your family, maybe a new house or something, but I bet you would also share what you have won with those who are needy. Imagine the power to do good that you would have! You would be powerful indeed!



In the First Reading this week, Sirach tells us that we should praise no one before he speaks, "for it is then that people are tested." He adds that the words that come out of one's mouth, "disclose the bent of one's mind." In the Gospel Jesus says, "from the fullness of the heart, the mouth speaks." This means that the Lord wants us to think about how we speak, don't you think?

Both Sirach and the Lord Jesus speak of the fruit that a tree produces. Good fruit comes from good trees. Bad fruit comes from bad trees. So maybe both of these Readings push us even further. This is not just an encouragement to wholesome speech, although that is part of it, but it is an encouragement to look deep into ourselves and ask, of what is my heart full?

Let's not skip one for the other though. Our speech is important. It tells a lot about us. Our words are powerful. We can change someone's life with our words. We can change their lives for the good, or, we can really hurt them. Do you realize how powerful this makes you? Just like winning the lottery, you can do so much good with the power of your words. Do you? I hope so. I do sometimes. Sometimes I don't. Why would I choose to use the power of my speech for the bad, to hurt, or bring someone down?

Like we said earlier, it is from what is inside us, in our hearts, that we speak. So what is in your heart? Before we go rationalizing about the fact that we are basically good people, remember that Jesus and Sirach don't say that being a generally good person tells what is in our hearts: our words do. All of them. Even the ones we say when we drive behind someone going five miles below the speed limit on Rt. 68! So, if you and I are using speech that is angry, bitter, negative or not so wholesome, we need to look into our hearts and see what is in there. If we find stuff that isn't so good, the Lord can help us clean them out in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Here's the facts. You won the lottery. In the words that you say, you have incredible power to do good and share those winnings. What are you using this power for? What does the way you speak say about what is in your heart? What do you need to clean out of your heart so that you and your words can be a force for good? Think about it. Do something about it.

Peace and Love, Fr. Matt



## PLEASE COMPLETE A SURVEY FOR GROUPING 438

As part of the On Mission Implementation, our grouping #438 of St. Wendelin, St. Joseph and Mater Dolorosa has through **Sunday, March 10** to collect feedback on the Interim Mass schedule. The survey will assist parish leadership in evaluating, and if necessary, adjusting the Interim Mass schedule. The survey is also available online parish websites:

https://www.stwendelinbutler.com https://materdolorosa-stjoe.webs.com

Paper surveys are available at Masses and in Parish Offices. Paper surveys may be returned by mail, Sunday collection, or delivered to your respective Parish Office. Online submissions and paper surveys are due by March 10, 2019.

# REGULAR MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE THIS SCHEDULE IS ALTERED FOR HOLY DAYS & SPECIAL MASSES ALWAYS CHECK THE WEEK AHEAD SECTION

#### SUNDAY MASSES

ST. WENDELIN - 7:00AM
ST. JOSEPH - 8:45AM
ST. WENDELIN - 10:30AM
MATER DOLOROSA - 12:15PM
MATER DOLOROSA - 7:00PM

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MATER DOLOROSA MASS - NOON

#### TUESDAY

St. Wendelin Mass - 7:30am

#### WEDNESDAY - ALTERED SCHEDULE

ST. WENDELIN MASS - 10:15AM MATER DOLOROSA CONFESSION - 6:15-6:45PM MATER DOLOROSA MASS - 7:00PM

#### **THURSDAY**

St. Wendelin Mass - 7:30am Chicora Medical Center Mass - 10:00am

#### FRIDAY

St. Joseph Mass - Noon

#### SATURDAY

MATER DOLOROSA CONFESSION - 11:00-11:30AM ST. JOSEPH CONFESSION - 11:45AM-12:15PM ST. WENDELIN CONFESSION - 3:15-3:45PM ST. WENDELIN VIGIL MASS - 4:00PM

