Prayer for Your Lenten Journey

Please God, reveal to me something about myself in the stories I will read and hear over the next forty days of Lent, something that needs changing—a thought or a feeling, or an attitude.

Show me through stories something of what it is like to walk around in someone else’s shoes. Deliver me from myself: O Great Creator of Stories, and from the parochial and sometimes prejudiced views I have of other people, other nations, other races, other religions.

Enlarge my heart with a story, and change me by the characters I meet there. May some of the light from their lives spill over into mine, giving illumination where there was once ignorance, interest where there was once indifference, understanding where there was once intolerance, compassion where there was once contempt, until that day when You call me home and the story of my life is complete.

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Kathy Wray, Director for the Sisters of St. Joseph Spirituality Center in Baden, shares provocative questions and an invaluable resource for our personal reflection and journey through the gospel stories of Lent. We hope you will all make time for quiet moments and sacred conversation with our Lord. Please continue on to page 2 to begin your Lenten Reflection. Blessed “Spring Time”!

For these special weekly reflections on each Sunday’s Gospel, please visit https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/lent/arts-and-faith-for-lent
There is a maxim in the move toward holiness that suggests this: When the temptation toward these things that are NOT of God — fear, discouragement, resentment, sin, despair — try to wear us down, the believer is invited to press against these temptations. That is, resist by applying stronger pressure, if you will. How might that look in our Gospels for Lent?

**WEEK ONE:** The objects of Satan’s temptations for Jesus were the precise points of weakness for him—hunger, powerlessness, and fragility. Can I press against my points of weakness in my spirit right now? What are they? What are the vulnerable corners of my self, and how might I press against the defenses that tempt me?

**WEEK TWO:** Can we not understand Peter’s desire to “build three tents”? To keep things the way we’ve known them to be? Being transfigured means to be changed into something/someone new; to dare to see God, not as we’ve known God in the past, but in a new light. Press against the resistance to change.

**WEEK THREE:** Am I the gardener or the orchard owner? Jesus’ parable presents a choice: The fig tree is in need of further nurturing and care, and the patient, nurturing gardener believes in its potential. Can I press against my impatience and frustration as I struggle with these things in my work? My church? My own life?

**WEEK FOUR:** The beauty of this week’s parable lies in its portraiture of the human person—forgiver, forgiven, and unbending, or rather, mercy given, mercy received, and mercy resisted. What prevents the elder brother from participating in the healing offered in this story? What prevents ME? This week, Jesus invites us to press against resentment and the confusion that hurt causes. What might happen if my pressing against my hurts breaks them open a bit? Could it be the grace of mercy?

**WEEK FIVE:** Perhaps the final posture for this Lent lies not in the pressing against, but rather RECEIVING in a posture of vulnerable hope: In Isaiah, God says “See, I am doing something new!” Paul invites us to “forget what lied behind” and “strain forward to what lies ahead.” And Jesus himself condemns no one, but simply calls each one, Pharisee and woman, to one’s own personal integrity moving forward.

It’s that uncomplicated, really!

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- Dave Dreher, NPMPGH Director of Technology

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Congratulations!

NICK CAPONE Associate Music Minister & Organist, St.Thomas More and St. John Capistran Parish Community, Bethel Park/Upper St. Clair

DOROTHY MANCINI Organist at Ascension Church, St. Philip Parish Community, Crafton/Ingram

Requiesat in pace

Our deepest condolences to BRENDEN GRIFFEY, Director of Music at St. Margaret Mary Parish, Moon Twp., on the death of his father, Donald Griffey. Please keep Brenden and his family in your prayers through this difficult time.

WEDNESDAY • JUNE 5, 2019

SAVE THE DATE

TONY ALONSO EVENT

Mark your calendar now for this exciting opportunity to hear Tony Alonso!

Stay tuned for more details!
MARTINA SPIRITUAL RENEWAL CENTER: A NEW LENTEN SERIES

“Meeting the Mystery” | Stephen Steinbeiser
Tuesday evenings · March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 9, 2019  [No program on April 2]
Martina Spiritual Renewal Center · 5224 Clarwin Avenue · West View, PA 15229

TUESDAY · MARCH 5
“Rosary”
Mystery and Mardi Gras
Me meeting the Mystery

TUESDAY · MARCH 12
*Joy*
Water flooding us with hope

TUESDAY · MARCH 19
(Joseph’s Day)
“Luminous”
Fire revealing the passion of our faith

TUESDAY · MARCH 26
“Sorrow”
Earth finding and binding us to what we love and live for

ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH CONCERT
Angela Massey  | Astralis Chamber Ensemble
Thursday · March 7, 2019 · 7:00pm
St. John Fisher Parish · 33 Lewin Lane · Pittsburgh, PA (Churchill) 15235

Angela will be performing a program of flute standards, with Jon Zellhart joining her for a piece on the trumpet. Admission is free, with a goodwill offering taken during the program.

