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# MASS INTENTIONS

# SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2017

5:00 PM Vigil Ralph Ruskowski

# SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017

7:30 AM Thomas Levins 9:00 AM John K. Todd 10:30 AM Arthur Murphy

12:00 PM Carlos Rondon (1st Anniversary)

#### Monday, March 20, 2017

8:30 AM Katherine Noe

6:30 PM Kay & Tom Gallagher

# Tuesday, March 21, 2017

8:30 AM Special Intentions for TF (*Living*) 6:30 PM Gertrude & Peter Gdonski

# WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2017

8:30 AM Adam Feletski

6:30 PM Thomas M. Gabor, Sr

(5th Anniversary)

# THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2017

8:30 AM Susan Johnson & Deceased

Members of the Zubak Family

6:30 PM Julia Matekovic

# FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2017

8:30 AM Wendy Caliendo

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017

8:00 AM Joseph T. McGilliam

(20th Anniversary)

5:00 PM Vigil Anthony & Shirley DelQuadro

# SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017

7:30 AM Kenneth Van Dyke

9:00 AM Phyllis Reo

10:30 AM Isabel & Kenneth Wilson

12:00 PM Mary Killion

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND MARCH 18TH AND 19TH IS FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES

# **Lenten Series 2017**

Bishop Robert Barron will introduce us to two great figures in our Catholic Tradition; Francis of Assisi and Michelangelo by viewing *Catholicism: The Pivotal Players* on 3 Wednesday nights. This is a follow-up to the ground breaking *Catholicism* series brought to us by Bishop Barron and the Word on Fire team.

3/22 - St. Francis of Assisi part two

3/29 - Michelangelo part one

4/05 - Michelangelo part two

If you must miss a night, don't worry about it. Each session stands alone and begins after the 6:30 Mass in Holy Family Hall.

#### LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE

During Lent, in addition to our regular 8:30 AM Mass, an evening Mass at 6:30 PM has been added during the week (Monday to Thursday).

# Parish Bible Study

Join our Seminarians as we take a look at the readings that will be proclaimed at the weekend Masses. Each week will certainly be a time of prayer and insight. Come as often as you can, and bring your friends!



Thursdays at 1:30 PM in the Parish Office

(please park in the Trainer Hall parking lot)

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This Lenten devotion will be celebrated on the Fridays of Lent at 7:00 PM in Church

# Soup and Stations

In solidarity with our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the globe, the Pastoral Council is sponsoring a

# POOR MAN'S SUPPER

of soup, bread, and water

# Friday, March 24th

in Holy Family Hall from 5:30 PM to 6:45 PM. Then we will attend Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM.

A donation will be accepted for

Holy Redeemer's Food Pantry.

Please join us and bring a friend!

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# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

As you read this, we are just a few days from the beginning of Spring. Obviously, that's not consistent with the week we have just had. I do want to note that this is one of the few snow events in the last couple of years that did not take place on a weekend. While, for a change, this did not disrupt our Sunday offerings, it probably would be a good time to encourage you to switch from placing money in your weekly envelopes to having your bank account debited on a weekly basis. This action assures that weather, vacation, inability to get a ride and so many other human circumstances will not mean that support of your parish is negatively impacted. It's not hard to do. We have more and more people signing up each week. You will still get a package of envelopes in the mail each month. Just deposit them in the collection and check the box for electronic delivery. That way, you won't feel funny when the usher takes up the collection and your children won't be disappointed that they won't have anything to put in the collection! As always, thanks for all of your support for your parish.

Speaking of support, I want to thank you one last time for your kindnesses to me while I was recovering from hip surgery. This past Thursday marked six weeks from the time of the surgery. I feel so much better than I did before the surgery. Your cards and kind expressions of support helped the healing process go even faster. As I always tell Fr. Sean, our people are the best. God bless you and thank you.

By next weekend we hope to have a date for a Lenten penance service. Fr. Sean has been waiting to organize this to make sure we were not competing with neighboring parishes for priest confessors. Stay tuned, and do your best to participate in the Lenten activities on the opposite page. The 6:30 pm Mass from Monday to Thursday is a great opportunity for weekday Mass for those of you who work outside of the home.

