

LENT 2019

OUR LADY, QUEEN OF THE YOUGH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

To assist us in our journey through the desert of Lent Our Lady Queen of the Yough is offering the following opportunities for spiritual growth. We encourage each and every parishioner to take advantage of at least one of these opportunities. Remember, Lent is a time of *sacrifice*. Give some of *your* time this Lent to grow closer to Our Lord Jesus Christ!

- 1. DAILY PARISH MASS** The Sacred Mysteries are offered each weekday, except Saturday, in Connellsville at 8am and Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday in Dunbar at 8:30am. IF your schedule permits, why not try to attend at least *once* a week in addition to your Sunday obligation? Every time one shares in the Celebration of the Eucharist innumerable graces are gained. Understandably there are many who due to work or children CANNOT come to morning Mass, but let's face it, there are MANY retired persons who could offer *at least* an extra half hour to the Lord! I see many parishioners at the various breakfast spots on the rare occasion I go out after Mass. Couldn't some time be spent with the Lord being nourished SPIRITUALLY first?
- 2. WEDNESDAY EVENING MASS** Each Wednesday of Lent there will be a 6pm evening Mass at Saint Rita. This provides a great opportunity to spend a little extra time with Yeshua for those whose schedule precludes joining in morning Mass.
- 3. MASS AT BLESSED PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI CHAPEL, GEIBEL** Each Friday of Lent Mass will be celebrated at 7:10am. These Masses are open to the public. For some people 8am Mass is too late because of work, a bit earlier works fine. Maybe YOU are one of those people and God is calling YOU to seize this opportunity!
- 4. ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** Each Wednesday at Saint Rita Church the Eucharist is exposed for Adoration from 8am Mass till Benediction and Mass at 6pm. This is a *wonderful* opportunity to spend time with Yeshua, deepening your relationship with Him. Remember, relationships ONLY grow when we spend time together; our relationship with the Lord is certainly NO DIFFERENT!
- 5. STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Monday 6pm at Saint Aloysius, Wednesday 12:10pm at Immaculate Conception and Friday 6:30pm at Saint John. Also, Stations will be prayed at Geibel at 1:50 each Friday (EXCEPT 29 March and Good Friday) in the gym. The public is welcome to join this student-led prayer. PLEASE note that since this is a SCHOOL activity there will be NO Stations if school were to be canceled due to weather.
- 6. HOLY HOUR, EVENING PRAYER, BENEDICTION** Each Monday of Lent at Immaculate Conception Church the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration from 5:30 until 6:30 at which time we will pray Evening Prayer (Vespers), concluding with Benediction. Evening Prayer is one of the "hours" of the Divine Office/Breviary/Liturgy of the Hours which, along with the Mass, constitutes the official Public Prayer of the Church.

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7. **BIBLE STUDY** Tom Severin will be leading a Bible Study on Saint Matthew's Gospel, with a particular emphasis on the Sermon on the Mount Wednesday Evenings 6:30-8pm at Sciberras Hall (at Immaculate Conception Church). Tom is extremely knowledgeable in matters scriptural and theological and this presents a wonderful opportunity to delve much DEEPER into the Bible! We all KNOW the Sermon on the Mount, but do we UNDERSTAND how it should impact our daily lives as Christians?!
8. **BIBLE STUDY** Molly Vassar, our RCIA Coordinator will be leading a Bible Study on the Gospel of John Friday mornings from 9-10 (immediately after morning Mass) at Saint Aloysius. Please bring your own Bible. The Fourth Gospel, the last to be written, is universally recognised as the most *theological* and *spiritual* of the Gospels. Molly is a font of scriptural wisdom; come drink freely of what she has to offer!
9. **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE** A traditional and very worthwhile (read: NECESSARY for many of us sinners!) preparation for Easter JOY is to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, confessing our sins and receiving God's mercy. We will offer multiple opportunities to "set things right with God." In addition to the regular Saturday evening confessions at 5:15pm at Immaculate Conception there will be confessions on the first four Saturdays of Lent at 11:30am as follows:
 - ◆ 9 March - Saint Rita
 - ◆ 16 March - Saint John
 - ◆ 23 March - Saint Aloysius
 - ◆ 30 March - Saint Rita**COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES** Are scheduled as follows:
 - ◆ Monday 25 March, 7pm - Saint Florian, United
 - ◆ Tuesday 2 April, 7pm - Saint John the Evangelist, Connellsville
 - ◆ Saturday 6 April, 11am - Saint Pius X, Mount Pleasant
 - ◆ Thursday 11 April, 7pm - Saint Raymond of the Mountain, Donegal
 - ◆ Saturday 13 April, 11am - Saint John the Baptist, Scottdale
 - ◆ Monday 15 April, 7pm - Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Dunbar
10. **BOUNDLESS COMPASSION** A "group study" will be meeting on Thursday during Lent at Bucci Hall from 1:30-3:00pm beginning on 14 March. Through reading and discussion a greater understanding of what is involved in activating the virtue of "Compassion" will be gained. This virtue is both a challenge and an immense gift; compassion is a way of life. You are invited to participate in this six-week process for developing and deepening this important virtue in your own life. The group will use the book Boundless Compassion by the well known writer, retreat leader, and conference speaker Sister Joyce Rupp, O.S.M. For more details and to register please contact Theresa Jaworski at 724.628.4034.