**Bulletins Announcements for the Week of March 9, 2020**

**Keep in Touch:** Have your folks retired to the sunbelt? Help them stay in touch with home via a subscription to the Pittsburgh Catholic: $29 per year ($30 international). Contact 412-471-1252 or [info@pittsburghcatholic.org](mailto:info@pittsburghcatholic.org).

State Tax Credit Program to benefit Catholic Schools

There is a great way that business owners can support Catholic schools in our diocese. Pennsylvania Tax Credits are available for qualified business owners, as well as individual donors, who can make a 2-year donation on behalf of the diocese’s Scholastic Opportunity Scholarship Program. Recently the state legislature, through the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), raised by $25 million the amount that can be given and distributed to scholarships through its Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program. If you give to this program, you can help provide Catholic education to students who could not otherwise afford it. The deadline for this current offering period is March 29. For more information, please contact Michael Freker in the Stewardship Office at mfreker@diopitt.org or 412-456-3055.

**The Light Is On For You:** This Lent, on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, rediscover the healing power of God's love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Catholic parishes throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh. If you've been away for a long time, don't worry. The Light Is On For You! If a church in your grouping will not be open and offering confessions, please post a sign on all doors indicating the name and address of the nearest church offering confessions. For sample signs and more information, visit: https://www.diopitt.org/lightison.

**Come and See:** Would you like to know God’s plan for your life? Are you struggling to hear God’s call in a noisy, busy and distracting world? The Office of Vocations is sponsoring a Come and See Discernment Weekend at St. Paul Seminary from Friday, March 27 to Sunday, March 29. The weekend begins with Evening Prayer at 5:00 pm on Friday and concludes after brunch on Sunday. All men ages 18-40 are welcome. Come for Mass, prayer, fraternity, and a true time of discernment. To register, visit PGHPriest.com by March 20.

**Divine Mercy Parish Events:**

**Famous Fish Fry**

Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and Every Friday during Lent

3pm -7pm: Good Friday

11am-7pm: Epiphany Church

**Parish Mission:** "Encountering the God That Transforms Our Lives"

March 31, April 1, and April 2 at 7:00 pm

St. Benedict the Moor Church

Speaker Deacon Larry Oney will speal on April 1 and April 2

**The Vigil Project:**

Friday, March 6, Epiphany Church

7:00 pm-9:00 pm, doors open at 6:30 pm

**Wednesday Night Worship**

March 4, 11, 18, and 25, Epiphany Church

6:00 pm Adoration and Confession, 7:00 pm Mass

**The Light is on For You**

Wednesday, April 1, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Saint Benedict the Moor Church

Saint Mary of Mercy Church

**Facilities Manager:** Catholic Charities is seeking a temporary facilities maintenance manager for its buildings in downtown Pittsburgh. This is a hands-on managerial role with the responsibility of maintaining the building operations and providing oversight of building related projects. Applicants must be skilled with HVAC, plumbing, and electrical systems. Previous supervisory experience and experience working with building contractors is also required. A competitive salary and free parking are provided. If interested contact the Human Resources Department: (412) 456-6995 or www.hr@ccpgh.org.

**Learn About Marriage Annulments**: Divorced Catholics and anyone interested in learning about the annulment process are welcome to attend a free workshop with Jay Conzemius, JCL, Tribunal Director and Judge. He will speak at four locations during Lent. Topics will include: theology of marriage; ministry of the tribunal; marriage annulment types; why, when and how to start the petition for annulment process; and a process overview. Afterward participants can ask questions and/or start the process. Presentations are held 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm on the following dates and locations: March 10 at Saint Louise de Marillac in Le Gras Hall; March 19 at Christ the Divine Shepherd in Saint Bernadette’s Lourdes Center Dining Hall; March 24 at Good Samaritan Church in Jericho Hall; and March 31 at Sacred Heart Church, Shadyside in the Bishop Winter Room. To RSVP, contact: annulmentsIntake@diopitt.org or 412-456-3033.

