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THE APOSTLE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Andrew: by appointment
St. Fidelis: Wed. 7:00-8:00PM
St. Michael: Sat. 11:30AM-12:15PM
St. Paul: Sat. 8:40-9:30AM
St. Peter: by appointment

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St. Andrew: Pre-K - 9 9:30 - 10:45AM
St. Fidelis: Sun. 9:45AM - 11:15AM &
Mon.: 5:45-7:15PM 3-7th. Tues.: 4:30-6PM 3-7th
Sts. Michael/Paul/Peter: 9:15 -10:30AM
(St. Michael the Archangel School building
RCIA

Classes for adults desiring full initiation
into the Church are held from October to
the Easter Vigil or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is celebrated by appointment
Sundays at 12:30PM or during a weekend
Mass. Call the Rectory Office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact parish priest for arrangements
at least six months prior to marriage.

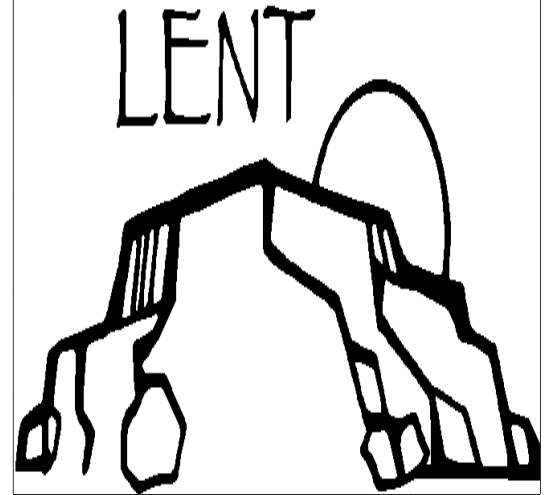
**DIOCESAN COORDINATOR FOR
VICTIMS OF ABUSE: 1-888-808-1235**

BULLETIN INFORMATION

A week in advance: standrewbutler@zoominternet.net.

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**March 3, 2019
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Every tree is known by its own fruit.
For people do not pick figs from
thornbushes, nor do they gather
grapes from brambles.

- Luke 6:44

St. Andrew Parish Motto

"We have found the Messiah!"
(John 1:41)

St. Andrew Parish Mission Statement

St. Andrew Parish Family extends
God's love and mercy to all on the path of
Christian holiness, casting a wide net like
our fisherman patron, St. Andrew. Under
his patronage, with the guidance of the
Holy Spirit and the help of Mary, our
Mother, we seek to learn, love, and live
Jesus.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER KEVIN

Personnel Update

Congratulations and a huge 'thank you' to Mrs. Cathy Rodgers, the business manager at St. Fidelis Parish for the last 4+ years, whose official final day at the parish was February 22. Cathy has been excellent in her role, and will continue to help us with special projects in the business facet of parish life over the next few months. Her example of stewardship and willingness to help in any way she can is a model for all of us to follow.

Office Hours Update

The Office hours at St. Paul Church will change slightly, beginning the week of March 4. The Office will be open on Tuesdays until 8:00PM, and Wednesdays, until 5:00PM. Tuesday is typically the busiest day and evening of the week due to the Community Dinner and Holy Hour. The Office will remain open until 12:00PM on Saturdays and Sundays.

Council Members Update

We are four months into serving our five Butler Area Parishes, and have an 'interim' Pastoral Council. The Pastoral Council in our Parish Grouping, comprised of ten people - two from each parish, includes:

St. Andrew: Jim Shope and Don Fuechslin

St. Fidelis: Cheryl Cavaliero and Kristin Fiorina

St. Michael: Herb Nichol and Betty Nanni

St. Paul: Angela Boden and Lori Altman

St. Peter: Jeff Seger and Stacey Wolinski

Due to canon law (church law), parishes must keep their Finance Councils separate until the parishes officially merge. The Finance Council is comprised of at least three parishioners per parish. Our Finance Councils have met and will continue to meet together.

The Finance Council members in each parish are:

St. Andrew: Beth Werner, Bob Ridley,
Jim Shope

St. Fidelis: Ron Weleski, Matt DiPappa,
Michaelene Bryant

St. Michael: Jim Diamond, Donna Olenic,
Stacey Rattigan

St. Paul: Shirley Beichner,
Doug Kappler, Tina Lourens

St. Peter: Bob Dandoy,
Marilyn Rodgers, Joe Neigh

Both Councils have and will continue to play important roles within our community, and amongst our parishes as leaders throughout this transition and merger process. I thank them for their willingness and cooperation.