Finally, I want to extend the congratulations of our parish to our Christian neighbors at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church. After a long period without a permanent pastor, they will be installing Rev. Norbert F. Hahn as their new pastor next Sunday. Immanuel is a bilingual parish (German and English); so their pool of possible pastors is small. Their last permanent pastor Rev. Soenke Schmidt-Lange and I became very good friends. I trust the same will be true with Pastor Hahn. A period of a year or two with a temporary pastor is tough on a congregation. I am so glad their search has yielded a permanent pastor.

Until next week, I leave you

In the peace of Christ,



# BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

# Monday, March 27, 2017 6:00-7:15 PM—Parish Meeting Room

Please call Sister Maureen Erdlen, the moderator of the group, at 215 248 7203 for more information regarding this support group meeting. If you are dealing with the death of a loved one, this might be for you. The Parish Meeting Room is located in the school building right off the Lindsay Street parking lot.

# FAST & ABSTINENCE AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are:

- 1. Fourteen years of age and older are bound to <u>abstain</u> from eating meat on <u>Ash Wednesday</u>, on all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.
- Eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their 59th birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on <u>Ash Wednesday</u> and on <u>Good Friday</u>, while the other meals on those days are to be light.

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# **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Collection on March 11 & 12, 2017 \$21,043

(includes \$3,105 from E-giving)

Collection on March 13 & 14, 2016 \$21,050

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA 2017 \$2,414 CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA 2016 \$3,118



# You Are Invited! St. Christopher School is hosting LUNCH WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

For families with children ages 3-8 years \$5 per person Tickets are available through school

Saturday, April 8th from 11:00 AM -1:00 PM Trainer Hall

Join us for Arts and Crafts, Games, Face-painting, Hot dog lunch, Pretzels, and Cookies Pictures with the Easter Bunny

# **SAVE THE DATE!!**

St. Christopher School students
will be presenting
The Little Mermaid Jr.
Two Nights
April 5th and 6th
Tickets will go on sale soon

#### H.O.P.E.

# HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IN AN EMERGENCY

When family, friends or neighbors are unavailable and you have need for local transportation to get to doctor appointments, shopping, hospital visits or church, call our H.O.P.E. coordinator. Please leave your name and phone number and the coordinator will call you back.

TO SCHEDULE A RIDE CALL: 215-677-7629

# GIFT CARD CENTER/SCRIP PROGRAM

**Sunday:** 8:30 – 11:30 AM

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Thursday: 7:00-8:00 PM

# **Cranaleith Spiritual Center**

13475 Proctor Road, Philadelphia, PA 19116 Lenten Program

Saturday, March 25, 2017, 10 AM to 3 PM A Revolution of Tenderness
Presenter: Marie Michele Donnelly, RSM
Cost \$40 (includes lunch)
Register by phone at 215-934-6206 or

Email: info@cranaleith.org

# St. Christopher Home & School

Is hosting

# **Designer Bag BINGO**

Friday, April 28th
Trainer Hall
Doors open at 6:30 PM-BINGO begins @7 PM
BYOB and Snacks
Tickets \$35 each
Advanced purchase only & non-refundable.
Must be 21 to attend.
Contact: Colleen @alygirl920@yahoolcom
with any questions.

# **Archbishop Wood High School**

Seventh Grade Practice Exam (register at www.archwood.org) April 1, 2017 at 8:30 AM For more information contact: Patricia Roschetz 215-672-5050 ext. 268 or proschetz@archwood.org

**Saint Basil Academy** will be performing **"FAME"** Friday, 3/31 & Saturday, 4/1 @ 7:00 PM and Sunday, 4/2 @ 2:00 PM. To all SBA alums, purchase your Star on the SBA Walk of Fame and help support the 2017 production. For more information or to purchase tickets/star visit www.stbasilacademy.org

# Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Lenten Retreat

Saturday, March 25, 2017

Theme: "Mary the first one to know the Trinity"

Annunciation BVM Church 401 Brookline Blvd. Havertown, PA 19083

Guest Speaker: Msgr. John A. Esseff Retreat Day Begins at 8:30 AM with Parish Mass

Talks: "Mary, The Mother of God" and "Mary, The Spouse of the Spirit"

