



BLESSED TRINITY PARISH

First Sunday of Lent ▪ February 21, 2021

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

(SATURDAY VIGIL)

4:00 PM ST. ALBERT
4:00 PM ST. BASIL
4:00 PM ST. SYLVESTER
6:00 PM HOLY ANGELS

SUNDAY

8:00 AM ST. WENDELIN
9:00 AM ST. BASIL
9:30 AM HOLY ANGELS
10:00 AM ST. SYLVESTER
11:00 AM ST. ALBERT

CONFESSION: SATURDAY

St. Albert - 12:00 p.m. (noon) until 1:00 p.m.

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FEBRUARY 21, 2021



FIRST LENT SUNDAY OF

*Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:
"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel."*

Mark 1:14-15

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MASS INTENTIONS FEBRUARY 22TH- 28TH

MONDAY WEEKDAY February 228:30 AM ST. SYLVESTER
Rakowich & Cornell Families: Cornell Family
9:00 AM ST. ALBERT
Charlotte O'Neill: Gene & Family**TUESDAY** WEEKDAY February 238:30 AM HOLY ANGELS
Kristin Thomas-Verde: Deacon Tim
8:30 AM ST. SYLVESTER
Mary Frances Byrne: The Byrne Family
9:00 AM ST. BASIL
Carol Ann Manning: Audrey Manning**WEDNESDAY** WEEKDAY February 248:30 AM ST. SYLVESTER
George Pack: Judy
9:00 AM ST. WENDELIN
Albert Gurcak: Family
9:00 AM ST. ALBERT
Paul Baldinger: Baldinger Family**THURSDAY** WEEKDAY February 258:30 AM HOLY ANGELS
Mary Ann Zenchak: Women's Bible Study
9:00 AM ST. BASIL
Harry Mozurak: Children**FRIDAY** WEEKDAY February 268:30 AM ST. SYLVESTER
Mercedes (Sis) Miller: Audrey & Carl Henn
8:30 AM HOLY ANGELS
Carol Palumbo: Rick & Sue Kapusta
9:00 AM ST. ALBERT
Ray & Mary Panasko: George & Louise Nixon**SATURDAY EVENING VIGIL MASSES** February 274:00 PM VIGIL ST. ALBERT ▪ SK
John & Anna Durica: John & Joann
4:00 PM VIGIL ST. BASIL ▪ KS
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:00 PM VIGIL ST. SYLVESTER ▪ LH
Ruth Mozak: Bill & Judy Tomlinson
6:00 PM VIGIL HOLY ANGELS ▪ BA
Richard Steiner: Wife, Carolyn**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT** February 288:00 AM ST. WENDELIN ▪ LH
Frances Dapper: Family
9:00 AM ST. BASIL ▪ KS
Debbie Heinecke: Aunt Catherine & Family
9:30 AM HOLY ANGELS ▪ BA
Orla Quigley: Anthony & Gabrielle Bradley
10:00 AM ST. SYLVESTER ▪ LH
Clair Milsovic: Jim & Sue Dusch
11:00 AM ST. ALBERT ▪ KS
Tony Minetti: Rina Ferro

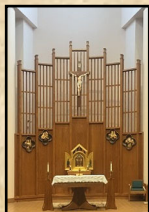
THIS WEEK OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES ARE LIT FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:

ST. ALBERT



*Living & Deceased Members
of the Parish*

*Living & Deceased Members
of the Parish*



ST. BASIL



Catherine Seskey

From: Lori Mandela



HOLY ANGELS



Gabe

From: Family



ST. SYLVESTER



Michael Pilarski

*From: Deacon Sam &
Mrs. Mayra Toney*

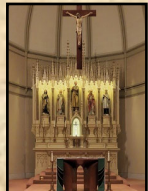


ST. WENDELIN



Ambrose Huber

From: Pat, Chris & Family



Blessed Lord, accept this burning candle as a sign of my faith and love for You. Like this candle, I am ready to be used in your service without asking why and to what purpose. Even as this candle, I wish to stand in Your presence and to be consumed in the light and warmth of our Love. Please hear my prayer and, if it is Your will, grant my petition. But above all, make me loyal and faithful to You in all circumstances of my life.
Amen.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP
THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 13TH & 14TH

SATURDAY VIGIL

4:00 PM - ST. ALBERT:

Regular (Weekly/Monthly)	\$ 1,365.00
Misc. Envelopes	\$ 200.00
Loose Money	\$ 22.00
Parish Share	\$ 105.00

4:00 PM - ST. BASIL:

Regular (Weekly/Monthly)	\$ 846.00
Misc. Envelopes	\$ 10.00
Loose Money	\$ 92.00
Parish Share	\$ 000.00

