

PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD:

- Are you looking for a unique addition to your personal Lenten preparation?
- **Do you have an hour** to show that you recognize and honor the most ultimate sacrifice Christ made on the cross?
- **Join us Sunday, March 4**, at 3:00 pm, as we fix our eyes on Jesus and connect with God in a deep and meaningful way.
- **Through Scripture**, music and discussion, we will give witness to the seven areas Jesus bled (for us) in the hours leading up to and during the crucifixion. The session will end with the symbolic representation of anointing these seven areas of our bodies with essential oils.
- **Space is limited.** Please call Mary at 304-242-6799 for details and to reserve your essential oils. It is suggested that you come in pairs, or bring a friend, but this is not required. The anointing will be done in pairs.
- **Please note:** The oils used are not blessed — and this is NOT part of the sacrament of the “Anointing of the Sick.”

ACT IN FAITH, ACT ON FAITH: In what ways are you isolated, hurting, or broken? Does someone else judge you unfairly? Are there circumstances that are beyond your control that overwhelm you or dictate the way you live your life?



The Lord waits for your call, your cry in faith. Do you know the healing, compassionate, caring love of God for you, in prayer, sacraments, or the attention of others? Witness to the powerful love of God through your attitudes and words, your actions and interactions with others. Imitate Christ. Show mercy to others. Be a healing presence when relationships are torn apart. Have you encountered the love of God in your life? Give witness to this love at home, work, parish, and the world. Give glory to God as you act on faith.



COMMUNAL ANOINTING SERVICE:

The Universal Church has declared the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes to be the “World Day of the Sick.” On this day in our parish, we will have a communal celebration of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Those suffering from serious illnesses, or have grown weak under the burden of old age, are invited to attend this anointing.



FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER AND GOING AWAY PARTY FOR FR. GARY!



St. Vincent’s will hold a Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 13, from 4:00—8:00 pm in the Main Hall of our Marist Centre. Menu includes pancakes, sausage, juice, milk or coffee plus drink refills. All proceeds benefit St. Vincent’s Church.

At this Pancake Supper—from 6—8 pm, we will say goodbye to Fr. Gary Naegele, who will be leaving us this month to go to Star City, WV. We are very grateful for Fr. Gary’s ministry with us for over 6 years — he will be missed very much by all of us! **His new address is:** St. Mary’s Church, 334B University Avenue, Morgantown (Star City), WV 26505

**** Note: Tuesday evening Mass will be 5:30 pm instead of 7:00 this week.**



Marriage Preparation Workshops:

The Diocese of Wheeling Charleston Office of Marriage and Family Life is sponsoring one day workshops for engaged couples preparing for marriage here in Wheeling at St. Michael Parish. Cost is \$40 per person. Dates are February 24, and March 17, 2018. Register online at: wvmarriage.org/RegisterPFCM



Upcoming Events for Lent

- **“Fat Tuesday” Pancake Supper:** Tuesday, February 13, from 4:00—8:00 in the Main Hall of the Parish Center. Also a farewell reception for Fr. Gary—who will be at the Supper from 6—8 pm.
Tuesday evening Mass will be 5:30 pm
- **Ash Wednesday (February 14) Mass Times:** 7:30 am, 9:00 am, and 6:00 pm at St. Vincent’s
- **Stations of the Cross:** will be held each Thursday afternoon beginning February 22, at 2:00 pm at St. Vincent’s.
- **Stations of the Cross** will be held each Friday at 6:00 pm at Our Lady of Seven Dolors
- **Communal Penance Service** (in conjunction with St. Michael’s) will be held Tuesday, March 20, at 7:00 pm at St. Michael’s.



Please Pray For Those who are sick... Lora

Bishop, Barbara Brayec Fred Chipkar, Urban Danahey, Kathy Dietrich, Sammi Eimer, Bernadine Elias, Janet Ferrera, James Guerriero, Fred Jaquay, Marcia Laughlin, Mary Ellen McCann, Linda Melko, Steve McCollam, Denise Mull, Bill Meyers, Mike Perring, Shirley Seamon, Mark Slater, Barb Smith, Evelyn Tellitocci, The Petruccioli Family, Lori Plants, Jim Repep, Henry Schmitt, Nick Stephan, Anita Tankovits, Chester Jay Taylor, Jamie Orth Taylor, Rick Terry, Jim Tighe, Chuck Vanyo, Kathy Wagner, Fr. Joe Wilhelm, S.M, Mitzi Wiczorkowski, Sue Yahn,



OLSD BUS TRIP: Our Lady of Seven Dolours Altar Society is planning a Bus Trip to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, St. James Church, in Charles Town, WV on May 15 and 16, 2018. We will be accompanied by Msgr. Paul Hudock as our Spiritual Director.

