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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2018, St. Blaise

8:00 a.m. Patricia McGreal by McGreal Family
4:00 p.m. Gerald O'Donnell by family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Paul Zwergel by Chris Derr
11:30 a.m. The Living and Deceased Members of our Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018, St. Agatha

8:00 a.m. James Staudenmeier by Hall Family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018, St. Paul Miki and Companions

8:00 a.m. Rev. William Erkens by St. John Fisher Parish Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2018, Weekday

8:00 a.m. Rita Ceraso by Mark & Alice Ceraso

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2018, Weekday

8:00 a.m. Anthony Matarazzo by family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2018, Weekday

8:00 a.m. Donald Kennedy by Celia Fontenot

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018, St. Scholastica

8:00 a.m. Kristen Roberts Barnhardt by Barbara and Guy Corrado

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Lauda Beamonte by Peg Torbar
11:30 a.m. Mary Burt by Elaine McDonough

Winter Mass Schedule/Saturday Evening Mass

The Saturday evening Vigil Mass will continue to be celebrated at 4:00 p.m. through Saturday, March 10, 2018. Mass on Saturday evening, March 17, 2018 will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m.

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, February 10 and Sunday, February 11, 2018

4:00 p.m. Andrew Prestogee, Max and Lauren Huck
9:00 a.m. Jerome Hall, Elena Peiffer, Gianna Frisoli
11:30 a.m. Ariana, Tomas, Will Nelson

We Pray for the Dead

James W. Hood Jr. was buried from our church this past week. Our sympathy to his wife, Jean, and family. May James rest in peace.

We Remember in Prayer Our Beloved Deceased

Feb 4	James Tierney	1973
	Gertrude Mauch	1982
	Carol Cunningham	1984
	Gabriel DiLeonardo	1988
	Anna M. Chelovsky	2001
	Marie F. Wilkins	2009
Feb 5	Dorothy V. Reineman	1992
	Helen M. Schumacher	2007
Feb 6	Jacqueline Gudzan	1962
	Rose Greco	1980
	Cletus Airhart	1982
	Rev. William J. Erkens	1997
	Regina Bittner	1999
Feb 7	Carl Fallecker	1969
	Eileen Boyle	1997
	Elise Squitieri	2007
	Gregory B. Prosdocimo	2010
Feb 8	Emil Bertolina	1971
	Josephine Marini	1986
	Albert J. Smith	1993
Feb 9	Dominic Riga	1988
	Harold P. Durr	1999
	Theresa H. Yourick	2001
	Madeline Scampone	2004
	Julia L. Tonet	2009
	Margaret R. Johnson	2010
Feb 10	Donald Slusser	1966
	Francis K. Qualey	1976
	Sam Bottonari	1978
	Mary Elizabeth Trout	1982
	Joseph Kato	1984
	Joseph Czyzewski	1997
	Italo F. Melocchi	2007
	Mary Jo Rudman	2014

Lent/Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is February 14, 2018. Lent, the Spring Season of the Church, what human frailty has made dormant is called back to life.

Ash Wednesday Schedule, February 14, 2018

8:00 a.m. Mass and Distribution of Ashes
12:05 p.m. Mass and Distribution of Ashes
4:00 p.m. Prayer Service and Distribution of Ashes
7:00 p.m. Mass and Distribution of Ashes

There is an envelope for the Ash Wednesday Collection in the packet of contribution envelopes. This collection is placed in the Charity Fund.

Lenten Events

The Scriptures as lived out in the daily struggles of human beings will be held on Tuesday evening, February 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The movie: "The Theory of Everything". This "Bible Study" will take place in the Meeting Room at the Church Rectory (near the garages). Please register by calling the church office at 412-241-4722. Wine and cheese will be served. No cost; just come.

Please join Sisters Betty and Colleen for a visit to the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Saint Joseph at Baden, PA, Sat., March 10, 2018. We will leave St. John Fisher at 10:30 a.m. and return at 3:30 p.m. Following lunch with the Sisters, a Lenten Reflection will be given in the Chapel by Sister Janet Mock, CSJ. Please RSVP by calling the church office at 412-241-4722 no later than March 5, 2018. No cost.

The University of Pittsburgh Men's Glee Club, under the direction of Richard E. Teaster, will return again this year on Good Friday evening, March 30, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. The music is inspiring as is the presence of these young men.

Religious Education Classes/K-8

Religious Education classes (K-8) are held on Sunday morning from 10:10 until 11:20 a.m. Our Religious Education time allows for the participation of our children at one of the Sunday Masses.