# The WEEK AHEAD at a glance

## \*SAINT JOSEPH Mater Dolorosa

#### Saturday, March 2 Bible Study ...... 10:15-11:30am For **ALL** Parishioners, at SJP Rectory Previous attendance not required Confessions .......11:45am-12:15pm Sunday, March 3 Mass ......8:45am Confirmation Trip ......10:00am Bus leaves from St. Joseph at 10:15am K-5 SJP/MD Religious Education...10:15-11:45am at Mater Dolorosa 6-7 CCD ......No classes Ash Wednesday, March 6 Mass & Ashes...... 7:00pm Friday, March 8 Mass.....Noon J.A.M. ..... 6:00-8:00pm For ALL Elementary-age Youth at SJP Rectory Saturday, March 9 Bible Study ...... 10:15-11:30am For **ALL** Parishioners, at SJP Rectory Previous attendance not required

## at St. Wendelin Parish

at Mater Dolorosa

Confessions....... 11:45am-12:15pm Confirmation Retreat......2:00pm at SWP - for Candidates & Sponsors Sunday, March 10 - Surveys DUE

Mass...... 8:45am K-5 SJP/MD Religious Education...10:15-11:45am

6-7 (no 8) CCD ......6:30-8:00pm

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 10:15am SWP

Mass & Distribution of Ashes **Noon MD** 

**Mass & Distribution of Ashes** 4:00pm MD

Liturgy of the Word & Ashes 5:30pm SWP

Liturgy of the Word & Ashes 7:00pm SJP

**Mass & Distribution of Ashes** 

Saturday, March 2		
Confessions11:00-11:30am		
Sunday, March 3		
Confirmation Trip10:00am		
Bus leaves from St. Joseph at 10:15am		
K-5 SJP/MD Religious Education10:15-11:45am		
Mass12:15pm		
6-7 CCDNo classes		
Mass7:00pm		
Monday, March 4		
Legion of Mary10:00am		
For ALL Parishioners, in the Cry Room		
MassNoon		
Discovering Christ 6:15pm		
Pre-registration required		
Tuesday, March 5		
AA Meeting 8:00pm		
Ash Wednesday, March 6		
Mass & AshesNoon		
Liturgy & Ashes4:00pm		
Confessions No Confessions		
Saturday, March 9		
Confessions11:00-11:30am		
Confirmation Retreat2:00pm		
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at St. Wendelin Parish		
Mass7:00pm		

STATIONS OF THE CROSS All dates are Fridays during Lent

> March 8 & March 29 7:00pm SWP

March 15 & April 5

7:00pm SJP

March 22 & April 12 7:00pm MD

Every Friday 1:50pm SW School Students

#### SAGRAMENT OF REGONGLUATION

During Lent, all regular Confession times are offered (except Holy Saturday & April 10) and extended time on Wednesday, April 17, 5:45-6:45pm at MD

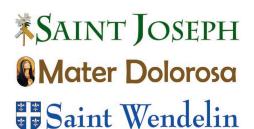
> Tuesday, April 9 - 7:00-9:00pm St. Patrick, Brady's Bend, with Fr. Matt, Fr. Lou, and Fr. Butler

Wednesday, April 10 - 6:00-9:00pm SWP for The Light Is On for You

## Saint Wendelin

Saturday, March 2
Confessions 3:15-3:45pm
Vigil Mass4:00pm
A Night at the Races 6:30pm
Doors open at 5:30pm - see page 7 for details
Sunday, March 3
Mass7:00am
K-5 CCD9:00-10:15am
Commences in Church; Dismissal from School
Confirmation Trip10:00am
Bus leaves from St. Joseph at 10:15am
Mass10:30am
6-7 CCDNo classes
Monday, March 4
AA Meeting 8:00pm
Tuesday, March 5
Mass7:30am
Cub & Boy Scouts 6:00pm
Rosary & Faith Alive 6:30pm
Ash Wednesday, March 6
Mass & Ashes10:15am
Liturgy & Ashes5:30pm
Girl Scouts 6:00pm
Thursday, March 7
Mass7:30am
Choir Practice6:30pm
RCIA7:00pm
Friday, March 8
Stations of the Cross1:50pm
With School Students
Stations of the Cross7:00pm
Saturday, March 9
SWP First Reconciliation 9:00am
Second Grade Class
Confirmation Retreat 2:00pm
Candidates & Sponsors
Confessions3:15-3:45pm
Vigil Mass4:00pm
Sunday, March 10 - Surveys DUE
Mass7:00am
K of C Pancake Breakfast 8:00am-Noon
K-5 CCD9:00-10:15am
Commences in Church; Dismissal from School
Mass10:30am
6-7 (no 8) CCD6:30-8:00pm

