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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES
Anticipated Mass on Saturday
4:30 PM

Sunday ... 8:00 and 10:30 AM
WEEKDAY MASSES
8:30 AM

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
8:30 AM & 6:00 PM

CONFESSION
Saturdays—3:30—4:00 PM



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Of the Knowledge of Truth

Happy is the man whom Truth by itself does teach, not by figures and transient words, but as it is in itself. Our own judgement and feelings often deceive us, and we discern but little of the truth. What does it profit to argue about hidden and dark things, concerning which we shall not be even reproved in the judgement, because we knew them not? Oh, grievous folly, to neglect the things which are profitable and necessary, and to give our minds to things which are curious and hurtful! Having eyes, we see not.

— from *The Imitation of Christ*, Thomas A’Kempis

*Mass
Intentions*

March 18, 2018
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Monday, March 19 ... Saint Joseph

8:30 Marie Hanshaw by Roy, Dorothy and Family

Tuesday, March 20

8:30 Andrew Michael Naessens by Mom & Dad

Wednesday, March 21

8:30 Virginia (Jean) Collins by Eleanor Driscoll

Thursday, March 22

8:30 George Michini, Sr. by Agnes Fox

Friday, March 23 ... St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

8:30 Sr. Margaret Keane, SSJ by Bob & Joan Gillies and Family

Saturday, March 24

8:30 Bridgid P. Nolan by Charlie & Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Weekend of March 24 & 25, 2018

4:30 PM — **Lector:** Julie Kittsley & John Borrell

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Bill Riley & Teresa Fullen

Altar Servers: Davis Kittsley

8:00 AM — **Lector:** Chris Napiecek & Diana von Glahn

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Bob & Joan Gillies

Servers: Buentello Family

10:30 AM — **Lector:** Mary Grebis

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Terry Melanson, Juli Bonacci

Altar Servers: Pablo Mendes & Anthony Soriano

Angelina Bonacci

PARISH MEMORIALS

The Construction of the St. Joseph Shrine in our Church is well underway. The Shrines to St. Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mary have been constructed through the generosity of many of the faithful. Donation of at least \$100.00 will be acknowledged on Memorial plaques near the shrines upon their completion.

Other memorial possibilities include the new statue of St. Gianna Beretta Molla, Mother and Doctor, canonized in 2004. Also the Sanctuary lamp which burns in honor of the Most Blessed Sacrament. (\$25.00 for one week)

We also hope to erect a monument to our Veterans on our campus in the near future.

If you are interested in any of these memorials, please contact the rectory.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Weekend of March 10 & 11 ... \$3,711.00

E-Giving ... \$930.00



The reflections for these weeks of the Lenten Season are adapted from the Message of Saint John Paul II for Lent

I am with you always, to the close of the age - Matthew 28:20
(continued from last week)

The grace of the Holy Season of Lent impels us to renew our personal faith. This consists in holding fast to the proclamation of the Paschal Mystery, through which believers recognize that in Christ crucified and risen from the dead they have been given salvation. Day by day they offer him their lives; they accept everything that the Lord wills for them, in the certainty that God loves them. Faith is the "yes" of individuals to God, it is their "Amen".

For Jews, Christians and Muslims alike, Abraham is the exemplar of the believer: trusting in the promise, he follows the voice of God calling him to set out on unknown paths. Faith helps us to discover the signs of God's loving presence in creation, in people, in the events of history and above all in the work and message of Christ, as he inspires people to look beyond themselves, beyond appearances, towards that transcendence where the mystery of God's love for every creature is revealed.

Through the grace granted in every age, the Lord likewise invites us to renew our hope. In fact, time itself is redeemed in Christ and opens up to a prospect of unending joy and full communion with God. For Christians, time is marked by an expectation of the eternal wedding feast, anticipated daily at the Eucharistic table. Looking forward to the eternal banquet "the Spirit and Bride say: 'Come' " — *Revelation 22:17*, nurturing the hope that frees time from mere repetition and gives it its real meaning.