Cost is \$170 per person and includes dinner and breakfast, and one overnight at the Priestfield Pastoral Center.

Reservations must be made by March 15.

To reserve your spot, please call Vera Powell at 304-242-1134.

TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND: Global Catholic tours is sponsoring a trip of 9 days in the Holy Land from October 8—16, 2018. Cost is \$3,340 and includes 1 night in Tel Aviv, 2 nights in Galilee, 3 nights in Jerusalem. Spiritual Director is Fr. Terry Crone from Newman, GA. For brochures or more information, contact John Tagnesi at 1-888-544-4461, of jag1964@verizon.net

BEREAVEMENT GATHERING: If you, or someone you know has lost a loved one and may benefit from a gathering for those grieving, please join us at 6:00 pm at St. Alphonsus Church in Wheeling. Facilitator is Deacon Doug Breiding, and this event is sponsored by Mt. Calvary Cemetery.



Parish Sacrificial Giving

February 4, 2018

Collection \$8,052.00
WeShare: 922.00
Head Count: 460

Thank you!

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday—February 11

Youth Mass 9:30 am
Communal Anointing of the Sick 12:30 pm Church

Tuesday—February 13

Meditation Class 10:00 am Petri Library
Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper 4:00 pm Main Hall
Tuesday Evening Mass 5:30 pm

Wednesday—February 14

Ash Wednesday
Masses: 7:30 am, 9:00 am,
and 6:00 pm



Thursday—February 15

RCIA 6:00 pm Caveney Rm
No afternoon Stations of the Cross this week

Friday—February 16

Fish Fry 11:00 am OLSD
Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm OLSD

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Tuesday—February 20

Meditation Class 10:00 am Petri Library
Prayer Shawl 1:30 pm Petri Library
St. Vincent de Paul Society 6:30 pm Caveney Rm
Finance Council 6:30 pm Petri Library

Thursday—February 22

Stations of the Cross 2:00 pm St. Vincent's
RCIA 6:00 pm Caveney Rm

Friday—February 23

Fish Fry 11:00 am OLSD
Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm OLSD



MEN'S RETREAT: The

Laymen's Retreat League would like to invite all Catholic men of the area to a Day of Reflection with Rev. William Matheny on Saturday, March 10, at Our Marist Centre—beginning at 8 am with a continental breakfast (registration at 8:30) and ending with Mass (around 5 pm). For more information, contact Don at 304-280-4626.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 1-800-352-6513. Report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 1-888-434-6237.

St. Vincent's School and Youth News

UPCOMING IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS FORMATION DATES:

- **Sunday, Feb. 11:** Confirmation Retreat for 7th and 8th graders (at Cathedral)
- **Sunday, Feb. 25:** Rite of Election for our RCIA Catechumens and Candidates (Cathedral)
- **Saturday, March 10:** First Reconciliation for our 2nd graders in the Church
- **Saturday, March 31:** Celebration of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist for our RCIA Catechumens and Candidates during the Easter Vigil
- **Saturday, April 7:** Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation during the 5:00 pm
- **Saturday, May 5:** First Communion Retreat in the Marist Center Main Hall and practice in the Church
- **Sunday, May 6:** Celebration of First Communion during the 11:30 am Mass

Parent Information Regarding Tuition Assistance: The Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) is striving to keep Catholic school education affordable for Catholic families who desire it for their children but who may need some financial assistance. Applying for FACTS is easy and affordable.

- Catholic students accepted for the 2018-2019 school year in any Diocesan Catholic School (PK through grade 12) who belongs to a parish in our Diocese is eligible. Determinations are based on a family's degree of need relative to all other applicants.

SVS OPEN HOUSE: Who would you like to see sit next to your son or daughter in class? Whose values would you like to see support the values instilled in your grandchildren? Invite someone you know to join our St. Vincent de Paul Parish School Family! The small classes, longevity of the teaching staff, academic rigor, school spirit, family support and commitment to faith formation displayed by our administration and priests makes our school a place where you want to see your children and grandchildren succeed. Spread the word... **Tuesday, February 13th is our Open House from 10:00-noon!** Join us for an inside look at SVS!



PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR):

Upcoming Schedule:

- Feb. 11 Class (K-6)
- Feb. 18 Class



We have Children's Liturgy of the Word on the 2nd Sunday of each month during 9:00 Mass

- Next gathering will be March 11.