PITTSBURGH COMPLINE CHOIR
Compline | Pittsburgh Compline Choir & Una Voce (Seton Hill University)
Sunday · March 10, 2019 · 8:00pm
Heinz Memorial Chapel · Fifth Ave & S Bellefield Ave · Pittsburgh, PA 15213

HEINZ MEMORIAL CHAPEL ORGAN RECITAL
James Dengler · Music Director & Organist | Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Altoona
Sunday · March 10, 2019 · 3:00pm
Heinz Memorial Chapel · Fifth Ave & S Bellefield Ave · Pittsburgh, PA 15213

ST. MAURICE PARISH 2018-2019 CONCERT SERIES
“All of Us: 2019 Spring Tour | The College of Wooster Chorus
Sunday · March 10, 2019 · 7:00pm
St. Maurice Catholic Parish · 2001 Ardmore Boulevard · Pittsburgh, PA (Forest Hills) 15221

ST. MARY’S COLLEGE WOMEN’S CHOIR CONCERT
2019 Spring Tour | Dr. Nancy Menk · Director
Monday · March 11, 2019 · 7:00pm
Saint Kilian Parish Church · 7076 Franklin Road
Cranberry Twp, PA 16066

Admission is FREE.

CELEBRATE WITH JOY: The Ministry of Cantor
Mr. Thomas Octave - Director of Sacred Music | Diocese of Greensburg
Monday · March 11 · 7:00pm | Immaculate Conception Parish · Irwin
Wednesday · March 13 · 7:00pm | Mount Saint Peter Parish · New Kensington
Monday · March 18 · 7:00pm | Saint John the Baptist Parish · Scottsdale

Join Mr. Thomas Octave for an evening workshop to reinvigorate your ministry! The workshop is FREE. We’ll start with a review of practical skills and move toward building confidence and passion for your ministry. RSVP to Becky Bouille: bbouille@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

EPHINAPHY ACADEMY LENTEN SERIES
Spirituality of the Ancient, Medieval, and Modern Masters
Tuesdays 6pm to 8pm | March 12, 19, 26
Susan Muto & Lori McMahon, Co-facilitators
Fee: $10 per session
Epiphany Academy of Formative Spirituality · 820 Crane Ave · Pittsburgh, PA 15216.

Our Lenten Series will explore the spirituality of several Christian masters who lived during particular periods in the history of the Church. For more info call 412-341-7494.
ST. PAUL’S EPISCOPAL MUSIC GUILD CONCERT SERIES

Lenten Organ Recitals | Wednesdays at 1:00pm
- March 13 - Jim Burns, Westminster Presbyterian
- March 20 - Doug Starr, St. Paul’s Episcopal
- March 27 - Jon Tyillian, Calvary Episcopal

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church · 1066 Washington Road · Mt. Lebanon, PA 15228. Freewill offering will be accepted. For more info call 412-531-7153.

HEINZ MEMORIAL CHAPEL CONCERT

Clarissa Boden · Glass Harp
Sunday · March 17, 2019 · 3:00pm
Heinz Memorial Chapel · Fifth Ave & S Bellefield Ave · Pittsburgh, PA 15213

ST. PAUL’S EPISCOPAL MUSIC GUILD CONCERT SERIES

Co (ordinal) Piano Duet | Christin Cooper & James Iman
Sunday · March 17, 2019 · 4:00pm
Suggested Donation: $10 For more info call 412-531-7135.

EPIPHANY ACADEMY

The Wisdom of John of the Cross
Monday · March 18, 2019 · Monday · April 1, 2019 | 5:30pm-7:00pm
Susan Muto, facilitator
Fee: $10 | Please register one week prior to the scheduled date.
Epiphany Academy of Formative Spirituality · 820 Crane Ave · Pittsburgh, PA 15216. For more info and to register call 412-341-7494.

