

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 26, 2017
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



MEET OUR PRIEST FATHER HENRY USSHER

I was born on Sunday, November 14, 1965, in Asankran Moseaso, Ghana. I was named Opong Kwame and baptized Henry Ussher three months after birth. I am the seventh child of my mother and grew up in a family consisting of two mothers, my father, and twelve siblings. As a child I was a bully. I was mean and worried my Mom a lot. I would throw a stone at any elderly person who tried to beat me. Thankfully, I outgrew that meanness.

I became a catechist in 1983 at age 18. My duties were to lead morning and evening prayers during weekdays, to conduct Bible service on Sundays, and to teach catechism. I had the thought to become a priest after witnessing the ordinations of three priests at my parish in July, 1983. My family was happy when I decided to sit for the entrance examination for the minor seminary. They were very supportive when I was admitted in September, 1984.

The most difficult thing about becoming a priest was the sickness I suffered in 1987, which made me have to repeat a class. I was also falsely accused of madness by a classmate who reported it to the rector of the major seminary, and I had to prove the report wrong before my diaconate ordination on May 22, 1999.

Being a priest has been very rewarding to me. I have the privilege to minister to people of all classes and cultures. I am also given respect, gifts, and an allowance. I am able to take care of my Mom, nephews and nieces, and some needy children. Since 1987 I have been able to use the gift of healing and deliverance to free people from real demonic possession. That is a humbling and awesome moment. Great assets in my ministry have been writing inspirational messages, providing shelters, and using my creative mind to develop a shrine.

Mother Mary is my patroness. I was saved by her intercession through the praying of the Rosary when I was in a coma for a month. I rely on her prayers for all I am able to do.

THIS WEEK

FRI. K OF C FISH FRY 4:30-6:30
SUN. DAVE RAMSEY SESSION 4:00

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 1 PILGRIMAGE
APRIL 2, RECONCILIATION SERVICE
Apr. 4 GUILD MEETING
APRIL 26 SALAD LUNCHEON
JUNE 23, 24, 25 RUMMAGE SALE

ST. PAT'S COOKBOOK 2017



Calling all Good Cooks!! Submit your favorite recipes and please consider submitting your salad luncheon recipes since we would like to highlight those as a feature of this cookbook. Many of our past attendees from the community have requested these. Thanks to all who have already submitted recipes. We will be collecting recipes through March 27th. Recipes including name, phone and city may be placed in the envelope on the bulletin board at the entry of church, the box in St. Leo's Hall, or email to Donna Griffith at dgparishnurse@gmail.com. Questions, (573) 789-6413. (Phone numbers will not be included in the cookbook.)

GIA CHORALE SCHEDULE

"That Old, Old Feeling"

Greater Lake Area Chorale Performances
Sun. Mar. 26—2 p.m. West Lake, Laurie
Sun. Apr. 2—2 p.m. United Methodist, Versailles
Sun. Apr. 9-2 p.m. First Baptist, Eldon

CELL PHONE, IPADS, LAP TOP

If you have cell phones, I pads, lap tops that you would like to donate, please bring in. I will be traveling to Ghana in April and taking them with me. I appreciate your assistance!!
God Bless, Father Henry

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKEND COLLECTION \$5,500

March 19TH

Attendance 494

Electronic fund transfer available for the 1st, 15th etc., for weekly contribution, building and maintenance, Charitable Outreach, Christmas and Easter.

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MASS INTENTIONS MAR. 27-APR. 2

MON. 9:00 DEAN PAULY ±
TUES 9:00 LINDA KEMPF SPC.
WED. 9:00 RON PAINTER SPC.
THURS. 9:00 JOHN CALAHAN±
FRI. 9:00 PETE TEGELER SPC.
SAT. 5:00 PARISHIONERS
SUN. 7:30 GREG PETERSEN±
9:00 THE STOLTZ FAMILY SPC.

