



## Father Sam's Forum

**T**he call of Isaiah is a special Scripture for me, because it was one of the readings for my First Mass way back in 1978. I can still hear Sister Patricia Dunham's voice as she proclaimed the words of the reading with great conviction and determination, "In the year King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne..."

St. Paul's reminder to the Church at Corinth in our second reading today is another witness to being called by God. "I preached," Paul says, "but by the grace of God I am what I am..." And finally, we have the marvelous piece from Luke's Gospel about the call of Simon Peter. "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch."

In all three stories, there is a profound sense of the holiness of God and that same deep sense that we are not worthy. But the great truth is that God doesn't only call those who are worthy. In fact, no one is worthy, so it is all gift, all grace. Think of Peter's denial and Paul's persecution of Christians. We can do great things when God is with us because we allow the Lord to move us, shape us, use us.

With Lent just around the corner, what ways will we open ourselves to this conversion? How will our hearts be changed? Where are the places we can grow as we become drawn deeper into the love of God? Look what happened to Peter and Paul!

We are called—all of us. Called to follow Jesus, called to serve others like Jesus. Where might it be the most difficult to follow him? Who might need your service as another Christ?

## Mass Intentions: Feb. 7—Feb. 14

### Sunday, February 7—5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45a **Charles A. Westhoven**  
(Wife, Children & Grandchildren)  
9:30a **For the People of the Parish**  
11:30a **David Wenslovas** (Wenslovas Family)

### Monday, February 8—Weekday

8:30a **Elizabeth "Lil" Nalitz**  
(Women of St. Benedict)

### Tuesday, February 9—Weekday

6:30a **Mary Agnes Murphy**  
(Paul & Sue Freyder & Family)  
8:30a **Butch Schultz** (Carolyn Marcanio)

### Wednesday, February 10—St. Scholastica

6:30a **Irene Scott** (Gary & Noreen Kosem)  
8:30a **Lucille Zaretsky, Mother of Kay Ott**  
(Stephen Ministries)  
11:00a **McMurray Hills: Helen Orcutt**  
(Marlene & Chuck Shannon)

### Thursday, February 11—Our Lady of Lourdes

6:30a **Special Intentions for Frank LaRosa**  
(LaRosa Family)  
8:30a **Lillian Cotugno** (Family)

### Friday, February 12—Weekday

8:30a **Don Ligman** (Ben's Men)

### Saturday, February 13—Weekday

8:30a **Angela & Arcangelo Gargano**  
(Angela Daley)  
3:00p **Wedding:** Matt Mihalcin - Sarah Bianco  
5:00p **Stanley J. Zary** (Wife & Family)

### Sunday, February 14—6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45a **Clifford Bumford, Sr.**  
(The Gielarowski Family)  
9:30a **Tom Dugan** (Ann Dugan)  
11:30a **For the People of the Parish**

*The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of Marie McGovern, requested by M/M Harvey Cornell.*

## Parish News & Coming Attractions...

- After consideration of the financial challenges we are facing and the recent presentation from Finance Council, I have made the decision to suspend our commission of the hangings that were mentioned in the bulletin over the past few weeks. It is not prudent to spend additional resources when we have asked everyone to try to increase their financial support. Those who already made donations to this project may either 1) have them returned to you by stopping at the office; or 2) leave them for when we do move forward with it in the future. I have asked members of both Finance and Pastoral Councils to meet with me this week on Wednesday, February 10, to begin discussion of how we should address the financial issues.
- Pastoral Council meets this Tuesday, February 9, 7:30pm, for their regular quarterly meeting.
- Our Mardi Gras celebration is set for Tuesday, February 16, and includes dinner, a prayer service with palm burning (the ashes we use come from last year's palms), games, parades, and more. Please bring your old palms to the office and place them in the baskets you will find there. Join us for prayer, feasting and fun at our Mardi Gras Carnival on Fat Tuesday!
- Ash Wednesday's schedule includes Masses at 6:30 & 8:30am, and 4:00 & 7:00pm. Ashes are imposed **during** the Mass.



## Pastoral Staff

To reach a staff member, dial 724-941-9406, and then the extension number listed.

