

Third Sunday of

LENT

March 24, 2019



"Sir, leave the fig tree for another year; perhaps it will bear fruit."

Luke 13:8-9

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019

THIS IS THE TIME OF FULFILLMENT

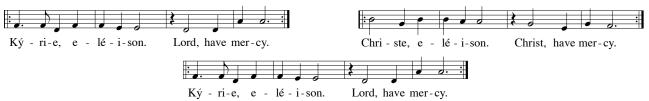
GATHERING HYMN (WORSHIP #472) | CHEPPONIS



REFORM YOUR LIVES, AND BEAR FRUIT IN GOD'S SIGHT.







FIRST READING

EX 3:1-8A, 13-15

Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian. Leading the flock across the desert, he came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There an angel of the LORD appeared to Moses in fire flaming out of a bush. As he looked on, he was surprised to see that the bush, though on fire, was not consumed. So Moses decided, "I must go over to look at this remarkable sight, and see why the bush is not burned." When the LORD saw him coming over to look at it more closely, God called out to him from the bush, "Moses! Moses!" He answered, "Here I am." God said, "Come no nearer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers, " he continued, "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob." Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. But the LORD said, "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have heard their cry of complaint against their slave drivers, so I know well what they are suffering. Therefore I have come down to rescue them from the hands of the Egyptians and lead them out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey." Moses said to God, "But when I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' if they ask me, 'What is his name?' what am I to tell them?" God replied, "I am who am." Then he added, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you." God spoke further to Moses, "Thus shall you say to the Israelites: The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. "This is my name forever; thus am I to be remembered through all generations."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(WORSHIP #80) | PS 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 | HAUGEN

THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL, THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL.

SECOND READING

1 COR 10:1-6, 10-12

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, and all of them were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. All ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was the Christ. Yet God was not pleased with most of them, for they were struck down in the desert. These things happened as examples for us, so that we might not

desire evil things, as they did. Do not grumble as some of them did, and suffered death by the destroyer. These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us, upon whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ. Praise and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. MT 4:17

GOSPEL LK 13:1-9

Some people told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices. Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did! Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them— do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" And he told them this parable: "There once was

a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?' He said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in

accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS \$\mathbb{I}\$ We pray to the... Lord, hear our prayer. \$\mathbb{I}\$

There will a 2nd collection next weekend, March 31st, for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

From Ashes To The Living Font

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (WORSHIP #463) | ST. FLAVIAN

- 1. From ashes to the living font Your Church must journey, Lord, Baptized in grace, in grace renewed By your most holy word.
- 2. Through fasting, prayer, and charity Your voice speaks deep within, Returning us to ways of truth And turning us from sin.
- 3. You call us to be penitent, You tend us patiently, Preserving us from perishing, So fruitful we might be.
- 4. From ashes to the living font Your Church must journey still, Through cross and tomb to Easter joy, In Spirit fire fulfilled.

EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

MASS FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD | CHEPPONIS

SANCTUS - HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (WORSHIP - 290)
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory,
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of
the Lord. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

MYSTERIUM FIDEI (WORSHIP - 293)

Save us, save us, Savior of the world, for by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.

AMEN (DANISH AMEN, WORSHIP - 370) Amen, Amen, Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER | SIGN OF PEACE



MERCIFUL GOD Feed us and guide us, mer-ci-ful God, Light, when the shad-ows of life cloud our view. Feed us and guide us, mer-ci-ful God, Peo-ple who hun - ger for you.

- 1. Surely, you alone can save us. You pay our price with precious blood. Reaching through your great com passion. You life up your people with love. (R.)
- 2. Surely, you alone uphold us. You give us strength for all our needs. Shielding with a father's favor, You bless us with pardon and peace. (**R.**)
- 3. Surely, you alone can heal us. Yours is the will to make us whole. Soothing with a mother's kindness, The contrite of heart you console. (**R.**)
- 4. Surely, you alone can free us. You break the bonds of guilt and sin. Bracing, till we walk uprightly, You bolster our hope once again. (R.)
- 5. Surely, you alone refine us. You give us grace for lives made new, Forging, through your fire and radiance, A sacrifice worthy for you. (R.)
- 6. Surely, you alone redeem us. You fill our dust with holy breath. Bursting from the grave in glory, You rise from the ashes of death. (**R.**)

THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice
Which is more than liberty.
There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.

