

## A Message from Fr. Matt ...

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Easter! Jesus Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Man, it feels good to say that. One of the hardest things to get used to at the beginning of Lent is not saying Alleluia. Then you kind of get used to it, right? It always surprises me how good it feels to say it again. It is a joyful word. Surprised by Joy! That is a good way to be at Easter.

So why are you here? Because it's Easter, of course, right? But why is this such a big deal? Why do people come at Easter who haven't been at Mass in weeks or months? Part of it is a tradition. It is just what you do. Maybe you are here because someone else invited you or "voluntold" that you were coming. Maybe you come every week. Whatever the reason, I am glad that you are here. So is Jesus!

In one of the most famous Easter sermons in history, St. John Chrysostom said that whatever the reason you have come today, whether you have come in "the first hour" or at the "eleventh hour," there is room for you today. You are welcome. There is a feast prepared for all, he says. Come and be filled.

"First and last alike, receive your reward; rich and poor, rejoice together! Sober and slothful, celebrate the day! You that have kept the fast, and you that have not, rejoice today for the Table is richly laden!"



Today is all good. It is a day to put away fear and guilt, shame and sorrow. For something bigger than all of that has happened. Something much bigger than ourselves, yet done for each one personally. St. John Chrysostom explains it this way:

Hell took a body, and discovered God. It took Earth, and encountered Heaven. It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it did not see.

Whatever your reason is for being here, I am happy that you have come. Whatever you think coming to Mass at Easter means, it means so much more. Jesus Christ has broken the chains of death and risen triumphantly from the grave!

And He did this for you! Alleluia! Man, that feels good! Peace and Love, Fr. Matt



### Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28 Holy Hour & Service at 3:00pm at MD

Recitation of the Divine Mercy Novena is everyday this week at 3:00pm at MD. A novena is nine days of prayer in preparation of a celebration of a feast day, in this case, Divine Mercy Sunday. Here in our Grouping, Good Friday was the first day of the Novena and it will conclude on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28.

"I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw there from strength and refreshment and whatever grace they have need of in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death" (Diary, 1209). St. Faustina

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

#### **SUNDAY MASSES - ALTERED SCHEDULE**

ST. WENDELIN - 7:00AM ST. JOSEPH - 8:45AM

St. Wendelin - 10:30am MATER DOLOROSA - 12:15PM

MATER DOLOROSA - 7:00PM

**MONDAY - ALTERED SCHEDULE** 

## MATER DOLOROSA MASS - NOON

#### **TUESDAY**

St. Wendelin Mass - 7:30am

#### WEDNESDAY

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

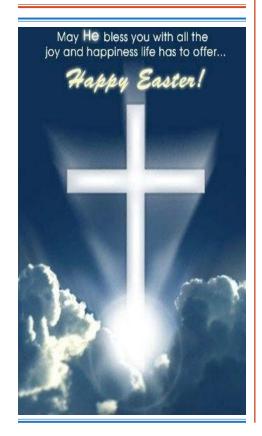
St. Joseph Mass - Noon

#### **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

## Holy Saturday, April 20 Lenten Bible Study ..... 9:00-10:15am Easter Reflection: The Road to Emmaus Previous attendance not required Confessions...... No Confessions Church Decorating ...... 1:00pm Easter Sunday, April 21 Easter Mass .....8:30am Monday, April 22 Office Closed Tuesday, April 23 Christian Mothers Meeting...... 6:30pm Friday, April 26 Mass.....Noon Saturday, April 27 Confessions ......11:45am-12:15pm Sunday, April 28 Mass ......8:45am SJ & MD First Communion Mass



