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March 18, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Lent

WRITTEN IN STONE

The rules written on the stone tablets given to Moses are easy to remember, if not so easy to follow. Today we learn that the rules are no longer outside ourselves but that God has written them on our hearts. God says, “I will be their God and they shall be my people.” We are now bound in a relationship with God and are not just following God’s rules. The model for the relationship is Jesus. Jesus, Son though he was, was made perfect through his suffering and became the source of salvation for all of us, who are far less than perfect. Jesus describes this relationship as a grain of wheat, whole unto itself, that falls into the embrace of the earth and is broken in order to produce the life-sustaining wheat.

Today’s Readings: Jer 31:31–34; Ps 51:3–4, 12–13, 14–15; Heb 5:7–9; Jn 12:20–33

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Baptisms: By appointment

Weddings: Arrangements must be made with Fr. Vaghetto at least 6 months prior to wedding date.

Spiritual Formation (CCD):

Grades K-5: Sunday: 9:05 AM - 10:15 AM
Grades 6-8: Monday: 7:00 PM - 8:10 PM

Bulletin Deadline:

15 days advance notice in writing.

Office Hours:

Mon. - Thurs. 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM



Sunday Masses:

Saturday evening: 6:00 PM
Sunday: 10:30 AM

Holy Day:

Check the bulletin for Mass times

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday and Thursday: 8:00 AM

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 5:15 PM to 5:45 PM

Benediction/Holy Hour: 2nd & 4th
Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
(Check the bulletin for any changes)

Mass Intentions



SUNDAY 10:30 AM Fifth Sunday of Lent
Frank Buck
 (M/M Patrick McCaffrey)

TUESDAY 8:00 AM Lenten Weekday
Dolores Hartman
 (Phil and Judy Mackey)

THURSDAY 8:00 AM Lenten Weekday
Evelyn Cardillo
 (Pat and Bernie Sypien)

SATURDAY 6:00 PM Vigil: Palm Sunday
Frank Kulak
 (M/M David Marx, Sr and family)

SUNDAY 10:30 AM Palm Sunday
All Members of St. Patrick Parish

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The St. Alphonsus Men’s Club will be praying the Divine Mercy Novena starting on **Good Friday through (up to and including) the Sunday of Divine Mercy** (Second Sunday of Easter). The schedule is as follows:

- * **Friday, March 30th** (following the 2:00 PM Good Friday Services)
- * **Saturday, March 31st** 3:00 PM
- * **Sunday, April 1st** (following the 8:30 AM Mass)
- * **Monday, April 2nd** (following the 8:00 AM Mass and repeated at 7:00 PM)
- * **Tuesday, April 3rd** 7:00 PM
- * **Wednesday, April 4th** (following the 8:00 AM Mass & Miraculous Medal Novena and repeated at 5:00 PM)
- * **Thursday, April 5th** 5:00 PM
- * **Friday, April 6th** (following the 8:00 AM Mass and repeated at 7:00 PM)
- * **Saturday, April 7th** 3:00 PM
- * **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8th**
 (2:30 PM - 3:00 PM confessions)
 (3:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Closing Novena with a social following in church hall).

ST. ALPHONSUS
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Saturday Vigil—4:00 PM; Sunday—8:30 AM
 Monday, Wednesday & Friday—8:00 AM
 Confessions— Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:45 PM



BAPTISMS: The faith community of St. Patrick welcomes into our parish family **Vincenzo Joseph Scappe**, the daughter of Vincent and Christine (Engle) Scappe, who was baptized on March 11th. May our Lord bless **Vincenzo** and his family. May they grow in God’s love.

SCHEDULES

Saturday - 6:00 PM **Sunday - 10:30 AM**
March 24 **March 25**

Lectors:
E. Cardillo *K. Treloar*
D. Kaminski *Volunteer Needed*

Altar Servers:
Reanna Brackman *Olivia Foreman*

Eucharistic Ministers:
J. Sacco *Deacon Lee*
Volunteer Needed *B. Foreman*
Volunteer Needed *K. Treloar*

HOLY HOUR/BENEDICTION: THERE IS NO HOLY HOUR/BENEDICTION THIS WEEK. The next scheduled Holy Hour and Benediction will take place Wednesday, March 28th at St. Patrick from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

CUB SCOUT PACK 848: at their annual Blue and Gold Banquet, presented the Arrow of Light Award to Kieran Stoker, a parishioner of St. Patrick’s. Congratulations to Kieran and also to his brother Finnegan Stoker, who was recognized as the newest member of the Tiger Den to the pack.

WAMA FOOD PANTRY AND THRIFT STORE: As usual, the seasons are changing but everyone is still looking for great bargains. Visit the Thrift Store, located at 520 Route 30, Imperial, any Saturday from 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon and see the Spring/Summer clothes and upcoming holiday items. There are new and gently-used items for all members of the family. Also, the Food Pantry could use Styrofoam egg boxes, which can be placed in the social hall.

THE LIGHT IS STILL ON FOR YOU!: “*The Light is Still on for You!*” is an initiative of the Diocese of Pittsburgh to encourage Catholics to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw closer to our Lord. Confession will be available on **Wednesday, March 21st, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM** in every Catholic parish in the Diocese. Fr Ben will be at St. Patrick; Fr. Gudewicz will be at St. Alphonsus. No Holy Hour on Wednesday, March 21st.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: will be held every Friday in Lent (except Good Friday) at 11:30 AM at St. Patrick and at 7:00 PM at St. Alphonsus.

