



MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

Corpus Christi: 4:00 PM

St. Angela Merici: 4:30 PM

SUNDAY

St. Patrick: 8:30 AM

St. Robert Bellarmine: 9:30 AM

St. Angela Merici: 11:00 AM

WEEKDAYS

St. Angela Merici:

Monday—Friday 8:30 AM

MASSSES AND PRAYER SERVICES AT
ST. ANGELA WILL CONTINUE TO BE
LIVESTREAMED THROUGH A LINK ON OUR
WEBSITE

www.marymotherofgod1.org

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(Parking lot)

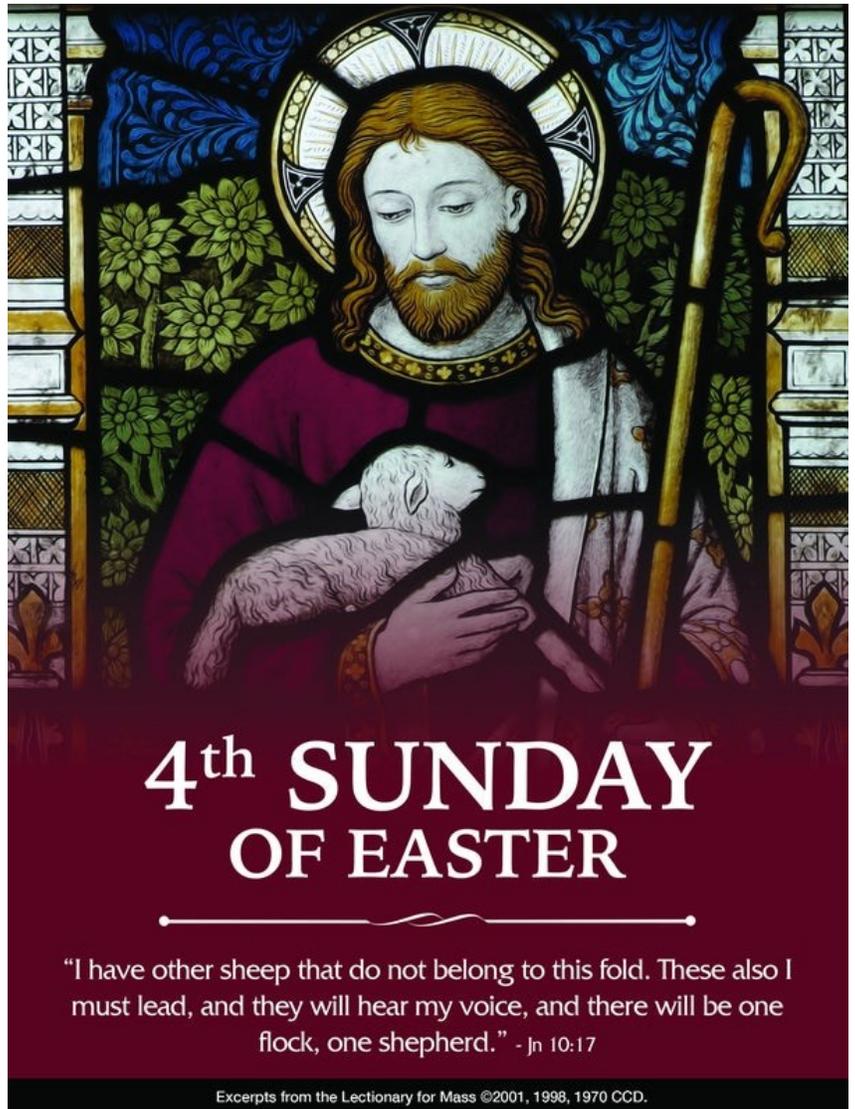
Thursdays, 5 – 6 p.m.

at St. Angela Church

Saturdays, 12 – 1 p.m.

at St. Robert Church

All those confessing must wear a mask.



SUNDAY | APRIL 25, 2021

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

St. Angela Merici
1640 Fawcett Ave.
White Oak, PA 15131

Corpus Christi
2515 Versailles Ave.
McKeesport, PA 15132

St. Patrick
310 32nd Street
McKeesport, PA 15132

St. Robert Bellarmine
1313 Fifth Avenue
E. McKeesport, PA 15035



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White Oak, PA 15131
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SACRAMENTS

Please contact the parish office as to the following sacraments:

Sacrament of Baptism

Prior to having your child baptized, both parents must attend a pre-baptismal seminar.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Arrangements should be made at least six months prior to your wedding date. A date will be set only after contacting the priest.