RECESSIONAL HYMN (WORSHIP #645) | IN BABILONE

3. Troubled souls, why will you scatter Like a crowd of frightened sheep? Foolish hearts, why will you wander From a love so true and deep? There is welcome for the sinner, And more graces for the good; There is mercy with the Savior, There is healing in his blood.

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Mass Intentions at SS. Simon & Jude Church Third Sunday of Lent – March 24th

	Third Sunday of Lent – March 24th						
	Mass Intention:	Mass Intention from:					
4 pm (Sat.)	Norbert & Penny Bombich	Children					
9:30 am	For the People of the Parish Grouping in Carnegie, Green Tree, and Scott						
11:00 am	Loiuse Moriarity	Mary Lou Moriarity					
Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord – March 25 th							
8:30 am	Prescilla D'Souza	Melville & Angelina Mascarenhas					
Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent – March 26 th							
7:00 pm	Carmine Nucci	Niece					
Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent – March 27 th							
8:30 am	Dan DeFelice	Mr. & Mrs. Nick Gaudelli					
Thursday of the Third Week of Lent – March 28 th							
8:30am	Catherine Ann Beggs	George & Cathy Davis					
Ê	Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 31 st						
4pm (Sat.)	Chirumbole Family	Arlene Chirumbole					
9:30am	Romano Family	Anne & Rick Romano					
11:00am	Viola Valcenti	Her Family					

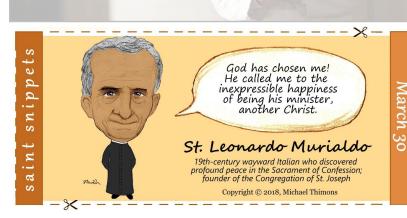
PLEASE PRAY FOR MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS:

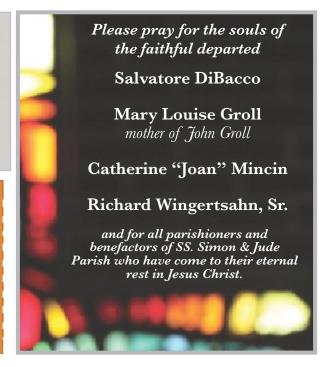
Brian Bishop, Jack Butchko, Stefani & Brendan Carroll, Elisa Carsia, Helen Cassidy, Anna Mae Conroy, Laura David, Katie Denke, Patty Drury, Jo-Ann Eller, Patti Eurich, May Frye, Liliana Funtal, Raymond Giudici, Brandon Gross, Wayne Hayes, Mary V. Hester, Ruth Hoerster, Noreen Joslyn, Mary Anne Koziak, John Mackin, Ben Macuga, Laura Martin, Sam Martin, Gina Massengill, John Mazzoleni, Kathy McGann, Paul McIsaac, Ron Metz, Marion Nowak, Charles Perry, Diane Perry, Raymond Pulaski, Bucky Recaldini, Paxton Renk, Florinda Rosemeyer, Judy Samolis, Pat Sanctis, Mary Shelton, Mary Socci, Joseph Stanek, Mary Kay Walsh, Ralph Zeto, and all who are sick and who are in need of our prayers.

Please call the Parish Office to be placed on our prayer list. If you or a loved one are admitted to a hospital or nursing home, please let us know so we can get you the proper spiritual care! Because of the HIPAA law, treatment facilities are not permitted to release your information to us unless you or your family give them permission to do so.

THE MARCH INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.







From the desk of Father Grecco

"When you fast, see the fasting of others. If you want God to know that you are hungry, know that another is hungry. If you hope for mercy, show mercy. If you look for kindness, show kindness. If you want to receive, give. If you ask for yourself what you deny to others, your asking is a mockery. Let this be the pattern for all men when they practice mercy: show mercy to others in the same way, with the same generosity, with the same promptness, as you want others to show mercy to you."

- St Peter Chrysologus

In the coming weeks of Lent Fr Alek and I will be visiting parishioners who are presently on the Communion sick call list in each of the parishes. We will carry the Eucharist with us and offer as well the sacraments of anointing of the sick and penance.