**Arise:** Arise, featuring Unaltered Tour, is a new diocesan event offering teens a profound encounter with Christ. The event takes place on March 28, 2020 from 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm at Stage AE. Through a dynamic performance, Unaltered Tour (formerly Silver Ring Thing) will show teens how they can live their lives to the fullest within God's plan. Afterwards, a there will be a dance party. Concessions will be available and there will be a vendor fair. The night concludes with a time of Eucharistic adoration with Bishop Zubik. All men and women in grades 8-12 are welcome. Tickets cost $10 online or $15 at the door. To purchase tickets, visit: arisepgh.com.

**“Make Us Believers:”** Each Lenten season, the Catholic Community of Wexford performs a musical Passion Play, “Make Us Believers.” The play was written by Bob Summers, a former parishioner and youth minister at St. Alphonsus Church in Wexford. “Make Us Believers” moves us from Jesus’ grand entry on Palm Sunday to the events of Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday. The performance takes place at St. Alphonsus Church in Wexford on: April 3 at 8:00 pm and April 4 at 7:00 pm in the Blessed Seelos Academy (formerly St. Alphonsus School) Ryan Center.

**“And Their Eyes were Open at the Breaking of Bread:”** The diocesan National Black Catholic Congress Leadership Team of Pittsburgh presents a Lenten journey: “And Their Eyes were Open at the Breaking of Bread” on Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church (Shadyside). The presenter is Father John Odeyemi. A continental breakfast and light lunch are provided. The event is free; donations appreciated. For more information, contact: [nbccpgh@gmail.com](mailto:nbccpgh@gmail.com) or 724-472-8732.

**Women in God's Spirit:** Women in God's Spirit (WINGS) will host its monthly Morning of Reflection on Saturday, March 21 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm the Upper CDC at Saints John & Paul Parish (2586 Wexford Bayne Rd, Sewickley, PA 15143). Women of all ages, high school and older, are warmly invited. The morning includes brunch, prayer, music, presentation, small group sharing, and concludes with mass.

The speaker for March is Shannon Siemens and the topic is Divine Intimacy: Cultivating a Life With Christ. To register for the event and for childcare, visit: https://greatgrouping.org/wings.

**The Last Days of Christ:** A twenty-fifth anniversary production of “The Last Days of Christ,” a passion play, will be held during Lent at Resurrection Church during (1 Majka Street, West Mifflin, PA 15122). Under the direction of Linda Baker, performances are scheduled for Friday, April 3, Saturday, April 4, Sunday, April 5 and Wednesday April 8, all beginning at 7:30 pm. There is no admission charge, and free will donations are accepted at the door. The play uses an original script, “The Last Days of Christ,” that draws extensively from “The Final Week of Jesus,” a 1994 book by Max Lucado, best-selling Christian author and pastor.

**The Vigil Project:** The Vigil Project will lead a night of worship on March 5, 2020 at Sts. John & Paul Church (2586 Wexford Bayne Rd, Sewickley, PA 15143). Don’t miss this evening of dynamic speaking, live music and Eucharistic adoration we as journey through the season of Lent. Mass takes place at 5:00 pm; doors open at 6:30 pm; and the event starts at 7:00 pm.

**St. Timothy Awards**: Do you know a teen who is alive in his or her faith and who inspires others through it? Nominate him or her for a St. Timothy Award! The Saint Timothy Award is a national award given annually to twelve high school youth throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh. The student must be a junior or senior in high school and show particular zeal for improving his or her own youth ministry program, high school ministry team, or youth work in general within the diocese. The nominee must be a practicing Catholic and exemplify the qualities of moral integrity, prayer, good works, and Christian leadership. To submit a nomination, visit: [www.diopitt.org/st-timothy-awards](http://www.diopitt.org/st-timothy-awards).

