MARY, MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

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

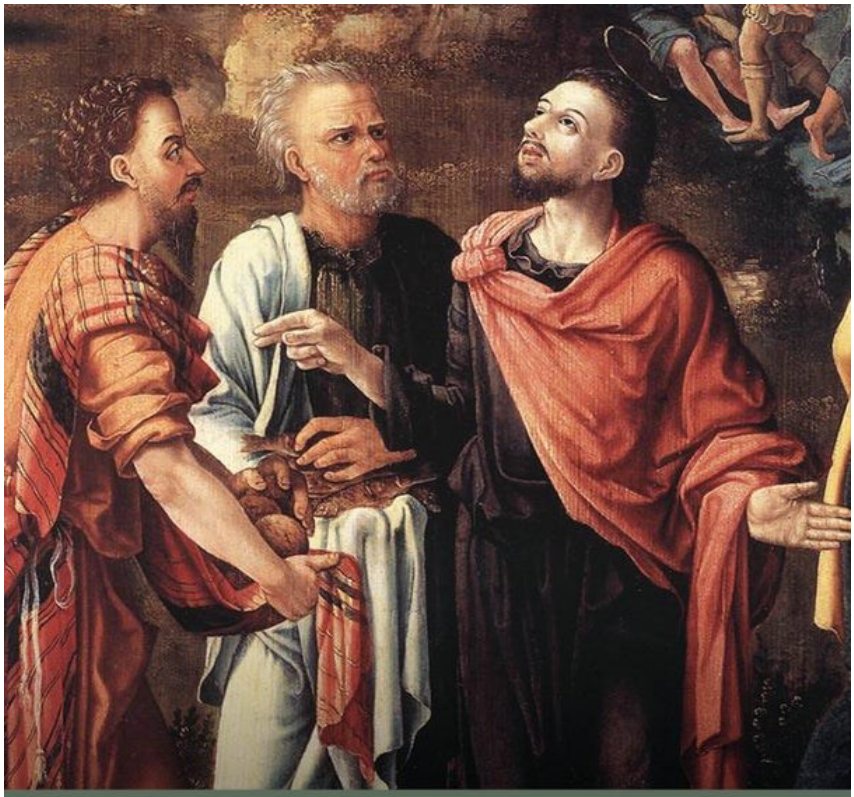
Thursday 6:30 PM

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

www.marymotherofgod1.org

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursdays, 5:50 – 6:20 p.m.
at St. Angela Church
Saturdays, 12 – 1 p.m.
at St. Robert Church



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:32-33

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SUNDAY | AUGUST 1, 2021

Mary, Mother of God Parish

St. Angela Merici	Corpus Christi	St. Patrick	St. Robert Bellarmine
1640 Fawcett Ave.	2515 Versailles Ave.	310 32nd Street	1313 Fifth Avenue
White Oak, PA 15131	McKeesport, PA 15132	McKeesport, PA 15132	E. McKeesport, PA 15035

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1640 Fawcett Ave
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SACRAMENTS

Please contact the parish office as to the following sacraments:

Sacrament of Baptism

Prior to having your child baptized, parents must attend a baptismal class.

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 Homebound

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

Saturday, July 31	Weekday: *Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest* Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12
4:00 pm CC 4:30 pm St. A	George & Mary Jane Salitros by: Children & Grandchildren The Living & Deceased of Our Parish
Sunday, August 1	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35
8:30 am St. P 9:30 am St. R 11:00 am St. A	George Gerdich by: wife, Nancy Wesley Jack Wyatt by: Mary Rudolf Frank Behunek by: wife, Margaret Behunek & Family
Monday, August 2	Weekday: *Saint Eusebius of Verecelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest* Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21
8:30 am St. A	Charles & Rosemary Weisgerber by: daughters
Tuesday, August 3	Weekday Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
8:30 am St. A	Herbert H. Peiffer by: Catherine & Mary Ann Peiffer
Wednesday, August 4	Weekday: *Saint John Vianney, Priest* Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/ Mt 15:21-28
8:30 am St. A	Grace Varlotta by: Daughter, Connie Varlotta
Thursday, August 5	Weekday: *The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major* Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23
8:30 St. A 6:30 St. A	Mike & Betty Despotakis by: Rich & Carolyn & Mark Despotakis Bill Cottone by: Sallie Wayner
Friday, August 6	Weekday: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
8:30 St. A	Herbert T. Peiffer by: Kara Mosbacher
Saturday, August 7	Weekday: *Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan,Priest; BVM on Saturday* Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4. 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20
4:00 pm CC 4:30 pm St. A	Eugene Kolodziej by: Barbara Kolodziej Josephine Jasiewicz by: Joan Whitney
Sunday, August 8	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51
8:30 am St. P 9:30 am St. R 11:00 am St. A	The Living & Deceased of Our Parish Dolores Kurp by: Marion Kazusky Special Intention

