

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**APRIL 2, 2017**



**Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish  
Parroquia de Nuestra Señora de la Medalla Milagrosa**

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**QUINTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA**

**2 DE ABRIL DE 2017**

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY**  
5 pm — Vigil

**SUNDAY**  
8 am & 11 am  
La Misa en español — 2:30 pm

**MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY**  
10 am

**WEDNESDAY**  
6 pm

**HOLY DAYS**  
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**Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice!**

— Psalm 150:1

**Desde el abismo de mis pecados clamo a ti;  
Señor, escucha mi clamor.**

— Salmo 150(129):1

**PARISH INFORMATION AND CONTACTS**

**CLERGY**

Carmen A. D'Amico, *Pastor*  
Anton V. Mobley, *Permanent Deacon*

**PARISH STAFF**

Rosalie Eckels  
*Religious Education Director*  
Jennifer Derrick  
*Music Director & Organist*  
Rachel Krofcheck  
*Youth Pastor*  
Mary Ann Lecci  
*Parish Secretary*  
Don Ross  
*Coordinator of Ministries*  
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*Maintenance, Sat.-Sun.*

**PARISH PHONE NUMBERS**

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Ed Holmes 724-886-1484  
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**FISH FRY ON FRIDAYS DURING LENT**

**11:00 AM - 7:30 PM**

**CCD CENTER**



DAY / TIME	CONFESSIONS / EVENTS	OBSERVANCES / MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS
<b>SATURDAY, APRIL 1</b>		<b>FIRST SATURDAY</b>	
10:00 am—4:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Parish Lenten Retreat, Church Hall Confession Mass	With Fr. Terry O'Connor. Retreat ends at 4 pm with Mass  Julian Alexander-Bush +, req. Mum, Brother & Cousins	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 2</b>		<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	
8:00 am 9:00—10:30 am 11:00 am 1:30 pm—2:30 pm 2:30 pm 6:00 pm—7:30 pm	Mass CCD, CCD Ctr. Mass Spanish CCD, CCD Ctr. Spanish Mass Youth Group, CCD Ctr.	Joseph Chehovin + (Easter), req. Children  Linda Mattola +, req. Paul & Margaret Buehler  PARISHIONERS	Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]
<b>MONDAY, APRIL 3</b>			
10:00 am 10:45 am 6:00 pm—8:00 pm	Mass Miraculous Medal Novena Alpha IV, Church Hall	Richard Schohn +, req. Wife, Regina Schohn	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
<b>TUESDAY, APRIL 4</b>		<b>ST. ISIDORE</b>	
10:00 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm—8:30 pm	Mass Christian Mothers Meeting, CCD Ctr. Symbolon, Church Hall The Catholic Faith Explained	Margaret Bodnar +, req. Virginia Oliveri	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
<b>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5</b>		<b>ST. VINCENT FERRER</b>	
6:00 pm 6:45 pm—7:30 pm 7:00 pm—9:00 pm 7:00 pm	Mass Confessions Bereavement, Church Hall RCIA Rehearsal for Easter, Church	Nocholas Psilos +, req. Kids and Grandkids  Deacon Barry Krofcheck	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
<b>THURSDAY, APRIL 6</b>			
10:00 am	Mass	Margaret Bodnar +, req. Joan Oliveri	Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
<b>FRIDAY, APRIL 7</b>		<b>ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE</b>	
10:00 am 10:45 am—7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Mass Adoration Stations of the Cross	The Health of Jack Frazier, req. Ed & Virginia Rydzak	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
<b>SATURDAY, APRIL 8</b>		<b>ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE</b>	
10:00 am—1:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:00 pm	Leadership Workshop, Church Hall Confession Mass Christian Mothers Bake Sale Church Hall	Dan Moroco +, req. Susan Rybacki	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 9</b>		<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	
8:00 am 9:00—10:30 am 11:00 am 1:30 pm—2:30 pm 2:30 pm	Mass—Food Pantry After Mass CCD, CCD Ctr. Mass Spanish CCD, CCD Ctr. Spanish Mass	Holy Name Society, req. Members  Anthony Vallone +, req. Dorothy Warbo  PARISHIONERS	Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]
<b>BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK</b>		<b>OS CUMPLEAÑOS DE ESTA SEMANA</b>	
	Caleb Bradley, Melissa Zaragoza Cibrian, Mark Coen Jr., Sandy Gallagher, Bob Hoffman Jr., Ofelia Linan, Mike Meuer, Deacon Tony Mobley, Donna Schwinghammer, Laurel Diana, Joel Haight, Jon Kelly, Terri Elliott, Tanner Kirsch, Jeff Rifgon, Tom Ross, Bethany Diaz, Terri Hall, Nadine Mahoney, Aurora Navarro, R. Nicholas Presto, Stephen Sirakos, Wendy Vincent, April Wojcuich, Michael Roytas, Sophia Sroka, Dean Wojcik, Melissa Zaragoza, Cody Cashdollar, James Craig, Carolyn Wissenbach, Paul Buehler, Todd James, Jeffrey Katrencik, Valerie Kencec and Andrew Martincic.		

