

# The Catholic Community of the East End of Pittsburgh



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**March 31, 2019**

**The Fourth Sunday of Lent**

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Reverend David H. Taylor, Senior Parochial Vicar

Reverend Cajetan Anyanwu, Reverend Augustine Temu, Reverend James Adeoye - In Residence

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## Mass Schedule

St. Charles Lwanga Sunday 9:00 am  
(at Mother of Good Counsel)  
St. Bede Saturday 4:00 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am  
11:00 am  
St. James Saturday 4:00 pm  
Sunday 10:00 am

CCD Sundays 9:45 - 10:45 am at St. Bede

## Confession

Saturday: 9:30 - 10:30 am (at St. Bede)

## Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday: 9:30am - 10:30am (at St. Bede)

## Baptism and Weddings

By appointment only

## Pastoral Staff

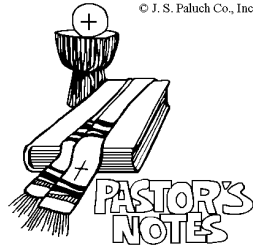
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**“With God All Things Are Possible!”**

# Pastor's Note

March 31, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Lent



“Under Construction,  
Spiritual Renovation.”

This weekend we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Lent, also known as Laetare Sunday, or Rejoice Sunday. We are half-way through the Lenten Season. All the readings this weekend focus on having a change of heart.

In the First Reading from the Book of Joshua, we read how the people of Israel stand within the promised land. After forty years of wandering they finally cross the Jordan River. Now it is time for their descendants to enjoy God's promises.

In the Gospel of Luke, we read the famous passage of the “Prodigal Son” or “Forgiving Father.” In this gospel passage, Jesus addresses the Scribes and the Pharisees. The merciful father of the parable reveals the nature of God and challenges us to be forgiving and merciful with one another. As individuals and as a community of faith, we grow and change, we fail and find ourselves at odds with God and with one another. Our past can be overcome and we can make a fresh start.

As we approach this “half way” mark of the Lenten season, let us let go of all that gets in the way of our relationship with God and others. If there is something that separates us from God, Lent is a good time to be reconciled and know the freedom of coming home. What was lost, has now been found!

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## Lenten Activities

- The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a great time to get refreshed and renewed. A Taize and Penance Service will be conducted this **Sunday, March 31, at 3pm at St. James Church.**
- The **Light is on for You.** Every grouping will have a church open from **6pm to 9pm** for Confessions, private prayer and meditation on **Wednesday, April 10.** St. Bede Church will be open that evening with two priests available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- **Living Stations- Sunday, April 14, 7:30pm** at St. Bede Church, St. Ferdinand Parish Youth Ministry Program performs “Living Stations.” Over 60 High School Students will perform this live production of walking the road to Calvary with Jesus. Very powerful program. Families and youth are encouraged to attend.

## Spring Cleaning

Last Saturday, Tarax Cleaning Services of the North Shore did some “detail cleaning” at St. Bede School, with cleaning the cafeteria, kitchen, floors and rest-rooms.

## Mass Survey

Members of our Joint CCEEP Pastoral Council have been meeting the past several months developing a Parish Survey to obtain parishioners input for the future weekend Mass time options. In the next few weeks we will be distributing these surveys. With six weekend Masses in our grouping (based on having two full time priests assigned to the grouping) we will gather input from parishioners on what they would suggest the new Mass schedule could be. While it is impossible to make everyone happy, it will give the Joint Pastoral Council, staff and clergy some options of what the weekend Mass schedule could be. Stay tuned in the next couple weeks for the survey to be available.

## CCEEP Finances

Recognizing that offertory collections and Mass attendance has been down the last several months in our parish grouping and Diocesan wide, it is ever so important that parishioners of St. Bede, St. Charles Lwanga and St. James continue to financially support their parishes. With the reduction of offertory income, comes a financial hardship for parishes to pay the bills.