Lent

As we begin Lent, I urge us all to spend some time in reflection on how we can do something different this year, in our own lives and how we touch the lives of other people. We have numerous opportunities in our own community to do so; fish fries, ecumenical services, confession, Stations of the Cross, and food bank donations, just to name a few.

I am looking forward to it, and I hope you are too!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Kevin C. Fazio



THANKS

No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks.

-Luke 6:44

Butler/Center/Lyndora/Meridian Grouping Mass Intentions

Saturday March 2, 2019 - Weekday

8:00AM St. Paul - Jennifer Breth (Thomas Breth)

4:00PM St. Michael - Steven T. Washko (JZ & Marlene Tonini)

5:00PM St. Fidelis - Frank Pinto ((Marty & Jeannette Schmidt)

6:00PM* St. Paul - Living & Deceased Parishioners

Sunday March 3 - 8th Sunday Ordinary time

8:00AM St. Paul - Clarence R. Bacher (Frances Black & Family)

8:30AM St. Fidelis - Paul Pietrosky (Dolores Anderson)

10:00AM+ St. Paul - John Baranchak - (Beth & Peter Cordova & Family)

11:00 AM St. Peter - Joe Bauldauf (Ron & Karen Hartman)

11:00AM St. Andrew - Ann Allen (Her Children)

11:30AM St. Fidelis - Virginia Craig (Joe, Mary Ann & Paul)

7:00PM St. Paul - Special Intention - Mary Ellen Vandersyde (Tom & Debbe Snow)

Monday March 4 - Weekday

8:00AM+ St. Paul - Fr. William A. Nolan

Tuesday March 5 - Weekday

8:00AM+ St. Paul - Joseph & Nellie Menchyk (Andrew & Mary Ann Menchyk)

12:05PM St. Michael - Fr. Robert Bradley Beatrice "Bea" Thomas (Helen Kresen)

Wednesday March 6 - Ash Wednesday

8:00AM+ St. Paul - John F. Capers ((Robert & Rosalie Leri)

Thursday March 7 - Sts. Perpetua & Felicity

8:00AM+ St. Paul - Wilfred J. Adams (Mary Lou Bollinger)

12:05PM St. Andrew - James & Ruth Brett (Wheatall Family)

Friday March 8 - St. John of God

8:00AM+ St. Paul - Evelyn Rodgers (Gene McLaughlin)

12:05PM St. Peter Dale Schnur- Ben & Greg Kalka, Trevor & Emerick

Saturday March 9 - St. Frances of Rome

8:00AM+ St. Paul - Bertha Green (Joe & Regina Green)

4:00PM St. Michael - Teresa Stevick (Theresa Keller)

5:00PM St. Fidelis - John & Pauline Graham (Family)

6:00PM* St. Paul - Living & Deceased Parishioners

The Collection for Sunday February 24	
Offertory	\$3,183.00

**MINISTERS SCHEDULE - ASH WEDNESDAY - MARCH 6
NOON**

Lector: Nancy Swidzinski
Servers: John Rosenbaum, Gene McLaughlin
Ushers: Janet Hudak, Paul Kengor, Harry Savisky, Don Fuechslin
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:
Pat Ashbaugh, Karen Minehart, Sharon Stevens

**MINISTERS SCHEDULE - SUNDAY, MARCH 10
11:00 AM**

Lector: J. Shope
Servers: N. Corlew, L. McEachin
Ushers: D. Fuechslin, J. Hudak, P. Kengor, R. Jablonski

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
L. Corlew, G. Kengor, B. Ambrose
CHAPEL & MOTHERS ROOM
K. Minehart, P. Brady

Sunday	March 10 - First Sunday of Lent
8:00AM	St. Paul - Robert Mitch (Don & Josie Nebel)
8:30AM	St. Fidelis - Patrick Daugherty (Matt, Patty & Rachel)
10:00AM +	St. Paul - Stefura & Oleksak Families (Carol & Patty Stefura)
11:00AM	St. Peter- Carl & Elva Weiland (Glenn & Judy Weiland)
11:00AM	St. Andrew - Josephine Donadi (Dr/M Marvin Baker)
11:30AM	St. Fidelis - Josephine Gall (Joe & Amy Mudrick)
7:00PM	St. Paul - Earl Sangermano (Pat & Kathy Coyle)

+Mass televised on Channel #10
* Mass WISR (AM 680) 9:15AM Sunday

ASH WEDNESDAY - MARCH 6, 2019

There will be five Masses and a Scriptural Prayer Service offered at the five parishes on Ash Wednesday. Blessed ashes will be distributed after the homily.