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LENTEN FAMILY RETREAT WITH FR. TERRY

Fr. Terry O'Connor, Pastor of St. Therese of Lisieux Parish, Munhall, will be leading a Lenten Retreat on Saturday, April 1, 2017. The title of the retreat is, "Dying and Rising with Jesus." Since the retreat is toward the end of Lent, Fr. Terry will incorporate **Lent, Holy Week, and Easter.**

#### THE SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

Talk 1: 11:15-12pm

Lunch: 12:15-1:15pm

Talk 2: 1:30-2:15pm.

Talk 3: 2:45 - 3:30pm

Mass: 4:00 pm.

It looks to be an enlightening and transformative day. We hope you can join us. A light lunch will be served at no charge to those who register for it.

Please call or email George Pecharka at 724-503-4083 or [georgepecharka@gmail.com](mailto:georgepecharka@gmail.com) to do so.

You can also stop by after Mass at the Welcome Desk at the rear of the church. The ladies there will take your reservation.

### SYMBOLON: THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Symbolon is a ground-breaking new series that unveils the beauty and brilliance of Catholicism. The schedule for the series is:

March 7th., 14th., 21st., 28th. and April 4th. and 11th.  
From 7pm to 8:30pm in the Church Hall.

### THE PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**, you stand in solidarity with the **Church in the Holy Land** as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in **parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land.**

Please be generous!

### VERSE OF THE DAY“

So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Matthew 6:34 NLT

### CONGRATULATIONS

to the parents and godparents of  
**Maven Rose Burton**  
and  
**Jules Elizabeth Fraley**

May God bless these children as they grow in their faith.



### CHRISTIAN MOTHERS & GUILD MEETING

Christian Mothers & Guild meeting will be Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 7 pm. in the CCD Center. Member donation for this month for the Washington Food Pantry is bathroom tissue. There will be a short business meeting. Social chair ladies for the evening are **Gerry Checonsky and Jeanne Mayer.**

A reminder for the Palm Sunday Bake Sale is April 9, 2017.

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

### SIX STEPS TO SANITY PROGRAM

Dealing with Addiction in Your Family?

#### STOP THE INSANITY NOW!!

The **Six Steps to Sanity** program is for every broken-hearted parent, stepparent or grandparent of a child who suffers from addiction and who is ready to gain SANITY in an insane situation. It is never too late to make choices that will change your life.

#### SANITY IS POSSIBLE!

Join the growing network of Sanity Support Groups based on the book: **Setting Boundaries With Your Adult Children: Six Steps to Hope and Healing for Struggling Parents** by **Allison Bottke.** This program is sponsored by SAM and facilitated by Chico Ficera.