FROM FATHER PIUS

J+M+J

What Food Do You Work For?

So, my Archbishop Most Rev Valerian Okeke had many pastoral policies he set up, one of them is visits to the prison facility close to our Cathedral, the Basilica of the Most Holy Trinity. He visits the prison three times every year namely: Easter day, October 20 (his birthday) and Christmas day. Trust me, each visit is remarkable because he will always prepare a delicious lunch for them with water and some drinks. He will also provide them with other things to improve their living conditions. Fortunately, I happened to be the Catholic Chaplain to the prison for six years (2012-2018), just a year after my priestly ordination. Each time I announced the visit of my Bishop, there was this excitement on the faces of the inmates. Some of them would begin to learn some songs to welcome him while others would organize themselves to entertain him with soccer play, which I was tempted to play with them. Their biggest excitement was the delicious lunch they would enjoy, that sometimes some of them would forget the spiritual aspect of his visit which is to celebrate Holy Mass for them and give them blessings. Some of them are more interested in the food and their preparation towards that. They prepare for the Bishop's lunch and not his blessings.

This story is similar to what happened to the crowd in the Gospel of today. Last Sunday, Jesus miraculously fed 5000 men and today they began to look for him and wanted him to repeat the miracle of multiplication of loaves. Of course, he wouldn't do that, he knew that they were coming to him not to hear his preaching but to demand for food. Instead of giving them food, he used the opportunity to teach them a great lesson. He wanted to let them know that the food they are requesting for is not the most important one, rather there is a special food they should struggle to get. Hence, he told them, "Do not work for the food that perishes but work for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you." Get this, Jesus did not say that we shouldn't eat our delicious steak, ribs, sea foods, sandwich, mac and cheese, fish fry, pierogies, Yuengling, bud light, diet coke etc. He was only saying that earthly food nourishes the body, but heavenly food nourishes the soul.

The Gospel calls for a serious question on where we place our values as Christians, what are those things that occupy our time on a daily and weekly basis. It calls for how much of your time do you give to spiritual things. When was the last time you said your rosary as individual or group (family)? We stay for hours at party but can't be patience for fifty minutes at mass without seeing some people looking at their time. You will only see few faces on the evening of Eucharistic adoration, but we always spend time at restaurants and bars eating and drinking. How much of my time do I put in reading the bible and how much time do I spend in watching NFL and movies? We dress neatly when attending celebrations and going to office for work, how do I prepare myself spiritually to receive the Holy Eucharist which is God Himself.

Beloved friends, as we live our lives and attend to our daily needs, may Jesus we receive in the Holy Eucharist grant us the grace never to ignore our spiritual needs in the search for our material needs. Reflect on the food you work for everyday of your life. God bless you.

Congratulations Fr. Pius!

On August 6, Fr. Pius is celebrating his 10 year Anniversary of Priesthood.

Fr. Pius will be celebrating 8:30am Mass at St. Angela on Friday, August 6. All are welcome to join us for a light reception in the vestibule following mass.

We congratulate him and assure him of our prayers!

May God Bless you, Fr. Pius!

Welcome Reception for Fr. Adam August 7 & 8

On the weekend of August 7 & 8, we will be holding a light reception for Fr. Adam following all Masses. Please join us in welcoming our new Parochial Vicar to Mary Mother of God Parish!

MESSAGE FROM FR. JOE

My family and I are overwhelmed by your support as we bid farewell from this life to our father, Donald C. Beck. May he rest in peace. Thank you for your kind words, your sympathy cards, your Mass cards, and your gifts. We greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness. May Jesus bless you, and Mary keep you. - Father Joe

Thank you!