**Serve the Poor in Chimbote:** Learn about and prayerfully consider joining the 2020 Chimbote Mission Teams by attending either of the two “Tell Me More” information nights (both presentations are the same). They will be held on Tuesday, March 3 and Thursday, March 12, 2020 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at St. Paul Seminary in O’Connor Hall. No RSVP is needed; all are welcome. Travel grants from the Mike Clark WTAE Scholarship Fund are available to religious educators and college students interested in joining the mission More information and the application are available at: https://chimbotefoundation.org/get-involved/mission-trips/mission-scholarship/. Questions? Email [Chimbote@diopitt.org](mailto:Chimbote@diopitt.org).

**The Culture Project:** Have you ever felt pulled towards mission work? Do you want to make a difference? The Culture Project is looking for young adults who are willing to devote a year or two towards building a culture of life, by proclaiming the dignity of the human person and the beauty of the virtue of chastity. The need is urgent. Having tried our culture and found it wanting, young men and women are beginning to stand against the throw-away culture that views the human person as dispensable. Today, young people are rising to uphold the dignity and potential of every human person, especially in regard to our sexuality. This is the mission of The Culture Project. It is now hiring for the 2020-2021 mission year! The Culture Project missionaries in the Diocese of Pittsburgh will be hosting an interview weekend in Pittsburgh, on March 13-15. To apply, visit: www.thecultureproject.org/apply.

**Catholic Sisters Week:** Do you know you are being prayed for by over 700 Catholic Sisters? March 8-14 is Catholic Sisters Week, which shines a light on the spirituality, mission and community-building of women religious. During this week and beyond, Catholic Sisters in western Pennsylvania are praying for every parish, parishioner and parish ministry in our region. The Sisters invite you to pray with them for the Church, as well as for the poor and oppressed persons, immigrants, asylum seekers, and all in need of God’s love, peace and mercy. For more information about Catholic Sisters serving Western PA, visit: SistersOfWPA.org.

**Pizza Green Rolls Sale:** Holy Redeemer Social Club in Ellwood City, PA will be selling homemade Pizza Green Rolls on Friday, March 20 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Catholic Center on Lawrence Avenue. The rolls cost $4.00 each. Please call the parish office at 724-758-4411 Ext. 110 for more information or to place an order.

**Easter Bread Sale:** Holy Redeemer Parish will be conducting their annual Easter Bread Sale on Friday, April 3 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm in the Catholic Center on Lawrence Avenue. Plain anise or lemon Easter Bread cost $7.00 each and raisin anise or raisin lemon bread costs $8.00 each. Please call 724-758-4411 Ext. 110 for more information or to place an order. No orders will be taken after March 27.

**Vendor Palooza:** Archangel Gabriel School is holding a Vendor Palooza on March 21, 2020, from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Come to enjoy more than 100 craft vendors, featuring local vendors and small businesses, concessions, Chinese auction, and 50/50 raffle. Free admission. The Palooza is held at: AGS Robinson Gym and Cafeteria, 5720 Steubenville Pike, McKees Rocks, PA. For more information, visit [www.archangelgabrielpgh.org](http://www.archangelgabrielpgh.org) or email [agsvendorpalooza@gmail.com](mailto:agsvendorpalooza@gmail.com).

**Spaghetti Dinner benefiting the Auxiliary of the Sisters of St. Francis**

The Auxiliary of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on Saturday, March 7 from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm at the Nativity Church in South Park. The event will also feature 50/50 and prize raffles. Dinner costs $10.00 per person and includes freshly-prepared spaghetti with choice of homemade red or white sauce, a salad, roll, drink and dessert. Children under age 10 eat for $5. Take-out meals will also available. All proceeds go to support the Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God. For more information, please call Sister Mary Ann at (412) 477-4321.

**Pancake and Sausage Breakfast:** The Men’s Club of St. Christopher Church (232 N. Franklin St., Prospect, PA) will sponsor a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, March 22, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm in the Church Hall. Tickets cost $6 for adults and $2 for children ages 6-12. Children under age 6 eat free.