The Joint Finance Council is in the process of creating the parish budgets for the 2019-2020 financial year. All three parishes continue to have major repairs needed for all the buildings and grounds and all three continue to struggle to pay the bills. As we prepare to merge into one parish family in January 2020, please support your parish with the regular weekly offertory and participating in the Parish Share Campaign. We are all in this together and appreciate your financial support!

## Congratulations

Congratulations to **Timothy Paul Snyder**, son of **Benjamin** and **Laura Viccaro Snyder** who is being Baptized this weekend.

## Second Collection

This weekend's Second Collection is being taking for Catholic Home Missions and National Catholic Collection for Black and Indian Missions. Please be as generous as possible.

## Something to Think About...

It's a funny thing coming home. Nothing changes. Everything looks the same, feels the same, even smells the same. You realize what's changed is you. - *Eric Roth*

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**Reflections from Fr. Taylor**

Again this Sunday we are reminded of the powerful influence of free-will in our day-to-day moral decision making. Each day we are challenged to make a choice. What will we decide and what will we do knowing that there are always consequences for our actions.

Joshua, who succeeded Moses as the leader of the Israelites, had to make a lot of quick decisions that would determine the future of Israel. The same is true for us. We do not always have the luxury of deciding what direction we will go with our lives. Today's gospel is one of the most interesting ones, given to us only by Luke. If we read the story carefully, we will find a place to both identify with the Father and the son. Repentance and forgiveness are uppermost in our reflections during this Lenten season. Each day we are challenged to make moral decisions. It is often difficult and challenging, but we have no option if we want to follow the Lord. I am often reminded of the spiritual "I have decided to follow Jesus". When we make this decision there is no turning back. Let's continue to make the most of this blessed and Holy Season.

**- Father Taylor**

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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

There will be Stations of the Cross during Lent on **Thursdays at 4pm at Mother of Good Counsel**

**Wednesdays** March 27<sup>th</sup>, and April 3<sup>rd</sup> 7pm at **St. James** in the Chapel.

**Fridays at 7pm at St. Bede**

**BIBLE STUDY**

Will be held on Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm at Holy Rosary Rectory.

**CONGRATULATIONS FR. CAJETAN, PhD!**

Fr. Cajetan successfully defended his thesis last week. He will graduate from Duquesne in May with a PhD.



**YOUNG FAMILIES**

CCEEP's young families are invited to "Pizza Sunday" **today** March 31 following the 10 am mass at the St. James campus. The Young Families Ministry will discuss the group's ongoing work and plans for this year. Side dishes are welcome. RSVP's are appreciated: [youngfamministry@gmail.com](mailto:youngfamministry@gmail.com).

**THE ST. ANTHONY NOVENA**

will begin on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at the 8am Mass at Mother of Good Counsel Church and continue until the Feast of Saint Anthony on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS**

Deborah Bennett 04/02

Linda Heath 04/05

Suzanne Polen 04/06

Gerald F. Rosella 04/06

**March Birthdays** celebration today Sunday March 31st at the 9:00 a.m. Mass at Mother of Good Counsel Church. Refreshments will follow. All are invited to attend.

**LENTEN REFLECTION DAYS**

Join us for the CCEEP's last in a series of Lenten Afternoons of Reflection with the theme "Under Construction: Spiritual Renovations." The final day is **April 7<sup>th</sup>** at St. James Church from **1 - 3pm**. Come explore ways to make "spiritual renovations" that can be sustained beyond the Lenten season.

**SCL CHRISTIAN MOTHERS / LADIES GUILD**

ALL Ladies welcome to our first meeting of Christian Mothers/ Ladies Guild on April 7<sup>th</sup> after 9:00am Mass. There will be NO bake sale on Palm Sunday.

**SENIOR CITIZENS**

The Senior Citizens will meet on Tuesday, April 2nd, in the Activities Room at 12:00 noon. Please bring your own lunch. Coffee, tea and desserts will be provided

**SCL CENTURY CLUB** SCL Century Club has 79 members. Congratulations March winners Harriett Halley, Kathleen Patton, William Rawlings, Sr. Thea Bowman Academy. Dues are \$100 per year. There are four monthly drawings of \$25. The Banquet will be held September 22<sup>nd</sup>. 21 more members needed to reach 100. Membership forms are available in church.