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

July 25, 2021

Offertory	$	10,800.10
Monthly Maintenance	$	502.00
Votives	$	342.00
Parish Share*	$	2,218.00
Peter's Pence	$	10.00
Assumption	$	10.00
Outreach	$	50.25

*As of June 30, 2021, we have collected $106,391.50 towards our goal of $156,479. Totals will be calculated on the last day of each month.

BORN INTO Eternal Life

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Please remember in your prayers:

David Barrett, Nickolas Ionadi, Louise James, Pamela McDonough, Christine Savol, Irene Venturini

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 August 1, in loving memory of:

Corpus Christi

Bicsey, Kudlik, and Samudovsky Families by: Family

St. Patrick

Ken Bradley by: Carolyn Guzik

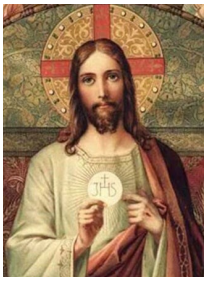
LIVESTREAM MASS SCHEDULE:

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

HOLY HOURS IN AUGUST

Wed. August 4	St. Angela	7:00 P.M.
	(In-person & Livestream)	
Tues. August 31	St. Patrick	7:00 P.M.
	(In-person Only)	

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND



We are now able to resume home visits to bring Holy Communion to the Homebound. Should you or a loved one like to receive monthly home visits from our Clergy team, please contact Rachel or Saira at the Parish Center 412-672-9641.

masstimes.org
MASS TIMES FOR TRAVEL

Summer is a popular time for vacations. While on vacation, we recommend visiting www.masstimes.org. This site will convey the various catholic churches and Mass times at your vacation spot. Please remember to visit the actual website of the church that is convenient for you since the church website will be the most up to date.

Mary, Mother of God

Blessings TO OUR NEWLY MARRIED!

We Congratulate

Jamie Tedesco & Douglas Johnson

As they were united in the Sacrament of Marriage

July 24, 2021

Be assured of our prayers!

Baptism

We congratulate the Parents and Godparents of

Sam Willis Conrad Barrett

Child of Steven & Kristine Barrett

Adalyn Jo Jacobs

Child of Alyssa Klotzbaugh & Anthony Jacobs

Jack John Volpe & Newlyd Rosalie Volpe

Children of Joshua & Lisa Volpe

who were recently Baptized in the Lord.

Baptism PREPARATION

BAPTISMAL CLASSES AVAILABLE:

The following class times are available for parents who are preparing for the Baptism of their Child:

Parish Center 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, August 4

Please register by calling the Parish Center or emailing secretary@marymotherofgod1.org

Faith FORMATION

A FAMILY OF FAITH (K-5)

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Aug 2 - Aug 6	VBS
Aug 29	Welcome Sunday
Sept 12	Opening Breakfast

"Without Change there would be no Butterflies"

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**

DONATE ONLINE

To join our online giving, visit our webpage, or fill out the form in this Bulletin. You may also contact Cathy Nola at 412-672-9641
cnola@marymotherofgod1.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

AUG. 2ND TO AUG. 6TH

6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

St. Robert Bellarmine Site

"MARVELOUS MYSTERIES"

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FAITH TALKS – SNACK – GAMES – CRAFT

Water Day - Family Movie Night – Scavenger Hunt

ALL OUR WELCOME

REGISTRATION FORMS IN THE BACK OF EACH CHURCH AND ON SITE

WE WILL MEET IN THE CHURCH

Questions?

Call Noreen 412-334-1967 or Cathy Nola at 412-672-9641

Mary, Mother of God

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TICKET SALE

The Knights of Columbus are selling Kennywood tickets at $29.00 a ticket. Tickets may be purchased at the Parish Center. Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus.

MASS INTENTIONS

The Mass is the highest form of prayer we have. We are blessed that the normally scheduled Masses for 2021 are filled with intentions. However, you may still request intentions to be offered privately by one of our clergy team. Intentions may be said for either the living or the deceased and a $10 Mass stipend you offer goes directly to the priest. Masses will be offered in the year 2021, however, no specific date may be reserved, as each priest receives intentions from several sources and organizes their own intention lists.