Sacrament of the Sick

(You may also see a priest after Mass)

Holy Communion for Shut-Ins

R.C.I.A

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

This is the process to become Catholic or for Catholics to receive the rest of their Sacraments of Initiation. We also offer programs for children.



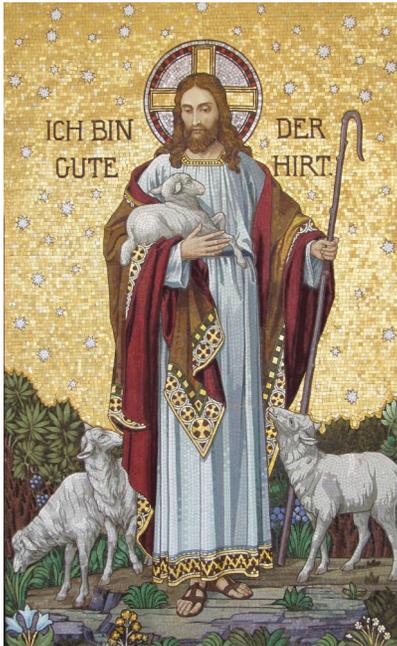
Mass Readings and Intentions

<p>Saturday, April 24</p> <p>4:00 pm CC 4:30 pm St. A</p>	<p><u>Easter Weekday: <i>St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest, Martyr</i></u> Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69</p> <p>Shelton Dorian by: Patricia Dorian John & Sarah Javor by: Howard & Janet Iacone</p>
<p>Sunday, April 25</p> <p>8:30 am St. P 9:30 am St. R 11:00 am St. A</p>	<p><u>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</u> Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18</p> <p>Mary Fanala by: Joe Fanala The Living and Deceased of our Parish Anthony Scoglietti by: Josephine Mayni & Daughters</p>
<p>Monday, April 26</p> <p>8:30 am St. A</p>	<p><u>Easter Weekday</u> Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10</p> <p>Jackson Family by: Terry & Kathy Jackson</p>
<p>Tuesday, April 27</p> <p>8:30 am St. A</p>	<p><u>Easter Weekday</u> Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30</p> <p>Elsie Paich by: Josephine Adam</p>
<p>Wednesday, April 28</p> <p>8:30 am St. A</p>	<p><u>Easter Weekday: <i>St. Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest</i></u> Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50</p> <p>Mary Alice & Marlene by: Dorrine & Family</p>
<p>Thursday, April 29</p> <p>8:30 am St. A</p>	<p><u>Easter Weekday: <i>St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin</i></u> Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20</p> <p>John a. Kumf by: Wife, Irene</p>
<p>Friday, April 30</p> <p>8:30 am St. A</p>	<p><u>Easter Weekday: <i>St. Pius V, Pope</i></u> Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6</p> <p>Mary Rose Sisley by: Brothers & Sisters</p>
<p>Saturday, May 1</p> <p>4:00 pm CC 4:30 pm St. A</p>	<p><u>Easter Weekday: <i>St. Joseph the Worker</i></u> Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14 <i>St. Joseph the Worker</i>: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/ Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58</p> <p>Jack Haughey by: Nancy Haughey The Living and Deceased of our Parish</p>
<p>Sunday, May 2</p> <p>8:30 am St. P 9:30 am St. R 11:00 am St. A</p>	<p><u>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</u> Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8</p> <p>Paul Ruggier by: Family James & Frances Pepler by: Family Marlene Oubyak by: Husband & Sons</p>

FROM FATHER TERRY

J+M+J

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, we always hear a gospel reminding us that Jesus is our Good Shepherd. In today's gospel, Jesus says to us, his sheep, "I know mine and mine know me." (Jn: 10:14) There is no doubt that our Good Shepherd knows us, but how well do we know Jesus? This is the burning question, is it not? Each day, the risen Christ invites us to come to know him. After all, we can come to know all about Jesus, but not know him personally. There is a big difference between head knowledge and heart knowledge. On this Good Shepherd Sunday, may we come to know Jesus.