## Parish Happenings



#### NEWS FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

#### Second Offertory at SWP

This weekend, March 2 and 3, there is a Second Offertory at SWP for the school's Adopt A Child Tuition Assistance Program

#### Ash Wednesday Offertory

The annual special Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe will be taken up on Ash Wednesday, March 6. The funds collected are used to support seminaries, youth ministry, social service programs, pastoral centers, church construction and renovation, and Catholic communications projects in 28 counties in Central and Eastern Europe.

#### **Ministry Helpers Needed**

If you are a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or Altar Server and can help at any Ash Wednesday Mass or Liturgy and at any Stations of the Cross, call your Parish Office.

#### **Lenten Regulations**

Ash Wednesday (March 6) and Good Friday (April 19) are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence, and Fridays of **Lent** are days of abstinence. Fasting is defined as partaking in only one full, meatless meal. Abstinence is not partaking in animal-derived products. Catholics excused from fast and abstinence can be outside the age limits (ages 14-59), or suffering from an illness, or pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and a person should not jeopardize their health by fasting. More information at: https://www.usccb.org/ prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/ questions-and-answers-about-lent.cfm

#### Lenten Cards in the Mail

Parishioners will receive in the mail this week a complete Lenten schedule for all Parishes in our Grouping.

#### SJP & MD Parish Share & Info Update

St. Joseph and Mater Dolorosa Parishioners should have received their Parish Share Appeal information in the mail this week. Included in this mailing is a census update form. The form you received is the information that is currently on file in the church office. Please correct and update any

incorrect information, add any additional information, or simply note that it is current and correct at the bottom of the form. If you do not receive a census form and/or a Parish Share letter that means you are not registered. Stop by either office location and we will get you registered. You may mail back your census with your Parish Share Appeal or drop it in the offertory.

#### J.A.M. on March 8

All elementary-age parishioners are invited to J.A.M. (Jesus & Me) on Friday, March 8, 6:00-8:00pm at SJP Rectory.

### **Lenten Bible Study starts March 9**

Perfect for Lent! The six Saturdays in Lent will feature a Bible Study with FORMED's Dr. Tim Gray, talking about Lectio Prayer: Unveiling Scripture and Tradition. It will run March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6 and 13, in the SJP Rectory, 10:15-11:30am.Come to one or all six sessions - whatever your schedule permits. Questions to Sue Fraley at evangyam@stwendelinbutler.com or 724-504-3166.

#### K of C Breakfast & Lunch

Knights of Columbus will host a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 10 from 8:00am-Noon in the SWP Hall. Adults are just \$5 and kids ages 3-12 are \$3. Breakfast includes pancakes or French toast and a variety of tasty toppings, sausage, beverages, and fruit. Sunday, March 31 is a Soup and Sandwich Meal from 8:00am-2:00pm, eat in or carry out. The Knights will also offer Soup and Sandwich carry out only on Saturday, March 30, after 4:00pm Mass.

#### Don't Be Late for Mass!

Sunday, March 10 at 2:00am, clocks are turned forward one hour to 3:00am.

#### St. Patty's Day FUN!

Gather your friends, form your teams, and join us for St. Patrick's Day DJ Trivia Night at Mater Dolorosa on Saturday, March 16. Prizes awarded to the top team. Refreshments and non-alcoholic drinks provided and it is BYOB. Teams can be from 2-6 people. Team registration forms are in all parish vestibules, or register by emailing names and contact information to mbirch@zoominternet. net. Team pre-registration is necessary for seating and food preparations. Anyone who wants to participate but does not have a team, call the office and we will find you a team. All participants are asked to bring a nonperishable individually packaged food item for the Karns City Back Pack Program. Questions to Martha Birch at 724-445-2275 ext. 4 or 724-445-3713 ext 5. Registration deadline is Wednesday, March 14.