Please turn in your intentions to the Parish Center or place in the offertory during mass.

Offered for:

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Requested by:

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JOIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD PARISH AT INTERNATIONAL VILLAGE AUGUST 10 - 12, 2021

International Village is the City of McKeesport's annual ethnic heritage festival, featuring food, music, and dance representing nationalities around the world. The festival takes place every August held at McKeesport's historic Renziehausen Park, which is home to many other attractions, including an extensive walking/fitness trail, a heritage museum and Pennsylvania's second-largest rose garden. International Village is entirely run by volunteers, including many of the ethnic churches, temples, and social organizations in the McKeesport region.

We are excited to announce that Mary, Mother of God Parish will be sponsoring the Italian Booth at the village this year. We need many volunteers to make this event a success. Please contact the Parish Center if you are interested in volunteering.

CURRENT COVID DIRECTIVES

In continued alignment with local, state, and federal guidance and directives, with the lifting of the mask mandate:

- Mask-wearing is no longer required in Diocese of Pittsburgh churches, inclusive of the distribution of Holy Communion.
- Until further notice, distribution of Holy Communion is to be continued under one species, i.e. the Sacred Host.
- Confessions may again be heard in confessionals.
- The “sign of peace” may be reintroduced.
- Holy water may return to the fonts.

As we mark this important milestone, it is important that we continue to be sensitive to the faithful as we emerge from COVID restrictions.

NEW Registration Deadline: August 1

Join Mary of Nazareth School Golf Outing! Registration forms may be found in the back of each of our Churches, on the Facebook Event page, and by following this link: https://form.jotform.com/211494972683063. Thank you for your support

Iconography Workshop
Immaculate Heart of Mary
All Levels of experience
September 16-19 2021

Mary, Mother of God Parish
St. Robert Bellarmine Church Hall
1313 5th Avenue
East McKeesport, PA
For information or application contact,
Marylyn Barone
mwbarone@comcast.net
412-678-9453

Marylyn has written icons since 1997. She gives workshops in parishes across Pennsylvania, Ohio and New Jersey. Able to teach people of all ages and abilities, Marylyn has written icons for many parishes and individuals.

Current COVID Guidelines will be observed

Cost $ 130.00

Includes all supplies

8 x 10 Gesso covered birch board

Paint, brushes and 23 karat gold leaf

Snacks

Coffee and tea

Danish for the morning

Times

Thursday 6:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Friday 6:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Saturday 9:00 am – 6:30pm

Sunday After mass – Until finished

Icon Workshop application

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412-678-9453 (Marylyn's home phone)
412-491-9927 (Marylyn's cell phone)
mwbarone@comcast.net
Cost $130.00 (8x10)

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Covid 19 guidelines will be followed. Temperature will be taken when you come in. Hand Sanitizer will be used. You need to indicate on the application if you have been vaccinated completely, so I can decide seating setup of tables.

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The following is an approximate schedule. I will be there the whole scheduled time period, but you may not need all this time, since everyone works at different speeds, but you must be there all four days to have a completed icon. There is only one time period when everyone will be working on the same thing at the same time. That will be the face Saturday morning. **You only need to bring two things with you: a drink of choice if other than bottled water, tea or decafe coffee and on Sunday a flat box large enough to carry your icon home**

Thursday: 6:00-9:30 Trace prototype for the base colors. Set up color palette. Start painting base colors.

Friday: 6:00-9:30 Finish painting base colors, trace details.

Saturday: 9:00-6:30 Face demonstration first thing. **It is important that you be here for the face demonstration.** Gild the halo with 23 karat gold. **Before you leave for the day you must apply your gold leaf.** I will be putting on haloes later that evening no matter at what stage you are in your project. You will have the opportunity to do your own haloes. Lunch is not provided. After lunch finish base coats and trace details. I will demonstrate painting garments.