Join us for this journey, ongoing since March 11, 2017

**10:00am to 11:30am**  
**ST. LOUISE DE MARILLAC CHURCH**  
**320 MCMURRAY RD**  
**PITTSBURGH, PA 15241**

in the Bishop Leonard Room (lower level of the Church)

The program will run weekly for 12 weeks. Space is limited. Please call or email

Bruce and Nancy Shea  
(412) 854-8156 or [albishea@comcast.net](mailto:albishea@comcast.net)

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION TRIP TO ROME

Immaculate Conception Parish and Limitless Travel Agency are pleased to present you with an opportunity to join us for a **fantastic trip to Rome October 4 - 12, 2017.**

Spiritual directors for the trip will be Father Michael Conway, parochial vicar of Immaculate Conception and Father William Wuenschel, parochial vicar at St. Benedict the Abbot. Bookings are currently being accepted, but space is limited!

**For additional information, call or email Lindsay Pecosh at 724-255-7138 or [lindsay@limitlesstravelagency.com](mailto:lindsay@limitlesstravelagency.com)**

### 2017 GRIEF AND LOSS SEMINAR WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 12TH - MAY 17TH

McNary Center - Canonsburg Hospital  
100 Medical Blvd, Canonsburg, PA 15317  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

#### “When Mourning Dawns”

To make reservations, call 724-745-6100, Ext 4118.  
**There is no cost for the Seminar.**

### COME CELEBRATE WITH US AT OUR 2017 GRATEFUL GATHERING

Benefiting the **Retired and Infirm Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth.**

**Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 5:00 pm. to 10:00 pm.**  
**Tickets \$25/per person.**

Holy Family Manor Auditorium, 301 Bellevue Rd. Pittsburgh Pa. 15229. **Space is limited! Only 225 tickets available. Tables of 8-10 are available for groups.** Come by yourself and make new friends or bring a group to enjoy an evening together. Celebrate a birthday or anniversary. Create your own Class Reunion.

**JESUS' MINISTRY SUMMARIZED**

The story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead is the single longest story (apart from the Passion) in the Gospel of John. In it we find a summary of most of Jesus' ministry. We see his very human nature as he is moved by Martha and Mary's sorrows and as he himself weeps at the tomb of Lazarus. He is the wisdom of God's Word made flesh as he explains to his followers that the death of Lazarus will serve as a sign of the glory of God. He crowns the miracles he works in John's Gospel (which began with the most "human" miracle of making new wine at Cana's wedding) by raising Lazarus from the dead—a "preview," if you will, of his own death and resurrection to come. This portrait of Jesus reminds us, as we near the end of our Lenten journey, that he is with us, knows us, understands us in every moment of our lives. He knows the joy of our human feasting, he knows the sorrow of our weeping. As we prepare to walk with him through the days of Holy Week, we are filled with faith that—through Christ—God's glory will be with us in every moment of our lives and—with Christ—in our life everlasting.