4:00 PM - ST. SYLVESTER:

Regular (Weekly/Monthly)	\$ 1,330.00
Misc. Envelopes	\$ 47.00
Loose Money	\$ 74.00
Parish Share	\$ 30.00

6:00 PM - HOLY ANGELS:

Regular (Weekly/Monthly)	\$ 626.00
Misc. Envelopes	\$ 00.00
Loose Money	\$ 10.00
Parish Share	\$ 50.00

SUNDAY

8:00 AM - ST. WENDELIN:

Regular (Weekly/Monthly)	\$ 196.00
Misc. Envelopes	\$ 00.00
Loose Money	\$ 40.00
Parish Share	\$ 10.00

9:00 AM - ST. BASIL:

Regular (Weekly/Monthly)	\$ 393.00
Misc. Envelopes	\$ 35.00
Loose Money	\$ 5.00
Parish Share	\$ 235.00

9:30 AM - HOLY ANGELS:

Regular (Weekly/Monthly)	\$ 522.00
Misc. Envelopes	\$ 00.00
Loose Money	\$ 10.00
Parish Share	\$ 20.00

10:00 AM - ST. SYLVESTER:

Regular (Weekly/Monthly)	\$ 476.00
Misc. Envelopes	\$ 00.00
Loose Money	\$ 12.00
Parish Share	\$ 000.00

11:00 AM - ST. ALBERT:

Regular (Weekly/Monthly)	\$ 390.00
Misc. Envelopes	\$ 00.00
Loose Money	\$ 72.00
Parish Share	\$ 000.00

MAIL IN REG/MISC \$ 13,764.00

MAIL IN PARISH SHARE \$ 1,450.00

TOTAL OFFERING \$ 22,437.00

2020 PSP STILL DUE: \$ 82,995.69

Details about specific collections or questions regarding the collections can be obtained by contacting the Parish office.

Readings for the week of February 28, 2021



First Reading — The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

Psalms — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31b-34).

Gospel — Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white (Mark 9:2-10).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
- Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
- Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
- Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10



Please remember members of our parish who are in nursing homes, the homebound, the sick and their caregivers in your prayers.

May God's mercy shine on them.

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NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

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From the Diocese of Pittsburgh ...

PARISH SHARE

Families in our parish will be receiving their **Parish Share** materials shortly. The season of Lent gives each of us a chance to grow in our relationship with Jesus, and one way is by sharing our gifts. This year, recognizing a serious decline in parish revenue due to COVID-19 restrictions, Bishop Zubik is offering a new incentive program.

Parishes that raise between 80% and 89% of their Parish Share goal will receive a 1% discount. Parishes that raise between 90% and 94% of their goal will receive a 2.5% discount. Parishes that raise between 95% and 100% of their goal will receive a 5% discount. Parishes will still keep 100% of monies raised in excess of their goal. Parish Share offers a wonderful opportunity to say "Yes!" to Jesus' call to follow him. This is especially important during these difficult times, as many of our fellow parishioners and neighbors need our help.



Thank you in advance for your support.

PRE-CANA MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASS



Pre-Canan marriage preparation class will be held at Blessed Trinity Parish in the Faith Formation Building, on **Saturday, March 13, 2021**, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Registration is required with a fee of \$60.00. Contact Mike Babcock at 412-884-7744 to register.

Our sympathy is extended to the families of:



- NICHOLAS DONATO, SR.,
- ROBERT FENNELL,
- RONALD HUBER, SR.,
- EUGENE MASCIANTONIO,
- ELIZABETH OBRINGER,
- MICHAEL ROMANIELLO, SR.,
- DAVID SCHUCHERT,
- AND NANCY WALDO

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.



About St. Wendelin Church.

You may have already heard that I had to move all liturgies and masses from St. Wendelin Church to both St. Basil Church and St. Albert the Great Church. The issue is that there is no heat at all in the church because the heating system is failing. The boiler is a little over twenty years old and is okay however, the piping and radiators are original to the building and were not maintained on a regular basis in the past. The building was constructed in 1897. The boiler is designed with a safety mechanism that shuts the boiler down to prevent a catastrophic explosion if there is something going wrong. In this case, there are so many cracked and leaking radiators and steam pipes and joints throughout the building that there is a lot of steam escaping the system. When that happens, the boiler safety kicks in and shuts the boiler down to prevent a disaster or fire.

I am waiting for more information from the heating company about details and what we are facing and I will share with the parish councils. I will also keep you updated through the bulletin. Let us continue to pray for one another during this Holy Season of Lent and during these challenging times.

