

Saint George Parish Community

Under the Guidance of the Holy Spirit

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First Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2021



The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and He remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to Him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: *“This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”*

~ Mark 1: 12-15

Contact Us!

New Parishioners

We are pleased to welcome new members to our Parish Community. Please call the Rectory Office at 610-237-1633 to make an appointment to register and to learn more about our parish, or visit www.stgeorgeparish.org. *Note: Students must be registered in the Parish before registering in the Parish Religious Education Program.*

Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the *second Sunday of the month at 11:30 AM*. Parents seeking baptism for their child are asked to please call the rectory. Pre-Jordan is required for parents with a first-born child or parents with additional children who have not attended within a two-year period. Pre-registration is required for Pre-Jordan and Baptism. Please contact Mrs. Lynda Batten at the Rectory Office for more information.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples planning a wedding are asked to call Father Oswald at the Rectory Office at least one year in advance of the wedding date. Couples are required to attend the Archdiocesan Marriage and Family Life Preparation Program.

Sick or Homebound

In case of serious illness or advanced age, please call the Rectory Office. Arrangements will be made for the Sacrament of the Sick and for Holy Communion. If you are going into the hospital and you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the Rectory. Also, when you are hospitalized, please contact the hospital Chaplain and the Rectory Office.

Tree of Life Memorial

If you would like to have a leaf (\$150) or a boulder (\$600) permanently inscribed in memory of a loved one on the Tree of Life, which is located in the vestibule at the main entrance of the church, please contact Mrs. Mary Ann Zeller at 610-237-1633.

Vigil Candles

Vigil Candles, which are located in front of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph statues in the front of the church, are available for your intentions. Small candles are \$2 and will burn for two days. These can be purchased by placing your donation in an envelope and dropping it in the slot provided by the candles. Large candles are \$100 and will burn for an entire year. Large candles can be purchased by contacting Mrs. Mary Ann Zeller at 610-237-1633. A gold label with your loved ones name will be placed on the candle and it will remain there throughout the year.

Godparents

Only one godparent is required for Baptism. If two are chosen, one must be male and one must be female. A godparent must be a fully initiated Roman Catholic (Baptized, Confirmed and receiving the Eucharist), at least 16 years of age, if married, must be married in the Church, and in good standing with the Church. A baptized non-Catholic Christian may be chosen as a "Christian Witness" provided there is one Catholic godparent. A former Catholic may not serve as either a godparent or Christian witness.

R.C.I.A.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, or if you were baptized Catholic but did not complete your sacraments, please contact Sr. Lorraine Muglie, SSSJ at the Rectory Office at 610-237-1633 to learn more about our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults Program.

Mass Cards

Mass cards are available at the Rectory Office. If you would like to have a Mass celebrated in memory of a deceased loved one, or for special intentions, please contact the Rectory Office *Monday, Wednesday or Friday, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM (temporary hours)*. Standard cards are available for a \$10 stipend and booklets are available for a \$20 stipend.

Food Pantry

Our Parish Food Pantry is available for parishioners and friends who are in need of a meal but cannot provide one for themselves. If you or a friend needs temporary food assistance, please contact Mrs. Batten at 610-237-1633. All calls are confidential. Donations of non-perishable food items, in addition to turkeys and hams during the holidays, are always welcome. Gift cards to local supermarkets are also welcome.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Eucharistic Adoration is held in the Church *every Friday from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM, followed by daily Mass*, unless otherwise announced.

Quotes of the Week

"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking His mercy." ~Pope Francis

"Unless there is Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday." ~Fulton J. Sheen

Parish Staff

Rev. Leo P. Oswald, Pastor

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Monday thru Thursday
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
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Rite of Reconciliation

3:30 PM - 4:15 PM Saturday afternoons

Care of the Sick

Please contact the Rectory Office in the event of sickness or hospitalization.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Thursday 6:30 PM - Sept. to Easter

Baptism

Second Sunday of the month at 11:30 AM

Please call the Rectory Office for an appointment to schedule a Baptism and Baptism Preparation (Pre-Jordan)



Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Fridays 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Miraculous Medal Devotion - Following the 8:00 AM Mass on Saturdays
Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet - Thursdays 7:00 PM

Daily Readings & Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 21: Genesis 9: 8-15; 1 Peter 3: 18-22; Mark 1: 12-15 - 1st Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Pro Populo
10:30 AM Edmund Ferguson

Requested by: Maryann Ferguson

Monday, February 22: 1 Peter 5: 1-4; Matthew 16: 13-19 - The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle (Feast)