**RESUMEN DEL MINISTERIO DE JESÚS**

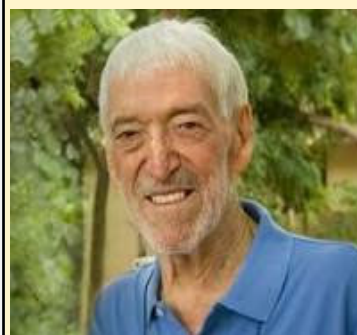
El relato de cómo Lázaro revivió de entre los muertos es el relato más largo (además de la Pasión) en el Evangelio según san Juan. En él encontramos un resumen de la mayor parte del ministerio de Jesús. Vemos su naturaleza humana cuando se conmueve con la tristeza de Marta y de María y cuando él mismo llora frente a la tumba de Lázaro. Es la sabiduría de la Palabra de Dios hecha carne cuando le explica a sus seguidores que la muerte de Lázaro servirá como una señal de la gloria de Dios. Corona los milagros que obra en el Evangelio según san Juan (que comenzó con el milagro más "humano" de hacer más vino en la boda de Caná) reviviendo a Lázaro de entre los muertos; un "avance", por así decirlo, de su propia muerte y resurrección por venir. Este retrato de Jesús nos recuerda, mientras estamos cerca del fin de nuestro viaje de Cuaresma, que él está con nosotros, nos conoce, nos comprende en cada momento de nuestra vida. Conoce la alegría de nuestras celebraciones humanas, conoce la tristeza de nuestro llanto. Mientras nos preparamos para caminar con él en los días de Semana Santa, tenemos fe de que—por Cristo— la gloria de Dios estará con nosotros a cada momento de nuestra vida y—con Cristo— en nuestra vida eterna.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Not until the thirteenth century do we find a mention of a locked tabernacle. There's some evidence for eucharistic towers also, but often these were in an obscure corner of the church, or even in the off-limits sacristy. Many of us grew up "making visits" to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, but it's clear this would raise some medieval eyebrows in confusion! To the present day, the Eucharist is always reserved only in a side chapel in many cathedrals. The principal focus in a cathedral is always on the altar, symbol of Christ, and on the cathedra, symbol of the pastoral ministry of the bishop.

In your parish church there is probably a "sanctuary lamp," a permanently lit candle or oil lamp indicating the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Sometimes it's in a red glass, not for any particular reason except that it's easy to find. There is a story of a bishop missioned to Papua New Guinea who was distressed to find no sanctuary lamps burning in his new diocese. The people patiently explained that their churches were woven of grass, and that they decided to place a chief's standard, a trident, in front of the tabernacle. That was a sign in their culture that the "chief" was at home, like raising the flag over Buckingham Palace. The bishop, an Irish import, didn't appreciate the British reference, so he ordered the candles back. The first church to burn to the ground was the cathedral, and after two more, the chief's tridents returned.

**TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE**



Vicente Ferrer, patrón de los obreros de la construcción, falleció el 5 de abril de 1419. Este santo varón nació en Valencia, España, en 1350, vivió y predicó el Evangelio en una época muy difícil del cristianismo. Además de la peste, guerras y otros problemas sociales, la Iglesia estaba

dividida por dos o tres hombres que insistían ser el verdadero Papa.

Vicente, un religioso dominico, dedicó su vida a reconstruir la Iglesia promoviendo la virtud de la caridad interna y externa mediante una predicación que relacionaba la Palabra de Dios con la vida cotidiana. Vicente se valía de la teología, poesía, repetición y otros medios para inculcar la sabiduría bíblica en sus oyentes. De esta manera supo construir la fe tanto en los fieles y en la Iglesia como comunidad.

Los cuadros de este santo español normalmente lo presentan con una llama ardiente en una mano y en la otra, con una Biblia abierta. De esta manera los artistas subrayan el amor ardiente que los cristianos debemos tener por la Palabra de Dios, un amor que Vicente edificaba en el corazón de los fieles.

If you are a victim of abuse, Call the Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response: 1-888-808-1235

For suspected child abuse, call 1-888-808-1235 AND the State of Pennsylvania child abuse number: 1-800-932-0313

Today, on this Fifth Sunday of Lent, we take some time to reflect on life's biggest questions about who we are and what happens after we die. The prophet Ezekiel relays the words of God, twice referring to the Israelites as "my people." The Israelites are indeed God's own chosen ones, whom God promises to fetch out of the grave and revive, settling them on new land. We know that Jesus extends that promise to all of us through Baptism, as Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans emphasizes: "If the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the One who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also." The raising of Lazarus in John's Gospel proves God's mastery over death. We are God's own beloved children. Nothing, not even death, is more powerful than God's care for us.