Teen Movie of the Month

Our next "Teen Movie of the Month" will be held Sunday, March 4, 2018 at 10:15 a.m. in the Rectory Meeting Room. Teens, grades 9-12, are encouraged to come for a reflective viewing of a current film and to express their thoughts with the group afterwards. Teens, please feel free to bring a friend.

St. John Fisher Charity Fund

Parishioners are invited to express their sympathy to the family of a deceased person by making a donation to the St. John Fisher Charity Fund in memory of their loved one. This memorial donation is acknowledged to the family, to the donor, and is published in the Sunday Bulletin.

In Memory of

Frank Marckisotto by Gary and Lillian Balint
Paul Zwergel by Forest Ridge Condo Association

Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018 at St. Paul Cathedral at 2:00 p.m. Adults who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are asked to call the Church office at 412-241-4722 as soon as possible.

Paraphrasing Pope Francis/Visit to Chile

This is the throwaway culture, it throws away children and it throws away the elderly. As I was being driven around the crowd, there was an elderly lady, 97 years of age. Should we throw away that grandmother? What do you think? No, because she is a grandmother full of the wisdom of her people.

Courtesy Notes:

Mark your calendar for Gala 2018, a fundraiser for East Catholic School on Saturday, March 3 at 5:30 p.m., Doubletree Hotel, Monroeville. Details 412-841-2717 or 412-952-7903

Offertory Collection January 28, 2018

January Envelopes Mailed	632
Envelopes Used	222
Offertory in Envelopes	\$ 5,244.00
Made Up Envelopes	25
Offertory in Made Up Envelopes	\$ 2,044.00
Teen's/Children's Envelopes (given out)	175
Teen's/Children's Envelopes (used)	19
Offertory in Teens/Children's Envelopes	\$ 31.50
Total Offertory Collection	\$ 7,319.50

Weekly Tithe for Operation Budget: \$ 9,337.00
Variance: -\$ 2,107.50

Offertory Collection for Month of January

Budgeted Income: \$37,348.00
Actual Income: \$32,106.75
Variance: -\$ 5,241.25

Pittsburgh Catholic

Parishioners are asked to please make a contribution to the overall cost of the Pittsburgh Catholic in the envelope found in the monthly packet. Please place your contribution in the collection basket on any Sunday in February at Offertory time.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Please place your contribution in the basket at Offertory time.

Please be respectful and modest in what we wear to Church. Although circumstances at times necessitate leaving church before Mass is over, we should out of respect for the Mass, remain until the recessional hymn is over. Also, please silence all cell phones.

East Catholic School accepting registration Preschool - 8th grade. Call school office at: 412-351-5403.

Welcome!

Please return the following form to the church office by mail or place it in the collection basket on Sunday.

I would like to join St. John Fisher Parish	
Ms/Mrs/Mr/Mr & Mrs:	

Address:	_____
Phone:	_____ E-mail: _____

Thank You/Nied Funeral Home

We ask you to support those advertising in our Sunday bulletin. To advertise, call 412-241-4722.

Thomas L. Nied Funeral Home Inc.
7441 Washington Street
Swissvale, PA 15218
412.271.0345
www.niedfuneralhome.com
Charles C. Nied, Supervisor

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Prayer

Daily Mass is celebrated Monday through Saturday at 8:00 a.m. If daily participation in Mass is impossible, please consider participating in the 8:00 a.m. Mass on the Saturdays of Lent.

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed at the Blessed Sacrament Altar on the Fridays of Lent from 8:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament begin at 7:00 p.m.

Fasting and Abstinence

The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence (meatless Fridays). Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence and fasting (one full meal - no eating between meals). Fasting: obliges those 18-59 years old. Abstinence: The law of abstinence (no meat) obliges those 14 years old and over.

Almsgiving

Please make the focus for sacrificial almsgiving the Parish Share Collection. The Parish Share Collection begins on Sunday, March 11, 2018. Our 2018 Diocesan Assessment is \$75,749.00.

Contributing to the Lenten Mite Folder serves as a daily reminder of Lent. The Lenten Folder Collection ends up in our Charity account.

Confession

Please make a Confession of sins a priority this Lent. It takes humility to admit sinfulness but humility also gives peace of mind and heart.

There are many opportunities for Confession. Saturday morning after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, Monday evening, March 19 at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday evening, March 21 at 6:00 p.m., Holy Saturday morning March 31, 2018, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

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May the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection confirm our place in the Kingdom of Heaven.