A negative aspect of the shortage of priests is the affected availability of the "anointing of the sick". Please be sure to see one of us after Mass before any planned surgery that you would like to have preceded by the anointing. Otherwise, be sure to contact the Catholic Priests assigned to the local hospitals/nursing homes for the sacrament upon your arrival for care. For those seriously ill in the home, if you have contacted hospice care, contact us also. In some cases, the sacrament of penance will be necessary before the anointing. Please do not wait until the last moments of life when a priest may not be as readily available. Note also the "last" sacrament is actually the Eucharist given as VIATICUM (food for the journey). If the sick person has lost the ability to swallow or even consciousness, the opportunity for this Sacrament will be lost.

RCIA and **RCIC**

We are blessed to have one catechumen, Gianna Flood and one candidate, Bob Good who are journeying towards being fully received into the Church at Easter with the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.



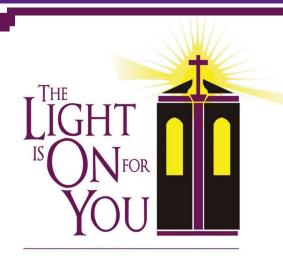
Rite of Sending at SSJ



Rite of Election at St. Paul Cathedral with Bishop Zubik

May God bless you both and strengthen you in these weeks leading towards the gift of the sacraments.





Wednesday, April 10 6:00-8:00 p.m. SS. Simon & Jude 7:00-9:00 p.m. St. Margaret of Scotland

"The DAY Light Is On For You"
Thursday, April 11
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
11:00-11:45 a.m.
1:00-2:00 p.m.

I Must Go Over to Look at This Remarkable

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

Sight – In today's first reading, Moses, while tending the flocks of his father-in-law, happens upon a bush which is burning, but which is not consumed. Moses' reaction is to "go over to look at this remarkable

sight, which he does. However, the Lord, in speaking from the burning bush, wants him to do more than look. Instead, God reveals himself to Moses and calls Moses to lead His people out of slavery in Egypt. While Moses has some reservations, he says yes to God and works to lead his people to freedom. Like Moses, the Lord wants us to do more than look at Him or at His Church. The Lord wants us to be engaged with Him. Faith is not a passive endeavor. Faith is an active engagement with God in the community of the Church. It is easy to look at the Church and say, "I like this" or, "I do not like that" and then do nothing about it. It takes effort to get involved to be an instrument of Jesus' life in the Church. As we continue our Lenten journey may we be renewed not only to see God better, but to embrace most fully his will. Visit **onmissionchurchalive.org** to learn more and to stay informed.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

1:00pm – Marian Stations of the Cross (SSI)

1:30pm – Stations of the Cross (SEAS)

2:30pm — Stations of the Cross (SMOS) (except 3/29)

7:00pm – Stations of the Cross (SMOS)

7:00pm — Stations of the Cross (SEAS)

7:30pm – Stations of the Cross (SSJ)

Hood Day Challenge It starts with an empty box. Each day of lent, remove one item from your house and place it in the box. After easter, donate the box to your local st. vincent de paul store in castle shannon, coraopolis, monroeville or swissvale. #svdppitt #40daychallenge #GiveUpClutter www.svdppitt.org

THE WEEK AHEAD AT SSJ

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Hiday	Saturday
CGS FAMILY MASS 9:30am Retrouvaille 1pm - CH	25 Knights of Columbus 7.30pm -CH	Adoration 1pm-6pm- C 3pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet 6-6:45pm Holy Hour & Reconciliation 7pm Mass	Faith Formation 6:30pm - PLC	CHOIR (EAT, PRAY, SING) ST. MARGARET 7PM	29 12pm Rosary 1pm Marian Stations 7:30pm Stations of the Cross FISH FRY 4-7PM	30 Men's Fellowship 7:30am Women's Fellowship 8:30am SVDP Meeting 8:45am -CH II:30-I2:30pm Reconciliation



Our Journey WITH God

presented by Joe & Maria Killian

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We grow in our relationship with God through our guide, the Holy Spirit,

and as we

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God

who leads us to be more like Christ as we discover our authentic identity and unique purpose in Him.



ATTEND ALL THREE NIGHTS AS WE WORSHIP TOGETHER!



The Catholic Parishes of Carnegie, Green Tree, & Scott Township

SS. Simon & Jude Tuesday, April 2nd

6:30 Mass; 7:00-8:30pm

St. Margaret of Scotland
Wednesday, April 3rd
7:00-8:30pm

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Thursday, April 4th 7:00-8:30pm

Fellowship & refreshments to follow each night • Call the Parish Office for more information



Over 40 of our youth and young adults came out to serve those in need and had fun doing it - all while learning about and acting like St. Patrick!

