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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday.....8:30 a.m.
Saturday Evening.....5:30 p.m.
Sunday Morning.....9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

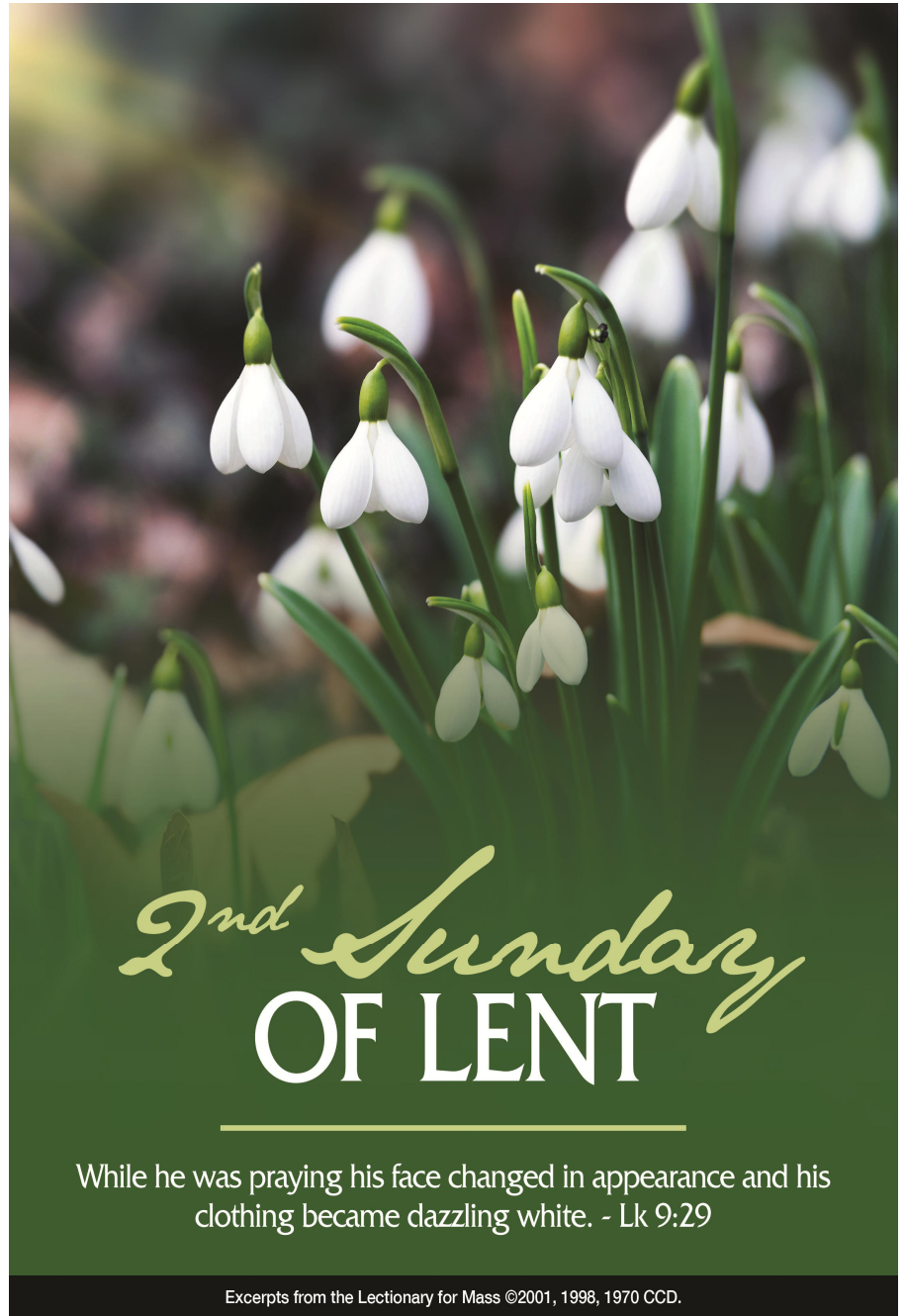
Saturdays.....4:30-5:15 p.m.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday.....9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN

Mondays.....10:00 a.m.