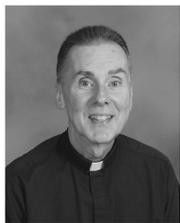
GREENBACK SWEEPSTAKES AND DINNER WILL be held Saturday, March 17, 2018.

400! 400 people! Yes, we want to fill 400 seats on Saturday March 17th at the White Palace in Wheeling Park!

This is the biggest fundraiser of the year in support of our St. Vincent Parish School! We want to show Father Jim Lacrosse, our honoree, how much of an impact he made on our parish, school and Central Catholic High School. Spring is in the air...as is the "luck of the Irish!" March 17th, St. Patrick's Day is scheduled for our annual Greenbacks Dinner/Dance/Auction and Raffle! Raffle tickets are still available! Tickets are \$20 each with a chance to win your share of \$20,000. The winning raffle tickets will be pulled at our Greenbacks event.

- Dinner/Dance tickets for the event are \$25 each or you can purchase a table of 8 for \$175. This wonderful evening will include Dinner, Dancing, Raffle, Recognition of our honoree, Father Lacrosse, and a chance to take home a basket from the BIGGEST AUCTION in Wheeling! Both raffle and event tickets can be purchased in the school or parish office or by calling John Yelenic, our Advancement Director at 304-242-0406 (X 37) Please mark your calendar and make every effort to be part of the celebration!! We hope to see you in the GREEN!
- If you have not returned your Raffle Tickets for the Greenback Dinner/Auction on March 17, please try to sell and return them as soon as possible. Additional tickets are available in the school and parish offices. Raffle tickets make great gifts!

From Father Gary,



One of my mantras is: Come to Mass, for you never know what you will see or hear. Someone recently asked me: "What was my favorite parish that I have been?" Without any hesitation, I said: "St. Vincent's. No doubt." I came as the more

seasoned priest or—as our Indian priests refer to an older priest—a Senior Priest.

I have mentioned before that we have had 2 priests' funerals, 2 priests retired because of serious health issues, and 2 priests who cannot function because of ill health. Three of these parishes are in the Clarksburg Vicariate.

I was one of 3 diocesan priests—the other two were Fr. John Mulcahy and Fr. Raju Antony—who came in July of 2011. My original marching orders have been fulfilled:

1. To insure a smooth transition from the 109 years of Marists back to diocesan care; and
2. To be closer in caring for our elder mother in her last few years, who has been called home to the Lord. I am grateful to our bishop's attentiveness.

In my wildest dreams, I never thought of ever coming to St. Vincent's since it was staffed by the Marist Order and I—a diocesan. Also, St. Vincent's is my home parish. I was called upon to be a stabilizing presence. I was to look after the pastoral responsibilities while our then pastor, Fr. John (Mulcahy) went away in April, 2015, for health and then in the eventual transition, to our current pastor, Msgr. Paul Hudock in November 2015—who has been here a little over 2 years.

My responsibilities here are quickly coming to completion. The bishop has asked me to go to St. Mary's in Star City/Morgantown, to assist in the pastoral ministry with their current pastor—Fr. John DiBacco—who has health concerns.

The immediate pastoral needs of the diocese are such that our bishop could not wait until the normal June appointments and transfers. My new assignment begins Monday, February 12, for the Lent and Easter Seasons. Initially, I was to be on loan for a few months and return back here. I will only be in my new assignment until the June appointments, and then receive a new assignment. But, I will definitely not be returning to St. Vincent's.

Fr. Gary, Continued

I have received many, many blessings here with having this very unique opportunity. I have always been proud to say that I am stationed in my own hometown and in my own home parish. We have a very good pastor, who is leading us in shaping the future of this faith community of over 120 years, as well as the Catholic Church in the Wheeling area.

So . . . I'll take a little tear, or a little cheer—or both. Shalom. — Fr. Gary Naegele



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DIOCESAN LENTEN PILGRIMAGES:

There will be 4 Diocesan Pilgrimages scheduled for Lent this year in various parts of the state. The ones closest to us are:

- **Wednesday, March 7**, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling. Fr. Justin Blanc, Homilist
- **Wednesday, February 21** at St. Francis de Sales, Morgantown. Fr. Mathew Rowgh, Homilist.

There will be opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation beginning at 6:00 pm. Eucharistic Liturgy at 7 pm.

For more information, contact the Office of Worship and Sacraments at 304-233-0880, ext. 289.