



Liturgical Appointments for
March 4/5, 2017

	Ministers of Altar	Ministers of Hospitality	Ministers of Word	Ministers of Holy Communion
5:30 p.m.	Brandon Ludwick	Russ Groves	Kelli Cole	Michael Bradford
		Jennifer Link		Linda Bradford
				Volunteer
8:00 a.m.	Jaelyn Barber	Craig & Ellen Turner	Jeff Bedard	Mike Moses
				Marilyn Rosselott
				Volunteer
10:00 a.m.	Ryan Harless	Shawn Conlon	Keith Chambers	Carol Chambers
	Andrew Jones	Jim Hehl		Joyce Combs
				Jenny Hart



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 26

- 7:40 a.m. **RADIO ROSARY BROADCAST**
- 8:00 a.m. Matthew & Lena "Sr. Mary John" Carinato
(Clem & Rosemarie Moenster)
- 10:00 a.m. Norma Groves, Jim & Sara Anderson,
Cora Syms (Russ & Emma Groves)
WLRU BROADCAST

Monday, February 27

- 10:00 a.m. **RADIO ROSARY BROADCAST**

Tuesday, February 28

- 9:15 a.m. Rose Swisshelm (Wanda Haines)

Wednesday, March 1

- 12:00 Noon **ASH WEDNESDAY**
Rose Swisshelm (Wanda Haines)
- 7:30 p.m. **ASH WEDNESDAY**
Alfred Butsch, Esther Creamer
(John Butsch)
WLRU BROADCAST

Thursday, March 2

No Mass nor Benediction

Friday, March 3

- 10:30 a.m. **FIRST FRIDAY**
Rose, Gerald & Franklin Swisshelm
(Mike & Gerri Shane)
- 7:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross**

Saturday, March 4

- 9:00 a.m. Rose Swisshelm (Wilma Ernstes)
- 5:30 p.m. Shine Frydryk Birthday Remembrance
March 6th (Frydryk Family)

Sunday, March 5

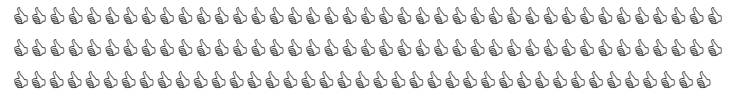
- 7:40 a.m. **RADIO ROSARY BROADCAST**
- 8:00 a.m. Christina Carinato
(Clem & Rosemarie Moenster)
- 10:00 a.m. Rose & Vic deMilliano, Eleanor,
Jim & Alice Solley, Nellie Ponce,
Crystal McNichols, Gil & Eleanor Demille,
Vic & Alida de Milliano (Maryanne deMilliano)
WLRU BROADCAST



Weekly Need\$ 4,500.00

Collection for February 18/19
Envelopes & Loose..... No Report
Variance Presidents'
Day

School Support:
Building Fund:
St. Vincent de Paul:
Votives:
Buck-a-Month:



YTD NEED STARTING 7/3/2016\$ 143,500.00

YTD COLLECTED\$ 158,409.00

VARIANCE +\$ 14,909.00



\$280,000.00
Debt on Fr. Luehrmann Hall



BENEDICTION EVERY THURSDAY AT 6:30 P.M.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT AT 7:00 P.M.



BIRTHDAYS

- March 1..... Tessa Ernst, Jim McKown
- March 2..... Heather Moeller
- March 3..... Pat Adams, Jonah Humphries, Cheryl Moeller, Richard Vilvens
- March 4..... Ethel Heyob, Peyton Palermo
- March 5..... John Moester, Jonathan Michael, James O'Connor, Addison Roades, Mike Shanahan



FORGIVEN

THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF CONFESSION

A Formed educational program will be offered three Tuesdays, March 7, 14 and 28. Meet in the Parish Hall at 5:30 p.m. Principal Darlene Smith will guide the class on a study presentation of transforming power of Confession.