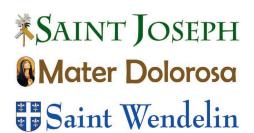
Holy Saturday, April 20
Confessions No Confessions
Church Decorating 1:00pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm
Day 2 of Novena
Easter Sunday, April 21
Easter Mass9:15am
Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm
Day 3 of Novena
Monday, April 22
Office Closed
Legion of Mary10:00am
For ALL Parishioners, In the Cry Room
MassNo Mass
Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm
Day 4 of Novena
Tuesday, April 23
Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm
Day 5 of Novena
AA Meeting 8:00pm
Wednesday, April 24
Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm
Day 6 of Novena
Confessions 6:15-6:45pm
Mass 7:00pm
Thursday, April 25
Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm
Day 7 of Novena
Friday, April 26
Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm
Day 8 of Novena
Saturday, April 27
Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm
Day 9 of Novena
Confessions11:00-11:30am
Sunday, April 28
Mass12:15pm
Divine Mercy Holy Hour
& Service3:00pm
Mass7:00pm

# SAINT JOSEPH Mater Dolorosa Saint Wendelin

Holy Saturday, April 20
Church Decorating8:00am
Blessing of Easter Foods 1:00pm
Confessions No Confessions
Easter Vigil Mass 8:30pm
Easter Sunday, April 21
Easter Mass7:00am
Easter Mass10:30am
Monday, April 22
Office Closed
AA Meeting 8:00pm
Tuesday, April 23
Mass7:30am
Cub & Boy Scouts 6:00pm
Rosary & Faith Alive 6:30pm
Wednesday, April 24
Mass10:15am
50/50 Drawing 7:00pm
Thursday, April 25
Mass7:30am
Senior Fellowship1:00pm
Choir Practice 6:30pm
Saturday, April 27
Deer Classic Noon-6:00pm
At Happy Hunters, Fenelton
Confessions3:15-3:45pm
Vigil Mass4:00pm
Knights of Columbus Mass
For <b>ALL</b> Parishioners
Sunday, April 28
Mass7:00am
Mass10:30am



## **Parish Happenings**



#### **Easter Monday Change**

Tomorrow, Easter Monday, April 22, the Noon Mass at Mater Dolorosa is canceled and all Parish offices are closed.

#### **Divine Mercy Novena at MD**

At 3:00pm everyday (including today, Easter) through Saturday, April 27 - at MD, there will be recitation of that day's Novena prayers and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Fr. Matt will lead a Divine Mercy Holy Hour and Services on Sunday, April 28, at MD, beginning at 3:00pm.

#### Summer Ministry Schedule at SWP

The new SWP ministry schedule for the summer will be compiled in the next few weeks. Please submit any days off requests on line, to the office, or by emailing businessmgr@stwendelinbutler.com. Deadline is tomorrow, Monday, April 22.

#### **Senior Fellowship**

All Senior Citizens are invited to Senior Fellowship on Thursday, April 25, 1:00pm in the SWP Hall. Bring a potluck dish and enjoy the afternoon with faith and fun.

#### K of C Special Mass

On **Saturday, April 27** at the 4:00pm SWP Mass, council #14103 has the honor of hosting all Butler County Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. Congratulations to our K of C!

#### SJ & MD Youth Sacraments

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion for SJP and MD will be on **Saturday, April 27** and **Sunday, April 28** respectively. Colton Libecco, Camden Rodgers, and Rhyder Walker are students who will be celebrating these Sacraments. Please keep them in your prayers.

#### **Deer Class Fundraiser**

This year's Deer Classic 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. Sanctioned rack scoring offered. Tickets from SWS families and at the door.

Offertory Listed Next Week

Due to an early bulletin deadline, offertory
for April 13 & 14 will be listed next week.

#### **Mother Daughter Banquet**

St. Joseph's Christian Mothers will host a Mother-Daughter Banquet on Tuesday, May 7, at 6:00pm. It is for all three Parishes. Cost is \$5.00 per person, with age 12 and younger free. RSVP to Norma Miller at 724-496-6667 or Tammy Bowser at 724-991-3428 by Sunday, April 28. Please provide your name, telephone number, the number of seats you are reserving, and the ages of any children age 12 or under. No reservations will be accepted after Sunday, April 28.