In light of Good Shepherd Sunday, we rejoice in the 58th World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2) While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes, and to the missionary life. In this year's message, Pope Francis tells us that all vocations can learn from St. Joseph. The pope expounds on three key words that were a part of the life of St. Joseph, dream, service, and fidelity. Please find the pope's message at www.vatican.va. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, the Lord asks that we create an atmosphere that inspires vocations. Do you believe that your children think that you would be honored if the Lord called them to the

priesthood or consecrated life? The priesthood and consecrated life are incredible vocations. May your homes be places where your children can give their "YES!" to the Lord. Please find many resources on the internet to promote a culture of vocations. For our diocese, please visit www.pghpriest.com and the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishop's vocations site is www.usccb.org/vocations.

We are happy to announce that Anita Holland is our new Elementary Faith Formation Coordinator (K-5). We are blessed to have Anita working among us once again. Anita led Faith Formation at St. Robert's for a number of years. She has recently volunteered for our elementary program. Anita has a passion for forming children in the faith. She will also help us to grow as a parish family and do wonderful work in the area of evangelization. Anita will start on Monday, May 3. Please keep Anita in your prayers during her transition.

Please find in the bulletin an itemized cost of our new Parish Center. The center is going to help us spread the Good News for years to come. We thank all those involved in the construction of the center. We, most especially, thank you for making it a reality. Please also find the totals for our Lenten "To Go Fish Fry." Despite challenging times, we did terrific! We were also able to donate a large amount to the needy. We thank all of our volunteers and patrons. I am excited about our future together.

I ask that you take time to read Part II of "The Handmaid of the Lord" articles. These contain very important information as we move forward as a parish family. Thank you.

Finally, we are in need of altar servers. I am hoping that more of our youth take part in this amazing ministry! Here we are on World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Altar serving can only help to open young people's hearts to ordained ministry and consecrated life. Please find details in the bulletin.

FROM FATHER TERRY

THE HANDMAID OF THE LORD PART II

Since I will be returning to the very important bulletin piece, “The Handmaid of the Lord,” I ask that you review the following articles that appeared over the last few months. The Handmaid section sets forth where we have been and where we are going as a new parish. I think this will be very beneficial as we forge ahead and, like Mary, open our hearts to see what God wants us to do as Mary, Mother of God Parish. Part I was in last Sunday’s bulletin. Please find below Part II, which represents the last of the articles thus far. Thank you for your commitment to our wonderful parish. To Jesus through Mary, Fr. Terry

The Handmaid of the Lord (1/17/21)

When we entered into the Christmas season, I took a break from my new series, entitled “Handmaid of the Lord.” In review, it is a new section inspired by Our Lady’s “yes” to being the Mother of God. In the same way, we are called to say “yes” to God in relation to coming together as a new parish family. We have accomplished a great deal in a short period and we look forward to continuing our progress as a new parish. A giant step forward as Mary, Mother of God Parish is our new Parish Center. We are excited to open our new Parish Center this Tuesday, January 19. The center is beautiful. It is a joint effort of our new parish! This is OUR center. I think that the center will help to unify our parish, serve our needs as one new large parish, and help us in our call of spreading the Gospel. I think that you will love it!

The Parish Center includes parish offices, a youth ministry room, a choir room, a conference room, and two areas for storage. It also has a social area for about 100 people. The large social area contains moveable walls which can break the space into four separate meeting rooms. There are also two large restrooms. We will eventually have a warming kitchen for the social area. I remind all that the main entrance for the Parish Center is to the left of the main school entrance, right next to the Mary statue. The center is also accessible for the disabled. Although our first day is the 19th, we still have a few minor things we are working on. Once these are complete, I will put a breakdown of the costs in the bulletin. One of the things we will complete in the coming days is a drop box. Until further notice, we ask that you place after hours items in the door of the old parish office. We thank all of you for your generosity in making the center a reality. May it serve us for years to come!

Handmaid of the Lord (1/24/21)

I am happy to be writing this piece from our new Parish Center. It is beautiful! I remind you that all parish business is now to be conducted in the Parish Center which is directly below St. Angela Church. You can enter by using the doors to the left of the main school entrance, next to the Mary statue. If wanting to avoid the steps at the school, I suggest you park alongside the church and the old office (along the fence) or in the main church parking lot. The walkway to the center can be easily assessed from either location. The first few days have been wonderful. We are still getting settled in, but we cannot be any happier. Our new drop box will be installed in the very near future. It will be located at the green steel doors by the beginning of the walkway to the center, right off the main church parking lot. In the meantime, please continue to use the drop box at the former office. I also plan to film a video once we have everything looking more presentable. Thank you again for your generosity in making the Parish Center a reality.