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#### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Dolores Anderson, Mary Kay Banks, Grace Berchick, Ed Brosko, Joan Lynch Carroll, Mary Christy, Patricia Collind, Mary Connaire, Baby Dalton, Tristan Dumont, Barbara Dutkiewicz, Jim DeGardner, David DeMetrio, Carol Dionisio, Robert Donaghy, Rev. Msgr. Michael Doyle, Nancy Finn, Harry Fisher, Marc Franklin, Tony Gaburick, Nick Gallo, Meghann Kelly Geyer, JoAnne Henes, Debra Johnson, Patrick Keenan, Len Laurito, Ethel Lazicki, Robert Lawrence, Michael Ledva, Patricia Leonard, Joseph Mackley, Ronnie Mardt, Anna Marie McCreesh, Stephen McEntyre, Mary Lou McIlvain, Mike McKee, Mary McKeever, Baby Sadie Jessica McLaughlin, Medlin Family, Paul Martin, Joan Martin, Elizabeth Morris, Brooke Mulford, Mary Lew Nederoski, Veronica Robbins, William Ryan, Susan Schneider, Robert Schuster, Agnes Serpiello, Marianna Serpiello, Steve Shelinsky, Anna Slotilock, Bonnie Papouschek Smart, Mary Gara Straub, Kim Stuart, Elisaberta Vorrasi, Charles Yearicks, Elizabeth Weres

# NOTICE ABOUT OUR SICK LIST:

If you wish to place or remove a name from the prayer list, please call the Parish Office (215 673 5177) during regular hours.

Recently added names appear in BOLD.

# PRE-JORDAN BAPTISM CLASS

First-time parents, as well as parents who have not already done so, must attend a Pre-Jordan class before scheduling the Baptism. We suggest that you attend before the birth of your baby. The next class will be on:

# Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Meeting Room

(Please call the Parish Office to register in advance.)

#### Home & School Corner

What's happening at school?

LOOKING AHEAD

4/2/2017 Mother/Daughter Pottery Event (TH)

4/28/2017 Designer Bag Bingo (TH)

5/11/2017 Mother's Day Plant Sale (HFH)

5/31/2017 Last H & S General Meeting 7:00pm (TH)

(New Board Members Introduced)

Email: stchrishs@gmail.com

# **ACADEMIC HONORS**

The following students from our parish have achieved Academic Honors for the First Quarter of the 2016-2017 school year.

# Archbishop Ryan High School

# The following students ranked in the top ten of their respective classes

**Senior:** Mary Grace Berchick was number 9 **Sophomore:** Ava R. Brakoniecki was number 4

#### **First Honors**

Senior: Mary Grace Berchick, Patrick K. DeTreux,

Kristen Theresa Findlay

Junior: Grace E. Camillo, Kaitlin Cavallo, Maria Deleso, Kaylie A. Jurgelewicz, Delaney McDonnell, Katie Elizabeth Rogers Sophomore: Ava R. Brakoniecki, Peter Marcellino,

Lauren McDonnell

#### **Second Honors**

Senior: Brianna M. Geiger, Amanda M. Hearn, Patrick R. Jurgelewicz, Jettaka R. McWilliams, Emily Mulvenna, Hayley S. Retter, Brendan P. Ruskowski Junior: Aidan Michael Degnan, Kyle William Disbot, Amber Marie Fanelli, Julia O'Shea, Julia Paige Wilson Sophomore: Colleen M. Dean, Erin K. Dunphy,

Olivia M. Simmons, Gerard Weiss

Freshman: Rita M. Mayer

# St. Hubert Catholic High School for Girls First Honors

Sara Michele Jordan, Emma Rose Licsauer, Kada Marie McGovern

#### **Second Honors**

Torie Marie Moctezuma

# Nazareth Academy First Honors

Senior: Miranda Candidi, Maria Diaz, Grace Gervino, Abigail Jastrzembski, Kristen Lichtner, Jessica Loughery, Sarah Schuck, Lauryn Stride, Angela Sylvester Sophomore: Brooke Anderson, Catherine Ferry, Malaina Gallagher

Freshman: Katrina Juntereal, Kayla Lichtner, Emily

Lonergan, Emilia Tomes

#### **Second Honors**

**Iunior:** Alexandra Graff

Sophomore: Jennifer Coull, Madison Kempisty, Jordyn

Pekala, Angelina Stride, Erica Vazquez **Freshman:** Madison Coyne, Sydney Jardine