**DEAD AGAIN**

"Lazarus, come out!" Jesus shouts his command, and a beloved friend rises from the dead. Those of us who have lost loved ones might wish Jesus would call our dearly departed back from the grave too, keeping them on earth a little while longer for companionship. Consider, however, that Martha and Mary had to grieve their brother not once, but twice. The miracle of Lazarus' resuscitation did not prevent Lazarus from dying again. Difficult as death is to bear, Jesus has a merciful plan for us: not endless resuscitations, but genuine resurrection. Unlike Lazarus, we will die just once, and that is a small price to pay for the majestic reward Jesus has planned for each of us. Jesus is "the resurrection and the life." If we believe in him, we can live forever in glorious, resurrected bodies free from pain and disability. The prophet Ezekiel describes the promise of God, to put God's own spirit within us so we may live. "I have promised, and I will do it, says the Lord." Jesus Christ fulfills that promise. If we belong to Jesus, then, we possess all the riches of God's kingdom. Today, as we stand at the Profession of Faith and recite the Creed with our sisters and brothers in Christ, we can marvel at what the Lord has done for us.

**YES, LORD**

For the third week in a row, our Sunday Gospel reading narrates a bold profession of faith in Jesus Christ. First we had the Samaritan woman at the well, then the man cured of his blindness, and now Martha, the grieving sister of Lazarus. The eclectic mix of believers reminds us that God desires all people to have faith. After professing our own faith during the liturgy today, we are sent to make disciples of all. Strengthened by word and sacrament, let us live bold Christian lives. May our loving words and deeds draw others to life in Christ.

**MUERTO OTRA VEZ**



"Lázaro, ¡sal!" Jesús con voz fuerte da la orden y un amigo muy querido se despierta de la muerte. Aquellos de nosotros que hemos perdido a seres queridos podríamos desear que Jesús llamara a nuestros difuntos desde sus tumbas y les devolviera la vida también, y que sigan estando un poco más de tiempo acompañándonos. Considera, sin embargo, que Marta y María tuvieron que entristecerse por su hermano no una sino dos veces. El milagro que le devuelve la vida a Lázaro no le evitó que volviera a morir. Siendo tan difícil la muerte de Lázaro, Jesús tiene un plan misericordioso para nosotros: no revivir incontablemente, sino la verdadera resurrección. A diferencia de Lázaro, nosotros moriremos sólo una vez, y ese es un precio pequeño por la recompensa extraordinaria que Jesús planificó para cada uno de nosotros. Jesús es "la resurrección y la vida". Si creemos en él, podemos vivir por siempre en la gloria, en cuerpos resucitados libres de dolor y discapacidades.

El profeta Ezequiel describe la promesa de Dios, poner el mismo espíritu de Dios dentro de cada uno de nosotros para que vivamos. "Yo lo he prometido, y lo afirmo, dice el Señor". Jesucristo cumple plenamente esta promesa. Si pertenecemos a Jesús, entonces, poseemos todas las riquezas del Reino de Dios. Hoy, así como nos ponemos de pie en la Profesión de fe y al recitar el Credo con nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Cristo, podemos maravillarnos de lo que el Señor ha hecho por nosotros.

**SÍ, SEÑOR**

Por tercera semana seguida, la lectura de nuestro Evangelio dominical narra una profesión intrépida de fe en Jesucristo. Primero tuvimos la de la mujer samaritana en el pozo de agua, luego la del hombre ciego de nacimiento y ahora la de Marta, la hermana que guarda duelo por su hermano Lázaro. Estos creyentes tan diferentes nos recuerdan que Dios desea que todas las personas tengan fe. Después de profesar nuestra propia fe durante la liturgia de hoy, somos enviados a hacer discípulos. Fortalecidos por la palabra y el sacramento, vivamos intrépidamente nuestras vidas cristianas. Que nuestras palabras cariñosas y obras lleven a otras a vivir en Cristo.

Average Weekly Expense	\$ 6,100.00	Parish Share Goal 2017	\$ 79,162.00
Collection for Sunday March 19, 2017	\$5,410.00	Parish Share as of March 19, 2017	\$ 9,883.00
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>\$ 690.00</b>	E-Offering for February 2017	\$ 1,885.00

Anything collected over our Parish Share assessment will go into our savings.