### Pastoral Life & Worship

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 Elaine Motyl, Young Adult Coordinator— 111  
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### Pastoral Administration

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- Formation Offices: Religious Education/Youth Ministry— 724-941-9587

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Beverly Jurcic, Director— 724-731-0222

### Readings for the Week of February 7

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a,3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 5:1-11  
 Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7,9-13/Mk 6:53-56  
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23,27-30/Mk 7:1-13  
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23  
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30  
 Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32;12:19/Mk 7:31-37  
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32;13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10  
 Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12,16-20/Lk 6:17,20-26

## The Discipline of Lent & Ash Wednesday Schedule

In just a few weeks Lent begins. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of **fast** and **abstinence**, while all Lenten Fridays are days of **abstinence**. This means every Catholic from age 14 up is required to abstain from eating meat on those days. Fasting obliges all those 18—59 to limit oneself to one full meal with two lighter meals and no in-between meal snacking. The schedule for Ash Wednesday has four times for Mass (see page 1) with the imposition of ashes during the Mass. Stations of the Cross are prayed at 7:00pm on Lenten Fridays, except on March 26, because the Passion Play takes the place of the Stations.

## Serving the Parish Next Weekend February 13—February 14

**Sat. 5:00pm**— Fr. Esposito

**Lectors:** Hruby, Norton **Greeters:** Schardt, Mitchell **EMHC:** Klinar, Corbett, Norton, Pfeifer, Milavec, Mertens, P & G Adams, LaCamera **Servers:** Corbett, LaRosa, Figueroa, Byrne, Nobers

**7:45am**— Fr. Esposito, Deacon Layton

**Lectors:** Wanninger, Richardson-Gohring **Greeters:** Kalaski, Turchick **EMHC:** Puskarich, Berger, McGinnis, Glod, Gavran, D & T Martin, Wanninger **Servers:** E, M & E Jozwiak

**9:30am**— Fr. Ruffalo

**Lectors:** Glover, Ross **Greeters:** Oberschelp, Verlato **EMHC:** Torres, Serrino, Orient, Schultz, McGovern, Kail, Capozza, Spinabelli, Glover **Servers:** Shaw, Severa, Wallach, L & J Spinabelli

**11:30am**— Fr. Ruffalo

**Lectors:** Hajzus, McCabe **Greeters:** Ragan, Bartoli **EMHC:** T & E Mauro, K, L & P Newmaster, B Smith, Hayward, Huffner, Stein **Servers:** Graves, Chaplin, Taylor

## Rest In Peace

Please remember in your prayers **Marie C. McGovern**, mother of our parishioner Jack McGovern, who died recently. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

## Mass Intentions 2010 Mass Book Re-opened

Thanks to everyone's cooperation when we opened the 2010 Mass Book in October, we were able to schedule the leftover requests from 2008 – 2009, and now we have available open spaces to take additional requests. You may stop at the office to schedule Mass intentions to be celebrated this year (2010).

## Passion Play Rehearsals

Join us for this year's Passion Play! Rehearsals have been scheduled for these dates:

- 7:30pm Tuesdays—February 23, March 16
- 7:45pm Wednesdays—February 10, March 3, 10, 17, and 24
- 7:30pm Thursday—February 18
- 1:00pm Saturdays—February 20, 27, March 20

All rehearsals will be in the Pope Benedict Activity Center. The Passion Play will be performed on Friday, March 26, and Saturday, March 27, at 7:30pm in the Pope Benedict Center.

**Online giving is in full operation! Visit the parish website and click on the link to sign up to begin donating to the parish automatically today. It's easy and convenient!**



## Our Lenten Mission

Frank Runyeon, known to many as the co-star with Meg Ryan on *As the World Turns*, will be with us on March 21–23, at 7:00pm each evening to conduct our Lenten Mission this year. It is a different format, based simply on God's word, since our Lenten preaching will include some focus on both reading the bible, and Scripture and Tradition. His three presentations include: **MARK** (what God has done in Jesus), followed by **MATTHEW'S SERMON ON THE MOUNT** (the role Jesus calls us to play in this story), followed by **JAMES** (but what are we really doing?). Looking at these three Scriptures will help us to reflect on how we are disciples today. Check out his web site, [www.frankrunyeon.com](http://www.frankrunyeon.com).