Sunday: Liturgy TBA You may start right after liturgy

Sunday: After Liturgy – Finish At this point we will finish the faces, add the name and any other details. A final coat of polyurethane will be applied (Remember your flat box)

Detach here and send with your check

Name_____ Email address_____

Address_____Phone_____

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I am vaccinated against the Covid virus Yes_____ No_____

_____Immaculate Heart of Mary or _____ Our Lady of Protection

_____Other (**For three time participants only**) _____size of your choice ($140 for 10 x 12))

Check which icon you want to do then email me at mwbarone@comcast.net with your choice

A deposit of $25.00 is required. Make checks payable to **Mary Mother of God Parish**. Send application and check to: Marylyn Barone, 3727 Bevan Road, North Versailles, PA 15137

Remainder $105 **cash** is due the evening of class.

MA's Pantry
DAY OF GIVING

August 3, 2021

MA's Pantry has <u>again</u> been accepted for participation in the **DAY OF GIVING** sponsored by the Pittsburgh Foundation.

On Tuesday, August 3 ONLY gifts made to MA's Pantry will be matched by the Pittsburgh Foundation. Here's how it works:

1. **Gifts may ONLY be made ONLINE by going to https://www.pittsburghgives.org**
2. Persons going to this website to donate will select MA's Pantry and designate it. It's easy. **Just remember MA's Pantry.**
3. Gifts must be of $25 or more.
4. Gifts will be matched up to $1,000 but will be accepted in any amount over that.

This is a wonderful opportunity for MA's Pantry. Last year this effort netted us $31,523.95 – in one day! We have been hoping we would be invited to participate again, so this was very good news. Our ministry and the response to our outreach are well respected. Our goal this year is $35,000.

PLEASE consider making a gift, and PLEASE PUBLICIZE this among your friends.

Perhaps you are one of those persons who makes monthly or other regular contributions. You might consider making your gifts for several months (or even all year) at this one time so that MA's Pantry can benefit from the match.

Remember, MA's Pantry receives nothing from the Pittsburgh Foundation if donations aren't made – <u>when you give, the Pantry will receive your gift and the MATCHING funds.</u>

If you have any questions, please contact Ed Sites at 724-515-5478.

A LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Epiphany Church,
184 Washington Place,
Pittsburgh, 15219

Tuesday evenings in July and August
(July 6, 13, 20, 27, and August 3)
7-9 PM

Are you ready for a life changing encounter with the love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

The seminar is a series of talks presenting a way to renew the power of the Holy Spirit that we received at baptism and confirmation so we can live the life we were meant to live!
For additional information and registration please visit: https://divinemercypgh.org/events-1
Or contact Joyce Hallowes at 412-841-1613

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 August 13-15, 2021 at The Ark and the Dove. The retreat begins at 1PM 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 www.rvofpgh.com

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

If you suspect any child is being abused or neglected call 1-888-808-1235. If you suspect a child is in imminent danger from abuse please call 911 immediately.

35th ANNUAL BENEFIT LUNCHEON FOR THE SEMINARIANS OF THE PITTSBURGH DIOCESE

Saturday, September18, 2021 at St. Paul's Seminary - O'Connor Hall (2900 Noblestown Road, Pittsburgh 15205). Luncheon, Various Raffles, and Bake Sale. Doors open at 10:00am for early-bird card and board game players. Lunch will be served at 12:00pm. Choice of entrée: Chicken Romano, Crab Cakes, or Vegetable Lasagna. Donation is $30. Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Pittsburgh Diocesan Committee.

Reservations must be made by September 10, 2021.

For reservations or additional information, please contact Laraine McGinnis at 724-263-2161 or lam1719@verizon.net OR Margaret Gowaty at 412-596-3328. Thank you!

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: OCTOBER 10, 2021

Each year the Diocese recognizes the crowning achievement of those couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with a Mass presided by Bishop Zubik at St. Paul's Cathedral, followed by a cookie reception. The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass for those with 2021 anniversaries will be held on October 10, 2021. RSVPs for the October 10 Mass are due on September 1.