St. Paul - 8:00AM (Mass) & 12:00PM (Scriptural Prayer Service)
St. Andrew - 12:00PM (Mass)
St. Michael the Archangel - 3:00PM (Mass)
St. Fidelis - 6:30PM (Mass)
St. Peter - 7:00PM (Mass)



PARISH SHARE WEEKEND

This is Parish Share weekend! Come to the church kitchen before or after the 11am Mass to make your pledge. We ask for the same amount, \$350.00, or whatever you can pledge.

LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION

Beginning the first Sunday of Lent, March 10, we ask for specific food items to be donated at all 5 parishes. Place your donations along the altar rail. You may use the following guide:

March 10: cans of tuna, March 17: Tuna Helper, March 25: Peanut Butter, March 31: cans of soup, April 7: jelly.

HIGH SCHOOL WOMEN'S RETREAT ON RELATIONSHIPS

The Pgh. Religious Vocation Council will host a high school women's retreat March 9, from 10am-4pm at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in Baden. To register for this free event, email your name, phone number and high school to vzottols@stjoseph-baden.org.

SPRING

Butler City Catholic Parishes are sponsoring a Craft & Vendor Show, March 23, from 9am-3pm, at St. Peter Parish Hall, Franklin St. We will offer lunch, homemade soup, bake sale, and a Chinese auction. Tables: \$25 and an auction item. Contact dittmerc@zoominternet.net or 724-287-3974.

BUTLER AREA MARRIAGE PREPARATION RETREAT

Two Saturday sessions of the Butler Marriage Preparation Retreat will be held March 30 and April 6, from 10:00am-5:00pm, at St. Michael the Archangel Parish Hall. Both Saturday sessions conclude with Mass at 4:00pm at St. Michael Catholic Church. Mass attendance is part of the Pre-Cana Program and satisfies the Sunday obligation. Call 724-991-2639 or email cweiland@zoominternet.net.

CHURCH ALIVE!

Sister Mary Ellen Rufft will present "How to be an Assertive Christian" at the Church Alive event at 6:30pm on Wednesday, March 13, at St. Michael the Archangel Church on Center Ave.

JAL EVENTS

Middle School Youth Group for grades 6-8: March 7 at St. Fidelis Youth Room, 6:30-8:00pm. Enjoy pizza, pop, friends and fun!

High School Lenten Lock-In, grades 9-12. Saturday, March 9, 5:00pm Mass. Sunday, March 10, 8am breakfast @ St. Fidelis. Food, fun, movies, games, and Jesus. Sign up on our website.



As the season of Lent draws near, we need to recall the word of the Church with regards to fast, abstinence and other forms of penance.

1. **ASH WEDNESDAY** and **GOOD FRIDAY** are days of fast and abstinence. Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States.
2. Abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 18-59. No one should consider this obligation lightly.
3. Those who have a medical condition in which fasting may be harmful are not obliged to fast, but should perform some other act of penance or charity.
4. Parents are to see to it that minors, though not bound by the law of fast and abstinence, are educated in the sense of penance and encouraged to do acts of penance suitable to their age.
5. All members of the Christian Faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during the Lenten season beyond what is prescribed by the law.
6. A request for a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence on Fridays of Lent will not be considered unless a serious reason is present. The attendance at social events, wedding rehearsals or receptions are not considered sufficient reason to request a dispensation.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. The penance, fasting, almsgiving and all aspects of Lent are the hardships of the journey. The Church gives us ashes to show that we have pledged ourselves to walk with Christ during Lent. We pledge to live lives of greater holiness.



Congratulations and best wishes to Mary MacKrell Ambrose and Bernard Ambrose, who received the Sacrament of Marriage in our church yesterday. May God grant you many years of peace, happiness, health, and joy as you embark on this blessed journey.