**Murder Mystery Dinner:** Addiction Recovery Ministry will present a Murder Mystery Dinner on Friday, March 20, at 6:00 p.m. in the John Paul I Center (201 9th Street, Sharpsburg, PA). The show is titled, “Let’s Kill the Boss,” a Mad Men parody, and the dinner is, “Sleeping with the Fishes.” Tickets are available by calling 412-784-8700 or visiting www.addictionrecoveryministrypittsburgh.org.

**Discovering God's Vision for Your Life:** Discovering God's Vision for Your Life is a two-part course that helps people understand spiritual gifts, find out what their gifts are, and get excited about how God is calling them to use their gifts in ministry. The two sessions will take place on Saturday, March 21 and Saturday March 28, from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm, at St. Alphonsus Parish Hall (219 W. Lincoln Ave, McDonald PA 15057). The cost for materials (which participants will keep) is $10. To register, reach Sharon Serratore at ministry329@gmail.com or at 724-926-2984.

**Lenten Pizza Sale:** Holy Redeemer Parish Christian Mothers in Ellwood City, PA will have their annual Lenten Pizza Sale on three Fridays: February 28, March 13 and March 27. Whole red or white pizzas cost $8. Pizzas must be pre-ordered between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm on the day of sale by calling 724-752-9350. Pick up the pizzas at Catholic Center on Lawrence Ave. until 5:00 pm. For more information, call 724-758-4411 Ext. 110.

**Pierogis Sale:** Holy Redeemer Parish Christian Mothers in Ellwood City, PA are selling homemade potato/cheese pierogis for $6.00 a dozen. They may be purchased at the parish office between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm on Mondays through Fridays. Call 724-758-4411 Ext. 110 for more information or to place an order.

**Run with Vagabond Missions:** Vagabond Missions is asking you to help break the cycle of hopelessness by running with them in the 2020 Pittsburgh Marathon! This inner-city youth ministry is working to bring teens around the country into a life-giving relationship with Christ. It has reached over 4000 teens and brought 130 teens into the Church. By fundraising and running in the race, you provide much-needed support as we look to serve more teens, primarily in Pittsburgh’s Hill District and Philadelphia. Don’t feel called to run the full 26.2? With fundraising opportunities from the full 26.2 to a Pet Trot, all will have options to participate! Our runners also receive perks such as Vagabond swag and a pre-race dinner! For more information visit vagabondmissions.com/marathon or Shannon Keating at shannon@vagabondmissions.com.

**Weekend Retreat for Post-Abortion Healing:** Rachel’s Vineyard, a weekend retreat designed to address the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion, will be held May 15-17, 2020 at The Ark and the Dove. The retreat begins at 1:00 pm on Friday. In a confidential and supportive atmosphere, the Rachel’s Vineyard team demonstrates God’s love, mercy, and forgiveness to women and men struggling in the aftermath of abortion. To register or for more information, call Toni Jester 412-352-5348, or email toniafj1@comcast.net You can also visit our website: rvofpgh.com

**St. Patrick’s Day Party for the Bob O’Connor Foundation:** The annual St. Patrick’s Day Party for the Bob O’Connor Foundation will take place on Saturday, March 7, 2020, from 6:00 pm – 10:30 pm at the Sokol Club (2912 E. Carson St., Pittsburgh, PA 15203). Food, wine and beer are included. There will be a cash bar, a 50/50 raffle, a silent auction, a Chinese auction, and a photo booth. Entertainment includes: Bealtain; the Burke Conroy School of Irish Dance; Mike & Johnny Gallagher; The Low Kings; and Pittsburgh Firefighters Memorial Pipe Band. WTAE-TV’s Mike Clark is the emcee. Tickets cost $40 per person and can be purchased at www.boboconnorfoundation.com or by calling Heidy (O’Connor) Garth at 412-427-5235. Proceeds go toward the Bob O’Connor Spirit of Pittsburgh Awards, given to those who have overcome obstacles and have gone on to help others.