Couples may RSVP by contacting Mary, Mother of God Parish Center at 412-672-9641 or secretary@marymotherofgod1.org and giving the following information:

- Husband's name
- Wife's name (including maiden name)
- Couple's mailing address
- Couple's phone number

Save the Dates

Sat. July 31st - 'Taste of Camp' @ Our Lady of Mt. Carmel - Volant
Fri-Sun Aug. 6-8th - 'Joy-Filled Marriage' Preparation Weekend, Lawrenceville
Thurs.Sept. 23rd- Theology of the Body YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE
Fri-Sun Sept. 24-26 - Nature Lovers Marriage Retreat @ Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Sat. Oct. 9th - 2nd Annual Amazing Race Date Night
Fri-Sun Oct. 22-24th - 'Joy Filled Marriage' Preparation Weekend, O'Hara Twp
Sat. Nov. 6th - Theology of the Body Conference
Fri. Dec. 17th- Christmas Cocktails Date Night - Lawrenceville

For more information on events and initiatives, please visit: www.renewtheido.org

Saints Joachim & Anne Parish COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

August 5, 6, & 7

3210 Liberty Way – Liberty Boro

Games * Rides * Bingo * Raffles * Food Booth
Bake Sale * Children's Area * Sno Cones
Flea Market * Specialty Baskets *
Craft Baskets* Ground Prizes *
Wheel Barrow of Cheer

Nightly Cash Drawings - $5 per ticket

Thursday, AUGUST 5	Friday, AUGUST 6
5PM Food Booth Opens 6-11PM Games, Rides, Bingo, Flea Market, DJ Tim, and more.... **$2000 Raffle**	5PM Food Booth Opens 6-11PM Games, Rides, Bingo, Flea Market, DJ Tim, and more.... **$2000 Raffle**

Friday Live Entertainment by: Tim Litvin & The Nature Boy Band

Saturday, AUGUST 7
4PM Mass, 5-11PM Food Booth, Games, Rides, Bingo, Flea Market, DJ Tim, and more....
$5000 Raffle

FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

HELP THY NEIGHBOR WALK

Our 11th Annual Help Thy Neighbor Walk will take place virtually on September 25, 2021. Your entry fee and raffle ticket purchases will go towards helping a neighbor in need of food, clothing, furniture, rent, medical, and utility assistance (last year's walk raised over $40,000).

Sponsor the Walk
We have a variety of sponsorship packages for any type of business. Please contact Lisa Sciullo at 412-321-1071 ext. 200 if you are interested.

Register to Run/Walk
Registration is $25. Everyone that registers will receive a t-shirt, 50% off store coupon and raffle ticket. T-shirts will be available for pick-up at our St. Vincent de Paul stores prior to September 25.

For more information visit our website: https://svdppitt.org/news-and-events/help-thy-neighbor/

28TH ANNUAL BOB O'CONNOR COOKIE CRUISE

All aboard for charity! Thursday, August 19, 2021 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. with boat sailing at 7:30 p.m. Picnic style buffet, dancing, fireworks, beer and wine, and of course, cookies. All proceeds benefit the Bob O'Connor Foundation which honors Bob's legacy of public service and helps those in need. Tickets are $50.00. For tickets and more information visit www.boboconnorfoundation.com or contact Bob's daughter, Heidy Garth, at hgarth@verizon.net or 412-427-5235.

WHITE OAK BOROUGH COMMUNITY DAY

Saturday, August 7, 2021

Heritage Hill Park

The fun begins at 11 am and will conclude with fireworks at dark.

There will be music and games for everyone
Including a Moon Walk, DJ, train rides,
chicken sandwiches, corn on the cob, hamburgers, hot dogs, popcorn, baked goods, crafts, and raffles.
Many local businesses and organization will be represented.

The G Boyz will serve as MC for the day.
The Dance Company for the Performing Arts will perform at 11:00 am.
The Serra High School Band will perform at 1:00 pm.
Carnegie Library Preschool Storytime at 2:00 pm (Library)
Fatal Heaven will perform at 5:00 pm.
The Wild World of Animals will perform at 5:00 pm (Pavilion)
The featured band 2Broke Country Girls will perform at 7:00 pm with a special appearance from Sunny and Sher.

The evening will conclude with an awesome fireworks display from Pyrotecnico at dark.

Pool is available for passholders only.

This event is sponsored by White Oak Borough and the White Oak Recreation Board.

Saint of the Day

Saint John Vianney (Patron Saint of Priests)

A man with vision overcomes obstacles and performs deeds that seem impossible. John Vianney was a man with vision: He wanted to become a priest. But he had to overcome his meager formal schooling, which inadequately prepared him for seminary studies.