RCIA NOTICE: RCIA class will be held this Monday, March 19th at 7:30 PM in St. Patrick parish office.

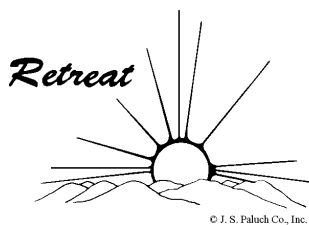
2018 CONFIRMATION: We have received notification from the Bishop's Office that Bishop Winter will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the candidates Thursday, April 12th, at St. Alphonsus Church at 7:00 p.m. If you are a Catholic baptized adult registered parishioner who has not received Confirmation and would like to see if it is possible to receive Confirmation with our young people, please contact the parish and leave a message for Fr. Ben to contact you. Please pray for our candidates who are preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of confirmation. Thank you.



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ST. PATRICK CHURCH HOLY NAME SOCIETY: will sponsor a Fish Fry on Ash Wednesday and every Friday (including Good Friday) during Lent, in the parish social hall from **11:30 AM to 6:30 PM**. Take out orders are available by calling **724.693.9664** after 11:00 AM. *This year's menu will include fish sandwich (\$6.00), shrimp (\$5.00), crab cakes (\$1.50), french fries (\$1.50), macaroni and cheese (\$1.50), cole slaw (\$1.00), pierogies (3/\$2.00), cabbage & noodles (\$1.50), clam chowder (\$1.50), beverages (\$1.00) and desserts (\$1.25).* Please bring your family and friends. Enjoy time together socially, have a great meal and support the Holy Name Society in this parish fundraising endeavor. Volunteers needed; please contact the office to volunteer.

WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE JESUS: To see Jesus is our ultimate goal in life. Yes, there are many ways that Jesus shows himself to us – in the Eucharist and the other sacraments, in the hearts of those who love and serve in his name – but to meet him in heaven is what we desire most. Each day, not just during Lent, we should seek to follow the path that leads to him by living virtuous lives and drawing near to God in prayer. Yet, we know that we can't do this alone. In fact, it is the Church that Christ himself established that is to be our support on this journey through life to the glory of heaven. As the Church of Pittsburgh is *On Mission for The Church Alive!* we pray that this initiative will result in a stronger, more vibrant Church. And while we may wonder if that will mean a difference in our lives, we should be assured that it will! A stronger local Church means that we will be better supported on our journey with Jesus to eternal life. Whether it's inspiring celebrations of the sacraments or ministries that provide for the spiritual and temporal needs of all, a stronger Church will allow us to see Jesus more clearly in our midst and will give us greater hope as we prepare to see him in heaven. Visit onmissionchurchalive.org to learn more and to stay informed.



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2018 CONFIRMATION RETREAT: for all 8th graders will begin at noon and last through 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday, March 24th at St. Alphonsus Church Hall. Practice is Sunday, March 25th at 12:30 PM at St. Alphonsus Church.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the next two weeks, as we hear of the interior anguish of Jesus, we are led to the Garden of Gethsemane, the scene of a night of suffering, failure, and loss. In Hebrew, the word means "olive press," and it was an olive grove, although only a few trees remain. Olives can't be eaten off the trees, they need to be cured—knocked from the trees at harvest time, scooped into a stone basin, and cracked open by a heavy millstone. The crushing stone weight was itself called a "gethsemane," and once it was lowered onto the olives, oil from the fruit and the inner stone would drip into a groove and flow into jars. The night before his death, Jesus experienced such anguish that scripture says his own blood perspired from him, an image no one who understands olive oil production could miss.

Today, the Mount of Olives is within the city of Jerusalem and the site of the Church of All Nations, also known as the Basilica of the Agony. It was built in 1924, funded by Catholics in twelve different countries. An open-air altar on the grounds is used by Anglicans on Holy Thursday every year. Nearby is the Russian Church of Mary Magdalene, built by the czar in 1888, its magnificent golden domes a distinctive landmark. There is also another tiny Catholic Church, called *Dominus Flevit*, or "The Cry of the Lord," built in a teardrop shape in the mid-1950s. For centuries, the Franciscan order has had the care of the shrines of the Holy Land, and our Good Friday collection helps sustain these precious sites. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

EASTER BLESSING OF FAMILIES: On Easter Sunday, April 1st, Bishop David Zubik together with his brothers Auxiliary Bishop William Waltersheid and Retired Auxiliary Bishop William Winter will welcome families of the Diocese of Pittsburgh to the Annual Blessing of Families at Saint Paul Cathedral in Oakland at 2:00 PM. All are welcome to the Cathedral to receive this special Blessing imparted by our bishops as they also take the opportunity to thank families for the beautiful witness of love and faith that they share with us.



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SICK LIST: Your prayers are requested for Gabriel J. Belak, Richard Grzegorzczuk, Rosalyn (Belak) Heleniak, Gabby Holtz, Rose Hribar, Joe Rasch, Adeline Slovick, and Joe Swider. Please pray also for those in hospitals, nursing homes, and at home.

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