



# CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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### MARCH 8, 2020—SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



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“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” - Mt 17:5b

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### RITE OF ELECTION

Congratulations to two of our youth, **Nicholas Rogel** and **Danielle Rogel**, who met Bishop Malesic last Sunday at the Rite of Election held at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral.

During Lent, catechumens and candidates throughout the world prepare to be received into the Catholic Church through the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Let us pray for Nicholas and Danielle as they continue to learn about our Catholic Faith and journey toward receiving Confirmation and the Eucharist during the Easter Season.



### 2020 PASCHAL CANDLE

In preparation for Easter, we have already received our 2020 Paschal Candle. This year’s design is based on the passage of Luke’s Gospel that asks: **“Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised”** (Luke 24:5-6).

This candle will be used during the Easter Season and at all Baptisms and Funerals throughout the year ahead as a sign of the “light of Christ”—a sign giving us hope and assuring us of the Resurrection that Jesus promised. Please call the Parish Office if you are interested in donating toward this candle in memory or in honor of your family members or loved ones.



### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM  
Sunday: 9:30 AM  
Weekdays: See schedule inside

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 PM, Monday 5:30 PM  
during Holy Hour, and by appointment.  
(See Insert for Lenten Reconciliation Services)

**WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

*Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33; 2 Tm 1:8b-1; Mt 17:1-9*

**Saturday, March 7**

4:30 PM | All the People of Good Shepherd Parish

**Sunday, March 8**

9:30 AM | Paisley Klingensmith Cline by Mom, Dad, Sofia and Family

**Monday, March 9, Saint Frances of Rome, Religious**

*Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79; Lk 6:36-38*

5:30 PM | Parish Holy Hour and Reconciliation

6:15 PM | Geno Zambotti by Keppy & Joe Zambotti

**Tuesday, March 10, Lenten Weekday**

*Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50; Mt 23:1-12*

8:30 AM | John Maudie by Wife & Children

**Wednesday, March 11, Lenten Weekday**

*Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31; Mt 20:17-28*

10:00 AM | (No Mass Scheduled)

**Thursday, March 12, Lenten Weekday**

*Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1; Lk 16:19-31*

8:30 AM | Stations of the Cross

9:00 AM | John Rogel by Ruth & Family

**Friday, March 13, Lenten Weekday**

*Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46*

12:00 NN | Robert Rethi by Don & Jessie Stas, Mary & Dan

3:00 PM | Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 14, Lenten Weekday**

*Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32*

3:30 PM | Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Third Sunday of Lent**

*Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42*

4:30 PM | All the People of Good Shepherd Parish

**Sunday, March 15**

9:30 AM | Tammy Lawson by James & Veronica Smarsh

**THIS WEEK at Church of the Good Shepherd**

This Sunday: CGS I, II, III, Atrium, 10:30 – 12:30 PM

Monday: Adult Faith Formation; 7 PM following Mass, Parish Hall

Wednesday: Choir Rehearsal, Church, 6:30pm

Friday: Lenten Dinner, Parish Hall, 4-7 PM

Next Sunday: CGS I, II, III, Atrium, 10:30am–12:30pm

**OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

*Weekend of February 29-March 1, 2020*

Weekly:	\$ 2,143.51
Monthly:	\$ 494.00
Loose:	\$ 339.05
Children:	\$ 50.50
Votive Candles:	\$ 80.25
For Improvements to Our Parish:	\$ 10.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 5.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 803.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 10.00
<b>Total Income:</b>	\$ 3,935.31
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget:	\$ 4,571.00
Variance Over or (Under):	(\$ 635.69)
<b>Fiscal Year-to-Date:</b>	
Collected:	\$ 116,673.55
Needed to Meet Budget:	\$ 155,414.00
Variance Over or (Under):	(\$ 38,740.45)
<b>Diocesan/Other Collections:</b>	
Home Missions of the Americas	\$ 638.00

**With our Prayers and Sympathy...**



Please remember in your prayers the departed soul of **Betty Madey**, our parishioner. We extend our condolences and prayerful support to her family and loved ones.

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God rest in peace.*



The Sanctuary Candle is lit in memory of **John Somonick** by Son, John J. Somonick

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**LENTEN SUPPLEMENT—UPDATES ON LENTEN DINNERS & DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL**



Grow in  
the  
Lord

2020  
Diocesan  
Lenten  
Appeal

Just like a plant needs sunlight, water and nutrients to grow, every Christian needs certain elements of faith in order to Grow in the Lord. During the Lenten season, we work to deepen our relationship with the Lord through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. With that in mind, please consider sharing your blessings to help our faith community Grow in the Lord.

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**GOOD SHEPHERD  
LENTEN DINNERS**



**Fridays during Lent  
(Except Good Friday)**

**4:00 - 7:00 PM in our Parish Hall**

*(Join us for Stations of the Cross  
in the Church at 3:00 PM)*

Adults: \$12.00 Children 6 - 12: \$5.00

Children 5 and under: No Charge

**"Sit down" service or take outs available!**

**Special thanks to our  
Dinner Sponsor of the week:**

**Shoemaker Funeral Home,  
Blairsville**

**LENTEN DINNER REPORT**



**Dinner #1 – Feb.28:  
725 dinners served.**

The winning 50/50 number was 1831102 for \$83.00. The winner was notified and claimed his prize.

