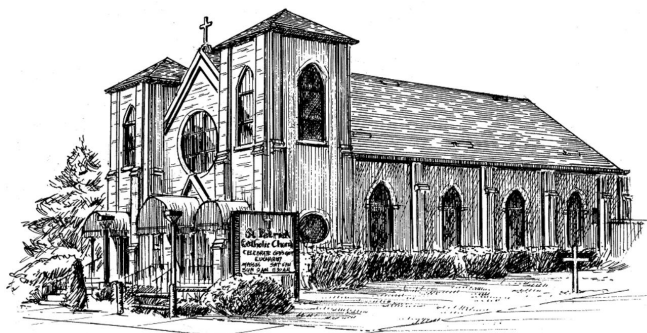


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April 22, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter

FAST AND SLOW

Our readings today offer a sharp contrast that hints at the wide variety of ways in which God works. In Acts, there is a rush of activity and profound change happens in a hurry. Paul, who was a leader in persecutions of the first Christians, has recently encountered Jesus on the road to Damascus. In today’s passage, Paul has suddenly become a powerful witness for Jesus, risking his life and astonishing both the Christians and their enemies. This is God working fast, and everyone is trying to keep up!

In contrast, in today’s Gospel from John, Jesus describes the vine and the branches bearing fruit. Vines and branches by nature act slowly and quietly. The passage itself is repetitive and meditative, inviting us to slow down and listen to what is happening under the surface. This speaks of the slow, patient work of God.

Today’s Readings: Acts 9:26–31; Ps 22:26–27, 28, 30, 31–32; 1 Jn 3:18–24; Jn 15:1–8 Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co

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 Fourth Sunday of Easter
10:30 AM **All Members of St. Patrick Parish**

TUESDAY Easter Weekday
8:00 AM **Alfreda Burton (Birthday)**
(daughter Judy and family)

THURSDAY Easter Weekday
8:00 AM **Frank Buck**
(Esther Multunas)

SATURDAY Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter
6:00 PM **Marguerite Stewart Vresh**
(son, David Fehl)

SUNDAY Fifth Sunday of Easter
10:30 AM **All Members of St. Patrick Parish**

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Saturday Vigil—4:00 PM; Sunday—8:30 AM
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SCHEDULES

Saturday - 6:00 PM **Sunday - 10:30 AM**
April 28 **April 29**

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Makenna Galish

Jillian Halloran

Eucharistic Ministers:

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F. Kolesky
F. Kokoskie

K. Galish
L. Halloran
S. Coyne

HOLY HOUR/BENEDICTION: The next scheduled Holy Hour and Benediction will take place Wednesday, April 25th, at St. Patrick from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

COMING UP: MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY. Please remember to take the opportunity to renew your devotion to the Mother of God by praying the rosary and/or adding a few more Marian prayers to your daily routine. If you need a free rosary, contact the parish office. Please join us for a decade of the rosary every Tuesday after 8:00 AM Mass and for the miraculous medal novena after every Thursday 8:00 AM Mass.

PRE-BAPTISM CLASS: Jesus tells us that your baby isn't just your child. Your baby is God's child and a "gift to you." Parents requesting Baptism at St. Patrick or St. Alphonsus are required to attend an evening of preparation on Wednesday, April 25th, at 7:00 PM in St. Patrick's social hall. Pre-registration is required, and/or for additional information, please call Brenda Ford at 724.693.5994.



2018 FISH FRY REPORT: The Holy Name Society wishes to express its appreciation to every person who contributed to making this year's fish fry successful. A special thanks to those who supplied the cabbage and noodles, macaroni and cheese, pierogies, the desserts, and those who assisted with the fish fry. Also, a thank you is extended to everyone who patronized the fish fry, for without you, the fish fry would not have been successful. The net profit was \$9,024.90.

FISH FRY



OPEN HOUSE AT MOUNT ALVERNIA: Before they move to their new home at The Waters of Wexford, the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities invite former teachers and students with whom they served to an open house at Mount Alvernia in Millvale from 2 until 4 p.m., Sunday, April 22. Guided tours of St. Francis Convent featuring interesting historical, cultural and artistic topics will be available. Refreshments will be served. To RSVP by April 11th, please call 412.821.2200, ext. 0, or email pfogle@sosf.org.



CONGRATULATIONS: Our parish congratulates the following candidates who were sealed with the Gifts of the Holy

Spirit on Thursday, April 12th: Samantha Buchewicz, Austin Buzza, Kevin Coyne, Allie Gass, Justin Gilberti, Abbie Greenawald, Evan Heil, Juli Karvelis, Keegan Mahafkey, Mason Marchinsky, Joseph Molinaro, Aubrey Page, Makenna Priddy, Bella Rees, Paige Schmitt, Aiden Sekelik, Hannah Smith, Kaitlyn Smith, Kaitlyn Stringert, Siena Willson, and Taylor Wilsher. Please keep them in your prayers as they live out the grace of this sacrament of confirmation. A special thank you goes out to Katie Heil for helping them prepare.