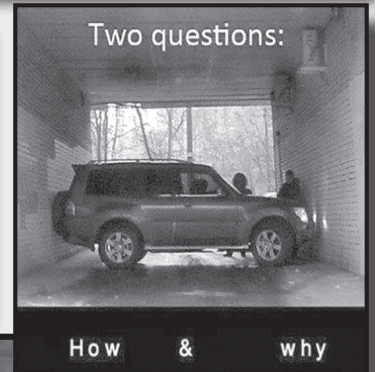
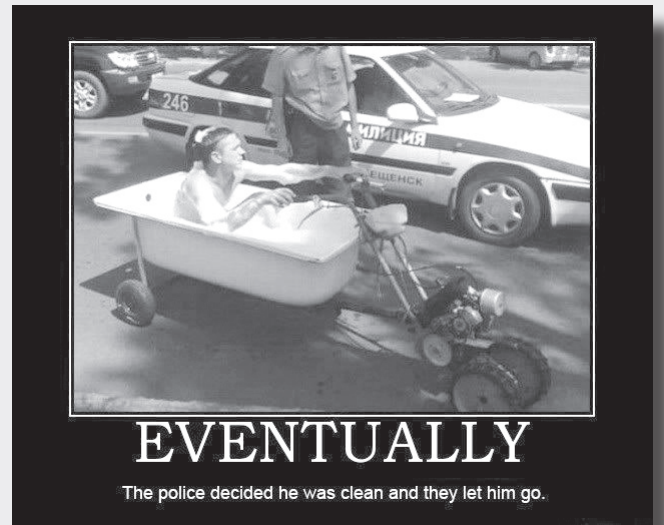
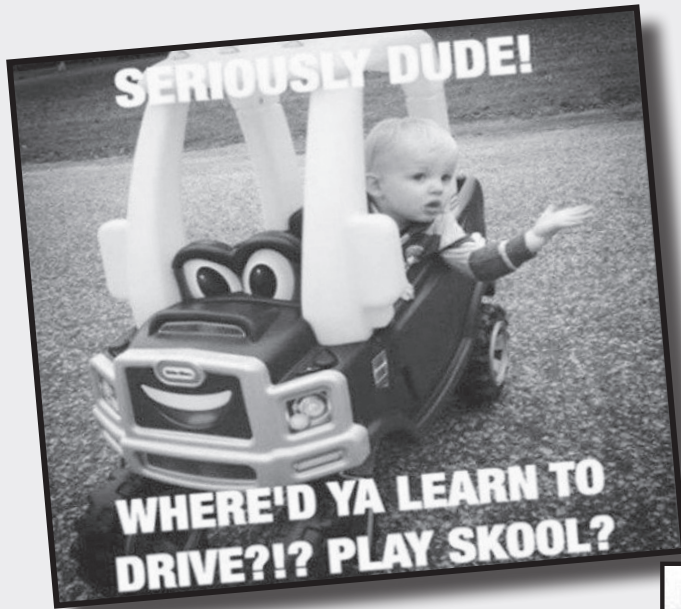
THE "LIGHT IS ON" RETURNS

Individual Confessions will be heard on Monday, March 13th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. A good way to prepare for Easter.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

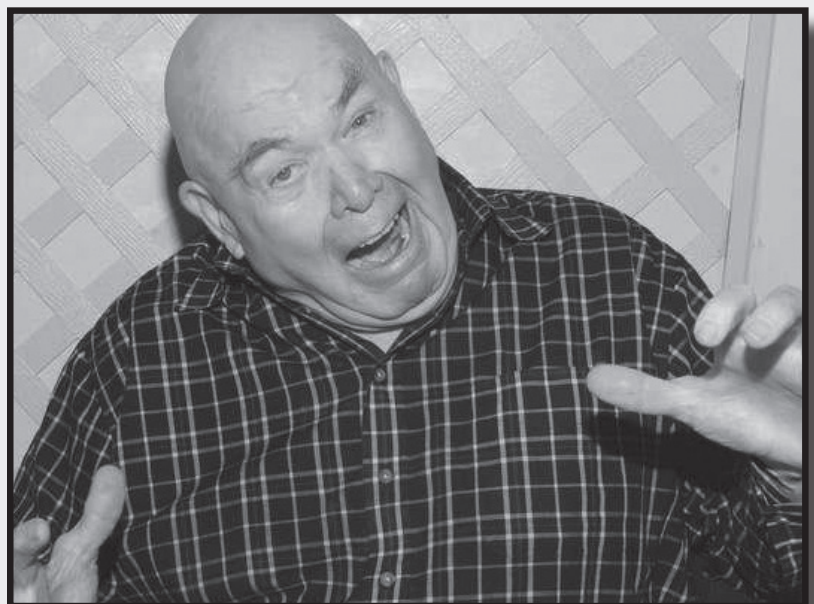
The St. Vincent de Paul will be open for business on Saturday, March 4th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Fr. Luerhmann Hall. Anyone needing assistance is welcome to attend.