ST. PHILIP BENIZI MASSES

FRIDAY 10:30 A.M. SUNDAY 10:30 A.M.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

PARISHIONERS - Julia Curiale, Mike Kuse, Jim Eades, Bill Shortino, Ceil Bish, Rosemary Stoltz, Adam Steffen, Bud Raeker, Tom McCann, Tom Costello, Lucy Macek, Carolyn Gentry, Mary Bogle, Jerry Petersen, Mitzi Chase, Al Vasey, Ralph Baracz, Joy Groves, Bill Groves, Kay Edwards, Clarence Smith, Norma Emerick.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF PARISHIONERS

Natalie Staffieri, Louise Starzynski, Mackenzie Trost, Richard Dascher, Bill O'Bryan, Gay Brumagin, Cheryl Kerfeld, Oleta Jones, Jennifer McKinney, Carrie Sheeley, Rilie Johnson, Luke Brooks, Ron Larrington, Brianna and Brody Decker, Darren Bozich, Arianna Cooper, Tony Marie Rinella, Ann Reilly, Abby Kunneman, Dorothy Bos, Michael Switalwski, Hal Trokey, Jr., Kathy Egan, Sue Dunn, Addison Nichols, Irma Webster, Sandra Poates, Haley Browning, Collette Moscato, Laura Keal, Anne Erola, Amy Schmitz, Elizabeth Gilreath, Ryllie Foust, Chris Kuse, Christopher Bonick, Alma Thompson, Jacob and Crystal Miller, Ann Reilly, Janet Lloyd, Bill Sonner, Billie Johnson, Steve Callahan, Kolton Melcher, Jackie Sinovic, Glen Noyes, Wyatt Newman, Barbara Ott, Mary Groves, Kim Hamilton, Connie Hope, Leroy Berden, Marcella Hope, Bill Colby, Fr. Edwin Schmidt, Ginnie al, Anne Conolle, Ruth Ellis, Mike Waeckerle, Gary Walters, Brady Noyes, Curt Mather, Wanda Wilde, Eddie Taylor, Baby James Simpson, Mark Walls.

SCRIPTURE READINGS MAR. 27-APR. 2

Mon. Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
Tue. Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
Wed. Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
Thu. Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
Fri. Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat. Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
Sun. FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Lenten Spiritual activities:

Daily reading of Lenten Booklets

Pivotal Players Series
Tues., 10:00 Susie's House

Mass & Stations of the Cross
Wed. in Church 9:00

Mass & Six Hour Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament
Fri., 10—4:00 in the Chapel.

APR. 2 PENANCE SERVICE 2:00



Palm Sunday Apr. 9

Masses Sat. 5:00, Sun 7:30, 9:00

Triduum

Holy Thursday Apr. 13

Mass 7:00

Good Friday Apr. 14

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00
"We were there." Dramatization 4:00

Easter Vigil Saturday Apr. 15

Mass 8:30 pm

Easter Sunday Apr. 16

Masses 7:30 and 9:00

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FAITH BUILDER

Today's readings reflect a theme of seeing versus blindness. In the first reading, Samuel is sent to discover from among the sons of Jesse the one likely to become king. Samuel, however, is looking at the sons with human eyes and is rebuked by the Lord: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." The second reading contrasts those things unseen, hidden by darkness, and those things visible, exposed by the light of Christ. In the Gospel, this theme is repeated with a different slant. The man who was blind from birth is restored to sight and tells Jesus: "I do believe, Lord." He can see Jesus as Lord, but the Pharisees refuse to see, thus remaining blind and in darkness.

Let the following prayer, based upon the book of Wisdom, acknowledge God's ability to see into your heart and know you: *God, you know my heart even better than I do. This could scare me, or it could give me peace—the peace of knowing that despite my weakness and sin, you still love me. I choose to feel peace! And knowing that you see into my heart and still love me, I choose to do good. Give me the courage to do the right thing. Help me never to say a word to injure another person. Give me too the wisdom of loving justice, so that my heart might be a reflection of your own. Amen.* Wisdom 1:6-15 (Prayer taken from Catholic Youth Bible)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The parish will again dramatize the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 4:00, presenting "We Were There" for the last time. We still need volunteers to present the parts. Costumes and scripts are provided. You need not be an official actor nor memorize your part. Please call Amy Luebbering if you can help: 573-280-6489.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



BLESSED JOAN OF TOULOUSE - March 31

Joan was of a noble family from the French town of Toulouse during the thirteenth century. A Carmelite monastery was founded in the same town in 1240 that exposed Joan to the Carmelite lifestyle and spirituality. When a Carmelite reformer was passing through Toulouse, she met him and requested to be affiliated with the Carmelites. She was the first woman lay associated with the life and charisma of a Carmelite. Joan vowed herself to perpetual chastity and applied herself completely to the Carmelite rule. She practiced daily penance and worked to help the sick, the poor, and the lonely. She brightened many lives with her cheerful conversations. Blessed Joan carried a picture of the crucified Christ in her pocket. That was her "book." Every time Joan studied the picture she read some new and wonderful lesson. After her death, many miracles were attributed to her by the faithful.