4:00 PM Larry Gilchrist

Requested by: Bill Battagliese

Tuesday, February 23: Isaiah 55: 10-11; Matthew 6: 7-15

4:00 PM Madeleine Nowrey

Requested by: Anna Notte

Wednesday, February 24: Jonah 3: 1-10; Luke 11: 29-32

4:00 PM Anna and William Levine

Requested by: Maureen Levine

Thursday, February 25: Esther C: 2, 14-16, 23-25; Matthew : 7-12

4:00 PM Larry Gilchrist

Requested by: Martin and Fran Deeney

Friday, February 26: Ezekiel 18: 21-28; Matthew 5: 20-26

4:00 PM Dennis Crouse

Requested by: Hedderick Family

Saturday, February 27: Deuteronomy 26: 16-19; Matthew 5: 43-48

8:00 AM Brian McCloskey

Requested by: Ann O'Connor

4:30 PM James Collett

Requested by: Kathleen Collett

Sunday, February 28: Genesis 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Romans 8: 31b-34; Mark 9: 2-10: 2nd Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Pro Populo
10:30 AM Joseph Pantano

Requested by: Bill Battagliese

Daily Mass

4:00 PM Monday thru Friday

8:00 AM Saturday

Weekend Mass

4:30 PM Saturday

8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday

Contributions

Sunday, February 14 \$4,053

For Mass Counts this week, please contact the Rectory Office.



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Gospel Reflection and Parish

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

You may remember the most challenging part of an essay exam from your school days. It began with the words "Compare and Contrast." You had better know your material to answer smartly. If for any reason you were weak on the subject at hand, you would likely spin a web of conjecture with the vain hope that your teacher could be fooled by your lengthy burst of meaningless verbiage. I leave to your imagination another more coarse definition of what that's called!

Readers of Sacred Scripture have no such problem with the Holy Spirit, who is its real Author. He compares and contrasts with a masterful touch as expressed by the human writers. This first weekend of Lent we read the enchanting recap of the flood story in Genesis, wherein the newly dry land becomes the setting for a new covenant God makes with mankind. Combined with His pledge of never sending a flood comes His choice of the rainbow as a perpetual reminder of the Covenant.

Retaining the watery theme is today's excerpt of Peter's First Letter, telling us that the waters of baptism have the innate power under the Final Covenant to save us all from destruction.

Then comes today's Gospel. In his trademark almost texting style Mark tells us how Jesus was tested in the harshness of a water-less desert. We have to depend on the other more detailed gospel versions of the story to learn the exact nature of the devil's tactics. But what Mark does add is the comfort Jesus derived afterward from ministering angels.

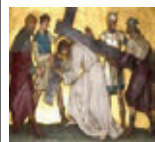
It is relatively easy to compare and contrast flood waters and an arid desert as different backgrounds for the birth of covenants. But what might be more difficult for you and me right here at the beginning of Lent 2021 is the comparison and contrast we can make of keeping our baptismal covenant promises since Lent 2020 until now. Back then the arrival of a certain pandemic came upon the scene. We have presumably since learned a lot about ourselves and how we have handled all the shutdowns and restrictions. Through it all, have we been true Christians with all around us? I believe that with our answer to that one, we could "have our hands full."

There is lots of room in the process to list those nasty little sins we have committed against others, like impatience, rash judgment and mean words. This not to omit the bad choices we may have made in seeking comfort from our pain with unchaste thoughts and actions along with over indulgence in food and drink. Above all, and more important, is our Lenten resolve this year and what changes we will implement going forward.

God's covenant of loving mercy and salvation still stands as strong as it ever was. Our spiritual posture is the only variable. This kind of comparison and contrast is a demanding but pertinent Lenten exercise, hopefully targeted at something called "conversion."

In the "Alice in Wonderland" story, at one point Alice says to the Cheshire Cat, "Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?" "That depends a good deal on where you want to get to," said the Cat. "I don't much care where," said Alice. "Then it doesn't matter which way you go," said the Cat. As with Alice, so with us and the Church. Without objectives, we will have nowhere to go, and we'll just keep wandering aimlessly. We need to remember that Jesus once declared for all to hear: "I am the Way."

God love you and give you His peace.



Stations of the Cross

Stations for the Cross are being held on **Friday afternoons during Lent following the 4:00 PM Mass**. Please join us for this Lenten devotion.

Sacrament of Penance

Confessions will be heard on Saturdays during **Lent from 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM, on Mondays following the 4:00 PM Mass, on Saturday, March 27, from 3:00 PM to 4:15 PM, or by appointment**. Please check upcoming bulletins for other confession schedules in the area.