**SICK and SHUT IN**

As a Faith Community we remember parishioners who cannot be with us. Laurretta Ashley, Lillie Carter, Eugene Conner, Leola Cook, Esther Hackwelder, Agnes Koppolovech, Florine & Riggi Laus, Josephine Major, Ingrid Roberts, Rosemarie Toliver, Andrea Ventomiller.

# St. Bede School News

Sunday 3/31	Monday 4/1	Tuesday 4/2	Wednesday 4/3	Thursday 4/4	Friday 4/5	Saturday 4/6
	Hogwarts art club 2:45-4  Comic Book Club 2:45- 4  Lost in Oz Club 2:40 - 4p	Tennis: 2:45-3:30	Eric Carle Book Club (2:45 – 4)	Mad Science 2:45 - 3:45	9am SchoolMass  1:40 Stations of the Cross	

## **PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

*from Sister Daniela Bronka*

As we begin our third week of Lent, our thoughts slowly move towards the Easter celebration. Each day we can renew our Lenten promises and start over again to prepare ourselves for Easter Sunday.

Please join us for Stations of the Cross every Friday at 1:40pm in Church.

This week our 1<sup>st</sup> graders learned how to be a scientist. Thank you to Mr. Guerriero for coming in and sharing with students the secrets of his job and do some experiments with our students.



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## **SPRING PLANT & FLOWER SALE**

Spring is finally here and St. Bede School is launching it's first Spring Flower and Plant Sale, just in time for Mother's Day and Spring Planting. A stunning assortment of annual bedding flowers, a variety of beautiful hanging baskets, patio planters, vegetables, and herbs will be available from the same vendor that Phipps Conservatory has used for many years. Please pick up your order form with full color glossary at the back of the church! Order forms can be turned in the collection basket at church, or to the school office. Orders are due by Wednesday, April 24th and can be picked up May 9th between 2:45-6:00 in the upper parking lot of St. Bede School.

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## **UNIFORM EXCHANGE**

There will be a St. Bede uniform exchange next Sunday, April 7th in the Activities Room from 11:45 - 1:15p. Come and take what you need, or bring any gently used uniforms for others.

## **JOINT PASTORAL COUNCIL**

### **St. Charles Lwanga**

Theresa Maynor  
Barbara Bauknight

Gloria White  
Linda Atkins

### **St. Bede**

Joan Price  
Eric Setzler

Dante Romito  
Denise Charron-Prochownik

### **St. James**

Anne Kovalan-Santori  
Patricia Albacete

Peter Lahoda  
Lois Campbell

## **TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND**

**WPGH channel 53 (Fox) at 7am**

Is someone you love unable to join us at church during this holy time of Lent and Easter? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joy-filled hope in our Risen Savior. Invite anyone you know who cannot get to church to tune in Catholic Mass on TV or watch online anytime on Sundays at [www.HeartoftheNation.org](http://www.HeartoftheNation.org). (For those who can get to church, the TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.)

# Sr. Thea Bowman School News

Sunday 3/31	Monday 4/1	Tuesday 4/2	Wednesday 4/3 Mobile Dentist Visits STBCA	Thursday 4/4	Friday 4/5 9am School Mass	Saturday 4/6
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## MIDDLE SCHOOL LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT

Sister Thea Bowman Catholic Academy is participating in a Lenten Service Project that will benefit UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Child Life Department. The Child Life Department uses play and expressive arts to help meet the developmental, psychosocial, emotional, and educational needs of our patients. These experiences and opportunities can help children to cope and adjust to illness and hospitalization. STBCA will have \$2 dress down days on Monday, March 25th, and Monday, April 8th. The proceeds will go towards purchasing toys and/or gift cards from the "wish list" to support the children who are in the hospital. Once both dress down days have occurred, the donations from both days will be calculated. A letter with a list will be written to let our students, parents and staff know what we have been able to provide for these children through this service project. We welcome donations from parishioners for this worthwhile cause as well - if you would like to donate, please visit the school office.