2nd Sunday OF LENT

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. - Lk 9:29

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March 17, 2019



MISSION STATEMENT

*We are the Catholic family of St. John Capistran,
called by God, our Creator, to be a community.
We are a Eucharistic people nourished by Jesus through the Sacraments.
We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to serve all of God's people:
In faith, by spreading the Word of God;
In hope, by passing on the teachings of the Church;
In love, by sharing our resources and talents.*



Mass Intentions for the Week

Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 16

5:30 PM The Benson & Starcevic Families
(Ginny Starcevic)

Sunday, March 17

9:00 AM Nancy & Jim Belack & Family
(Nancy & Jim Belack)

11:00 AM For the Parishioners

Monday, March 18

8:30 AM Dr. Robert Gannon
(Dan & Patty Morgan)

Tuesday, March 19, St. Joseph

8:30 AM Linda Pasternak
(SJC Cash Counters)

Wednesday, March 20

8:30 AM Betsy Roarty
(Mike Roarty)

Thursday, March 21

8:00 AM Morning Prayer
8:30 AM Fred Allegretti
(Friends)

Friday, March 22

8:30 AM Sandra Elias
(The Wilkinson Family)
7:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 23

5:30 PM William Walsh
(Jane Friday)

Sunday, March 24

9:00 AM John & Elizabeth Miliczki
(Joseph & Debra Weimer)

11:00 AM Ted Starcevic
(Family)

JOIN THE HANDBELL CHOIR

The music ministry of St. John Capistran and St. Thomas More are looking for members to join our new Handbell Choir. St. Thomas More previously had a group that rang at liturgies and we are planning to expand and grow the group to involve both parishes. Mr. Nicholas Capone, Assistant Minister of Music, will lead the group. Rehearsals will be held on Thursday evenings and the first rehearsal will be held on **Thursday, March 21, 2019** from 6:00-7:00 PM in the Rooney Room at St. Thomas More. The group will plan to play once per month at each parish along with special holidays such as Christmas, Holy Week, and Easter. To join the group, or for more information, please contact Nick Capone at caponen@stmpgh.org.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

On the Second Sunday of Lent, we hear the Gospel of the Transfiguration. Like Peter, we would like to stay on the mountain, but we know, as Jesus did that we must leave the mountain to carry out the work he has entrusted to our care. Every Eucharistic liturgy sends us forth to do the work of God in our world as citizens of his Kingdom. Transfigured by the real presence of Our Lord in the Eucharist, we go forth in the Spirit to feed our families, neighbors and friends – all those people God places in our lives.

As I look back on my life, I know so many people, both living and dead, have had a powerful impact on me, making me the person I am today. As part of my Lenten journey, I usually write a letter of thanks to one person who has changed my life for the better, who has led me to a deeper faith, hope and love. I invite each of us, on this Transfiguration Sunday, to do the same. It might be a parent, grandparent, husband, wife, teacher, family member, relative, brother or sister or a friend or neighbor. Offer a prayer for that special person and if you can send them a note of thanks for the ways they transfigured you.

Several years ago, I wrote to Sister Helena, a Sister of Mercy, who taught me in seventh and eighth grades. She was one of the finest math teachers I ever had, but she was also one of the kindest people I ever met. One day, in the middle of a math exam, I looked up to see he slip a piece of candy in her mouth. The rule, then, at least for us as students, was if we were caught with candy, we had to bring some for everybody the next day. When I saw her eat that Hershey's kiss, I blurted out, "Sister, did you bring enough for everybody?" Her response was simple, "be quiet, Peter and finish your test." The next day we all found a Hershey's Kiss on our desks. She was a woman of faith and integrity, a friend and mentor who helped form my vocation as a priest. We lost Sister Helena early this year, but at her wake, over 70 of her students were present to share their stories.

These stories told of a woman who, when my father was on strike for nine months, saw to it that my family did not go without food. She organized a food drive on our behalf. Another student told a story of how Sister Helena helped her parents pay her book bill of \$25.00 per year because they has hit hard times. Another person related how Sister Helena came and sat with her ill mother so she could take some time for herself. The stories were endless.

We all have those people in our lives, people who transfigured us in the love of Christ through their prayers, love and support. Come down from the mountain and offer thanks for one of those wonderful gifts of God in your life.

Happy Saint Patrick's Day! May we all be blessed in the Love of God and our love for one another.



CALLING ALL MEN!

