



Mass Intentions for the Week

LITURGY SCHEDULE

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2011 **Easter Monday**
6:40 AM Susan Lacher (Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Mangis)

PLEASE NOTE: ONLY ONE MASS THIS WEEK—8:45 AM TUESDAY THRU FRIDAY

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2011 **Easter Tuesday**
8:45 AM John Mitsch (Knight of Columbus #9984)

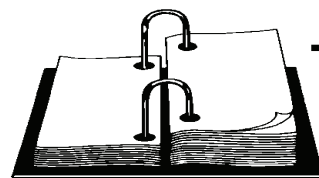
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2011 **Easter Wednesday**
8:45 AM Marie Berry (Chuck Berry)
9:30 AM .Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Chapel
All Day Adoration
7:00 PM Novena, Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Benediction

THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2011 **Easter Thursday**
8:45 AM .Robert Hess (St. Bonaventure Faculty & Staff)

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2011 **Easter Friday**
8:45 AM Edwin Staudt
(St. Bonaventure Women's Social Group)

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2011 **Easter Saturday**
8:30 AMAnthony Castelli (Castelli Family)
6:00 PM Louis Behanna (Rose Behanna & Sons)

SUNDAY, May 1, 2011 **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**
7:00 AM Betty Steinmetz (Steinmetz Family)
8:45 AM Joseph Haynos (Jean Krzeminski)
10:30 AM Joseph Bajkowski
(Teams of Our Lady –Team 8)
12:15 PM Intention of St. Bonaventure Parish Family
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS



The Week Ahead

TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2011

6:30 PM First Holy Communion Practice - Church

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2011

1:30 PM Ladies Bible Study - PL
4:30 PM Scouts Spaghetti Dinner



WELCOME: St. Bonaventure Parish is blessed to welcome our newest members - those who were received into full communion with the Catholic Church at our Easter Vigil. Neelie Schreiber Simmons was baptized onto the Body of Jesus Christ, and then her husband, Chris Simmons, and Hans Rottman were received into the Catholic faith - and then all three received the Sacrament of the Holy Spirit - Confirmation. All three - as well as John Goda - then received their First Communion - the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus - with us for the first time at the Easter Eucharist. We congratulate them for persevering in their year-long "Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults," and we hold them today in our prayers - that the Risen Lord Jesus will help them, and their families, to know His love, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, as they join us at the Eucharist in all the years ahead. (Brandy Morgan, a young lady who began the Rite with us this year, has just gone into the hospital for the birth of her baby - and so we look forward to her receiving the Sacraments of Initiation with us - at some future date." We thank each of them for their example to all of us. From their witness, may our faith in the Risen Lord Jesus, and His Church, grow deeper and stronger in this Easter season.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP every Thursday morning at 6:30 AM in the Parish Center. Come and join us before work.



Holy Communion

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Next, Sunday, May 1st is the first of our three First Communion Sundays. If you usually come to the 12:15 Mass, please be aware that this Mass will have many of our First Communicants and their families.

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP
APRIL 17, 2011**

Regular Collection \$15,347.60

Please remember St. Bonaventure Parish in your will. This assures the parish of continued financial strength.

Easter Sunday
The Resurrection
of the Lord

April 24, 2011



The Resurrection brings us healing!

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Christ is risen, and raises us up to new life in him. Christ is risen! His rising from the dead invites us to be raised up to a new and fuller life in him. We are encouraged to have our sights set on the things of heaven, rather than remaining earthbound in our spirit. Our faith in Christ's Resurrection gives us confidence and hope that we, too, will one day overcome death and live forever with him in heaven.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ANDREW NICHOLAS EVEREST, EVA MAIR FOREMAN AND TESSA GRACE TARASOVICH who were baptized in our Parish last Sunday. We rejoice with their families for this sign of new life in our midst.



PLEASE PRAY FOR PATRICIA LANG, WILLIAM KREUZER AND MARGARET BORRASSO who were buried from our Parish this past week. May their souls rest in the peace of the Lord. To their families we extend our sincere sympathy and prayerful support.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. BONAVENTURE PARISH HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

A Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated on 10:30 AM on May 22, 2011 for our seniors. A luncheon will follow in Newmeyer Hall immediately after the Mass. Dessert and beverage donations will be gratefully accepted. All graduates who will be attending are asked to contact Mrs. Lauren Devlin at 412-486-2074 or shaldevlins@comcast.net. Please RSVP with your name, phone number, email and high school by May 15th.

HEALING MASS: Members of the Fraternity of Priests will preside – prayers for healing follows - April 27 at 7 PM at St. John the Baptist, Unity/Plum Boro. For information call: 412-793-4511.