*“If you can’t fly, then run,
if you can’t run then walk,
if you can’t walk then crawl,
but whatever you do
you have to keep moving forward.”*
~ Martin Luther King Jr.

Fr. Steve

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Parish contribution letters for 2020 will be mailed out to anyone requesting a copy of their contribution record to the parish. Please call the parish office at 412-884-7744 **during business hours from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** to request a copy of your record.

We will be happy to mail a copy to you.



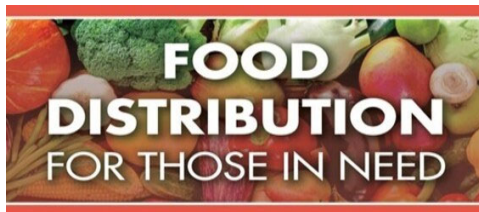
ANNUAL CEMETERY CLEAN UP NOTICE

In order to maintain the appearance of our parish cemetery properties and ensure the safety of visitors and employees, The Catholic Parish Cemeteries Association will be conducting the Annual Cemetery Cleanup during the month of March. Please note that all Christmas items will be removed from all graves during the Cleanup. Please remove any items you wish to keep prior to March 1st. Thank you for your cooperation!



***** DRIVE UP FOOD DISTRIBUTION FOR THOSE IN NEED *****

Blessed Trinity Parish in partnership with the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank will be holding a food box distribution.



*We will be distributing 500 Boxes of food
A bag of fresh mixed fruit ~ a half gallon of milk*

WHEN: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

TIME: 11:00 AM — 2:00 PM

WHERE: St. Albert the Great parking lot

REGISTER: 412-884-7744

PRE-REGISTRATION IS A MUST!

YOU MUST BE IN A VEHICLE!

To register for a food box please contact the Parish Office at 412-884-7744 OR

CLICK THE LINK TO REGISTER ONLINE:

<https://www.blessedtrinitypgh.org/parish-happenings>



Food Pantry Drive Through

From Deacon Dan's Desk

How quickly time passes, I am reminded by this third installment on our Journey for Divine Mercy. This third installment will address the question of "Why do we as Catholics celebrate the second Sunday of Easter as "Divine Mercy Sunday?" If you recall from the first installment, I explained that on the second Sunday of Easter in the jubilee year 2000 when St. John Paul II canonized to sainthood, Sister Faustina Kowalski, the pontiff proclaimed throughout the church that this Sunday will be called Divine Mercy Sunday. In St. John Paul II's 1980 encyclical on God's mercy, entitled "Rich in Mercy" he developed a scriptural and doctrinal basis for our faith in the mercy of God. By linking the revealed truth about God's mercy to one of the most solemn Sundays after Easter itself, he magnified the fact that the Liturgy already proclaimed the Divine Mercy. On the Second Sunday of Easter, the responsorial psalm and gospel for cycles A, B, and C center on the theme of Mercy. In psalm 118 we sing three times, "His Mercy endures forever." The gospel from John 20:19-31 begins with the risen Christ appearing to the Apostles on Easter night. Jesus calms his frightened and horrified disciples by saying and giving them "Peace." He shows them the scars of his passion, his wounded hands and side. His glorified body retains the evidence of His saving work, the ultimate display of mercy through His suffering, death and resurrection. He fills them with joy and again says to them –and

produce in them- "Peace." Then He breathes on them and explains what the Divine breathing means with the words, "Receive the Holy Spirit whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." He gives the apostles the power of God's mercy for the sinner, the gift of forgiving sins from God's treasury of mercy. The other texts speak of healing and give the assurance there is nothing to fear. For me, that is "Jesus, I trust in you."

For centuries in liturgy the church has proclaimed the mercy of God through the word of God and the sacrament of the body and blood of Christ. The tables of word and sacrament are leaped with the promises of "Divine Mercy" and its ultimate effect in our lives.

As we now journey into the holy time of lent, we should all live the words of Ash Wednesday, "Repent and Believe in the Gospel" that will lead us to the Divine Mercy of Christ.

Next week, we will look at some other aspects of why we celebrate Divine Mercy. Until then,

To God be the glory,
Deacon Dan
Jesus, I trust in You!



Lenten Regulations

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 age 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 asked 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. Notable during this Lenten season is that the Solemnity of Saint Joseph falls on a Friday. Because of this, **there is not an obligation to abstain from meat on Friday, March 19, 2021**, the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, according to the norm of canon 1251.

6. The faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during the Lenten season beyond what is prescribed by the law.