FROM FATHER TERRY



Handmaid of the Lord (1/31/21)

We continue to rejoice in our new Parish Center. It is exciting to watch the impact that our center is having, even in these trying times. I have witnessed the clergy team and staff have a skip in our step as we have moved into state-of-the-art surroundings. I have seen various ministries being uplifted by this beautiful place. I have also heard the wonderful compliments of parishioners who have come through on parish matters. Lastly, I am happy to report that our new drop box is in. It is located at the green steel doors by the beginning of the walkway to the center, right off the main church parking lot. I ask that you now use this drop box instead of the one at the former office. Thank you for your continued generosity.

The Handmaid of the Lord (2/7/21)

Since coming up with this new bulletin section in November of 2020, I have written on a number of ways that we have come together as a new parish. Together we have done amazing things! We have lived in imitation of Our Lady's total openness to God's will as evidenced by our coming together in unity and mission. Since coming here in October of 2018, I have encountered conversations, emails, and letters about our church buildings. Church buildings are certainly an important aspect of parish life. However, when we speak of Church, we mean more than just physical structures. The Church has been traditionally referred to as the "People of God." That is, the Church is all of us. We are an assembly of people gathered in the name of Christ. Buildings help us to physically gather for such things as prayer, learning, and social events. However, as we know from our faith, Church is much more than simply buildings. I have shared with you some aspects of what we mean by Church because we are now called upon to take a closer look at church buildings in relation to the vision and needs of our new parish. Please note that church buildings refers to all of our properties, such as churches, schools, convents, halls, and parking lots. As you can imagine, there is a great deal that goes into assessing church buildings.

A large step in the process is to create a **Resource Task Force**, which we will be forming in the next couple of weeks. The purpose of the task force is to study and recommend sustainable building and structural needs for Mary, Mother of God Parish beginning with churches, but then including offices, ministry, educational, and living space. The task force will consist of members of the clergy team, staff, pastoral and finance council, and parishioners at large. Members will possess a variety of skills, especially an understanding of building issues and financial information. The task force will be appointed by me, only after much prayer and consultation. We will be forming the task force in the next couple of weeks. There is a lot more information, regarding this process, that I will be sharing with you in the weeks and months ahead. Please remember that **"No Decisions Have Been Made!"** Please keep the entire process in your prayers. Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!

Baptism

We congratulate the Parents and Godparents of
Alexander Schaut
 who was recently Baptized in the Lord
 Son of Michael & Alexandria Schaut



50 DAYS OF EASTER — FR. TERRY

The 50 days of Easter are celebrated as one great feast day or as St. Athanasius said, as one "great Sunday." At the beginning of the 50 days is the Easter octave. Octave is Latin for eight. During the octave, we celebrate the feast on the day itself and then seven days later with prayers that make reference to it being the same Easter day. This is to signify the octave as treating Easter as one day. It has been said that the octave forms the "early hours" of the "great Sunday." The 50 days of Easter will conclude with Pentecost (meaning fifty). May we live in the peace, joy, and hope of the risen Jesus, which will cause our faith to be contagious!

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

April 18, 2021

Offertory	\$	12,290.00
Monthly Maintenance	\$	705.00
Parish Share	\$	2765.00
Votives	\$	284.72
Easter	\$	517.00
Outreach	\$	70.64

Thank you for your generosity!



Please remember in your prayers:

Theresa Craven, Leon Kulasa

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

Sanctuary Light

Burns before the Blessed Sacrament the week of April 25, in loving memory of:

Corpus Christi:

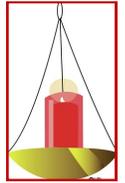
Margaret & John Petruna by: David & Cheryl Gimera

St. Angela:

Michael Shicht by: Linda & Peter Gentili

St. Patrick:

Alex Kisan by: Family



LIVESTREAM MASS SCHEDULE:

Daily Mass:	Weekdays	8:30 A.M.
Weekend Masses:	Saturday	4:30 P.M.
	Sunday	11:00 A.M.