TROOP 560 SPAGHETTI DINNER:

Once again, Troop 560 will be having their Annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser at St. Bonaventure's Newmeyer Social Hall this Friday, April 29th from 4:30 PM to 7:30PM. Salad, fresh Breadworks bread, spaghetti and meatballs, dessert and refreshments are all included for one low price. Tickets for adults are just \$8 and children under 12 are only \$5. Tickets will be available at the door. In addition to the dinner, the scouts will have exhibits set up for you to check out, but if you can't stay to enjoy dinner at the hall, we will also have takeout meals ready to go. Be sure to mark it on your calendar, and come down and enjoy a great meal with your family and friends!

BON ADVENTURERS, Spring has sprung and the Bunco dice are blooming! That's right, it's time for another fun filled evening of Bunco. Join us on May 14th, At 7:30P.M. in Newmeyer Hall for fun, food and fellowship. The cost will be \$5 per person for both members and guests, payable at the door, but reservations must be made by calling Teresa Whitaker at 412-487-5752 by May 10th. See you there!

YOUTH GROUP

SUMMER RETREAT to Franciscan University July 8th-10th, sign ups and more information on the bulletin board.

CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY AT KENNYWOOD July 7th Info on the bulletin board.

Jr HIGH CCD— Last class May 15th-Mandatory for students and at least one parent.



The experience of the first disciples of Jesus is just like ours. As we come to celebrate Easter again, we are like Peter and James running to the tomb today. We, like they, have not yet fully understood what Jesus had told us. We too want to believe, but we have doubts - we are not yet quite sure. We can find hope and encouragement from these two first disciples. Peter and John had been with Jesus for three years, traveling with Him, listening to Him, seeing His miracles. They knew His love and His friendship. But they still did not

realize that His telling them that He would rise from the dead in three days- was actually going to happen. And so their first thought was - "who took His body out of the tomb?" "How slow you are to believe!", as Jesus said to them - and now to all of us. St. John – the "Beloved Disciple" went into the tomb - after Peter - "and he saw - and he believed." Was John the first to believe because he was the only Apostle who stayed at the Cross – with the Blessed Mother - as Jesus died? If we have stayed with Jesus a little more during these past weeks of Lent – in some prayer and fasting, and on Good Friday, we can know that our faith in Jesus is stronger this Easter.

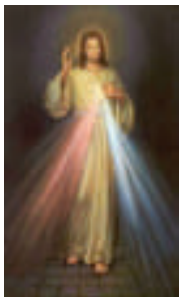
If we realize we have not spend much time with Jesus during this Lent, we can know that the Lord Jesus still wants us to come to deeper faith in Him in this Easter season. Even if we have not "run to the tomb" this Easter morning – maybe we were kind of dragged here to Mass – maybe you are not sure what you are doing here - know that Jesus wanted you to be here – He loves that you are here. Jesus wants you to "look into His empty tomb"- and believe. Believe that nobody "came and took His body away." He rose from that grave - the Father raised Him up from death - and Jesus is now alive - to this day. And He is with you and me - who are slow to believe. He is alive with us - every day - every moment of our lives. He is alive and with us – in our happy times - and He is especially with us in the pain of our struggles and sorrow. He is alive and with us especially as we receive His Body and His Blood in communion here each Sunday.

As St. Paul says in the Easter scripture today- "clear out the old yeast." That old yeast can be our doubt that Jesus is real, that is alive. That old yeast can be our fear or anxiety - about the future. That old yeast may be our sins, our pride, the grudges we hold onto year after year. That old yeast may be our addictions, our pride, our self- absorption, or our absorption in all the endless activities this world drags us into. The new yeast Jesus offers us this Easter is the presence of His Holy Spirit - His love, His peace, His light, His truth. Let that new yeast rise in your hearts today - and in this Easter season ahead. "Do not be slow to believe - but believe!"

On behalf of Fr. Matt, Deacon Steve, and myself - and all of our Parish and School staff - may you and all you family, and all you love - know a blessed Easter season.
- Fr. John

**BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS:**

All expectant parents who plan to have their child baptized at St. Bonaventure Church are asked to attend a Baptism Preparation Class. The class will be offered on Monday, May 9, 2011 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center Conference Room. To reserve a place, please call 412-486-2606 x 200.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Next Sunday, the Second Sunday of Easter is "Divine Mercy Sunday". The Feast decreed by Pope John Paul a number of years ago to be observed now by all the Catholic Church, is based on the visions and writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska. In her vision, Faustina saw that beautiful image, which we have become familiar with, of Jesus, with the rays of love and mercy shining from his heart.