Forgiveness



Light Up Our Church for Lent

Candle's at our Blessed Mother's altar, St. Joseph altar, and our Jesus with the Children Shrine are available for your prayer intentions. As we pray for an end to the pandemic, for peace in our country and in our world, for our military, and for those who are sick and have died, we invite you to join us by lighting a candle this Lenten season for your personal intentions as well.

Lenten Fasting and Obligation

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on **all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday**. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

All are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.

Parish and Local



Don't forget to watch Father Oswald's weekly reflection at www.stgeorgeparish.org or on our Facebook page at St. George Church, Glenolden, PA.

***"God bless you all.
It's wonderful to have you back!"***



Pray for the Sick

Angela Bair, Robert Batten, Jr, Helen Belcher, Kay Bittle, Michele Boebert, Ryan Bostedo, Irene Burns, Helena Butler, Rose Celia, Augustine Cercas, John Cianciarulo, Fred Cuccinello, Lenora Cuccinello, Msgr. Gregory Akata-Daniels, Betty DiGrasso, Leonard DiGrasso, Terry Dolores, Sr. Eileen Eden, SSND, Mark Gallagher, Robert Gamboy, Bruce Gordan, Connie Gross, Wayne Ingling, Doris Kerker, Sr. Ann Marie Loftus, Madeline Loftus, Margie Loftus, Peg McCann, Bethann McCormick, Kathleen McCreety, David McFarland, Julia McGlinn, Anna Marie McIntyre, Joseph Murtha, Rev. Leo P. Oswald, Barbara Partridge, Anthony Perdue, Christopher Perdue, Madeline Pfaff, George Phillips, Marie Prince, Joan Ratch, Edward Specht, Harry Sperone, Ted Stevens, Richard Sullivan, Michael Talent, Matthew Trageser, and Carmella Young.



Happy Birthday

We wish everyone who is celebrating a birthday this week and happy and healthy year ahead. We were unable to print the individual names this week, but you are in our thoughts and prayers. Happy Birthday, one and all, and may God bless everyone who is celebrating a birthday this week a healthy year ahead.

Covid-19 Vaccine Information and Updates

The Office of Life and Family has compiled a list of resources to access during this pandemic. Please visit www.phillycatholiclife.org to learn the latest updates regarding Covid-19 vaccines research and information. This web-page will be updated regularly and will include information on how to receive vaccines when the time comes.

Pray for Our Beloved Deceased

As we pray for our own families and friends, we ask you to please remember ***Louis Bevilacqua, Patricia Lerro, Lisa Pfaff, all those who have died from the coronavirus.*** May all the faithful departed, through the mercy of god, they rest in peace.



How Can I Keep from Singing!!!

Choir practice will be held this **Sunday, February 21st from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM** in the church. Social distancing and masks are required, but this isn't going to keep us from singing! New members welcome.

The Year of St. Joseph

In observance of this Year of St. Joseph, we will praying the Holy Father's *Prayer to St. Joseph* at the conclusion of Mass. This will begin the Sunday following the Feast Day of St. Joseph, which falls on **Friday, March 19th.**

The Holy Father's Prayer to St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. ~Amen.

Rosary Group

Our Rosary Group meets on **Thursdays at 7:00 PM.** To ensure social distancing, we gather in the church. All are welcome and invited to join us as we pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet for your personal intentions. Masks are required.



Cassock Classic

Young adults are invited to gather on **April 24, 2021** at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary for the Annual Cassock classic! This awesome event gathers young adult groups and Catholic campus ministry programs across the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for a day of fun and faith with the seminarians!

Teams of men and women, a minimum of 12 people, will come together on the grounds of St. Charles Seminary for a day of ultimate frisbee! Sponsored by the Vocation Office the Diocesan Priesthood, the day begins with Mass and concludes with Evening Prayer. The registration fee of \$15/participant includes a t-shirt and lunch. To register your team for this event, visit www.heedthecall.org/cassockclassic or contact Sue Matour at 610-667-5778 or smatour@archphila.org. **Deadline April 5, 2021.**



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Parish and Local



Monsignor Bonner and Archbishop Prendergast High School

Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students for the second quarter of the 2020-2021 school year. We are particularly proud of those students who have demonstrated academic excellence.

