

THE CLEMENTIAN

February 11, 2018

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Lent Begins
Ash Wednesday

Brothers & sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 10:31)

Ash Wednesday is this week. While some of us are keen to begin Lent, some may feel disheartened at the prospect of keeping their Lenten resolutions. If this is you, don't worry. Paul's words (above) have come at just the right time. Not only is this verse encouraging but it's a fitting theme for Lent—something you can return to again and again for inspiration and direction.

Brothers & sisters. First, remember that you won't be embarking on this journey alone. You are swept up into a vast family called the Church. This multitude will be walking arm in arm with you as you follow Jesus on His road to the cross. You can always count on them for encouragement and support in prayer.

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do. Remember, the kingdom of God isn't a matter of eating and drinking. Neither is it a matter of *not* eating and drinking. So, don't get hung up on the details of your resolution. And don't worry if you slip up every now and then. Instead, keep your focus on your love for Jesus.

Do everything for the glory of God. If you're still feeling unsure about Lent, cling to the motto of St. Ignatius of Loyola: "For the greater glory of God." God is shown to be glorious when His children offer their daily tasks to Him and find happiness in glorifying Him. This is the heart of Lent: putting aside temporary pleasures in order to become satisfied in God.

"Lord, here's all my life—for your glory!"

Our readings for next weekend, Feb. 17 & 18: Genesis 9:8-15/1 Peter 3:18-22/Mark 1:12-15
Worship Book #788

DAILY MASS READINGS

Mon 2/12—James 1:1-11/Mark 8:11-13
Tue 2/13—James 1:12-18/Mark 8:14-21
Wed 2/14—Joel 2:12-18/2 Corin. 5:20; 6:2/Matt 6:1-18
Thurs 2/15—Deuteronomy 30:15-20/Luke 9:22-25
Fri 2/16—Isaiah 58:1-9/Matthew 9:14-15
Sat 2/17—Isaiah 58:9-14/Luke 5:27-32



THE CALENDAR WINNERS ARE.....

Jan 31—Cathy Kenworthy, #520
Feb 01—Ashley Gacka, #935
Feb 02—Donna Marhefka, #832
Feb 03—Joan Loncar, #122
Feb 04—Elizabeth Pavlosky, #145
Feb 05—Anne Zepka, #083
Feb 06—Mike Danchanko, #003

ST. CLEMENT CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	<u>DECEMBER 2017</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>to date</u>
Cash Received:	\$ 51,763	\$267,153
Expenses Paid:	<u>56,329</u>	<u>277,293</u>
Cash Received Over (Under)		
Expenses Paid:	\$ (4,566)	\$ (10,140)

Bible Study

All are welcome this Tuesday at 6 PM in the first classroom of the school. No prior attendance or preparation necessary!

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Confirmation Preparation

Important Dates

Feb 25—Juniors—Letters to Father Due

March 4—Grades 10 & 11—Sponsor Meetings Due

March 4—10b 1 PM-3 PM

March 18—11c 1 PM-4 PM



DON'T GIVE UP CHOCOLATE FOR LENT!

This year, do something different! Join St. Clement Parish for **BEST LENT EVER**, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you have a life-changing Lent. Each day, you'll receive an email with . . .

- Inspirational Videos
- Practical Tips
- Encouraging Stories

Sign up at: DynamicCatholic.com/40days



Saint Clement Parish Family offers our sympathy to **the family of Joseph Kohler whose funeral we celebrated this past week; to Dianne Martz and Gary & Sue Bellack on the death of Dianne's husband, Donald; to Joe & Maryann Brett on the death of Joe's brother, Paul Sterbini; and to Robert & Barbara Karalfa on the death of Bob's sister, Liz Woznak.** Please keep them in your prayers.

Marriage: National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) is a great time to support marriage! Join us to celebrate marriage and for a seven-day virtual retreat. USCCB

Life Matters: "The Church affirms the inviolable dignity of every person, regardless of the duration or extent of the person's incapacity or dependency. Nothing diminishes the unchangeable dignity and sanctity of a person's life, or the obligation to protect and care for it." USCCB



AN INVITATION

On **Sunday, February 18th**, the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown will celebrate the Rite of Election of Catechumens and the Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates at **Saint John Gualbert Cathedral**, Johnstown beginning at 2:00 PM. These are men and women who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter from our parish and those in the surrounding area. The adults who are seeking Baptism will be formally named and welcomed as the Elect of God and the Candidates seeking full initiation will declare their intent and be blessed by Bishop Mark Bartchak. **All parishioners are invited to join our Catechumens and Candidates and their sponsors and families in prayer and communal support.** Everyone is invited to attend a light reception afterwards in the Saint John Gualbert Activity Center located at the corner of Railroad and Adams Street.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH DAY 2018

Sunday, March 18th

Bishop Carrol High School

We have a wonderful day planned which includes our special guests returning to the diocese, **APeX Ministries! Gene Monterastelli and Brad Farmer.**

APeX Ministries (aka Gene and Brad) is an internationally known comedy duo based out of Brooklyn, NY and Aurora, CO. Since 1996 they have traveled North America using a style they define as Christian Vaudeville. This includes death defying juggling, sketch comedy, and personal testimony. In other words, they are evangelists, they throw things at each other, and they are funny. Gene hopes one day to compete in the Olympics as a solo synchronized swimmer. Brad is very strong!

AREA Fish Fry DINNERS

The Church of the Transfiguration will be having a Fish Fry **TAKE-OUT ONLY** Dinner on **ASH WEDNESDAY, February 14th** from 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM at the Church Hall, 201 Third St., **Conemaugh**. Stop in or call for a nice meal to take home and enjoy! Dinner is \$10.00, Fried or Baked Fish either with French Fries, Mac & Cheese or Haluski and Apple Sauce or Cole Slaw and Dessert. Take-Outs only by calling the Church Hall at 535-2698.