RESONANCE WORKS

St. John Passion · JS Bach
Friday · March 22, 2019 · 8:00pm
Heinz Memorial Chapel · Fifth Ave & S Bellefield Ave · Pittsburgh, PA 15213
For more info and tickets: www.resonanceworks.org/st-john-passion

CATHEDRAL CONCERTS at EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“From One Generation to Another — A Celebration of the Psalms”
Sunday · March 24, 2019 · 3:00pm Church Sanctuary
East Liberty Presbyterian Church · 116 S. Highland Avenue · Pittsburgh, PA 15206
An inspirational program of music inspired by the Psalms presented by the ELPC Chancel Choir. Featured will be the premiere composition by jazz vibraphonist and composer Cecilia Smith, The Essence of Psalms. For more info visit info@cathedrolofhope.org or call 412-441-3800.

UNIVERSITY of PITTSBURGH HANDBELL ENSEMBLE

Sunday · March 24, 2019 · 3:00pm
Heinz Memorial Chapel · Fifth Ave & S Bellefield Ave · Pittsburgh, PA 15213

DAVID KAUFFMAN IN CONCERT | LENTEN MISSION NIGHT

“A Call to Hope: Song/Story/Reflection”
Friday · April 5, 2019 · 7:30pm
St. Pius X Catholic Church · Summit & South Silver Street · Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666
All are welcome! Freewill offering. For more info, contact Eric movieman27@hotmail.com or learn more at goodforthesoulmusic.com.

ST. ALPHONSUS 17TH ANNUAL PASSION PLAY

“Make Us Believers” by Bob Summers
Friday · April 5 | 8:00pm and Saturday · April 6 | 7:00pm
Ryan Center (Blessed Seeios Academy Gym)
A cast and crew of 80+ from 11 parishes will perform this powerful Passion Play. A pre-performance gathering social with beverages and appetizers will take place at 6:00pm.
SATURDAY • MARCH 30, 2019
PUERI CANTORES Festival for Mixed Voice Choirs
[Grades 4-12] and Festival Mass
12 Noon - 5:00pm (Registration and Rehearsal)
5:30pm Choral Prelude
6:00pm Festival Mass
Location St. Paul Cathedral • Oakland
Host Don Fellows

TUESDAY • APRIL 30, 2019
DMMD Meeting: Tour of St. Nicholas Croatian Church & the Maxo Vanka Murals
12:30pm (Tentative)
A guided tour and history of the Maxo Vanka murals, distinctive to St. Nicholas Croatian Catholic Church in Millvale.

MONDAY • MAY 13, 2019
Wedding Jitters: Webinar on Wedding Liturgical Planning
7:30pm - 8:30pm
Panel discussion on best practices and ritual considerations for the Rite of Marriage.

WEDNESDAY • JUNE 5, 2019
An Evening with Tony Alonso
7:00pm
Location: TBA
Final details will be advertised in the APRIL Newsletter. Stay tuned for this exciting opportunity to host one of the most talented, young and prolific Catholic composers of our time.

DMMD NEWS
TUESDAY • APRIL 30, 2019 | 12:30PM
ST. NICHOLAS CROATIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
24 MARYLAND AVE PITTSBURGH, PA
Our next DMMD meeting of the year will take place at St. Nicholas in Millvale to take a guided tour to see the famous murals painted by Croatian artist, Maxo Vanka. The official website describes it in this way:

Croatian artist Maxo Vanka painted a one-of-a-kind masterpiece on the interior walls of St. Nicholas Croatian Catholic Church in Millvale, PA. The 25 murals — created in two intense periods in 1937 and 1941 — are unique, evocative, and larger-than-life representations of faith and family; the immigrant experience in America; social justice and injustice and the horrors of war.

A group email and Facebook notification will be posted along with the cost to attend the event. Stay tuned!
- Daniel Kovacic • DMMD Director, Pittsburgh Chapter

2019 NPM NATIONAL CONVENTION
RALEIGH, North Carolina
JULY 15 - 19, 2019

IMPORTANT REMINDER
It’s not too late to sign up for the Chapter Discount. Email music@diopitt.org by Sunday, MARCH 31 to take advantage of this opportunity.
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“Why not take a Lenten leap and give in to NPMPGH. We’re here to support YOU!”

“Yeah, now is the perfect time to make NPMPGH your Lenten ‘thing to do’. Contact me, Kevin Maurer, at music@diopitt.org

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