Special thanks to all of our workers and sponsors who help in any way to make our dinners so successful. We could not do it without you! Additional volunteers (and desserts) are still needed for future dinners. Youth can earn community service hours by assisting at our parish dinners. Please sign up on the board in the Church Narthex.

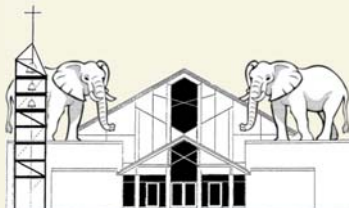
*Thank you for your help and support!*

**2020 DLA: "Grow in the Lord"**

When Bishop Malesic met with Pope Francis for his *ad limina* visit last November, he asked the Pope how to address the challenges in our diocese for the next 10 years. Pope Francis responded to him, **"Have patience. What we do now is plant seeds."** The seeds we plant are those that carry out the work of the Church—prayer, teaching, sacraments. **"Those are seeds,"** the pope said. **"Trust that the Lord will bring them to fruition."**

The Diocesan Lenten Appeal provides funds used by the diocese for parish and diocesan faith formation programs for parishioners of all ages, as well as for formation to prepare for reception of the Sacraments. Please help Bishop Malesic "plant seeds" through your generous stewardship in the 2020 Diocesan Lenten Appeal. Bishop Malesic's entire message can be found in this month's *The Catholic Accent* magazine or online at [theaccentonline.org](http://theaccentonline.org).

**Growing in the Lord at Church of the Good Shepherd**



have stopped working on several occasions. Our 2020 DLA case statement is to raise funds to replace them—our DLA refunds from last year and this year will provide most of the money we need. **So far, 16 generous donors have given \$5,318 toward our \$40,000 parish goal (13.3% of our goal).**

DLA donations can be given using the resources mailed to you, the extra envelopes at the Church, or online at [DioceseofGreensburg.org/GROW](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/GROW). Please prayerfully consider your gift. Thank you for your generosity!

Last November, Fr. Matthew wrote about the **"elephants on the roof"**—the 28-year-old HVAC units on the roof that provide heat and air conditioning, but



**PUBLIC  
ANNOUNCEMENT  
3/5/2020**

Following the advice of regional health care officials primarily regarding concerns about the flu and its impact on parishioners, in addition to growing concerns about the coronavirus, Bishop Edward C. Malesic of the Diocese of Greensburg is asking parishioners to **temporarily exchange the sign of peace without physical contact**. He has also **temporarily suspended the distribution of the precious blood from the chalice**. He reminds all parishioners that **if you are sick, you are not obligated to attend Mass**. Bishop Malesic asks you to keep those who are suffering in the current outbreak of sickness and all those who are ill in your prayers.

**THE WELL Men’s Conference –  
March 21**

The diocese’s second THE WELL Men’s Conference will be held March 21 at Westmoreland County Community College, Youngwood. The event includes workshops, discussions, the sacrament of reconciliation and adoration, and it concludes with Mass celebrated by Bishop Malesic at 4 p.m. Open to men 18 years of age and older. The keynote speaker will be Mike Clark. Doors open at 7:15 a.m. and the conference begins at 8:30 a.m. Register at [www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/THEWELL](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/THEWELL) by March 11. Registration includes breakfast and lunch. For more information contact Fr. Matthew or email [THEWELL@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:THEWELL@dioceseofgreensburg.org).

**Region 5 Lenten Reconciliation Services**



Mark your calendars now and plan to join us for one of our seven Regional Reconciliation Services scheduled for Advent. If you have not taken the opportunity to share in this Sacrament recently, consider participating with others who are seeking the joy of encountering God’s mercy in this profound way. Our schedule is:

Monday, March 23 @ 7 PM	St. Thomas More University Parish, Indiana
Tuesday, March 24 @ 7 PM	Church of the Resurrection, <i>Clymer Site</i>
Thursday, March 26 @ 7 PM	Our Lady of the Assumption, <i>Coral Site</i>
<b>Saturday, March 28 @ 1 PM</b>	<b>Church of the Good Shepherd, Kent</b>
Monday, March 30 @ 7 PM	St. Sylvester, Slickville
Thursday, April 2 @ 7 PM	Ss. Simon & Jude, Blairsville
Saturday, April 4 @ 1 PM	St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Indiana

**2020 Lent “Grit Guys” Bible Studies**

Each Friday in Lent, join other “Grit Guys”—men seeking to grow in inte”grit”y—from throughout the Indiana area for an ecumenical Bible study led by local pastors. These gatherings are sponsored by The Christian Witness.