## SERVICE PROJECT

STBCA Middle School is sponsoring a service project to collect tabs from your favorite beverages. These will be donated to The Ronald McDonald House. This is an organization that supports the families of children who are seriously ill by providing extended lodging free of charge while their children are receiving treatment.

Tabs will be collected by homeroom teachers and collected by the Middle School Students. A container for them will also be conveniently located in the school's office. Feel free to ask your neighbors and extended family members to support our efforts. We will begin this with this with the first donation and continue through the rest of the school year.

In the words of Sr. Thea Bowman: "I find that when I am involved in the business of life, when I'm working with people, particularly with children, I feel better. A kind of strength and energy comes with that."

## Ways to Serve in the Catholic Community of the East End of Pittsburgh

**Sacristans:** There is a sacristan position open for the 1st Sunday of the month and two sacristans are needed for the 5th Sunday of the month (4 Sundays in 2019). Training will be provided. For more information: 412.241.1392 or [cceepgh@gmail.com](mailto:cceepgh@gmail.com).

**Greeters:** Continuing in the spirit of unity and hospitality, we are looking for greeters for all Masses. Only requirements: Arrive 15 minutes before Mass and wear a smile to welcome all worshippers. For more information, leave a message for Helen Sysko at 412.241.1392 or [cceepgh@gmail.com](mailto:cceepgh@gmail.com)

**Clearances through Protecting God's Children are required.**

**St. James Ministry Center:** Until new staff has been hired for social ministry for the Catholic Community of the East End of Pittsburgh, St. James Ministry Center and its ministries will continue with a team of volunteers with volunteer leadership at 723 Rebecca Avenue. To find out more, call the Ministry Center at 412.241.1309. Hours of operation, pantry services, Mary's Child, the Senior Box Program, health ministry, social service referrals and other forms of assistance will continue. Caring volunteers needed to address the needs of our neighbors in our communities of Homewood, Lincoln-Lemington, Point Breeze and Wilkensburg.

## HELP NEEDED

We are looking for one or two people to bring Communion to the patients at Life Care Hospital, located at Penn & Trenton Avenues, once or twice a month. Training provided. Please contact the parish office at 412.241.1392 or email [cceepgh@gmail.com](mailto:cceepgh@gmail.com).

## FOOD BANK DONATIONS

For the month of March, soup is requested for the St. James Food Bank. Please place these items in the containers provided at the break in the pews at St. James or in the boxes at the back of Mother of Good Counsel and St. Bede. Thanks for your support of the St. James food program.

# Next Sunday

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## ST. CHARLES LWANGA April 7 April 14

Lector	9:00 am	Patricia Nah	John Williams
Eucharistic Ministers		Judy Prata Nora Orsatti	Gerald Rosella Patricia Nah
Altar Servers		Sandra Eyth	Barbara Bell

## ST. JAMES April 6/7 April 13/14

Lector	4:00 pm 10:00 am	Hughes Concius / Forbes	Malarkey Manilla / Reynoso
Eucharistic Ministers	4:00 pm	J. Hylazewski G. Thompson	E. Christie C. Halloran M. Murock
	10:00 am	M. Albacete P. Albacete E. Lippert C. Raffaele	L. Bossert R. Bossert V. Cook
Altar Servers	Saturday	Clara A.	Team 3
	Sunday	Mary G. Michael G.	Ben F. Corinne F,
Children's Liturgy			
Sacristans	Sunday	Thompson	KSullivan MSullivan
Van Driver	Sunday	Kovalan-Santoni	Wingard