Fish Fry Dinners (**eat-in or take-out**) will continue on **Friday, February 16th & Friday, February 23rd** from 3:30-6:30 PM. All are welcome!

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Church, Windber, is having a Fish Fry every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) beginning **this Friday, February 16th** from 11:00 AM-6:30 PM. Menu includes Fried or Baked Fish, Shrimp or Combo Dinners, Pizza, Pagacz, Haluski and much more! Lunch and dinner available; eat-in or take-out. All are welcome!



RIVERS CASINO TRIP

The Church of the Transfiguration is sponsoring a Rivers Casino Trip, **Tuesday, March 13th**. \$30.00 per person includes \$20.00 slot play and \$5.00 food voucher. Bus will leave The Church of the Transfiguration School Hall at 8:45 AM and leave the Rivers to return home at 6:00 PM. For more information, please contact Sharon Santichen @ 814-536-1732 or Andy Solomon @ 814-322-3287.



BUS TRIP

The Hilltop Area Senior Citizens are having a bus trip to the Pittsburgh CLO Cabaret on **Sunday, March 18th**. The musical comedy "Up and Away" is an astonishing, amazing, and absolutely TRUE tale of two brothers from a small town and one high-tales it to the "BIG CITY" for fame and fortune and finds trouble instead. Cost is \$68. Bus leaves from McIlwain's Bus Lines @ 12:15 PM. Musical is @ 2:00 PM. Please call Nora Dorian @ 487-6370 or Lois Tomb @ 255-2877 for more information or to sign up.



Visitation Parish, 8th Ward, is having their Annual Lenten Fish Take-out Service on **Ash Wednesday and every Friday during Lent (except**

Good Friday) from 11:00 AM-6:00 PM. Dinner includes Large Fish Sandwich, Coleslaw, choice of Macaroni & Cheese, French Fries, or Sweet Potato Fries, and Beverage. Cost is \$9.00. Delivery available within a 5-mile range. Call 288-9279 to place your order.



BASKET PARTY

Catholic Daughters of the Americas,
Court of Our Lady #647

Sunday, April 8th

St. John Gualbert's Activity Center
Get your tickets now; only 200 tickets will be sold. Admission is \$8.00 and includes 25 tickets, door prizes, and a light lunch. Additional tickets \$5.00. Doors open 12:00 Noon; Drawing 2:00 PM. For tickets, call Barb @ 535-3297 or Diane @ 539-1588 and leave a message.

Ash Wednesday

Among the beautiful and solemn ceremonies of the Catholic Church is the gathering of the faithful on **Ash Wednesday**. This special day begins our Lenten journey. It is the start of 40 days of prayer, penance and almsgiving as we prepare ourselves to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. **Masses will be celebrated at 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM***. **Distribution of ashes will take place at Noon.**

***Note NEW MASS TIME!**



STATIONS of the CROSS

If we are going to be followers of Jesus, He tells us that each person must "take up his cross and follow me" (Mt. 16:24). The Stations of the Cross is an ancient meditation in Jesus' journey to the cross and eventually the tomb. Stations are offered every Friday throughout Lent beginning **February 16th** and on Good Friday at **7:00 PM**. Participating in the Stations as a family is a way to acknowledge our own cross and is a reminder that Christ's suffering offers hope in the midst of our daily struggles.



LENTE

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GARDEN OF

Your *Beliefs* don't make you a *better person*; your *Behavior* does...

FEED THE HUNGRY

The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise. They are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs. During Lent, we will be collecting the following food items to support the current needs of the **Martha & Mary House**, a homeless shelter that provides support, safety and hope to individuals and families in Cambria County. Collection bins will be located at all doors of the church. We hope you will be generous.



The weekly collections are as follows:

Feb. 17/18

Ground Coffee & Dry
Coffee Creamer

Feb. 24/25

Peanut Butter & Jelly

March 3/4

Hot Chocolate & Breakfast Bars

March 10/11

Tuna Fish & Macaroni and Cheese

March 17/18

Canned Ravioli & Spaghetti's with Meat

Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.





LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Friday, March 16, 2018
7:00 PM

All St. Clement Parish students, grades 3 and up, are invited to participate in this year's portrayal of the Living Stations of the Cross on **Friday, March 16th at 7:00 PM for our parishioners and on Sunday, March 18th at 9:15 AM for our Faith Formation students.** This is a powerful form of prayer in which students silently portray the final hours of Jesus' life from His condemnation to His resurrection, and we hope all parents will encourage their children to participate.

Practices will be held on:

Saturday, March 3rd	10:00 AM – Noon
Saturday, March 10th	10:00 AM – Noon
Sunday, March 11th	9:15 AM – 10:15 AM

Students must be at the church by 4:30 PM on Friday, March 16th. Pizza will be served and they will do a final run-through prior to the 7:00 PM presentation.

If your child would like to make participation in the Living Stations a part of their Lenten sacrifice and experience, or, if you have any questions, please call the rectory at 255-4422 or e-mail Mary Casto, Living Stations Coordinator, at bmjcasto@verizon.net by **February 25th**. Also, please complete the form below and **have your child return it when he/she comes to practice.**

Thank you!

STUDENT NAME

GRADE

has my permission to participate in Living Stations of the Cross at St. Clement Church. I understand it is my responsibility to have him/her present for practices and for a final run-through and performance on Friday, March 24th from 4:30 PM – 8:00 PM. I also understand that transportation is not provided.

PARENT SIGNATURE

DATE