CCD NOTICE: The last CCD class will be on Sunday, April 29th and Monday, April 30th. We hope that our students have a safe and happy summer.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Most languages take the name for this fifty-day season from the Lord's Passover: *Pasqua* in Italian, *Pâques* in French, *Paach* in Dutch, *Pascha* in Greek and Russian. English has a much newer name, the name of a pagan goddess, Eoster. For centuries before Christianity took hold, in both Germany and Britain the spring equinox was dedicated to her and the concepts of fertility and rebirth. She was said to be a playful spirit, following the Sun King's chariot, and ending the reign of winter. She had a magical companion, a rabbit who hid eggs in the fields to coax plants and animals to rebirth. It was believed that Eoster once came across a bird with broken wings and saved it by turning it into a rabbit—an egg-laying rabbit at that! Although they were baptized, most people didn't take to the new Latin name (*Pascha Domini*) too easily, and kept calling the spring equinox by the old accustomed name. For good measure, they kept a pagan name for Christmas, too: Yule. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

2018 DIOCESAN CHORAL FESTIVAL: presented by the Pittsburgh Chapter of National Pastoral Musicians Association (NPM Pittsburgh) will take place on Tuesday, May 15th at 7:30 PM at St. Bernard Parish, located on Washington Road in Mt. Lebanon. Over 100 choristers from around the Diocese will comprise the Festival Choir and be under the direction of Dr. Caron Daly, Director of Choral Activities, Duquesne University. Chaz Bowers, Director of Music Ministries at St. Bernard Parish will serve as accompanist. Admission is FREE. Donations of non-perishable food items for the Food Bank, and tube socks for the homeless will gladly be accepted. For more information, please visit the NPMPGH website: www.npmpgh.org. All are welcome!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES' 20th ANNUAL BLUEGRASS CONCERT: for St. Joseph House of Hospitality will be held on Friday, April 27th at Synod Hall in Oakland. After a light buffet-style meal and beer sampling with Rivertowne Brewing Company at 5:45 PM, bluegrass fans will be entertained by a talented lineup of local bands. Ticket donations are \$20 and can be purchased at the door. For more information about how to purchase advance tickets, go to www.ccpgh.org. Proceeds benefit St. Joseph House of Hospitality, a program of Catholic Charities that provides transitional and permanent housing for older men who have risked or experienced homelessness.

ALL PEOPLE IN THEIR 20S AND 30S ARE INVITED TO SENT: a gathering for young adults that will feature live music, free food and drinks, awesome prayer, a dynamic talk, and a time to network with other young adults on Friday April 27 from 6:30-8:30 PM in the Cardinals Great Hall at Saint Paul Seminary. Leah Libresco, freelance writer, speaker, New Yorker, and former atheist-turned-Catholic, will be speaking on Building the Benedict Option: Habits of Hospitality and Prayer. For more information and to courtesy RSVP please visit diopitt.org/yam.

SILENCE: Silence is a gift of God, to let us speak more intimately with God. —St. Vincent Pallotti

IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR BELOVED DECEASED: Please pray for the repose soul of Eileen Bieber who went home to God. May her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. (Amen.)

CONGRATULATIONS: to Judith Ann Costantini and Annie Marie Costantini who were received into the Catholic Faith on Sunday, April 15th. Also congratulations to Laurel Shubert and PJ Hawkins, Jr. who were baptized and became members of the Catholic faith on Easter Vigil.

REMINDER: Due to the HIPAA law, Fr. Ben and staff of parishes may not promptly learn, *or may not learn at all*, that a member of the parish has been admitted to the hospital, rehab or nursing facility. Direct notice to the parish, from you or a member of your family, is the best way for your parish to obtain this information. So if you, or a member of your family, are hospitalized or enter a long-term care, an assisted-living, independent-living or a residential facility **and you want the parish office to know**, please, *either personally or through a family member*, contact the office promptly and identify (1) the patient or resident; (2) the hospital or facility, and (3) the room number. Also, if you would like to have your name placed on or removed from the Sick List in the bulletin, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A DEACON?: The Diocese of Pittsburgh is initiating the nomination and application process for admitting a new class of interested and qualified men from diocesan parishes into the Deacon Formation Program. Prospective applicants should consult their pastor about submitting a nomination on their behalf. The deadline for nominations is May 15th. Applications without a pastor's nomination will not be considered. Four information sessions are scheduled for men from parishes in the Diocese of Pittsburgh who are interested in learning about the ministry of deacons, their service to the Church, and the qualifications for admission to the next class of the Deacon Formation Program. All sessions will take place in Domenec Hall at Saint Paul Seminary, 2900 Noblestown Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15205. No registration is needed. Wives of prospective applicants are encouraged to attend. For more information: www.diopitt.org/permanent-diaconate. Questions may be directed to deacons@diopitt.org or call 412-456-3124 or Fr. Ben

AT WORK: Christianity is the spirit of Jesus Christ at work in the world. —Anonymous

SICK LIST: Your prayers are requested for Gabriel J. Belak, Richard Grzegorzczak, Rosalyn (Belak) Heliak, 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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