*Teachers and Topics:*

6:45 A.M. – Free coffee and music  
 7:00 A.M.—Bible Teacher introduced  
 7:00 – 7:30 A.M. – Bible Lesson  
 7:30 A.M. – Dutch Treat Breakfast

**Open to all MEN of Faith:  
 Little Faith; No Faith—join us!**

**MARCH 13 – FATHER MATTHEW MORELLI  
 “WILLINGLY, HE SUFFERED”**

**MARCH 20 – PASTOR JACKIE GREENE  
 “WILLINGLY, HE HEALED”**

**MARCH 27 – PASTOR PREWITT DUNCAN  
 “WILLINGLY, HE TAUGHT”**

**APRIL 3 – PASTOR BILL BLAIR  
 “WILLINGLY, HE SAID, ‘IT IS FINISHED’ ”**

**From Fr. Matthew's Desk**



*Lent—Conversion that transforms us*

During Lent we must grapple with the problem of our weaknesses and sins as we turn back to our merciful and loving God. However, if we focus *only* on the sins and weaknesses, we can lose sight of the fact that Jesus loves us so much, *that He doesn't want to leave us in that place of sin and weakness.* It is like criticizing the seed for what it is not—it is not tall, nor green, nor fruitful—at least not for now. When it begins to grow, it is still the same plant that was, but also *transformed* into what it is meant to become.

In the same way, the *Transfiguration of Jesus* shows us a glimpse of what we hope to become. There, Jesus showed Himself to the Apostles as *humanity glorified through divinity.* Jesus could not remain in that glorified appearance until He passed through the way of the Cross and Resurrection, but it showed us a vision of Jesus transformed—a glimpse of Him as He really is.

When we turn toward the Lord (the word “conversion” literally means a “turning toward” or “turning about”), we begin to move on that path toward *our own humanity* being fully redeemed and ultimately glorified *through God's divinity.* It is an incredible gift from God—something greater even than the “original state” of Adam and Eve before the first sin—but one that also requires us to pass through the way of the Cross and Resurrection.

*Let us pray for one another—that in our penances and prayers this Lent, we may turn toward the Lord and follow Him more faithfully, so we may be transformed.*

**Attention Liturgical Ministers**

*(Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, Ushers).*

New schedules for April 4-5 to May 30-31 of 2020 are currently being established. Please notify Ella Zagurskie at 724.726.8224 (or email: [ellazag@hotmail.com](mailto:ellazag@hotmail.com)) of any dates you will **NOT** be available to minister during these months. Thanks so much for your faithful ministry! Your time and talents are greatly appreciated.

We are always looking for new ministers. If you are interested, please contact Ella Zagurskie or call the parish office.

**Thank You Notes**

**Valentine's Day Cards**

We have received several notes thanking us for the Valentine's Day cards made by some of our youth and adults at the end of January. Please take a look at them in the Church Narthex—in addition to these, Carol and Fr. Matthew have spoken to numerous people who have expressed their thanks for us thinking about them at this time of the year.

**A LITTLE LENTEN LEVITY**

Lost on a rainy Friday night, a priest stumbles into a monastery and requests shelter there. Fortunately, he's just in time for dinner and was treated to the best fish and chips he's ever had.

After dinner, he goes into the kitchen to thank the chefs. He is met by two brothers, "Hello, I'm Brother Michael, and this is Brother Francis."

"I'm very pleased to meet you. I just wanted to thank you for a wonderful dinner. The fish and chips were the best I've ever tasted. Out of curiosity, who cooked what?"

Brother Michael replied, "Well, I'm the fish friar."

Father turns to the other brother and says, "Then you must be..."

"Yes, I'm afraid I'm the chip monk..."

**AROUND THE COMMUNITY & DIOCESE**

**St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, 4<sup>th</sup> St., Indiana**



**\$5.00 BAG SALE...CLOTHING & SHOES (White tag 1/2 Off).** Located in the Bi-Lo Plaza on N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri., 10am-4pm; **TUES. 10am-5pm; Sat. 10am-3pm.** Would you be willing to share your

time and talents so we can share our TREASURES with the community? Stop in the store for an application or call Pete Alexander, 724.463.0614.

**Support St. Bernard School through EITC**

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a way for PA residents and businesses to shift their PA income tax dollars toward support of private schools. St. Bernard School participates in this program, particularly for support tuition assistance for some of our students. When parishioners participate, it can also reduce the amount the parish pays toward the diocesan education assessment. **To qualify, you must pay at least \$3,500 in PA Income Tax.** For more information, see the bulletin insert.



**"The Accent On-Air: Faith and Food"**

"The Accent On-Air: Faith and Food" debuted last Sunday, March 1. It will air again on **Sunday, March 15, at 11:30 a.m. on WTAE-TV.** The show features the must-have annual guide to the nearly 30 phenomenal Lenten fish fries around the diocese. It also features Bishop Malesic talking about his visit with Pope Francis and the pope's letter on the care of God's creation, *Laudato si'*. And Catholic school students describe their commitment to caring for God's creation. There are also broadcasts overnight at 3:07 a.m. on March 7/14/21/28 & April 4/11, and at 3:37 a.m. on March 14/28. You can always watch "The Accent On-Air" at [TheAccentOnline.org](http://TheAccentOnline.org).