



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. - Jn 3:20-21

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**MASS:**

**Wednesday 9:00 a.m.**

**Sunday 9:00 a.m.**

**Parish Pastoral Council:**

**Chris Bonacci; Shawna Bonacci; Andrea Neff; Eddie Odom; Amy Pollice; Joe Vivacqua; Tony Winterburn**

## Not Quite The Same

Like so many others, I was saddened to hear recently that King Charles III of England had developed cancer and was undergoing treatments that have curtailed his public duties. Like so many others, I said a prayer for him in hopes of recovery.

Charles is an interesting character, at 75 a mix of old and new. He is completely up to date on technology, so we hear, and was fearless in his military service. He was also quite the athletic horseman in polo events when younger. While no moral exemplar of note, he is also a throwback, notably in his stalwart efforts to preserve England's rapidly vanishing history, in a nation hell-bent on demolishing every last vestige of its architectural heritage.

In reflecting on Charles, it occurred to me that it cannot be easy to be king. The burdens of state are real enough, even without cancer, but the physical strains of wearing the crown and robes in royal ceremonies and observing perfect protocol at every moment seems wearisome in the extreme.

Then there is the whole matter of privacy. As king, you have none. You need people to protect you; your time is rarely your own. There are heavy expectations upon you from the moment you ascend the throne. You can't just go down to the corner pub to lift a couple of pints with your pals. Every word out of your mouth is parsed, weighed, judged.

Nobody does pageantry quite like the British; Charles' coronation ceremony entranced millions. But the aspect which caught my attention was that it took place within a Mass that looked and sounded remarkably familiar, because the Church of England still uses the Mass prayers that Catholics used until a few decades ago.

The unfortunate thing is that we are not the same. While they still have the missals and vessels and robes, they no longer have Jesus present in their Eucharist. He is surely present among the people, but not sacramentally under bread and wine, ever since the Anglicans cut themselves off from apostolic succession at the time of King Henry VIII.

So the king and all those present for that Mass did not receive the most precious gift, a gift any second grader in our Catholic parishes can put out their hands to embrace. In that sense, those youngsters are surely richer than any earthly king...and without the pressures of a king's life in the public eye, too.

— Lou Jacquet

## Fish Results for March 1



A report from Patty Infante:

"Wow, another great day for the Drive-Thru Lenten Fish Dinner held on March 1. We made it through the night only running out of cake. Everyone who placed an order was served.

John (Coudriet, co-chair) and I want to thank everyone who has given us their patronage in letting us serve them the best fish on the West Side of Youngstown.

"We also want to thank our volunteers for the hard work that they have given these past weeks. We have two more weeks left for the dinners; if you have not had one of these dinners, please give us a try. Remember, you can place your order on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. by calling 330-799-3683."

## Fourth Week of Lent

### Sunday, March 10

Stations of the Cross/Benediction at St. Matthias Church, Cornell Road

### Wednesday, March 13

9 a.m. Mass, St. Brendan's

6 p.m. Evening Prayer, Supper, Adult Lenten Series, St. Christine

### Friday, March 15

7 p.m. Stations of the Cross/Benediction, St. Christine Church

### Sunday, March 10

9:00 a.m. George Kinnick by Fran Mihalik

### Wednesday, March 13

9:00 a.m. Judy Gordon by Barb Perry

### Sunday, March 17

9:00 a.m. Scott Moon by Mary Moon

## Please Pray For Our Sick

Sr. Marjorie Haidet, Frank Lightner, Michelle Smith, Ken Mains, Judy Lazar, David Deihl, Barbara Bonninsegna, Sherri Creech, Nancy D'Amico, Mary Beth Celio, Fr. Richard Brobst, Charles Slivkoff, Harold and Debra Brown, Rita Thomas, Christine Kalhoun, Blanche Ruggiero

## Pray for the Faithful Departed

Dolores (Tiberio) Ray



## *Fish Crew At Work on Deadline*



Among the many volunteers helping to make the St. Brendan Drive-Thru Fish Dinners a success were these crew members working in the kitchen at 4 p.m. Friday March 1 when the crowds were coming to get their orders. Pictured, clockwise from left, are Pam Mihalik, Dan Mihalik, Deborah Zalovcik, Melissa Coudriet, Julie Kailer, Shawna Bonacci (behind Julie) and Francine Iaderosa (back to the camera). Meanwhile, in the gym, others were working to line up and hand out orders to runners taking the dinners to cars waiting in a double line that stretched out the driveway to Schenley Ave. (and sometimes onto the street).