**Stations of the Cross
Fridays of the Lenten Season**

9:00 a.m. Holy Angels
12:00 p.m. St. Basil
7:00 p.m. St. Sylvester



**Blessed Trinity Catholic Parish
Lent and Easter Liturgies**

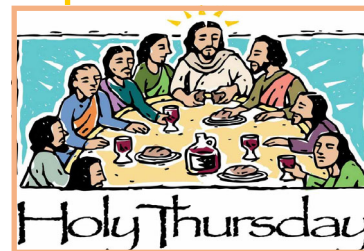
**The Light is On for You
Confessions
Wednesday ~ March 31st**



6:00 to 9:00 p.m. St. Basil
6:00 to 9:00 p.m. St. Sylvester

**Holy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Supper
ONLY ONE PARISH CELEBRATION**

7:00 p.m. St. Wendelin



**Good Friday
The Passion of the Lord**

12:00 p.m. Stations ~ St. Basil
2:00 p.m. Passion ~ St. Sylvester
3:00 p.m. Passion ~ St. Albert

The blessing of Easter baskets

11:00 a.m. St. Basil
11:00 p.m. St. Sylvester
12:00 p.m. Holy Angels

Easter Vigil Mass

*There will be only one Easter Vigil Mass
per Diocesan guidelines:*

8:00 p.m. St. Albert



Easter Sunday Masses

7:00 a.m. Holy Angels
8:00 a.m. St. Wendelin
8:00 a.m. St. Sylvester
9:00 a.m. St. Basil
9:30 a.m. Holy Angels
10:00 a.m. St. Sylvester
11:00 a.m. St. Albert

PLEASE NOTE: *(If St. Wendelin Church is still not available due to the heat issue,
the liturgies will be moved to St. Albert Church.)*

DEACON TIM'S BOOK & MOVIE REVIEW



With the recent Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes, and the beginning of Lent, I would like to re-view the excellent movie about Our Lady of Lourdes. **Song of Bernadette** is a 1943 movie about how the lives of a young peasant girl and her town were changed

by the appearances of the Blessed Mother in 1858. This film is based upon the true story of Bernadette Soubirous, and also the book by Franz Werfel. Franz was a Jew who was persecuted by the Nazis. He eventually escaped and was hiding in Lourdes. While in Lourdes, Franz learned about the story of Bernadette and he made a pact with God that if he made it to freedom, he would write this story and make it known to everyone. And so he did!

Jennifer Jones won an Academy Award for her portrayal of Bernadette, and this film won a total of four Academy Awards. Could you imagine that happening in Hollywood today? The movie also stars Vincent Price, always excellent as the villain, in his role as the prosecutor who doubted Bernadette.

I give this film Five Beards out of Five Beards for its simple, but beautiful telling of this amazing and important event and its message. What was our Blessed Mother's message at Lourdes? Prayer, especially the Rosary, penance, humility and Mercy for sinners. These are good things for us to work on during Lent, and even after Lent.

Live Jesus in our hearts forever!
Deacon Tim

YOUTH MINISTRY

FORGIVENESS

“The Lord never tires of forgiving us. It is we who get tired of asking for pardon.”

– Pope Francis

This quote has been on my mind for the past several hours, teasing and pulling around different thoughts in my head. For many, it is easy to try and earn the love God has for us. To trade good works or positive behaviors in exchange for the love God has for us. We may also feel as though God takes His love back or shuns us when we fail or fall short in life. Here's the truth, God has loved you before you knew and far beyond today. There is nothing you can do or can't do that will make His love for you invalid. I encourage all people to claim that love by opening your heart and inviting God in. It may be tough to be vulnerable, but you will be met with unconditional love this time and every time to come. God bless and stay safe!

-Nicholas Wolf, Youth Minister

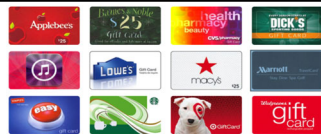
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If you are interested in a sanctuary candle intention at one of our Church buildings, contact Cindy in the office at 412-884-7744 for availability and information.



Are you aware we sell Gift Cards?

Gift Cards are available for purchase at the parish office through the Script Gift Card Fundraising Program. If you need a gift card for someone or just for your weekly shopping, consider purchasing it from the parish. Proceeds from the sale of gift cards benefit the Angel fund.



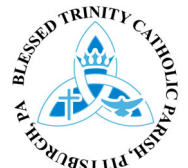
Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths.

— Psalm 25:4

Please clip the following note card and take it when you patronize your local restaurant. Showing our Parish support.

The Catholic Parish of Blessed Trinity supports our local restaurants and businesses during this pandemic. We have chosen not to hold our annual fish fries and encourage our parishioners to patronize your business.

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