

***** **MASS INTENTIONS** *****

Sunday, March 10, 2019 – **First Sunday of Lent**

9:00 a.m. – JEAN BOZIC – John & Judy Evans (Fr Harry)

Friday, March 15, 2019 – Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. – NANCY WARNER – Charlotte Galish (Fr Harry)

Sunday, March 17, 2019 – **Second Sunday of Lent**

9:00 a.m. – ROSE STIEGEL – Mrs. Vincie Nencioni (Fr Zach)

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE: 3/17:

9:00 a.m. – Taylor

***** **PARISH OFFERINGS** *****

March 3, 2019

Regular Offertory _____	\$811.00
Parish Share _____	\$275.00
Votives _____	26.00
	Total Collection \$ 1112.00
	Total Expenses \$ 1991.14

(Payroll \$1757.44; Postage \$110; Rectory renovations \$64.29;
Pittsburgh Catholic newspapers \$59.41)



Be With Me, Lord – As we begin our Lenten journey, we take upon ourselves those traditional disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving/good works in order that we might be opened, freed from any attachment to sin and ever more trusting in the God’s grace. We know that Lent is not always easy. With the best of intentions and with firm resolve we devote ourselves to doing without something or increasing time spent in prayer or doing works of charity. Yet, the temptations also seem to increase that seeks to draw us back into our old ways. The goal of our Lenten journey is not simply that we have more time spent in prayer or less time spent doing those things that keep us from God. Rather, we must also work hard during Lent to incorporate faith into every aspect and every moment of life. One helpful practice is to have short phrases of Scripture or from our heart that become prayers throughout our day. Whether it is saying “Thank you, Jesus” as we recognize the countless moments he is at work for us, or the refrain from today’s psalm, “Be with me, Lord,” when we recognize we cannot do it alone, we will draw closer to the Lord as we seek to be strengthened and play our part in building up His Kingdom. Visit onmissionchurchalive.org to learn more and to stay informed.

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2019

MASS SCHEDULE

Fridays – 8:00 a.m.
Sundays – 9:00 a.m.
Holy Days – as scheduled

CONFESSIONS

Fridays – 7:30 – 7:45 a.m.

BAPTISMS

Sunday by appointment after attending a Pre-Baptism Seminar. Call Carmela Galloway at 724-695-7325 or stcolumbkilleparish@comcast.net to register.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Every person wishing to be a member of the parish must register by calling the parish office. A letter to serve as a Sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation can be issued only to registered and participating parishioners who meet sponsorship eligibility.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Classes are held during the school year for grades PreK-8 in the church hall every Sunday morning from 10 to 11:15 a.m. For more information, call the DRE Colleen Jastrzebski at 724-796-1884.

PA CLERGY SEX ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-538-8541

DIOCESAN ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-808-1235

PARISH SHARE 2019:

It's once again time to think about the Parish Share Program (PSP). The theme this year is *Called to Share God's Gifts*, the message being one of serving Jesus with a generous spirit. Our PSP goal this year is \$11,529, a slight decrease of \$660 from last year's goal. Letters have been sent out detailing aspects of the program and suggestions for how you can help our parish reach its goal. PSP envelopes can be found in the bulletin racks. Other envelopes may also be used; simply mark "PARISH SHARE" on the envelope so that the donation will be properly credited to the PSP account. Last year we exceeded our goal by \$386.61, and this money stayed in our parish! However, if we fail to meet our goal, any amount not met by donations is taken from the weekly offertories. Please consider this program prayerfully, and as always, thank you for your continuing generosity.

ATTENTION GRADES 8 – 12:

Our next youth group event will be Sunday, March 17th at St. Patrick's parish hall from 6-8 p.m. Please make every effort to attend!

MOVIE KNIGHT:

Knights of Columbus will present a Movie Knight on Saturday, March 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Church, Avella. The feature will be "The Greatest Story Ever Told". Admission is free. Concessions will be available. Please bring a cushion for your comfort. Donations are accepted to continue the ministry of the Knights of Columbus' Parish Catechetical Initiative.