#### **Silver Award Donations**

Mercedes Guynup, a parishioner and member of the parish's Girl Scout Troop, is working on her Silver Award by making Blessing Bags for the homeless. Mercedes will deliver Blessing Bags to Sister Irene in Pittsburgh, who works with homeless veterans. The following donations are appreciated: gallon-size Ziploc bags, snack-size bags, hand warmers, quarters, small water bottles, band-aids, toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, soap, deodorant, pocket tissues, combs, lip balm, new socks, inexpensive gloves, alcohol wipes, cheese crackers, hot cocoa packets, instant oatmeal packets, granola bars, fruit or applesauce cups, plastic spoons, gum or hard candy, gift cards to purchase some of these items. There is a box in the SWP vestibule marked Blessing Bags. Donations accepted through Sunday, March 17.



Sympathy is extended to the family of

## James E. Montgomery Debra Wiles Montgomery

who were laid to rest on February 23, 2019 from Mater Dolorosa Parish Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,

and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace - together.



#### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Tyler & Emily Beale on the baptism of their daughter MAGGIE RAE BEALE on February 17, 2019

Josh & Shauna McNany on the baptism of their daughter MAELEE GRACE MCNANY on February 24, 2019

MAY JESUS ALWAYS BE THEIR LIGHT

## **Parish Happenings**



Saturday, March 2 - Vigil 4:00pm/SWP Tom Bayer

(Floyd & Delores Neigh)

Sunday, March 3 - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am/SWP Ed Tomasovic

(Larry & Kay Neff)

8:45am/SJP Betty Birckbichler

(St. Joseph Christian Mothers)

10:30am/SWP Earl Saeler

(Dick & Patty Sanderson)

12:15pm/MD Mary Jeanne Rodgers

(Bernie & Diane Rumbaugh)

7:00pm/MD For the Parishioners of St. Joseph,

Mater Dolorosa & St. Wendelin

Monday, March 4

Holy Face of Jesus Noon/MD

(Donor)

Tuesday, March 5

7:30am/SWP Garry MacKrell

(John Leech)

Ash Wednesday, March 6

10:15am/SWP Stella Lucas

(Jim & Ruth Geibel)

Noon/MD Patrick Yealy

(The Choir)

7:00pm/SJ Lawrence "Curtie" Curtis

(Patricia R. Curtis)

Thursday, March 7

Eleanor Jean Rottman 7:30am/SWP

(Anderson Family)

10:00am/CMC Rodney Kriess

(Gary O'Donnell)

Friday, March 8

Noon/SJP Elma Hall

(Bridget Neff)

Saturday, March 9 - Vigil

4:00pm/SWP Diane Neal

(Lou & Linda Green)

Sunday, March 10 - First Sunday of Lent

7:00am/SWP For the Parishioners of St. Joseph,

Mater Dolorosa & St. Wendelin

8:45am/SJP Helen Snyder

(Norma Miller)

10:30am/SWP Cora Carbin

(Tom & Faye Carbin) 12:15pm/MD George Ramsey

(Mary Geibel)

7:00pm/MD Elizabeth "Liz" Rice

(Mary Lou Waltman)



#### MARCH 4-10

#### **MONDAY:**

SIR 17:20-24;

Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27

#### **TUESDAY:**

SIR 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23;

Mĸ 10:28-31

#### WEDNESDAY:

JL 2:12-18;

PS 51:3-6AB, 12-14, 17; 2 COR 5:20 -- 6:2;

MT 6:1-6, 16-18

#### **THURSDAY:**

DT 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; LK 9:22-25

### FRIDAY:

Is 58:1-9A;

PS 51:3-6AB, 18-19;

MT 9:14-15

#### SATURDAY:

Is 58:9B-14; Ps 86:1-6;

LK 5:27-32

#### **SUNDAY:**

DT 26:4-10;

Ps 91:1-2, 10-15;