Through the virtue of hope, Christians bear witness to the fact that, beyond all evil and beyond every limit, history bears within itself a seed of good which the Lord will cause to germinate in its fullness. They therefore look to the new millennium without fear, and face the challenges and expectations of the future in the confident certainty which is born of faith in the Lord's promise.

During the Season of Lent in particular, the Lord asks us to rekindle our charity. The Kingdom which Christ will reveal in its full splendour at the end of time is already present where people live in accordance with God's will. The Church is called to bear witness to the communion, peace and charity which are the Kingdom's distinguishing marks. In this mission, the Christian community knows that faith without works is dead (*James 2:17*).

Thus, through charity, Christians make visible God's love for man revealed in Christ, and make manifest Christ's presence in the world "to the close of the age". For Christians, charity is not just a gesture or an ideal but is, so to speak, the prolongation of the presence of Christ who gives himself.

PARISH 70th ANNIVERSARY

Next year Holy Martyrs will be celebrating its 70th anniversary. Anyone interested in helping to plan the activities call Terry at the rectory, 215.884.8575. We are interested in hearing from the parishioners past and present.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

All classes, grades 1 - 7, are held on Sunday mornings from 9 AM to 10:15 AM. (September-May). See the PREP link of the parish website for a complete listing of dates & events.



Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) - assisting families in fostering their child's relationship with Jesus through sacramental prep and continued formation. Contact Adam Dickerson at holy martyrsreligioused@gmail.com.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Montessori based catechesis from pre-k to ten years old. Contact Sarah Dickerson at holy martyrsreligioused@gmail.com.

PREP Schedule for March & April 2018

March 18 - Class(9-10:15am);

Passion Play(9:45-10:15 am in church)

March 25 - No Class (Homework Assignment)

April 1 - No Classes - Easter Sunday

April 8 - Class (9 - 10:15am)

April 15 - Class (9-10:15 am); End of Year Assignment

April 15 - Parent & Sponsor Meeting for

Level 6 - Confirmation 9am Parish Hall

April 29 - First Holy Communion celebrated within 10:30 am Mass

May 6 - Crowning of Mary and closing of PREP (Families attend 10:30 Mass and procession that follows Mass)

July 9 - 13 Vacation Bible School (9am - Noon)

HOLY MARTYRS PRAYER LINE

Our parish is blessed to have a group of 25 parishioners praying for those requesting prayers. If you have a prayer intention or would to become involved in this ministry please contact Jean Kriz—jkriz304@gmail.com — 215.836.1348. All calls are kept confidential.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill: Samuel Hogan, Andy Trainer, Sharon Painter, Adnan Shah & Laura Dell.

For all police, firefighters and those who serve in the military: Lt. Jeff Womelsdorf, U.S.M.C.

PARISH REGISTRATIONS

Catholics should be officially registered in a parish. Please contact the parish office to register or to update your family information. You can also register in the Sacristy after any Mass.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Parents must attend the Baptism Preparation Class held on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM. Godparents are encouraged to attend. Please call the rectory to register. The date will be scheduled only after preparations and paperwork are completed.

SACRAMENTAL SPONSORS

for Baptism and Confirmation must be practicing Catholics and must meet the requirements established by Canon Law. They can be found on our website. Contact the Parish Office to request a Letter of Eligibility.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 18

- Bereavement Group Meeting
9 am —Fr. Szal Conference Room

Wednesday, March 21

- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
See the website for information and times.
- Diet Group ... 5 pm— Fr. Szal Conference Room
- Lenten Speaker: Fr. Michael Shea, CM.
Mary at the Foot of the Cross ... 6 PM Fr. Szal Room

Thursday, March 22

- Faith Sharing on the Sunday Readings
9:30 am —Fr. Szal Conference Room

Friday, March 23

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass.
Sign up sheets are in the vestibules.
- Stations of the Cross at 12:00 Noon.
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
See website for information and times.
- Father-Daughter Dance
7 pm ... Parish Hall

MCDEVITT HIGH SCHOOL 50th REUNION

Class of 1968 will hold the 50th Reunion this year in Friday, November 23, 2018. Check out the Facebook website, Bishop McDevitt High School, 1968—50th Reunion, and add your name and email to be contacted with reunion details. bishopmcdevitt1968@gmail.com



OUTREACH MINISTRY

HOMEBOUND?