LITURGY OF THE HOURS COMPLINE/NIGHT PRAYER

One of the great hidden treasures of the Church is the Liturgy of the Hours — the collection of prayers also called the Divine Office or the Breviary. Many Catholics do not realize that the Church has assigned prayers, not only for daily Mass, but for each of the principal hours of the day. This is how the Church responds to the command to pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:11).

Comprised of hymns, psalms, Scriptural readings, intercessions, and other prayers, the purpose of the Liturgy of the Hours is to sanctify the entire day through praise to God. The "hours" of prayer are five: the Office of Readings at any convenient time during the day; Morning Prayer; Daytime Prayer in either the late morning, afternoon, or early evening; Evening Prayer; and Night Prayer to finish the day.

While priests, deacons, and religious are bound by a solemn promise to pray the entirety of the Liturgy of the Hours every day, the prayers of the Office belong by right to the laity as well. The Divine Office, because it is the public prayer of the Church, is a source of piety, and a rich nourishment for personal prayer.

Since we have begun having a combined practice for the three parish choirs of our grouping, members of the choir, led by Dr. Béla Pater, have been concluding their time together by praying Night Prayer, also known as Compline.

Out of a desire to share this opportunity for prayer with the parish, we would like all to know that they are warmly invited to join the choir for Compline at Ss. Simon and Jude Church on Thursday, March 21st at 8:45 pm. Prayer takes about 10-15 minutes. Please join us and begin to make the Liturgy of the Hours a part of your prayer during this season of Lent and beyond. Next week, March 28th Choir practice and Compline moves to St. Margaret.

—Fr. Alek Schrenk





JOIN US AGAIN THIS WEEK FOR THE SSJ FISH FRY! 4 PM - 7 PM

We have HOME-MADE pierogies, cabbage and noodles and macaroni and cheese!

We need baked goods for the dessert and bake sale table each week. Please help by baking and dropping off your baked goods on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of lent starting at 12 noon.

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having you as part of our flock



***If you are from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton or St. Margaret of Scotland, please sign up too! We will be combining this service soon!

Want to get the information our parish and parish grouping? **Text us!**

Send a text to: <u>84576</u> with the Message: <u>ssj1</u> to sign up for texts or emails from us!

A great way to stay involved at SSJ (and in our grouping) as we embrace the On Mission changes-be involved!

Widowed, Separated, or Divorced?

The loss of a spouse through separation, divorce, or death is a traumatic experience. The Beginning Experience weekend is intended to help widowed, divorced, or separated individuals work through the grief and begin to move forward with their lives. The next retreat weekend is March 29-31, 2019 at the Martina Spiritual Renewal Center, 5244 Clarwin Avenue, West View, PA 15229. Payment arrangements and possible financial assistance are available. For more information, please visit our website www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com or make a confidential call to Mary at 412-523-2405 or Rob at 412-584-5575.

Weekly Offertory

Sunday March 17, 2019

Envelopes: 6,388.00 Loose Cash/Checks: 1,429.00 OnLine Giving 583.00 Total: 8,400.00

Budgeted Amount: \$11,485.00 (-3,085.00)

Easter Flowers: \$935.00



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CARNEGIE • GREEN TREE • SCOTT Mass Times

WEEKEND St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 4:30pm (Sat), 10am, 11:30am

St. Margaret of Scotland

7:30am, 9am, 10:30am SS. SIMON & JUDE

4PM (SAT), 9:30AM, 11:00AM

WEEKDAY St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

M, W, TH, F - 12PM ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND

Tu, F - 9am

SS. SIMON & JUDE

M, W, TH - 8:30AM Tu - 7pm

CONFESSION TIMES

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

Тн - 11-11:45ам

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND

SAT - 12-1PM

SS. SIMON & JUDE Tu - 6-6:30pm

SAT - 11:30AM-12:30PM 2ND TUESDAY 10AM-12PM

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Call Parish Office

Sick Calls

After Hours emergency,

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for hospital visits or Communion to the sick or shut-ins.

Bulletin Deadline

Monday at 12:00pm Email to: bulletin@ ssjpittsburgh.org

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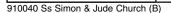


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