### *Sunday's Scriptures: 'Lift High the Cross'*

Our readings for this Fourth Sunday of Lent are from 2 Chronicles 36: 14-23; Ephesians 2: 4-10; John 3: 14-21.

"Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life.' For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life."

This passage from St. John's Gospel is rich in symbolism. Jesus has the people remember an event that occurred in the desert on their journey from Egypt to the promised land. In the Book of Numbers (chapter 21) the Israelites spoke out against God and against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!" (Numbers 21: 4-6)

The people do not show gratitude for being freed from slavery and provided for by God.

They frequently complain and murmur against God and Moses. They break covenant with God and treat Moses badly. God disciplines them by sending venomous snakes among them. In response the people acknowledge sinfulness, and ask Moses to intercede for them.

The Lord says to Moses, "Make a snake and mount it on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live." Nicodemus understands that the bronze serpent represents sin mounted on a pole, and God uses this symbol to bring salvation and healing to the people. Jesus takes the story to its highest level by proclaiming that the Son of Man (Jesus) will be lifted up on the Cross and bring salvation and healing to the world.

Jesus continues to speak of hope and salvation when he speaks of God, who does not want to condemn the world, but sends His beloved Son to save humankind. What a loving God we have! What a loving and compassionate Savior we have been given!

— Geri Jacquet

## *Charities Holds Socks Drive*

Catholic Charities has a new project, "Shamrocks For Socks." Socks are currently one of the most requested items among the homeless population and those living in poverty. Many people walk several miles each day and spend considerable time on their feet, so socks wear out quickly. But socks are rarely donated; more are needed.

You can make a cash donation; or shop on Amazon Wish list, and have donations delivered to Catholic Charities, 144 W. Wood St., Youngstown; or shops for socks and drop them off at a Catholic Charities location. Information, Jennifer, 330-744-8451, ext. 316.

## *Byzantines Offer Spaghetti Meal*

St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church, 463 Robinson Road, Campbell, will offer a Palm Sunday Spaghetti Dinner noon-2:30 p.m. March 24; \$12/adults, \$6 kids. Call 330-755-4831.

## *Ursulines Seek Motherhouse Cook*

The Ursuline Sisters have an immediate opening for an institutional cook. Will work a flex schedule preparing lunch, dinner and dessert items for approximately 20 people at the Ursuline Sisters Motherhouse in Canfield. \$14.75/hour. Contact Linda, 330-792-7636.

### **Office Hours**

*Mon-Thurs, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.*

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## **Your Sacrificial Offering**

Amount needed monthly to meet expenses

For March 2024 **\$29,440.00**

### **Week of March 3, 2024**

Sunday Collection	\$3,671.00
Increased Operating Exp.	\$200.00
Major Repairs	\$00.00
Rentals	\$1,050.00
Maint. Support	\$1,110.00
Total	\$6,031.00

**1 week total \$6,031.00 toward the goal of \$29,440.00**

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**Mass 9 a.m.**

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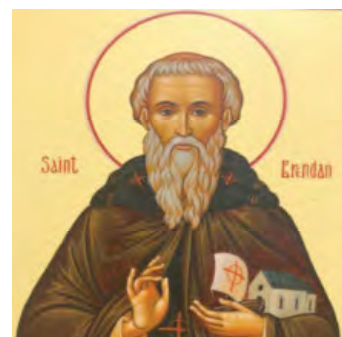
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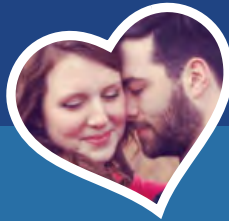
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