REST IN PEACE



George
"The Animal" Steele



SERMON FOR EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

As a teenage seminarian I so looked forward to Saturday night. I didn't need a date nor a fun party to go to. I clicked on the TV to watch Studio Wrestling on WIC Channel 11 in Pittsburgh. Every Saturday my eyes were glued to the set as my hero wrestler Bruno Samartino faced his nemesis, George "The Animal" Steele, the personification of evil. Little did I know 40 years later I would personally get to meet "The Animal" aka Jim Myers who became my friend and one of the finest persons I ever met.

I met him at the Bela Lugosi Film Festival because Jim starred in the 1994 movie "Ed Wood" playing another wrestler Tor Johnson who worked with Bela Lugosi. I remember the first words he spoke to me. He stopped me in the hallway and said, "I heard all about you, Fr. Mike. Join me for supper tonight." There was no way I was going to turn down this guy whom I remembered as "The Animal", the big crazy hairy guy ripping out padding from the turn buckle with his teeth and throwing it in Bruno's face. I sheepishly said "yes", wondering what he heard about me and afraid if I said "no" he might put me in a head lock.

Our supper lasted three hours. He was in no way like the big dumb brute of his stage persona. He shared how he graduated from the University of Michigan earning a science degree. (I did not dare chant, "Go Buckeyes.") He wrestled on the weekends in Detroit to supplement his income. There Jim was discovered by Bruno Samartino who brought him to Pittsburgh. After all the years of beating up each other in the ring, I find out 40 years later they were the best of friends. I also found out that Jim was highly educated and spoke eloquently, the complete opposite of his wrestling character.

"You probably want to know why I asked to dine with you." He elaborated, "I want to witness to you how God has blessed me. As a priest you can understand. Maybe someday you can share my story." I was riveted to every word this gentle giant had to say. He continued, "I was making really good money on the wrestling circuit. Bought my wife whatever she wanted and put my two kids through college. But I hated the phoniness and the lack of morals in professional wrestling. Drugs, sex, and infidelity." Jim then shared the story that changed his life. "I was wrestling another guy. The script called for me to put a pillow over his head filled with down feathers. I didn't know it but I was suffocating him to death. I lifted the pillow case to see his face turn completely blue. One swift punch to his chest got him breathing again. I felt so bad. I could have killed him. When I got to the locker room after the match the other wrestlers congratulated me, like I just scored a touchdown. They were patting me on the back and saying, "Too bad you didn't kill him." The value of human life meant nothing to them. This was the last straw."

"I decided to quit wrestling. I was giving up a big paycheck. I chose not to worry about it. I asked God to open another door in my life. I asked him to take care of me. God gave me more than I could imagine. The Baptist Church hired me to give Christian retreats to youth around the country. God used my star power and my faith to lead many young people to Jesus. I have never been happier. I want to live my life for Jesus. I want to be with Jesus one day." Jim Myers, George "The Animal" Steele, got his wish. On February 16, 2017 he went to Jesus at the age of 79.

During our three hours together I had no sense of time. This holy man witnessed his faith, a precious gift I will always treasure. Jim was not just a believer in Jesus. He followed Jesus. He put it all on the line. He chose God over mammon.

The next day I enjoyed breakfast with Jim and his wife. I quoted him a line from the cut scene of the movie "Ed Wood" that he starred in with Johnny Depp who played failed B movie producer Ed Wood whose films now enjoy cult status today. I asked, "Jim, remember when you said this line to Johnny Depp, "Look at me. I am the happiest guy I know." He smiled, looked at his wife Pat of 55 years and said, "When I uttered that line, I was thinking of her." I would never see Jim again, but his witness has enriched my faith ever since. He taught me I have everything when I choose God as my Master.