UNABLE TO GET TO CHURCH?

If you know of a neighbor or relative in the parish that is unable to get to church please encourage them to call the rectory and leave a voice mail for Doris. We have an Outreach Ministry who will drive people to Mass if they need a ride. We, also, have Ministers of Holy Communion who will bring Holy Communion to their home.

For further information,
please call Doris at 215.884.8575 ext. 105#.

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS



In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Your almsgiving in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.

215-884-8575. — Paul Schlosser, SVDP President.

S.V.D.P. is collecting new socks and underwear for the men, women and children at Saint Francis Inn in Kensington until Palm Sunday.

Donation baskets are in the church vestibules.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

~Every Saturday 3:30 to 4:00 PM~

Tuesday of Holy Week
11:00 AM TO 12 NOON

PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD

March 25th

Anticipated Mass Saturday 4:30 PM
8:00 & 10:30 AM

MONDAY to WEDNESDAY

8:30 AM Mass

HOLY THURSDAY

March 29th

No Morning Mass

Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 PM

Adoration until 10:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY

March 30th

Church opens 8:00 AM

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

3:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY

March 31st – No morning Mass

Traditional Blessing of Easter Food

12:00 Noon

The Easter Vigil at 7:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY

April 1st

Masses at 8:00 & 10:30 AM



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Holy Martyrs group meets at 9 am in the Fr. Szal Conference Room. Upcoming Date: This Sunday, March 18, April 8 & 22. We offer support and consolation to you during your grief journey. This is an open group, you can walk-in anytime. Please consider joining fellow parishioners as they share their losses. Coffee is served.

THE COMMUNION CLOSET AT HOLY MARTYRS

- Any child making First Holy Communion this Spring is welcome to visit the Communion Closet.
- They have a nice selection of great Communion dresses and suits for use.
- Simply select your Communion apparel for the big day, wear it, and then dry clean it and return it... **for free**. You do not have to be a Holy Martyr's parishioner to borrow from them.
- If you have Communion-wear to donate, they would appreciate it... especially boy's suits and shirts....
- The Communion Closet is open by appointment.



• **Don't forget!** Sunday March 25- Palm Sunday and Sunday April 1 is Easter. Move fast to check out the best selections.

• Contact Information: Call Christine at [610.291.1439](tel:610.291.1439) for information or to schedule a visit.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

The Parish Nurses will be available to take your blood the next weekend of March 24 & 25 in the main lobby near the school steps. Know your numbers. If you are a nurse & would like to help, call Doris at 215.884.8575. Be Pro-active for your health.



"A Spring Fling Dance with Dad"

The 2018 Father Daughter Dance

When: Friday March 23rd, 2018; 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Where: Holy Martyrs Parish Hall
Admission: \$25.00 per family if purchased ahead* \$30 per family at the door - All Ages Are Welcome!
 *We recommend purchasing ahead to avoid the long line at the door!
 *You do not need to be a member of the parish to attend!
 *Admission includes Music, Light Food, Drinks & A Memory Photo
Tickets: You can return the attached form to the rectory by Wednesday March 21st, 2018 with a check payable to Holy Martyrs

Holy Martyrs Father Daughter Dance RSVP Form:

Questions please contact Amy Robinson: arobinson317@msn.com

Family Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____ Number Attending: _____



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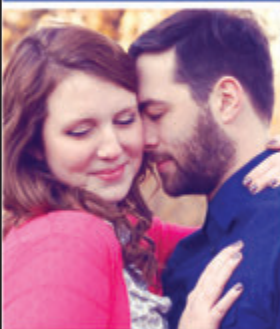
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