#### **SWP First Communion Reminders**

Practice for First Communion at SWP is Friday, May 3 at 6:30pm in the church. It will last about an-hour-and-a-half. Parents are invited to stay but do not have to. Please remember to bring your decorated altar candle and any items that you might want blessed. Questions? Gina Beaver at drestwendelin@gmail.com or 724-287-0820.

#### **SWP First Communion Mass**

On **Saturday, May 4 at the 4:00pm Mass** at SWP, 24 second graders will celebrate their First Holy Communion. The excitement at receiving this Sacrament causes this to be a VERY crowded Mass. If you can attend Mass at another time that weekend, it would be appreciated. This leaves maximum room for First Communion families.

#### **SWP Mother's Day Candles**

You can purchase a Mother's Day Altar Candle that will burn on the SWP Altar during all Mother's Day Weekend Masses. Candles are "in honor of" or "in memory of". Information will be in next week's bulletin and the deadline to turn in orders is **Sunday, May 5**. Candles are to be taken home after that weekend's 10:30am Mass. They are \$5 each.

# New Sunday Mass Schedule The new weekend Mass schedule takes effect Saturday, May 11 and Sunday, May 12. It is:

Saturday - 4:00pm at St. Wendelin 5:30pm at Mater Dolorosa

Sunday - 7:00am at St. Wendelin 8:15am at Mater Dolorosa 9:30am at St. Joseph 10:30am at St. Wendelin

All weekday Mass times and Confession times remain as they are (see page 2). Our Grouping's Mass Time Survey results are available in all vestibules.

#### Proper U.S. Flag Disposal

With warmer days approaching, you may need to replace a weather-worn American Flag. Please remember to dispose of it in the appropriate way. If unsure of the process, SWP parishioner Gene Wise can dispose of it for you. Place it in the SWP vestibule. Questions? Contact Gene at 724-285-7917.



Second Graders at SWP spent last
Saturday morning preparing for
their First Holy Communion on May 4.
They learned about the Altar and
Precious Body and Blood, as well as
made a Lenten pretzel and rehearsed
their First Communion song.







## **Parish Happenings**



Holy Saturday, April 20 - Easter Vigil

8:30pm/SWP For the Parishioners of St. Joseph,

Mater Dolorosa & St. Wendelin

Sunday, April 21 - The Resurrection of the Lord

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

Mater Dolorosa & St. Wendelin

8:30am/SJP Helen Snyder

(Gary O'Donnell)

In Honor of Carly Saeler 9:15am/MD

(McNallen Family)

10:30am/SWP For the Parishioners of St. Joseph,

Mater Dolorosa & St. Wendelin

Tuesday, April 23

7:30am/SWP Mary Ruth Rodgers

(Debbie Fleeger)

Wednesday, April 24

10:15am/SWP Theresa Fello

(Susanna Fraley)

7:00pm/MD Joan Karcher

(Brent & Bernadette Francisco)

Thursday, April 25

7:30am/SWP Joel Ball

(Joan, Rob, Darin & Families)

10:00am/CMC Gerry Clouse

(Cindy, Mike, Justin & Amber Allday)

Friday, April 26

Noon/SJP Paul Neff

(Kevin Neff)

Saturday, April 27 - Vigil

4:00pm/SWP Virginia Birckbichler

(Hilands Women's Golf League)

Sunday, April 28 - Sunday of Divine Mercy

7:00am/SWP Edward Tomasovic, Jr.

(Harry & Cecilia Jackson)

8:45am/SJP For Parishioners & First Communicants:

> Colton Libecco Camden Rodgers Rhyder Walker

10:30am/SWP Clyde & Emma Bresnahan

(Children)

12:15pm/MD Mary Lou Waltman

(Anna Marie Sherwin)

7:00pm/MD Tootie & Sam, Bob, Ed & Dick Callihan

Mia Karenbauer

Mikayla Crouch

READINGS for the week

**APRIL 22-28** 

**MONDAY:** 

ACTS 2:14, 22-33; PS 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; MT 28:8-15

TUESDAY:

ACTS 2:36-41; PS 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; JN 20:11-18

**WEDNESDAY:** 

ACTS 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; LK 24:13-35

**THURSDAY:** 

ACTS 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9;

LK 24:35-48 FRIDAY:

ACTS 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; JN 21:1-14

**SATURDAY:** 

ACTS 4:13-21;

Ps 118:1, 14-21;

Mĸ 16:9-15

**SUNDAY:** ACTS 5:12-16;

Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; REV 1:9-11A, 12-13, 17-19; JN 20:19-31

Ally Walker

Abby Dunlap: TR

**April 27 & 28** 4:00pm SWP 7:00am SWP 8:45am SJP 10:30am SWP 7:00pm MD 12:15pm MD **LECTOR Bruce Beaver** Joel Geibel Check schedule Jill Geibel Fred Callihan Ashlee Hershberger Lindsay Fuhrer Salli O'Donnell Abby Pakutz Chad Hershberger **Bob Geibel** John Stepansky Check schedule Evelyn Bergbigler **EUCHARISTIC** Mary Bergbigler John Cook Mary Grenet Fran Parker Lori Ritzert **MINISTERS** Dan Vernon **Ed Grenet** Patty Sanderson Kristin Walker Carolyn Rodgers Willie Parker Elliette Smith Casey Clouse Katie Neff Shylee Karenbauer Andrew Callihan **ALTAR** Aaron Walker

Michael Neff

Alexis Neff

#### Parish Offertories **April 6 & 7** ST. JOSEPH PARISH **MATER DOLOROSA** Offertory at Mass ......\$739.00 Offertory at Mass ......\$2,577.75 Weekly Goal ......\$1,000.00 Weekly Goal ......\$2,500.00 Fiscal Year Goal ......\$50,000.00

Campbell Clouse

Fiscal Year Goal ......\$150,000.00 Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal.........\$28,032.80 Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal...... \$103,081.00 Parish Share: Monthly Envelope on Appeal ..... \$245.00 Parish Share: Monthly Envelope on Appeal ..... \$720.00 2019 Parish Share Goal......\$6,775.00 2019 Parish Share Goal......\$34,447.00 Total Received .......\$6,518.00

THANK YOU for your generosity to Parish Ministries!

## ST. WENDELIN PARISH Offertory at Mass ......\$4,274.00

Jacob Callihan

Noah Mourer

Offertory Online	\$665.00
Total Offertory	\$4,939.00
Weekly Goal	\$4,350.00
Easter Flowers	\$110.00
Human Development Fund	\$20.00
Endowment Fund	
Project Fund	\$97.00
Adopt A Child	\$427.00
Parish Share at Mass	\$4,015.00
Parish Share Online	\$00.00
Total Parish Share	\$4.015.00
2019 Parish Share To Date	\$8.515.00
2019 Parish Share Goal	

Lydia Maley

Garret Walsh

**SERVERS** 

## **Parish Happenings**



Come and explore our universal call to holiness as well as the vocations to priesthood and the religious life at CALLED BY NAME on Sunday, April 28 from 4:00-8:30pm at St. Paul Seminary. This event for high school men and women features Mother Clare Matthiass, CFR, Fr. Dan Waruszewski, Fr. Mike Ackerman, Dave Belkowski, and Bishop David Zubik. The evening includes Mass, dinner, talks, and a time of adoration and worship. No cost.

Call Sue Fraley at 724-504-3166 or evangyam@stwendelinbutler.com.

"I HAVE CALLED YOU BY NAME; YOU ARE MINE."



April 28, 2019. St. Paul Seminary. 4:00 pm-8:30 pm. Featuring: Mother Clare Matthiass, CFR; Fr. Dan Waruszewski; Fr. Mike Ackerman; Dave Belkowski; and Bishop David Zubik



Catholic HEART Workcamp is about SERVICE, CONNECTION and LOVING OTHERS. It all started in 1993 in Orlando, FL with 100 participants and has grown to over 13,000 serving in 2018. CHWC provides parish youth groups, teens and adult leaders service opportunities to restore homes and HEARTS, feed the hungry, lift the spirits of children, bring joy to the elderly and disabled, and offer assistance while partnering with social agencies.