## ST. BEDE April 6/7 April 13/14

Lector	4:00 pm	Christine Kush	Jim Shovey Daniel Siewiorek
	8:00 am	John Bush	Bobbi Cass Joan Price
	11:00 am	Family Mass	Justin Krauss Dante Romito
Eucharistic Ministers	4:00 pm	John Newell Bobbi Ferguson Kathy Spechtold	Kathy Haupt Diana Buck John Buck
	8:00 am	Lisa Bush Diana Buck Jim Carroll	George Danko Bobbi Ferguson Tom McGough
	11:00 am	Jim Maher MaryJo Breen Eric Setzler	Kathleen Fisher Teresa Maynor Kari Romito
Altar Servers	4:00 pm	Enzo Figallo Daniel Patton	Bobby O'Toole Chirs O'Toole Ryan O'Toole
	8:00 am	Owen Campfield Bridget Shaver	Bobby Elder Peter Elder Patrick Newell
	11:00 am	Andrew Koes Peter Wyszomierski	Sarah Coleman Shannon Collins Ericson Kimbel

# S T E W A R D S H I P

## ST. CHARLES LWANGA March 24

Offertory	\$1,550
Parish School	\$ 50
Human Development	\$ 10
Jingle	\$ 29

## ST. JAMES March 24

Offertory:	\$2,355
PSP	\$4,661

## ST. BEDE March 24

Env.	\$ 4,669
Online	\$ 2,693
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,362</b>

YTD (\$ 66,961)

### Protecting God's Children:

CHILDLINE Report suspected child abuse

1-800-932-0313

Diocese of Pgh Victim Abuse Hotline

1-888-808-1235

### LEARN ABOUT MARRIAGE ANNULMENTS

Divorced Catholics and everyone else who may be interested in learning about the annulment process are welcome to attend a free workshop with Jay Conzemius, JCL, Tribunal Director and Judge. He will speak at six locations during Lent. Topics will include: theology of marriage; ministry of the tribunal; marriage annulment types; why, when and how to start the petition for annulment process; and a process overview. Afterward participants can ask questions and/or start the process. No reservations are required, but if you do plan to attend please email [AnnulmentsIntake@diopitt.org](mailto:AnnulmentsIntake@diopitt.org) or call 412-456-3033 so that seating arrangements can be made. The presentations are scheduled on the following dates and locations from 7:00pm-8:00pm: Thu, Apr 4<sup>th</sup> - All Saints, Etna, Activities Building; Mon, Apr 8<sup>th</sup> - Saint Kilian, Cranberry Twp, Church Hall; Thu, Saint Barbara, Bridgeville, Saint Barbara Hall.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### VIGIL (Fourth Sunday of Lent)

(S Bede) 4:00p Christine Kay (Paula Blaney)

(S James) 4:00p Eileen Ryan (Friend)

### SUNDAY (FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT) [31]

(S Bede) 8:00 Dorothy Kenna (St. Bede Guild)

(MGC) 9:00 Linda Dunson and March Birthdays  
(Teresa Maynor)

(S James) 10:00 Living and Deceased of the Parish

(S Bede) 11:00 Sara Rooney (Mary McFadden)

### MONDAY (Lenten Weekday) [1]

(S James) 8:00 Anna Seeger (Family)

(S Bede) 9:00 Srs. Of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, El Paso Community (Sr. Agnes McCormick)

### TUESDAY (Lenten Weekday) [2]

(MGC) 8:00 Gabriel W. Nah, Sr. (Patricia Nah &  
family)

(S Bede) 9:00 Special Intentions

### WEDNESDAY (Lenten Weekday) [3]

(S James) 8:00 Clarice Abindjawa & Timada Valery  
(Family)

(S Bede) 9:00 Dorothy Walsh Hays (Rosemary Wyke)

### THURSDAY (Lenten Weekday) [4]

(MGC) 8:00 Jenny Collins (Intention of the Donor)

(S Bede) 9:00 Jon Maddigan (Paula Blaney)

### FRIDAY (Lenten Weekday) [5]

(S James) 8:00 Bob Milie & John Hannigan (Family)

(S Bede) 9:00 Sr. Evelyn Marita for Golden Jubilee to Religious Life (Sr. Daniela Bronka)