APRIL HOLY HOUR & ROSARY SCHEDULE

(Both In-Person, and Livestream)

Rosary	Wed. Apr 28	7:00 P.M.
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THE ACSENSION OF THE LORD

MASS SCHEDULE

Reminder: Due to the Pandemic, not a Holy Day of Obligation

Wed. May 12	Corpus Christi	6:30 P.M.
Thu. May 13	St. Patrick	8:30 A.M.
	St. Angela	10:00 A.M.
	St. Robert	7:00 P.M.

ROSARY IN MAY

Traditionally, Catholics dedicate the month of May to Mary. We invite you to pray the rosary with us in person or livestream, in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Thursday, May 6	St. Angela	7:00 P.M.
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Mary, Mother of God



WE WELCOME ANITA!

NEW ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION COORDINATOR

Hi Everyone,

My name is Anita Holland and I will be the new Elementary Faith Formation Coordinator (K-5). I have been involved in Faith Formation for the last 30 years, primarily as a catechist for various grades and more recently the Coordinator at St. Robert Bellarmine. I am so excited to be back and to meet all of you and your children. Some facts about me: 1) I talk a lot 2) Very seldom do you see me without a Dunkin Donuts Cup in hand 3) I am truly a Happy Catholic 4) I see each one of you as a blessing 5) I believe in Parish Family. Hopefully in the next few months, we will get to know each other and you will let me walk with you and your families on your faith journey. Please keep me in your prayers as I will keep all of you in mine.

God Bless,

Anita Holland

“Without Change there would be no Butterflies”

NEW DROP BOX : PARISH CENTER

Our new drop box is located at the green steel doors, A4, beneath the bell tower, at the beginning of the walkway to the center, right off the main church parking lot. We ask that you use this drop box instead of the one at the former office. Thank you for your continued generosity.

DONATE ONLINE TO MARY, MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

As we continue to face the current pandemic, online giving is a wonderful option. Such giving is very convenient for individual donors and allows for consistent donations to flow into the parish. Payments can be made through any of the following:

- **Checking Account**
- **Savings Account**
- **Credit Card**
- **Debit Card**



To join our online giving, visit our webpage,

or contact Cathy Nola at 412-672-9641

cnola@marymotherofgod1.org

LADIES OF CHARITY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Mary, Mother of God Parish Ladies of Charity will have a general membership meeting on Thursday, May 13 at 6:30 pm at St. Patrick Church. Weather permitting, we will meet in the parking lot and are asking that you bring a chair. If the weather does not cooperate, we will meet in the hall and will adhere to social distancing guidelines.

This will be a dessert meeting so anyone who would like to bring a dessert should let us know prior to the meeting. Thank you in advance!

Because of space constraints, we are asking for RSVP's so we can be prepared for the number attending. Anna Marie McCandless (412) 326-7233, or Paula Pagnotta (412) 849-1979.



LADIES OF CHARITY MOTHER'S DAY COLLECTION

Mary, Mother of God Parish Ladies of Charity are sponsoring a collection for Genesis of Pittsburgh after all Masses on Mother's Day. Genesis is a non profit organization that provides services and support for at risk mothers, adoption assistance and services community outreach centers (website: genesispgh.org). Genesis has spent the last forty years creating new beginnings for women in crises. The Ladies of Charity will be at the exit doors after each mass on Mother's Day asking for your donations for this worthwhile cause. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Mary, Mother of God Parish is seeking new altar servers. This is an amazing ministry! At Mass, the priest stands in the place of Jesus, preaching the word and consecrating the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. Imagine your child assisting the priest in these awesome actions. Being a server will give them a greater appreciation of the Mass and lead them into a deeper union with Jesus. Depending on their availability, they may also be asked to serve daily Mass along with weddings and funerals. Both boys and girls, currently in grades 4 – 11, are invited to be a part of such an important ministry.

You child will need to be trained as a server. We are having two training sessions, which are listed below. They only need to attend one training session. They must wear a mask to the training.

Saturday, May 8 St. Angela Church 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, May 22 St. Angela Church 9 - 10:30 a.m.