## Food Pantry Moving Here

Our parish will house the Peters Township Food Pantry for the months of February–March–April because the usual distribution site at the Center Presbyterian Church is having some construction done. The setup for this month's distribution is Thursday, February 11, 3:00pm on O'Brien Hall. You may notice some non-perishable food items being stored in the coat closet in the hall. We expect to serve 68 families in February. The sorting includes using tables to display the food (like a grocery store) and takes about two hours. Actual distribution will be on Friday, February 12, 9:00am. This takes about one hour. If you can help with either of these tasks please come and do so. For questions, contact Susan Brooks, 724-942-4287.

## Christmas Flower Donations

Conrad Walletz	M/M Scott Ray
M/M James Auld	M/M Julius Hall
Cynthia Cutler-Hart	M/M Greg Curry
M/M Gregg Perich	M/M John Bosisic
M/M Richard Aurin	M/M Thomas Burke
M/M Peter Donina	Dr. Robert Johnston
Lois Griffith	M/M Salvatore Ortenzo
M/M Timothy Capra	M/M Randall Sheetz
M/M Kirk Stinner	M/M Paul Hook
M/M John Hilzendeger	M/M Anthony Hume
M/M Shawn Nelson	M/M Paul Watson
M/M Donald Cannon	M/M Marc Verner
Kelly Kaercher	M/M Henry Verner
Mark Scalise	M/M Walter Wayne
M/M Glenn Keeling	M/M Jeffrey Verner
M/M Michael Dimatteo	Susan Trankocy
M/M John Koutsogiani	M/M Joseph Brula
Georgene Sterling & Kermit Hartland	

## Thank You for Helping

Hekima Place would like to thank the people of St. Benedict for their contribution of \$1,280 to benefit the orphaned girls of Kenya's HIV community. Your generosity will provide a caring setting for the girls to grow and develop as opposed to the oppressive poverty and homelessness that was otherwise their fate. You have given them hope for a decent life and for that they profoundly thank you.

## Scout Sunday February 14th

Scout Sunday is a special opportunity to recognize those who participate in the wonderful tradition of Scouting. We will recognize all Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts on February 14, during the 11:30am Mass with a reception in O'Brien Hall immediately after. All Scouts are welcome to participate, especially if you are in a troop/pack not sponsored by our parish. For more information, contact Kevin Dolinar at 724-942-0388.

## December's Numbers *Error in the Total*

We apologize for the error in last weekend's figures for the December Offertory. It seems that the on-line giving was not included in the weekly average. It was in the total for the month, \$93,284.00. So, the correct weekly average should be \$23,321.00. This is a great boost to our budget expectations. Thanks to everyone for their generous support.

***In case of inclement weather, please watch WPXI (Channel 11) or go to WPXI.com for cancellations and delays.***

## Ben's Men Ladies Night February 8

The barbequers will prepare a special meal for our ladies including salad bar and dessert. The evening begins with a wine bar social at 6:30pm and dinner will be served at 7:15pm. Our guest speaker will be our own George Frost who will present the history and lore of the sinking of the *RMS Titanic* almost 100 years ago, including information on the unsung hero of the sinking, a Catholic priest. You must have sent an RSVP through our phone tree by February 3.



## Ask Father Sam

**When we hear those names in the Eucharistic Prayer...Linus, Cletus, Clement...who are they?**

### Lesson of the Week

**What is papal infallibility? Does this mean the pope cannot make a mistake?**

In his *Modern Catholic Dictionary*, Fr. John Hardon, S.J., defines *infallibility* as this: *Freedom from error in teaching the universal Church in matters of faith or morals.* At the First Vatican Council, one of the ecumenical councils that gathered all the bishops together, the doctrine of papal infallibility was defined. The Council was held in Rome from 1869–1870. Because this Council met in the Vatican Basilica and not the Lateran as previous Councils held in Rome had been, it was called the “Vatican” Council.

Pope Pius IX, now Blessed, wanted to speak to the temporal authority of the Church because it was a time in history when nationalism was on the rise following the defeat of Napoleon. In Italy, the Papal States were under attack from the movement to unify Italy and create an Italian nation, which did not exist before 1870. While this Council proclaimed the dogma, or teaching, on papal infallibility, it had already been used in 1854, when this same pope defined as Catholic teaching, the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary, that is, that Mary was not conceived with Original Sin.