ROM 10:8-13; LK 4:1-13



March 9 & 10

**LECTOR** 

**EUCHARISTIC** 

**MINISTERS** 

4:00pm SWP Deb Bell

Donna Birckbichler

Volunteer Needed

7:00am SWP Rick Newell

Mary Grenet

Ed Grenet

Bridget C. Wallace

8:45am SJP Eric Double

Joanne Brown

Nadine Neff

Virginia Neff

Jill Geibel

10:30am SWP

Correna Spinneweber

Shawn Spinneweber

Nikki Coyle

Carolyn Rodgers **Volunteer Needed** 

Please

12:15pm MD

Sydnee Markle

Salli O'Donnell

Tom Faller

7:00pm MD

Fran Parker

Ashlee Hershberger Lindsay Fuhrer

Lori Ritzert Kristin Walker

Please

**ALTAR SERVERS** 

Linda Green

Elliette Smith

Chance Downing Brianna Bell

Mariah Geibel Emma Hesidenz

Alyssa Rodgers Braeden Rodgers

Skylar Geibel Montana Geibel Colton Rearick

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## Parish Offertories

**February 23 & 24** 

SI. JUSEPH PAKISH	WATER DOLOROSA	
Offertory at Mass\$675.00	Offertory at Mass\$1,312.75	
Weekly Goal\$1,000.00	Weekly Goal\$2,500.00	
Fiscal Year Goal\$50,000.00	Fiscal Year Goal	
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal\$23,836.80	Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal\$87,876.85	
Parish Share: Monthly Envelope on Appeal \$100.00	Parish Share: Monthly Envelope on Appeal\$10.00	
2018 Parish Share Goal\$8,773.00	2018 Parish Share Goal\$28,831.00	
Total Received\$21,732.00	Total Received\$20,562.00	

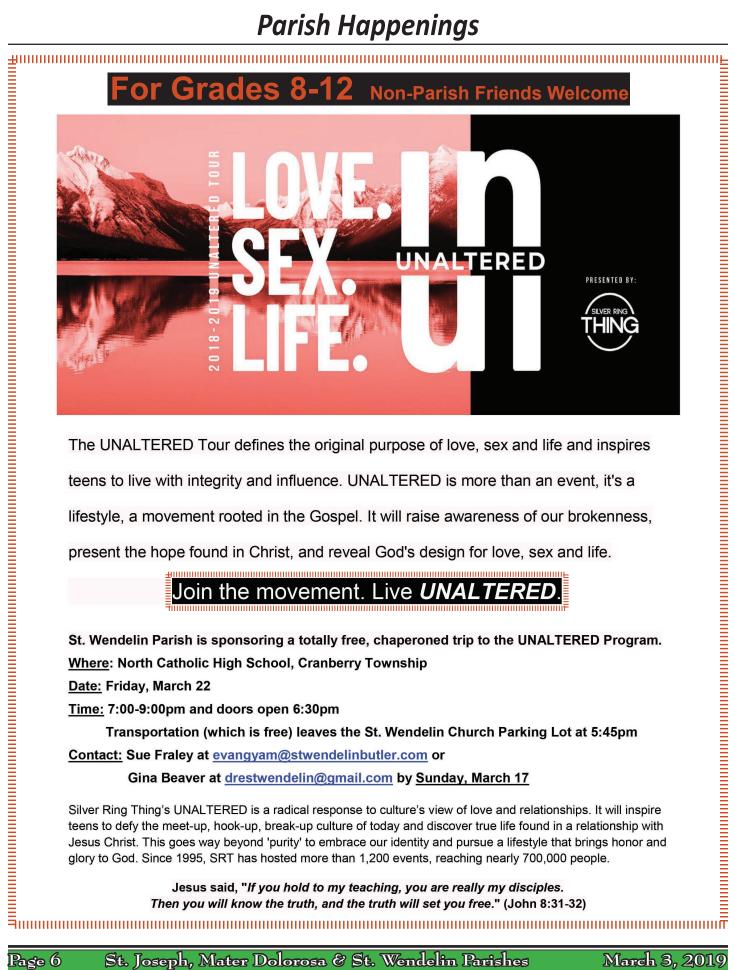
THANK YOU for your generosity to Parish Ministries!