The following students received first honors:

Class of 2021 **Abigail Kimilu**

Class of 2022 **Sidney Caballero**

Class of 2023 **Kefina Wright**

Class of 2024 **Jordan Caballero**

The following students received second honors:

Class of 2022: **Caolin Cavanagh**

Class of 2023: **Vincent Galantino**

Cardinal O'Hara High School

The following students achieved first honors include:

Class of 2022 **Peter Willard**

Class of 2024 **Chinyere Ihejirika**

The following students received second honors:

Class of 2023 **Cole Betham**

Class of 2023 **Summer LeComte**

Class of 2024 **Adaugo Ilonze**

Congratulations, one and all! Keep up the great work!

Roman Catholic High School

ROMAN Catholic Spring OPEN HOUSE

Attention all 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys! Roman Catholic High School will be holding an in-person Open House on **Sunday, March 21 from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**. Come join us to discover all that Roman has to offer in academics, athletics and other extracurricular activities. Because of Covid precautions, Pre-Registration is required. We are not able to accommodate walk-ins for this event: <https://romancatholicshs.com/finalsite.com/admissions/important-dates>.

If you have any questions please contact our Director of Admissions and Communication Tom Bottoms '10 at tbottoms@romancatholicshs.com

Our Lady of Angels

Congratulations to the students and families of OLA. As an OLA family we collected 259 pair of socks. All socks will be donated to The Joy of Socks. This organization distributes everything they collect to the homeless. Thank you all for being so awesome!

In case of inclement weather, please listen to **KYW 1060** radio station for our school number - **545**. Our **OPTION C Communication System** will also notify you by telephone and email.

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year has begun. Please access the necessary forms on our website: www.ourladyofangelsmorton.org or by calling our school office at 610-543-8350.

~ All God's Blessings, Mrs. Lowe

www.HeedTheCall.org

The priests of tomorrow are in our midst. They are members of our parish, our community and our families. Encourage vocations. Pray for the gift!

A Message from The Most Reverend Timothy Senior

Dear Friends of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, The seminary has begun this new year of 2021 with renewed hope that the coronavirus, which has invaded our lives and our communities, may gradually erode in the face of preventive measures and improved medical intervention. Despite the challenges presented by Covid-19, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary has been able to continue our mission to prepare men for lives of service in the Church. We look forward to the spring when the ordination class of 2021 will take up assignments a new generation of priests, deacons, and pastoral leaders.

At the start of this semester, St. Charles welcomed four seminarians of the Diocese of Bridgeport, Connecticut, bringing our total number of "partners in formation" to thirteen dioceses and eight religious orders. We are grateful and blessed for the trust that these partners have placed in us, and the vitality brought to campus by their seminarians.

However, the semester started with very sad news of Father Gus Esposito, OSA's death due to Covid. As a most deeply beloved faculty member, Father Gus taught, mentored and accompanied countless seminarians on the path to priesthood and religious life during his thirty years at the seminary. Father Gus's wise and gentle presence has left an enduring mark on campus, and he will be remembered and forever missed here at St. Charles. We are grateful to the Augustinians and to Father Gus's family for the opportunity to celebrate the gifts of his life at the funeral Mass on January 15, 2021 in St. Martin's Chapel.

In happier news, we look forward to the virtual St. Charles Borromeo Award Galan honoring Patty and Gary Holloway. They have been generous benefactors and friends of the seminary for many years. I encourage you to participate with us when the Gala streams on **April 21, 2021**. Please be assured of our prayers for you and your families.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Timothy C. Senior, Rector

Man Up Philly

2021 Virtual Conference

Saturday, March 6, 2021

Man Up Philly 2021 invites the men of the Archdiocese to the 13th Annual Men's Spirituality Conference. Out of an abundance of caution given the Covid-19 pandemic, this year will be virtual. We want to bring this great day to you to help all of us focus on our faith and reliance on our Lord. The virtual conference will be available via a webcast and tickets will be available for a reduced cost of \$10. All men are encouraged - fathers, sons, brothers, friends - to join us for an inspirit day of faith and fellowship. Become the man God is calling you to be! Rediscover the power and meaning of your faith. For more information, visit www.manupphilly.com.



2021 Catholic Charities Appeal

Our annual Catholic Charities Appeal has begun. Please consider your donation and remember the millions of people who receive much needed assistance due to the CC Annual Appeal.

Parish Religious Education and Local



First Holy Communion 2021

Students in PREP and Catholic school will gather together on **Sunday, February 28, and Sunday, March 21** for a lesson review and rehearsal for First Penance in St. George Church from **11:30 AM to 1:00 PM**. All students are required to attend. First Penance has been rescheduled for **Saturday, March 27, at 1:00 PM** in the church. Parents were mailed official notification of these dates changes on January 7th. Please direct any questions or concerns to Mrs. Lynda Batten at 610-237-1633 or st.georgesec@rcn.com.