This belief is based on the text we find in Matthew’s Gospel (16:18) that is known as “the power of the keys,” when Jesus said to Peter, “And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.” Again referring to Fr. Harden’s article, *the bearer of infallibility is every lawful Pope as successor of Peter.*

But there are conditions for this. The Holy Father has to speak *ex cathedra*, which means from the chair of Peter. This means he has the intention of declaring something true, he speaks as the shepherd and teacher of the faithful with the weight of his apostolic office, and not as a private theologian. So, yes, the pope can make a mistake just like all of us, but when the power of God’s Spirit that is present in the Church, protects him as our chief teacher and shepherd, then we believe that he speaks without error. Used rarely, the revealed teachings that are declared most often come from the long standing belief of the Christian faithful, like Mary’s Assumption into heaven.

## Youth Ministry News

### Souper Bowl Sunday

For the last ten years on Super Bowl Sunday, the youth group has taken collections after the Masses for a local charity. This year there will be no collection, but rather in the aftermath of the Haiti earthquakes, we feel that people have been and continue to be generous as the Haitians try to recover from the devastation. We encourage all parishioners to give in some way to the recovery efforts if you have not already.

### It’s a GIRL’S Day!

Alright ladies, we’re taking the day off and making it girlie. On Friday, February 12, all high school ladies are invited to come to the youth ministry office from 10:00am to 4:00pm for a day of “Mean Girls”, brownies, lunch, and a little bit of chatting (chatting=talking about gossiping and sassiness). Bring your favorite snack and a pillow, wear your favorite comfy clothes, and \$5 to cover lunch. Check out the Facebook group event at St. Benedict the Abbot Youth Group.

### Youth Ministry Calendar Feb. 7—Feb. 14

Feb. 7—No Word tonight  
Feb. 9, 7:00pm—Theology of the Body (St. Louise)  
Feb. 14, 7:00pm—Leadership Meeting (YM Office)

### Why would you? Join the Choir

In an effort to determine how we can best recruit more volunteers for our various choirs, can you tell us under what circumstances you would consider joining? If you have heard good voices around you at Mass, have you asked those people to consider joining the choir? If so, what was their answer? Do you feel that you are not good enough? Please know that most of our members do not read music nor are they required to read it. If you can carry a tune, then you can be a good choir member. Do you feel that you are too good? If so, then ask yourself if the choir is better without you or with you. We have a very large, active parish family here at St. Benedict, and we know that many talented people are out there. Now is the time to come forward and share that God-given talent, particularly as a choir member. Email ([gfincham@stbenedicttheabbot.org](mailto:gfincham@stbenedicttheabbot.org)) or call Greg Fincham at 724-941-9406, ext. 108, with your thoughts or questions.



## Free Blood Pressure Screening

The month of February is National Heart Month, so be "heart smart" this Valentine's Day. Our Health Ministry Group is sponsoring free blood pressure checks at Abbey Coffee House after the Sunday 7:45am and 9:30am Masses on February 14. No appointments are necessary. Simply stop by and visit one of our nurses and volunteers.

Check out this great Catholic web site: [www.wordonfire.org](http://www.wordonfire.org)

## World Marriage Day

There will be a diocesan celebration of World Marriage Day on February 13 at Sts. Simon & Jude Parish, Scott Twp. It will begin with Mass at 4:00pm in the church with Bishop Winter as the presider and homilist. Following Mass there will be a wine and cheese reception in the parish hall. A presentation by Linda & Mark Fetzer, "The Sacrament of Marriage Alive!" will follow. Donation is \$10 per couple. To register please call the Office for Adult and Family Faith Formation at 412-456-3160.

## Rachel's Vineyard

This weekend retreat, designed to heal the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion, will be held February 26-28 at the Spiritan Center in Bethel Park. In a confidential and supportive atmosphere, Rachel's Vineyard demonstrates God's love, forgiveness, and compassion to women and men struggling with abortion's aftermath. To register, or for more information, call Toni Jester at 412-352-5348, or go online to [www.ccpgh.org](http://www.ccpgh.org) and click on Rachel's Vineyard. Registration deadline is February 19.