#### ST. WENDELIN PARISH

Offertory at Mass	\$4.452.00
Offertory Online	
Total Offertory	
Weekly Goal	\$4,350.00
Easter Flowers	
Project Fund	
Project Fund Online	\$5.00
Adopt A Child	\$15.00
Adopt A Child Online	\$5.00
Parish Share at Mass	\$570.00
Parish Share Online	
Total Parish Share	\$570.00
2018 Parish Share To Date	\$28,339.00
2018 Parish Share Goal	\$38,809.00

## **Parish Happenings**

## **Non-Parish Friends Welcome**



The UNALTERED Tour defines the original purpose of love, sex and life and inspires teens to live with integrity and influence. UNALTERED is more than an event, it's a lifestyle, a movement rooted in the Gospel. It will raise awareness of our brokenness, present the hope found in Christ, and reveal God's design for love, sex and life.

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St. Wendelin Parish is sponsoring a totally free, chaperoned trip to the UNALTERED Program.

Where: North Catholic High School, Cranberry Township

Time: 7:00-9:00pm and doors open 6:30pm

Transportation (which is free) leaves the St. Wendelin Church Parking Lot at 5:45pm

Contact: Sue Fraley at evangyam@stwendelinbutler.com or

Gina Beaver at drestwendelin@gmail.com by Sunday, March 17

Silver Ring Thing's UNALTERED is a radical response to culture's view of love and relationships. It will inspire teens to defy the meet-up, hook-up, break-up culture of today and discover true life found in a relationship with Jesus Christ. This goes way beyond 'purity' to embrace our identity and pursue a lifestyle that brings honor and glory to God. Since 1995, SRT has hosted more than 1,200 events, reaching nearly 700,000 people.

> Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31-32)

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## **School & Religious Education**

This week's St. Wendelin School Student of the Week is:

### COEPHIE LUCAS

Coephie is currently in the third grade and has been at St. Wendelin since first grade. Coephie has 13 siblings, some of whom attended St. Wendelin School, as well. Outside of school, she enjoys playing soccer and eating at Ponderosa. Coephie's favorite subject in school is art. When Coephie grows up, she wants to be a Chief in the Marines. Congratulations to this week's St. Wendelin School student of the Week. COEPHIE LUCASI

### **Catholic Identity Program**

This program highlights a variety of virtues and values through short lessons, prayers, Scripture references, and more.

This week's Virtue is:

#### INITIATIVE

Initiative is the ability or willingness to take the first step toward accomplishing a goal.



**Reference** - Pope Francis's Lenten Message

Pope Francis is calling on the faithful not to let the Lenten Season of Grace pass in vain, and to live as children of God acknowledging and obeying His law, in particular in regards to our brothers and sisters and to creation. In this year's Lenten message, the Pope invites believers to prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery with mind and heart renewed, warning that "Sin leads man to consider himself the god of creation, to see himself as its absolute master and to use it, not for the purpose willed by the Creator but for his own interests." He writes: "Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption, and turn to Jesus' Pasch. Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them." Reflecting on a verse from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, the Pope highlights how the season before Easter must be a time to "welcome Christ's victory over sin and death into our lives," and attract "its transforming power to all of creation". The path to Easter, demands that "we renew our faces and hearts as Christians through repentance, conversion and forgiveness."

The entire Papal Lenten Message is available at: https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/lent/documents/papa-francesco\_20181004\_messaggio-quaresima2019.html

## ST. WENDELIN SCHOOL PTG SPRING FUNDRAISERS



Daffin's Easter Candy forms are in vestibules of all Parishes. Orders and money will be accepted through THURSDAY, MARCH 14 with delivery the week of April 8. Questions to: Donna Fleeger, 724-504-7124 or fleeger@ embargmail.com.



On SUNDAY, MARCH 24 is a *Designer Purse Bash & Lunch*. Doors open at 12:30pm; raffle starts at 1:00pm. Tickets are \$25. Also side raffles and a Chinese Auction. Questions to: Nicole Karenbauer, 724-290-8611 or rjkarenbauer@zoominternet.net.



Families are invited to the *Easter Bunny Brunch* on **SUNDAY**, **APRIL 7**, 8:00am-noon in the St. Wendelin Parish Hall. There will be pictures with the bunny and a kids' craft. Pancakes, sausage, beverages and a hoppin' good time!



The planning process is underway for the *Good Friday Fish Dinner* on APRIL 19, 3:00-7:00pm, both eat-in and carryout. *Volunteers are needed* the day before and the day of the dinner, especially in the kitchen. Questions to: Nicole Karenbauer, 724-290-8611 or rjkarenbauer@zoominternet. net.