RESPECT FOR LIFE PERSPECTIVE

Life is winning through the steady advance of science that illuminates when life begins, more and more, every day. Life is winning through the generosity of millions of adoptive families to open their hearts and homes to children in need. Life is winning through the compassion of caregivers and volunteers at crisis pregnancy centers and faith-based organizations who minister to women in towns across this country.

And life is winning through the quiet counsels between mothers and daughters, grandmothers and granddaughters, between friends across kitchen tables, and over coffee at college campuses. The truth is being told. Compassion is overcoming convenience. And hope is defeating despair.

In a word, life is winning in America because of all of you.

Vice President Mike Pence

2017 March for Life

CATHOLICISM SERIES

THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS

St. Patrick's will be hosting an adult faith formation series based on **Bishop Robert Barron's** exciting new program.

CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players. Take the journey and discover the remarkable figures who shaped the Church and changed the world.

Six consecutive weeks beginning Tues, Mar. 7— Tues., Apr. 11 10:00 a.m. at Susie's House.

Visit the countryside where St. Francis of Assisi gathered a group of friars and revived the Church. See the places where Catherine of Sienna ministered and prayed. Discover the places where St. Thomas Aquinas lived, learned and wrote. Here is the lineup: March 7, 14 - St. Francis of Assisi, the Reformer, Part 1 and Part 2, March 21, 28 - St. Catherine of Sienna, the Mystic, Part 1 and Part 2. April 4, 11 - St. Thomas Aquinas, the Theologian, Part 1 and Part 2. No sign ups needed. Attend as many sessions as you wish. Each session runs about 90 minutes.

For more information, contact Amy Luebbering 280-6489.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Knights of Columbus Council 10831

ALL U CAN EAT FISH FRY EVERY FRI. DURING LENT 4:30—6:30 EXCEPT GOOD FRIDAY

Menu includes baked or fried fish, Southern Carolina hush puppies, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, fries, beans, beverage and dessert. Tickets are \$8.00 for everyone 8 years old and above. Children under 8 are free. Proceeds will go to benefit local charitable activities.

APR. 9TH PANCAKE BREAKFAST

APR. 16 KNIGHTS SUN., WEAR BADGES

SCHOLARSHIP

**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATIONS ARE IN THE BACK OF CHURCH. ALL
APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 1.
TWO STUDENTS WILL WIN \$250 EACH SEMESTER
FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.**

VESPERS SERVICE



**Sunday, March 26th,
3:00 pm**

Deacon Dave will conduct a Vespers Service, also called Evening Prayer, which is part of the Liturgy of the Hour, also known as the Divine Office. In the Liturgy of the Hours, the Church fulfills Jesus' command to "pray always" (Luke 18:1; Thessalonians 5:17). Through this prayer, the people of God sanctify the day by praising God and praying intercessions for the needs of the world. Bishops, priests, deacons, and many men and women in consecrated life pray the Liturgy of the Hours each day, in the morning, throughout the day, at noon, and at evening. Their work is organized around this prayer, keeping God always at the center of their days. Lay people are encouraged to pray the Liturgy of the Hours as well, especially Morning and Evening Prayer. Evening Prayer gives thanks for the day just past and makes an evening sacrifice of praise to God.

Psalm 141:1-2: "Lord, I call to you; hasten to me; listen to my plea when I call. Let my prayer be incense before you, my uplifted hands an evening offering."

It is appropriate to pray Evening Prayer together as we continue to move through Lent.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Your kid messes up—now what?

Posted on April 13, 2015 by Cathy

When children are small, we call their misdeeds "naughty." As they get older, we may say they've broken the rules or are acting disobediently. Few parents use the word "sin" when describing something their child has done wrong, but when children turn away of God's grace and instead hurt someone, they have sinned, and one of the privileges (although a difficult one) of parenting is to help our children turn back to the always-present love of God.