LENTEN ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE:

The churches in our area will gather to pray together each Wednesday night of Lent. St. Alphonsus will host on Wednesday, March 27th at 7:30 p.m. All are invited. Pastor Joyce Moten will preach on Transformation by Spiritual Fellowship. A reception will follow. If you want to help with the reception please call Fr. Harry at 724-996-0859.

13th GATHERING OF CATHOLIC MEN CONFERENCE:

The 13th Gathering of Catholic Men Conference is a powerful encountering of the Mercy of Christ, with dynamic Catholic presenters. This is a great opportunity to renew our spiritual journey during the Lenten season. Mark your calendars for the afternoon of April 6th at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall in Oakland. Doors open at 12 noon. Plan to attend and visit www.cmfitt.org for more information on conference speakers and registration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR GROUPING 329!

CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED!

Group 329 Music Ministry is looking to form a combined choir to sing the Easter Vigil Mass at OLOL on Saturday, April 20th. Rehearsals will be held in the St. Alphonsus choir loft on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning March 14th. Please consider sharing your talents with others as we "Sing a Joyful Song Unto the Lord".

COMING TOGETHER AS ONE: GROUPING 329

Save the date for our next Reporting Session at St. Alphonsus on Tuesday, March 19th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. During the Reporting Session you will hear the latest news about our grouping, offer to serve on a committee (your gifts are needed!), and meet fellow parishioners – both old friends and new. No need to RSVP, all are welcome to attend. Are you wondering if you should attend? That could be a nudge from the Holy Spirit to come!

"Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it" 1 Cor 12:27

BAPTISM CLASS:

The next baptism class for our parish grouping will be Saturday, April 13th at 1:00 p.m. at OLOL, in the parish hall. To attend, you must register ahead of time by contacting Carmella Galloway at 724-695-7325 or stcolumbkilleparish@comcast.net. This class is for those who belong to any of our six parishes and are baptizing their first child.

CONFIRMATION MASS:

Bishop David Zubik will celebrate a 12 Noon Mass on Sunday, May 5th at OLOL. Our confirmation candidates from all the six parishes in our grouping will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation then.

THIS WEEK'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Wednesday, March 13th @ 4:00 p.m. @ St. Michael
Friday, March 15th @ 11:30 a.m. @ St. Patrick
Friday, March 15th @ 4:00 p.m. @ St. Ann
Friday, March 15th @ 7:00 p.m. @ St. Alphonsus, St. Columbkille & OLOL



**REMEMBER TO CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE AT:
www.grouping329.org**

LENTEN REGULATIONS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesdays @ 4:00 p.m. @ St. Michael
March 13, 20 & 27, April 3, 10 & 17

Fridays @ 11:30 a.m. @ St. Patrick
March 8, 15, 22 & 29, April 5

Fridays @ 4:00 p.m. @ St. Ann
March 8, 15, 22 & 29, April 5

Fridays @ 7:00 p.m.
@ St. Alphonsus, St. Columbkille & OLOL
March 8, 15, 22 & 29, April 5

Friday, April 12 @ 7:00 p.m. @ St. Alphonsus
Parishioners from all 6 parishes are invited to pray the
Stations of the Cross together!

1. **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are days of fast and abstinence. The **Fridays of Lent** are days of abstinence in the United States.
2. The obligation of abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 18-59. No one should consider this obligation lightly.
3. Those individuals who have a medical condition in which fasting may be considered harmful are not obliged to fast but should perform some other act of penance or charity.
4. Pastors and parents are to see to it that minors, though not bound by the law of fast and abstinence, are educated in the authentic sense of penance and encouraged to do acts of penance suitable to their age.
5. All members of the Christian Faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during the Lenten season beyond which is prescribed by law.
6. As a rule, a request for dispensation from the obligation of abstinence on Fridays of Lent will not be considered unless some serious reason is present. The attendance at social events, banquets, wedding rehearsals or receptions, or funeral wakes are not considered enough reason to request a dispensation.