This year's *Deer Classic Sportsman's Raffle* is **SATURDAY APRIL 27**, noon-6:00pm, at Happy Hunters Sportsman's Club, Fenelton. You don't have to hunt to enjoy the day, as there is food, adult beverages, and tons of raffles.

# Regular Monthly Events

BINGO Fridays March 15 April 12 May 17 50/50 Wednesdays March 27 April 24 May 22

## **Our Neighbors in Faith**



#### AREA FISH DINNERS & MEAGER MEAL

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL ASH WEDNESDAY FISH DINNER Ash Wednesday Fish Dinner is March 6, from 4:00-7:00pm in St. Michael Hall, 432 Center Avenue. Butler. \$11 for adults. \$6 for children 6-10, and under 5 is free.

All carry-outs are \$11 with no fried fish offered. Eat-in menu is: baked or deep fried fish, scalloped potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, bread & butter, dessert & beverage.

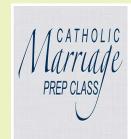
THE ST. JOHN EVANGELIST CHURCH - MEAGER MEAL St. John's Marian Guild is offering the first Meager Meal of the Lenten season on Friday, March 8, 4:30-6:30pm, prior to Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm. All are invited to come and share in food and fellowship. Meager meals are a free-will donation, and all proceeds go to the St. John Food Pantry to provide holiday baskets to those in need. Menu for the first meal is: Seven Sorrows of Mary Soup (tomato base/pasta), broccoli cheese soup, mac & cheese, tuna salad sandwiches, small desserts and beverages. The soups and mac & cheese are available for takeout at \$6 a quart and \$3 a pint; and \$1 for sandwiches. Preorder forms

are in the back of church or phone orders to Ted @ 724-285-4992 by Wednesday, March 6.

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION - FISH DINNERS THRU LENT Lenten Fish Frys every Friday through April 12, 4:00-7:00pm. Take-outs available starting at 2:00pm. \$10 for adults and kids under 5 eat free. At St. Mary School, Herman.

#### ST. FIDELIS FISH FRY - THRU LENT

Dinners are every Friday through April 12. \$11 for adults, \$5 for children, ages 2 and under are free. Meals include: baked or beer-batter fried fish, French fries or scalloped potatoes, green beans, bread and butter, coleslaw, dessert, and beverage. Takeout is the same price.



#### MARRIAGE PREPARATION RETREAT

Two Saturday sessions: March 30 and April 6 from 10:00am-5:00pm at St. Michael the Archangel Parish Hall. Both Saturday sessions conclude with Holy Mass at 4:00pm. Mass attendance is part of the Pre-Cana Program and satisfies the Sunday obligation. For registration/information: 724-991-2639 or cweiland@zoominternet.net.



VICARIATE FOUR - GROUPING 438 - North Oakland, Chicora, Carbon Center

### St. Joseph Parish, North Oakland

Located at 864 Chicora Road, Chicora, PA 16025 724-445-3713 Fax: 724-607-1183

Office Hours: Monday - 1:30-4:30pm: Tuesday & Thursday - 9:30am-4:30pm

#### Mater Dolorosa Parish

Located at 409 North Main Street, Chicora, PA 16025 724-445-2275

Office Hours: Monday - 9:30am-12:30pm

Website for both SJP and MD is https://materdolorosa-stjoe.webs.com/

#### St. Wendelin Parish & School

Located at 210/211 St. Wendelin Road, Butler, PA 16002 Parish - 724-287-0820 School - 724-285-4986

www.stwendelinbutler.com www.stwendelinschool.com

Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 9:00am-noon

#### **Cemetery Inquiries for all Parishes**

Contact North Regional Office, 2636 Ellwood Road, New Castle, PA 16101, 724-323-0033, cpca@cpca-pgh.org.

#### **Bulletin Information for all Parishes**

Current email is: stwendelinbulletin@gmail.com. Submission deadline is Tuesdays at 10:00am and the information and/or pictures must pertain to Parish events. Advertisers can call the local J.S. Paluch office at 724-772-8850 or humenskyd@jspaluch.com.

#### Facilities Scheduling for all Parishes

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