### SATURDAY (Lenten Weekday) [6]

(S Bede) 9:00 Kennelly & Stack Families

### VIGIL (Fifth Sunday of Lent)

(S Bede) 4:00p Christine Kay (Bob & Kathleen Lee)

(S James) 4:00p Danny McClure (Family)

### SUNDAY (FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT) [7]

(S Bede) 8:00 Special Intention

(MGC) 9:00 Sister Caroline George (Teresa Maynor)

(S James) 10:00 Marilyn Meroesk (George & Debbie  
Kollar)

(S Bede) 11:00 For All the People of the Parish

\*T.&S.W-b: = temporal and spiritual well-being

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, March 31, 2019

Reading I Jos 5:9a, 10-12

Reading II 2 Cor 5: 17-21

Gospel Luke 15: 1-3; 11-32

Sunday, April 7, 2019

Reading I Is 43: 16- 21

Reading II Phil 3: 8 - 14

Gospel John 8: 1 - 11

**PRAY FOR HEALING** for Laretta Ashley, Myra Bilotto, Marie Boyle, Dominic Braithwaite, Paul Brecht, Tim Burke, Willa Campbell, Rosemary Capone, Linda Carr, Jim Carroll, Lillie Carter, Bruno Cassara, Eumenia Castro, John Ceric, Eugene Connor, Leola Cook, John Davis, Ruth Ann Donnelly, Jacqueline Dumond, Herbert Durbeck, Judith Dyke, Donna Dzikowski, Cindy Farabaugh, Butch Filter, Rosemary Fitzgerald, Audrey Fusco, Frances Galardi, Jack Gall, Michael Gallagher, Makenna Grace, Pat Griffin, Esther Hackwelder, Estelle Hagerdorn, Joseph Hamm, Marlene Handrahan, Chris Hudak, Erin Joy Johnson, Marlene Joseph, DiDi Joyce, Fran Kalinowski, Agnes Koppolovech, Florine & Riggi Laus, Susan Loether, Paul Lydon, Josephine Major, Marianne Mangine, Fran McCarthy, Tracey McCarthy, Ruth McGill, Dorothy Meyers, Aileen Minnock, Brendan Minnock, Giovanna Nistico, Judith Nosling, Helen Nothwang, Kevin O'Brien, Charles Papale, Elizabeth Petnuch, Susan Petnuch, Libby Regan, John Rettger, Ingrid Roberts, John Rosella, Joanne Schwarz, Susan Schwochau, Judy Siewiorek, Doreen Simeone, Arthur Smith, Rex Smith, Gregory Spechtold, Sarah Stanfield, Terri Stevenson, Suzanne Steitz, Neil Stewart, DJ Stinelli, Laura Swain, John Temu, Haley Thelen, Barbara Tierno, MaryJane Tirk, Rosemarie Toliver, Arlene Trichtinger, Andrea Ventomiller, Sandra Vesely, James Walsh, Jeff Witkowski, Joan Zankowski, Julian Zekan, Idolo Zinoble and all in need of our prayers who wish to remain anonymous.

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ON MISSION FOR  
**THE CHURCH**  
ALIVE!

**WE ARE  
AMBASSADORS  
FOR CHRIST**

When reflecting on faith we often consider the importance of trust. This reflection is typically focused on our need to trust in God and not to worry or be anxious about anything. However, we cannot forget all that God has entrusted to us as his beloved children. He has given us life and gifts and talents and trusts that we will use them for the good of others in fulfillment of his will. In light of this, we should take to heart Saint Paul's words in today's second reading: "so we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us." Aware of all that God has entrusted to us we become his representatives in the world, reflecting his light and love through our words and deeds. *On Mission for The Church Alive!* becomes our opportunities to be Christ's representatives in our parishes, our communities and beyond as he entrusts all of us with the task of building up the Church. As we work to have our hearts transformed and strengthened this Lent may the result be our ever-faithful witness to God's life at work in us. Visit [onmissionchurchalive.org](http://onmissionchurchalive.org) to learn more and to stay informed.