**Find Your Greatness:** Great habits create great lives. Are your habits helping you become the best version of yourself? Dynamic Catholic presents “Find Your Greatness: Four Habits that will change your life” at St. Ferdinand Church on March 21, 2020 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. The presentation is based on Matthew Kelly’s book, The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic. Nationally-renowned speaker and bestselling author Allen Hunt will present. Tickets cost $25. To purchase tickets, visit: <https://dynamiccatholic.com/find-your-greatness-cranberry-township-pa-mar-21-2020/>.

**Spring Symposium:** The National Institute for Newman Studies will host a symposium titled, “Liturgy, Sanctity, and Selfhood in the Theology of St. John Henry Newman” on March 12-13 at the Gailliot Center for Newman Studies (211 N. Dithridge St., Pittsburgh). As Catholics continue to reflect on the significance of John Henry Newman’s canonization, the symposium will explore the themes of liturgy, sanctity, and the reception of doctrine as those ideas were developed in his writings. Dr. Timothy O’Malley will give the keynote lecture on Thursday, March 12, with presentations from Dr. Matthew Levering and Dr. Jennifer Newsome Martin on the following day. For more information and to register, visit newmanstudies.org/2020-spring-symposium or call 412-681-4375.

**St. Joseph Spirituality Center to Host Spring Retreat for Young Adults:** The**“**Listening to the Spirit” retreat invites young adults in their 20s and 30s to enjoy quiet time away from busy lives in a welcoming, nonjudgmental environment of peace and hospitality at St. Joseph Spirituality Center. As we enter into the season of Lent, contemplate God’s unconditional love for us and its power to transform our hearts for even greater love. The retreat takes place on Saturday, February 29 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm with an optional overnight through Sunday, March 1 at noon. The cost is: $10 for Saturday only, or $20 for overnight. RSVP by February 21 at [http://bit.ly/youngadultretreatspring2020 or 724-869-6587](http://bit.ly/youngadultretreatspring2020%20or%20724-869-6587).

**Dyngus Day:** Celebrate Dyngus Day with Pierogi Pete at Pittsburgh’s Inaurgual Dyngus 5K Dash. Walk, run, bring your pet to this family-friendly event. And best of all, there will be pierogis at the finish line. The event takes place on April 25 at 9:00 am at North Park Boat House Course. To register by April 1, visit: bit.ly/RegisterDyngusDash2020. Proceeds benefit programs and scholarship funds for the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Kosciuszko Foundation, promoting Polish Heritage and Culture in Western PA. With questions, contact Michele Mrozek: mmrozek@frpark.com.

**Spring Women’s Retreat:** The Sisters of St. Joseph Associates will host a Spring Women’s Retreat that will renew and refresh all who desire a deeper union with God and neighbor. Associates of the Sisters of St. Joseph will provide a theme, a speaker, and space for personal quiet time as well as social time together. The event takes place Friday, March 20, at 7:00 pm through Sunday, March 22, at noon at St. Joseph Spirituality Center in Baden. The cost is $140 and includes meals, lodging and materials. RSVP by March 13 at 724-869-6587 or <http://bit.ly/springwomensretreat2020>.

**Ignatian Directed Retreat:** A Five-Day Ignatian Directed Retreatoffers contemplative scriptural-based prayer in the Ignatian tradition, daily liturgy, and individual direction in a non-judgmental environment of peace and hospitality at St. Joseph Spirituality Center in Baden. The retreat is held on Friday, June 19 at 7:00 pm through Tuesday, June 23 at noon. The retreat costs $375 and includes meals, lodging and individual direction. RSVP by June 12 at 724-869-6587 or [stjoseph-baden.org/spirituality](http://www.stjoseph-baden.org/spirituality/).