His failure to comprehend Latin lectures forced him to discontinue. But his vision of being a priest urged him to seek private tutoring. After a lengthy battle with the books, John was ordained.

Situations calling for "impossible" deeds followed him everywhere. As pastor of the parish at Ars, John encountered people who were indifferent and quite comfortable with their style of living. His vision led him through severe fasts and short nights of sleep.

With Catherine Lassagne and Benedicta Lardet, he established La Providence, a home for girls. Only a man of vision could have such trust that God would provide for the spiritual and material needs of all those who came to make La Providence their home.

His work as a confessor is John Vianney's most remarkable accomplishment. In the winter months he was to spend 11 to 12 hours daily reconciling people with God. In the summer months this time was increased to 16 hours. Unless a man was dedicated to his vision of a priestly vocation, he could not have endured this giving of self day after day.

Many people look forward to retirement and taking it easy, doing the things they always wanted to do but never had the time. But John Vianney had no thoughts of retirement. As his fame spread, more hours were consumed in serving God's people. Even the few hours he would allow himself for sleep were disturbed frequently by the devil.

Who, but a man with vision, could keep going with ever-increasing strength? In 1929, Pope Pius XI named him the patron of parish priests worldwide.

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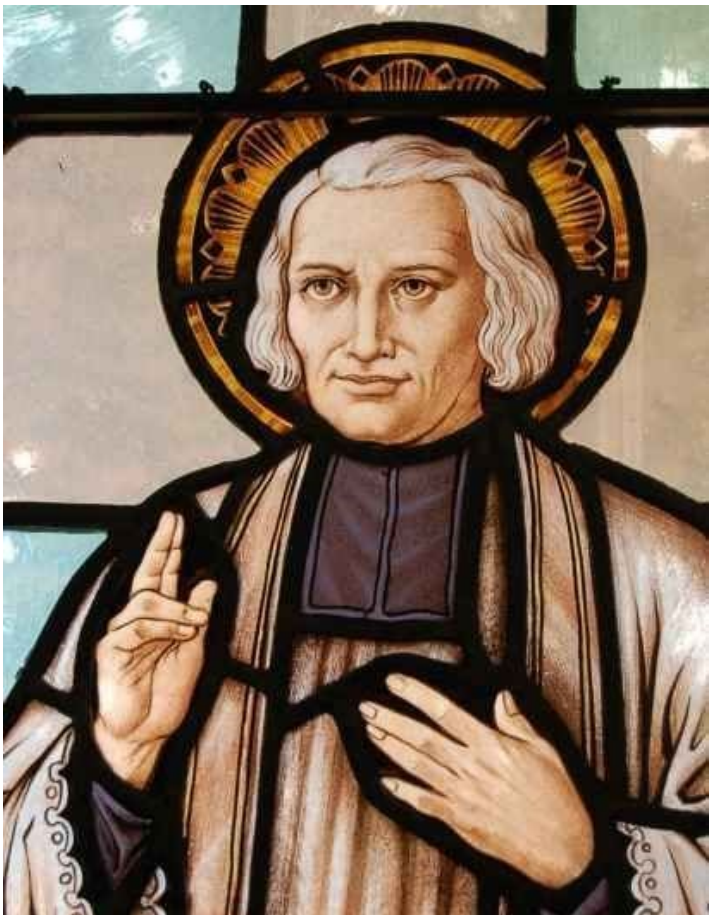

Prayer of Love by St. John Vianney

I love You, O my God and my only desire is to love You until my last breath. I love You, O infinitely lovable God, and I prefer to die loving You rather than to live for a single moment without loving You. I love You, O my God, and I long for heaven only to know the bliss of loving You perfectly. I love You, O my God, and I only fear going to hell because there I will never experience the sweet consolation of loving You. O my God, if my tongue is not able to say at every opportunity that I love You, at least I want my heart to repeat it to You as many times as I take a breath. My God, give me the grace of suffering out of love for You, of loving You while I suffer; give me the grace of one day breathing my last breath out of love for You and at the same time feeling how much I love You. The closer I come to my final end, the more I beseech You to intensify and perfect my love for

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