Faustina's prayer was "Jesus, I trust You." We join with all the Church next Sunday in asking the Lord Jesus to "have mercy on us, and all our families and loved one, and on all the world." We ask Saint Faustina, and Pope John Paul, to pray for us, that we may trust Jesus in everything.

SIXTY-SEVENTH INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC ROSARY MARCH.

Mark your calendars for DIVINE MERCY, Sunday, May 1, 2011. Let us process with Bishop William J. Watersheid with love in our hearts for Jesus in the blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Fatima, from Epiphany Church to St. Mary of Mercy Church. 1:15PM Prelude Music..1:30 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Liturgy of the Word, Homily and Quiet Reflection. For more information call 412-884-3213, 412-885-8822 or 724-468-4306.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION SESSION: - for those who have signed up - the session begins this Saturday at 8AM in Newmeyer Hall.

ST. RICHARD PRAYER GROUP, Gibsonia is again presenting a "New Life in the Spirit" Seminar series. It begins May 3rd thru June 7th (Six consecutive Tuesday evening from 7:45 PM to 9:15 PM. For more information call Bob Sauers at 724-444-6524.

SHALER GARDEN CLUB celebrates 90th anniversary 2011:

The Shaler Garden Club will be holding its annual plant sale in Saturday, May 7, 2011 at 9:00 and to Noon in Kiwanis Park. Perennial plants from members gardens will be for sale. The event will also feature a flea market, bake sale and a special Mother's Day plants and planters.

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY'S largest open house event, DuquesneFest, will be held on Sunday, June 26, 2011 beginning at 8:00 AM, Call 412-396-6222 to register.

THE NORTH CATHOLIC FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

is happy to present its 2011 Spring Musical, Godspell, on Saturday April 30 at 7:30 PM and on Sunday May 1st at 2:30 PM & 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$8.00 and can be purchased in advance by calling 412-321-4823. Tickets are also available at the door.

THIS AFTERNOON, Bishops David Zubik and William Winter and Bishop-elect William Waltersheid will welcome families of the Diocese to their annual Blessing of Families at St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland, beginning at 2:00 PM. (Please note earlier start time!) As they greet and bless your family personally they affirm and support you as a household of love and witnesses to your faith. Come and experience the Bishop's expression of appreciation for the gift that you are and the gifts that you bring to our Diocese. Each family attending will receive a special memento to take home and the children will receive a sweet treat.

MAGNIFICAT PITTSBURGH; Ladies, join Magnificat Pittsburgh for a hope-filled prayer breakfast on Saturday, May 14th from 9:00 AM to Noon at the Embassy Suites Pittsburgh in Coraopolis. Hear speaker Trudy Harris, RN retired hospice nurse and devout Catholic, tell her story of her growth in faith and love as she accompanied many people at the end of their life's journey. With heightened senses and awareness, her hospice patients begin to see and hear with spiritual eyes and ears. These experiences have much to teach us and give comfort and hope. Trudy began her work with hospice in the early 1980's and eventually became the President of the Hospice Foundation for Caring. Trudy is the author of two books, "Glimpses of Heaven", which has sold over 300,000 copies and is published in 9 languages and "More Glimpses of Heaven", published in November 2010. The cost of the breakfast is \$18.00. Registration deadline is May 6th. To register, call Pam at 412-461-8906 or Kay at 724-772-6749 or download a registration form at www.magnificatpittsburgh.org.

SPRING EVENING OF REFLECTION FOR SEPARATED/DIVORCED:

On May 12, 2011, at St. Bernard, Mount Lebanon, there will be an Evening of Reflection for those who are separated or divorced. The topic is "Annulments in the Catholic Church: the Why and the How." The presenter will be Fr Brian Welding. The evening will be from 8-9 PM. There is no charge. A free will offering will be taken. The event will take place in Clairvaux Hall (Lower church) Anyone interested in learning about the Annulment Process in the Catholic Church is welcomed to attend. It is a good opportunity for adult faith formation.

ON SUNDAY, MAY 1st the School Sisters of St. Francis, Mount Assisi Convent, 934 Forest Avenue, Bellevue, invite you to our annual spring festival from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. Dinners will be served from noon until 6:00 p.m. **Bingo, Bake Sale, Refreshments, Plant Sale, Crafts and Games** of all types will be part of the activities for the day. Raffle tickets will also be sold the day of the festival. Plan to spend Sunday with us! Come and enjoy the good food and the fun. Our driveway is off Bellevue Road at Quail Avenue. North Ralph Avenue in Bellevue becomes Bellevue Road in Ross Township.

JESUS CHRIST  is truly risen!
our King