The 13th Gathering of Catholic Men Conference is a powerful encountering of the Mercy of Christ, with dynamic Catholic presenters (Steve Pokorny, Sean O'Hare, Jimmy Mitchell, Kris Frank, Bob Rice, and the honorable Bishop David Zubik). The Steubenville Worship Team will provide uplifting worship music. Mark your calendar for the afternoon of April 6th at Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall, Pittsburgh. Doors open at 12 PM. Contact Santos Hernandez at 1026hernandez@gmail or www.cmfpiitt.org to register. \$20 per man. Free to Clergy and Religious.

LENTEN TAIZE SERVICE

Please join us for an evening of quiet reflection, scripture, and song as we host our first Lenten Taize Service on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at St. John Capistran Church. The music will be led by the St. John Capistran Contemporary Choir.

**FOOD DRIVE
BENEFITING SHIM**

(South Hills Interfaith Movement)

Helping our Neighbors in need
800 Families just in Bethel Park, Whitehall and Baldwin

March 30/31

Most needed items for SHIM's Food Pantries:

- Dried beans and lentils
- Pasta sauce 3 in jars
- Cereal and canned fruit
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Low sodium soups
- Canned protein (Tuna, Chicken, Salmon, Beans)
- Beverages (juice, tea, coffee)
- Diapers sizes 3-6
- Personal care items (shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, feminine items, etc.)

**PLEASE BRING ITEMS TO MASS ON MARCH 30 & 31.
BINS WILL BE IN THE MAIN CHURCH ENTRANCE.**

Mark your Calendars!

Tuesday, March 26th at 6:30pm

Deacon Bill will be presenting:
"A Lenten Reflection"

St. Thomas More Family Life Center

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Thank you to the many people who helped us to celebrate First Reconciliation this Saturday, March 6th: Father Jim and our visiting priests, Fr. Kredel and Fr. White; our second grade catechists, Tracy Wangler and Nita Cullison and their aides, Chris Rzczkowski, Brayden Lucas, Drake Wangler, and Mia Skeel; Daniel Kovacic, Shannon Fox and Katie Carney for the beautiful music; our first grade families, for the wonderful breakfast reception in honor of our First Communicants and their families; and our Confirmation Candidates, all of whom helped to make the day so special. We couldn't have done it without all of you—thank you!

8th Grade Confirmation Retreat: A Confirmation Retreat for our 8th grade Confirmation Candidates will be held next Sunday, March 24th at St. Thomas More from 1:30 – 4:30 pm. Candidates are to be dropped off by 1:00 pm and picked up at 5:45 pm, both at the gym entrance. Carpooling is suggested. Please direct any questions to the Religious Education Office.

Religious Education re-registration/new registrations: 2019-2020 registration and year end evaluation forms were sent to all registered children in our faith formation program. Each year families are to re-register their children. Religious Education Forms and appropriate fees are due by Monday, May 7th. *Children new to the program who have not been baptized at St. John's are to attach a copy of their Baptismal certificate to their registration form.* Class size and seats on the bus are limited and classes/seats will be filled on a first return basis. Please note that St. Thomas More and St. John Capistran students can cross-register this coming year.

Beverly's Birthday's Service Activity: Now through April 3rd, we are collecting the following items: cake mix; tubs of frosting; birthday candles; packaged birthday party napkins, party plates, party cups, and party tablecloths in any theme and packs of forks for Beverly's Birthday's, an organization that provides birthday celebrations for homeless and low income children. We will use them at our Family Reconciliation Night on Monday, April 8th to hopefully make 100 bags of "Birthday in a Bag," which contain all of the items needed to have a small birthday celebration. We are inviting all of our faith formation families and parishioners to participate by donating one or more of the above items. If you prefer, you can make a cash donation and drop it off at the Religious Education Office, and we will purchase the items needed. Items can be placed in the bins in Capistran Hall. Thanks in advance for your help!

Religious Education Lenten Service: We are participating in Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl, where each week during Lent, the children will learn about a Catholic Social Teaching and the people who will benefit from their donations. This week, we meet 16 year old Annet, who is caring for her 3 younger siblings since their parent's death. They had to flee the violence in South Sudan for Uganda. Life in the refugee camp, Bidi Bidi, is hard. CRS provided them a home and a plot of land to farm. This program reflects the Catholic social teaching principle, *Option for the Poor and Vulnerable*. It is our Christian duty to listen closely to those who often go unheard and to help those most vulnerable. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? We invite all to participate in our CRS Rice Bowl Lenten service to the poor. Checks can be made out to St. John Capistran Church with "CRS Rice Bowl" in the memo line and brought to the Religious Education Office.