Confirmation 2021

We are happy to report that students preparing for Confirmation in 2021 will resume weekly lessons this **Monday, February 22 from 6:45 PM to 8:00 PM** in the church. **ALL** candidates for Confirmation are asked to be present, **including Catholic school students**. Lessons were originally scheduled to begin on February 15th, but they were postponed due to inclement weather. We apologize for any inconvenience. Students are asked to bring the *Confirmed in the Spirit* workbooks with them for lessons.

PREP 2021

Students should now be on **Chapter 17**. If this is not the case, we ask students to complete the lessons they have missed at some point during the week and send their chapter reviews via email to their catechists as soon as possible.

All PREP students were mailed a *Lenten Journey* packet, which includes a 40 Day Lenten Calendar. This Lent, we ask students to show their love for Jesus by doing something for Him each day. Students are asked to color a cross each day that they complete a good deed. Complete instructions are included in the packet. There is also a sheet called *Repenting During Lent*. We ask students to complete this to reflect on their life during Lent, rating how you treat others and yourself.

Keeping Promises

Think about a ring that you wear around your finger. Some rings remind us of an important promise. Do your parents have wedding rings?

Wedding rings are very special rings. On the day of their wedding, the people getting married promised to love each other forever. And the ring reminds them of that promise.

People make promises on their wedding days, and at other times, too. We all make promises, like when we promise our parents we'll clean up our toys after we play. Promises are important, but sometimes we don't keep them.

But God—He always keeps his promises. Our Bible lesson **today** is about a promise God made to a man named Noah. You might know about Noah's ark. God sent a great flood because the people had begun to make lots of bad choices. The flood filled the earth and destroyed everything and everyone except Noah's family and two of every kind of bird and animal.

After the flood waters went down, God made a promise to Noah. He promised Noah that He would never again destroy the whole earth with a flood. Then He put a rainbow in the sky and said to Noah, "I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be a sign of the promise between Me and all life on the earth." God said the rainbow would remind us of the promise that He made.

God's rainbow was in the sky and a reminder that He always keeps His promises. The Bible says that, "No matter how many promises God has made, they are 'yes' in Christ" (2 Corinthians 1:20). The next time you see a rainbow, remember the promise God made to Noah, and remember that just as God has kept that promise, He keeps all of His promises to you, too.

Dear God, we're thankful that You keep Your promises. Help us to keep our promises, too. In Jesus' name, amen.



Malvern Retreat House Lenten Retreats

Year of St. Joseph: Every third Sunday at MRH, there will be Eucharistic Adoration and Procession followed by a presentation and discussion about St. Joseph. Each month, we will focus on the wonders of St. Joseph. On **February 21**, our focus will be, *"St. Joseph - Delight of the Saints."*

Women's Tea: March 7 - Women's Tea with Gloria Coyne in Memorial Dining Hall. The cost is \$25 per person for virtual or onsite. Start Time: **2 PM**. Theme: *"Moving Beyond Your Comfort Zone."*

Domenica Women's Retreat: March 6 - The theme for the Retreat is *"Women Encountering Christ."* Join us for this retreat and be renewed in your faith. This retreat is open to all women seeking to renew their relationship with the Lord. Cost is \$ 150 PP on-site; \$75 Virtual.

Day of Reflection: March 17 - The Sisters of Life will lead a Lenten Retreat at Malvern Retreat House. Our theme will be *"God's Creative Love."* There will be time for prayer, adoration, and presentations. Cost is \$40 PP onsite; \$25 Virtual. We will start at **8:30 AM** and end at **3:30 PM**.

Day of Reflection on St. Joseph: March 19 - Father McGuinn will lead us in a Day of Reflection on St. Joseph. Our theme will be *"The Wonders of our Spiritual Father."* Cost - \$40 PP onsite; \$25 Virtual. We will start at **8:30 AM** and depart at **3:30 PM** following Mass and with a Consecration to St. Joseph.

Young Adult Retreat: March 19-21 - A Lenten retreat for young adults to be spiritually renewed in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Led by Fr. Tim Danaher, a Dominican priest and parochial vicar at St. Patrick's Church. The retreat will include preached conferences, Holy Mass, Eucharistic adoration, opportunities for spiritual direction, and personal time to enjoy the beautiful grounds of St. Joseph's-in-the-Hills. Cost - \$120 PP. We begin at **6:00 PM on Friday** night. **For more details, please call 412-961-1397 or email pland@malvernretreat.com. Register at www.malvernretreat.com/register or call 610.644.0400.**

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