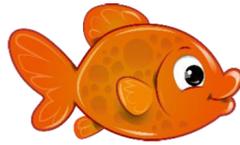
If they would like to be a server, please send the following information to our Administrative Assistant, Saira Herboth, at secretary@marymotherofgod1.org.

- 1) Name
- 2) Email
- 3) Phone
- 4) The session they would like to attend. (If they want to be a server but cannot make either session, please notify us of this when signing up and we will try to accommodate another time).



I thank you for your consideration.

To Jesus through Mary,
Fr. Terry



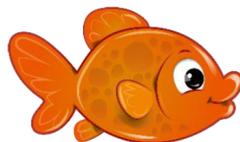
“TO GO” FISH FRY FINAL RESULTS

Total Revenue:	\$67,081.00
Expenses:	<u>- 36,883.82</u>
Gross Profit:	\$30,197.18
10% of Profit to Greater Pgh. Food Bank	<u>-3,020.00</u>
Net Profit:	\$27,177.18

In addition to the donation to GPFB, we also collected \$2,200.00 for the poor at the fish fry. A check for \$550.00 was sent to the following 4 organizations in our area:

The Intersection, MA’s Pantry, Sampson Mills Cupboard and Sonshine Ministries.

A sincere thank you to all the volunteers for making our 2021 “TO GO” fish fry a big success and to all those that supported us with their patronage.



NEW PARISH CENTER TOTAL PROJECT COSTS:

General Contractor - Urban Corporation Total:	\$603,817.00
Architect Contract - Mark Fickley	\$9,500.00

Additional Costs:

New Office Furniture- Tri-State Office	\$18,825.00
New Computers, Monitors, etc. - Dell	10,050.00
New Telephone System & Phones - Nextiva	660.00
Mechanical Drawing (HVAC) – A&F Engineering	1,200.00
Building Permit – White Oak Borough	3,724.50

Chordata IT Services:

Servers, Cabling, all Installation	7,807.00
Access Points	2,373.00
IT Consulting Fees	<u>6,804.00</u>

Total Project Cost: **\$664,760.50**

Monies Utilized:

Church Alive! (former St. Angela)	\$ 452,181.00
Building Fund	11,129.00
Capital Improvement Fund	95,372.00
Restricted Perpetual Care (cemetery)	13,188.00
Checking Account	51,443.50
D&L Savings	<u>41,447.00</u>

Total **\$664,760.50**

Remaining D&L Balances after Project:

Savings	\$613,016.50
Church Alive!	\$228,429.00

We thank the above companies for their efforts in creating such a beautiful space.
We love it!

We once again thank all of you for your generous donations over the years that made this dream a reality. Our new Parish Center will serve us well for many years to come, especially in the work of evangelization.

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.



The Spring Raffle is Here!

Thank you to all for supporting our Parish!

Tickets may be returned by mail, offertory, parish drop box, or by bringing them into the Parish Center.

Mary, Mother of God Parish/ Spring Raffle

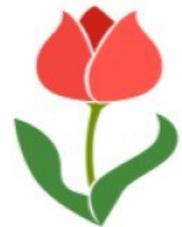
Sunday, May 2, 2021

HE is
Risen!

1st Place Winner - \$1,250.00

2nd Place Winner - \$1,000.00

3rd Place Winner - \$750.00



Tickets will be pulled after the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass

DONATION \$2.00 Thank you!

Sponsored by: Jaycox-Jaworski





SAVE THE DATE!

We are excited to announce that we are planning our Mary, Mother of God Festival this year. All those interested in helping with the Festival are invited to attend a meeting on Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. We look forward to seeing you.



Mary of Nazareth Catholic School
Is Enrolling!

Students for Preschool Through Grade 8.

Call 412.672.2360 to speak to someone about
Enrollment.

MA'S PANTRY

Ma's Pantry serves residents of North Versailles and East McKeesport with free food distributed twice every month. Food is distributed from Broadway Alliance Church, 1000 Broadway Street, East McKeesport from 9:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. on scheduled Saturdays.



First time applicants must bring:

- Proof of residence in East McKeesport or North Versailles.
- A current, government issued photo ID
- Amount and source of income
- Names and birthdates of household family members

The next distribution date is **April 24.**

*The Lord is my Shepard;
I shall not want
Psalm 23:1*

**HELP
WANTED**

St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church in McKeesport is in need of a **cleaning person** one day a week. Please call Fr. Donald Voss at: 412-664-9131.