## Soles for Souls

Students from Peters Township High School will be at Abbey Coffee House in O'Brien Hall after all Masses the weekend of February 13-14 collecting new or gently worn shoes to send to needy people in many countries including Honduras, Guatemala, Haiti, Uganda and Nepal. Monetary donations will also be accepted to help pay the shipping expenses. If you have any questions, please call Katie Cuervo at 724-941-1574 or Molly Gordon at 724-941-4018.

Hotline for Victims of Sexual Abuse  
412-456-3060 or 1-888-808-1235

## This Week In Our Parish

### Sunday, February 7

**Abbey Coffee House Open after  
7:45 & 9:30 Mass**

9:00a	Faith Formation Session	
10:30a	Baptism Parents' Meeting	(213)
11:00a	Faith Formation Session	

### Monday, February 8

8:30a	Special Needs Children	(210)
10:00a	WOSB Yoga	(OBH)
6:00p	Ben's Men Rosary	(213)
6:30p	Ben's Men Meeting	(OBH)
6:30p	Aerobics	(PBAC)
7:00p	Catholic Scripture Study	(208)
7:00p	Centering Prayer	(204)

### Tuesday, February 9

8:30a	Special Needs Children	(210)
9:15a	Catholic Scripture Study	(206)
6:00p	Faith Formation Session	
7:00p	Contemporary Choir	(Choir)
7:30p	Pastoral Council	(210)
7:45p	Cub Scouts Den 4	(RmA)

### Wednesday, February 10

9:30a	Light Weigh	(206)
12:00p	AA	(208)
6:00p	Faith Formation Session	
6:30p	Confessions	(Church)
7:45p	Pastoral/Finance Council	(210)
7:45p	St. Vincent de Paul	(206)
7:45p	Tae Kwon Do	(OBH)
7:45p	Passion Play Practice	(PBAC)

### Thursday, February 11

8:30a	Church Women United	(OBH)
11:00a	Church Women United	(Chapel)
12:00p	NA	(206)
6:00p	Aerobics	(PBAC)
7:00p	RCIA	(206)
7:00p	Boy Scout Troop 1313	(PBAC)
7:00p	Cub Scouts Den 3	(RmA)
7:00p	Cub Scouts Den 6	(RmB)
7:30p	Adult Choir	(Choir)

### Saturday, February 13

7:30a	Catholic Men's Fellowship	(206)
9:00a	Aerobics	(PBAC)
11:00a	Confessions	(Church)

### Sunday, February 14

**Abbey Coffee House Open after  
7:45 & 9:30 Mass**

**No Faith Formation Classes Today**

**Need confidential assistance? Companionship and understanding for a difficult time? Stephen Ministers are here to help you. Call 724-941-5026.**



## TO GET INVOLVED, CALL...

### **Abbey Coffee House**

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724-941-4686

### **Altar Servers**

Kathleen Bench  
724-942-0338

### **Ben's Men**

Jeff Mertens  
724-941-6484

### **Bowling League**

Blaise Hollot  
724-942-0748

### **Boy Scouts**

Kevin Dolinar  
724-942-0388

### **Cantors, Choirs,**

### **Bell Ringers**

Greg Fincham  
724-941-9406

### **Catholic Men's Fellowship**

Ed Corbett  
724-942-6429

### **Catholic Scripture Study**

Tara Curry  
724-942-7539

### **Cub Scouts**

Steve Ridge  
724-941-9816

### **Elijah Cup**

Carlotta Zuback  
724-941-5758

### **Engaged Couples' Program**

Ed & Mary Lou Fraticelli  
724-941-4230

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Mary Ann Campbell  
724-941-4297

### **Extraordinary Ministers**

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### **Finance Council**

Fred Abrew  
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### **Food Bank**

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### **Funeral Repast**

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### **Funeral Server**

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### **Military Support**

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### **Ministry to the Sick**

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### **MOMS**

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### **Pastoral Council**

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### **Respect Life Committee**

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### **Stephen Ministry**

Jay Jarrell  
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### **St. Benedict Gardeners**

Linda Maydak  
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### **St. Vincent de Paul**

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724-941-9406

### **Ushers**

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### **Wedding Coordinators**

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### **Women of St. Benedict**

Nancy Huffner  
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### **Youth Council**

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