Acknowledge what the child has done wrong. Some parents struggle to see the good in their children and find fault too easily, while other parents only see the good their children do and are uncomfortable admitting their children make poor choices. The healthiest parents see their children as God does—as essentially good people who occasionally sin and need to be redirected into God's love.

Bart, father of four boys, has this to say: "My wife and I have tried to respond as we think Jesus would have. To let the child know that God has already forgiven them, to assure them that we all make bad choices and that ultimately what matters is how we respond to the bad choice we've made. What can they do to repair any damage that has been done? How can they use the situation to help them make a better choice the next time? How can they grow in compassion for others who may have sinned against them in a similar way? In other words, we're all on a journey of becoming who we're meant to be and, through Christ, we can allow even our sins to become blessings to help us become those people."

Good can come even out of serious sin. When Judy's son Andy was arrested for drunk driving, he didn't want his mother to come near him, he was so ashamed. But Judy prayed that she could continue to love her son as God did. "As parents we need to teach and discipline our children, but it must always be wrapped in love. We still have to face the consequences of our choices, but God's love for us never changes," Judy says. "It took a while for all of us to work through all the emotion." After her son's arrest, Judy gave her son the book *Don't Waste Your Life* by John Piper (Crossway). "Andy has told me that reading that book right after being arrested changed his life for the good."

By Annemarie Scobey, from the pages of At Home with Our Faith, Claretian Publications' print newsletter for parents on nurturing spirituality in the home.

MOTHER'S SHRINE

The National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church

Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrimage

First Saturday—April 1

9:00 Registration

Presentation-The Appearances of Our Lady at Fatima

Speaker—Gregory Thompson

Reconciliation

Mass

Lunch

GRANITE

Granite panels can be purchased for \$6,000.00. This donation entitles you to the top line. We have received a check for one panel and another is on the way. Once we get 4 more panels paid for we can order the granite. Please consider this special gift.

The Dave Ramsey Financial Peace Courses

This Sunday, March 26th—last chance

4:00 p.m. (approx. 90 minutes)

Classes 8 more Sunday's

Dave Ramsey video and [Fr. John Schmitz](#)

To Register for a class go to

Please remember—The Mothers' Shrine during the winter months

THE MOTHERS' WALL OF LIFE The Spring engraving will be April 25th, so start planning now for Mother's Day, \$400. Make this your family tree engraved in granite—start with grandmothers and go from there.

Support the Mother's Shrine with pre-tax dollars by becoming a member of the Heritage Fund. Call 573-374-MARY for a brochure or additional information.

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR APRIL 1 & 2

SATURDAY, April 1 5:00**Lector:** Micah Becker**Greeters:**

Ellen Lovell, Mary Jane Gorbet

Communion Ministers:

Clay Becker, Mary Jo Eye, Mary Jane Gorbet, Michele Haggerty

Directors of Worship:

Jim Troia & Jim Klein

SUNDAY, April 2 7:30**Lector:** John Willcott**Greeters:**

Diana Sutherland, Ed & Linda Swanson

Communion Ministers:

Donna Griffith, Mitzi Chase, Bob & Margaret Klein

Directors of Worship:

Jay Curiale

SUNDAY, April 2 9:00**Lectors:** Cindy Long, Marcus Long**Greeters:**

Glenn & Shirley Gebhardt, Ron Slaughter

Communion Ministers:

Joyce Szemplenksi, Rick & Jeanie Colby, Norma Lovell

Servers: Hannah Tichy, Teresa Morgan**Directors of Worship:**

Paul Van Evercooren & Jerry Unrein

Pew Angel: Mari Pat Brooks

Each of the ministries you are involved with is important to the vitality, prayerfulness and beauty of our liturgical celebrations. We are always looking for dedicated people to fill these roles.

Think about, pray over, consider the ministry that is calling you. Contact:

Eucharistic Ministers—Deacon Dave Lovell,

Lectors—Ellen Lovell, Liturgical Scheduler—Michele Haggerty

OFFERTORY GIFT BEARER

It is an honor to be a offertory Gift Bearer. If you are interested, please let the Director of Worship know when you arrive at Mass. Three people are needed to carry the bread, the wine, and the offertory collection. If you have a special event and would like you or your family to be Gift Bearers, please call the Parish Office.