CISS HOUSE OF HOPE MINISTRIES



719 Union Ave McKeesport Pa.15132
(412) 758 5823

Now, until the end of April 2021, 40lb boxes with meat, milk, veggies, fruit, will be available every Saturday from 12:30 to 5:30 pm. All are welcome to pick up a box! First Open Bible Church down in kitchen hall area.



MA'S PANTRY: SHORT TERM BOOKKEEPING VOLUNTEER NEEDED

MA's Pantry needs a volunteer for a specialized, short-term task. We are in need of a volunteer who is knowledgeable about the financial bookkeeping software Quicken. Our treasurer has used Quicken for many years, but we are in need of a bit of support and help with updating and reconfiguring. Flexible schedule. Call Ed Sites at (412) 848-1407 or e-mail Ed at esites@pitt.edu.

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH *Baden Pennsylvania*

ANNUAL AUXILLARY SPRING LUNCHEON

Sharing Spiritual-Tea: Pray, bake, visit, and try your luck with the Sisters of St. Joseph from the comfort of your home during the Auxiliary Spring Luncheon. Visit the luncheon event hub at stjoseph-baden.org/spiritualitea to enter the Basket Raffles, purchase Pick 4 Raffle tickets, and pre-order the Sisters' *Sweets for the Soul* cookbook. Proceeds support the Sisters' ministries of ecology, spirituality, and justice and peace.

Come behind-the-scenes at St. Titus Convent, in a virtual, live visit with Sisters as they bake for the luncheon on May 1 at 10:00am and share a prayer and a cup of tea with Sisters at the Motherhouse at 1:00pm on May 22. Join us for both events at: facebook.com/csbaden.

For questions or assistance with ticket purchases, please contact Christina Thornburg at 724-869-6574 or cthornburg@stjoseph-baden.org.



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Saint of the Day

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

The value Catherine makes central in her short life and which sounds clearly and consistently through her experience is complete surrender to Christ. What is most impressive about her is that she learns to view her surrender to her Lord as a goal to be reached through time.

She was the 23rd child of Jacopo and Lapa Benincasa and grew up as an intelligent, cheerful, and intensely religious person. Catherine disappointed her mother by cutting off her hair as a protest against being overly encouraged to improve her appearance in order to attract a husband. Her father ordered her to be left in peace, and she was given a room of her own for prayer and meditation.

She entered the Dominican Third Order at 18 and spent the next three years in seclusion, prayer, and austerity. Gradually, a group of followers gathered around her—men and women, priests and religious. An active public apostolate grew out of her contemplative life. Her letters, mostly for spiritual instruction and encouragement of her followers, began to take more and more note of public affairs. Opposition and slander resulted from her mixing fearlessly with the world and speaking with the candor and authority of one completely committed to Christ. She was cleared of all charges at the Dominican General Chapter of 1374.



Her public influence reached great heights because of her evident holiness, her membership in the Dominican Third Order, and the deep impression she made on the pope. She worked tirelessly for the crusade against the Turks and for peace between Florence and the pope.

In 1378, the Great Schism began, splitting the allegiance of Christendom between two, then three, popes and putting even saints on opposing sides. Catherine spent the last two years of her life in Rome, in prayer and pleading on behalf of the cause of Pope Urban VI and the unity of the Church. She offered herself as a victim for the Church in its agony. She died surrounded by her “children” and was canonized in 1461.

Catherine ranks high among the mystics and spiritual writers of the Church. In 1939, she and Francis of Assisi were declared co-patrons of Italy. Pope Paul VI named her and Teresa of Avila doctors of the Church in 1970. Her spiritual testament is found in *The Dialogue*.

Reflection

Though she lived her life in a faith experience and spirituality far different from that of our own time, Catherine of Siena stands as a companion with us on the Christian journey in her undivided effort to invite the Lord to take flesh in her own life. Events which might make us wince or chuckle or even yawn fill her biographies: a mystical experience at six, childhood betrothal to Christ, stories of harsh asceticism, her frequent ecstatic visions. Still, Catherine lived in an age which did not know the rapid change of 21st-century mobile America. The value of her life for us today lies in her recognition of holiness as a goal to be sought over the course of a lifetime.

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