#### A chaperoned group of teens from Butler is going to Oil City, PA the week of July 21-27

Our aim is to provide nothing short of amazing Catholic mission trips! Each Workcamp is equipped with a summer staff, director, manager, musician, nurse and priests to celebrate mass/confession. It is a youthfriendly and Christ-centered week of caring for others. Catholic HEART Workcamp faithfully and enthusiastically serves the Roman Catholic Church and its teachings, and is an excellent opportunity to "love the least of these".

Call Sue Fraley at 724-504-3166 or evangyam@stwendelinbutler.com.

# **School & Religious Education**

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

KYLIE TIRK Kylie is currently in 6th grade and has been at St. Wendelin School since kindergarten. She loves spelling class and loves her mom's homemade canned peaches. Kylie is a member of student council, outdoor club, and is an altar server. Outside of school, she loves hunting with her family. Kylie has an older brother, Toby, in 8th grade. We love having Kylie as a part of our St. Wendelin School family. Congratulations to this week's St. Wendelin School Student of the Week, KYLIE TIRKI



## **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:

#### **SERVICE**

Service is providing useful assistance or contributing to the welfare of another.

Jesus called us to be of service to one another.



Reference - John 13:1-15 - Washing of the Disciples' Feet 1 Before the feast of Passover,[c] Jesus knew that his hour had come to pass from this world to the Father. He loved his own in the world and he loved them to the end. 2 The devil had already induced[d] Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot, to hand him over. So, during supper, 3 fully aware that the Father had put everything into his power and that he had come from God and was returning to God, 4 he rose from supper and took off his outer garments. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. 5 [e]Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel around his waist. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Master, are you going to wash my feet?" 7 Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing, you do not understand now, but you will understand later." 8 Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "Unless I wash you, you will have no inheritance with me." 9 Simon Peter said to him, "Master, then not only my feet, but my hands and head as well." 10 Jesus said to him, "Whoever has bathed[f] has no need except to have his feet washed, for he is clean all over; so you are clean, but not all." 11 For he knew who would betray him; for this reason, he said, "Not all of you are clean." 12 So when he had washed their feet [and] put his garments back on and reclined at table again, he said to them, "Do you realize what I have done for you? 13 You call me 'teacher' and 'master,' and rightly so, for indeed I am. 14 If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. 15 I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do.

## **Our Neighbors in Faith**



**BUTLER COUNTY PREVENTION COUNCIL is urging** Parishioners to show commitment to preventing child abuse by wearing BLUE to Mass on Sunday, April 28, the day when churches pray together for victims of child abuse and for those who rescue them. The campaign says: It's your turn to make a difference. Many churches hand out blue pinwheels on this day as part of the national campaign "Pinwheels for Prevention". Questions about Blue Sunday and Pinwheels for Prevention



campaign are available at Butler County Alliance for Children, 724-431-3689.

The CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION OF THE DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH is seeking an experienced person to conduct telephone survey calls from its North Hills office. This is a part time position with an established hourly rate. (This office is NOT on a bus line.) Interested candidates should ask for Jan at 412-408-6139, 7:00am-2:00pm, or send your resume to careers@ccapgh.org.

VITALANT, FORMERLY CENTRAL BLOOD BANK, is the primary supplier of blood for the hospitals in Allegheny Health Network, IJPMC, and most other area health care facilities. It is facing an alarming reduction of blood donors to provide blood that hospitals need to treat their patients. We encourage everyone to get involved in helping to avert this community health crisis. Please contact Jennifer Davis, Senior Director, Donor Recruitment at (412) 209-7193 or jdavis@itxm.org with questions or for assistance in setting up a blood donation program.



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

Parishioners are welcome to contract for facilities usage, upon approval. Contact Barb at 724-445-2275 or scheduler@stwendelinbutler.com.

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