MARY, MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

Our Vision: **TO BE ON FIRE WITH JESUS CHRIST AND TO IGNITE THE WORLD.**

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

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

Weekday

St. Angela Merici:

Monday—Friday 8:30 AM

Thursday 6:30 PM

Masses and Prayer Services at St. Angela are livestreamed via our website:

marymotherofgod1.org

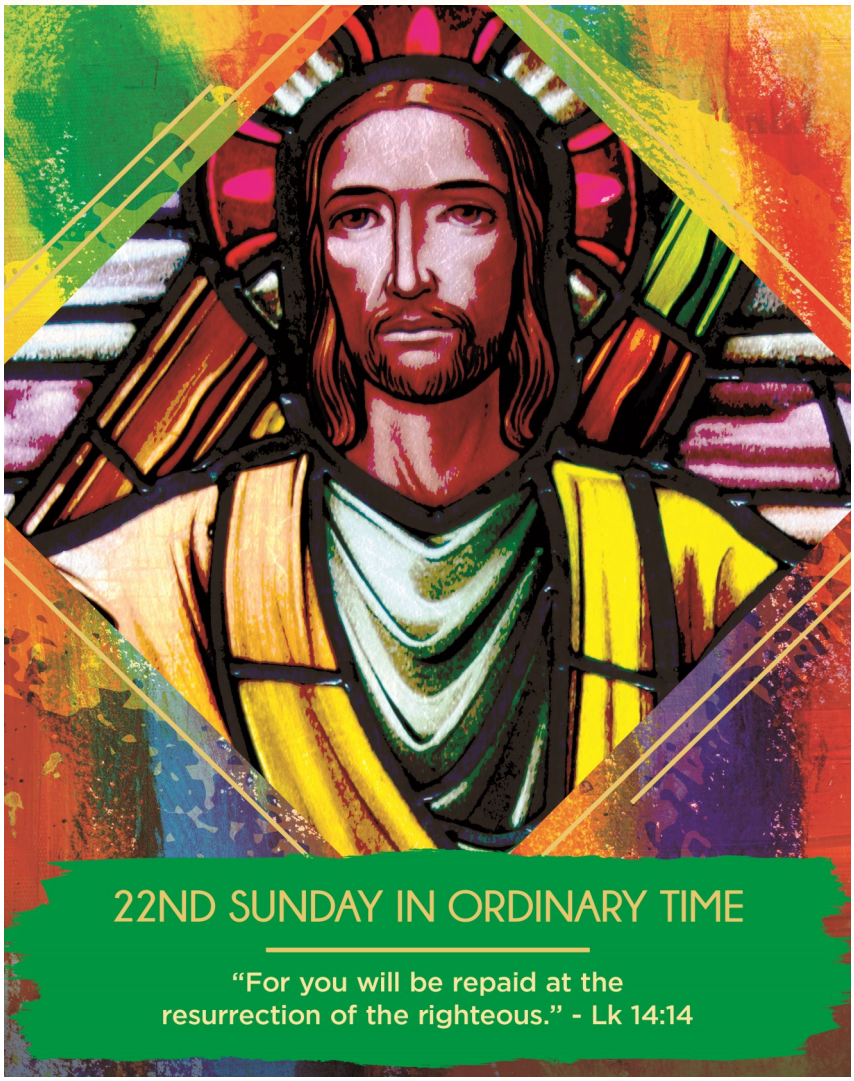
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday

St. Angela Merici: 5:50 – 6:20 p.m.

Saturday

St. Robert Bellarmine: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." - Lk 14:14

SUNDAY | AUGUST 28, 2022

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

PARISH CENTER

1640 Fawcett Ave, White Oak, PA 15131
Monday—Friday | 9:00AM—5:00PM
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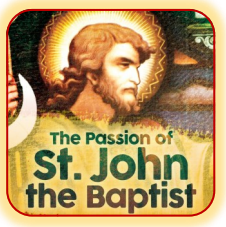
secretary@marymotherofgod1.org



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SACRAMENTS

Please contact the Parish Center as to:

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.

Anointing of the Sick
(You may also see one of our priests after Mass)

Holy Communion for the Homebound
For those unable to attend Mass regularly.

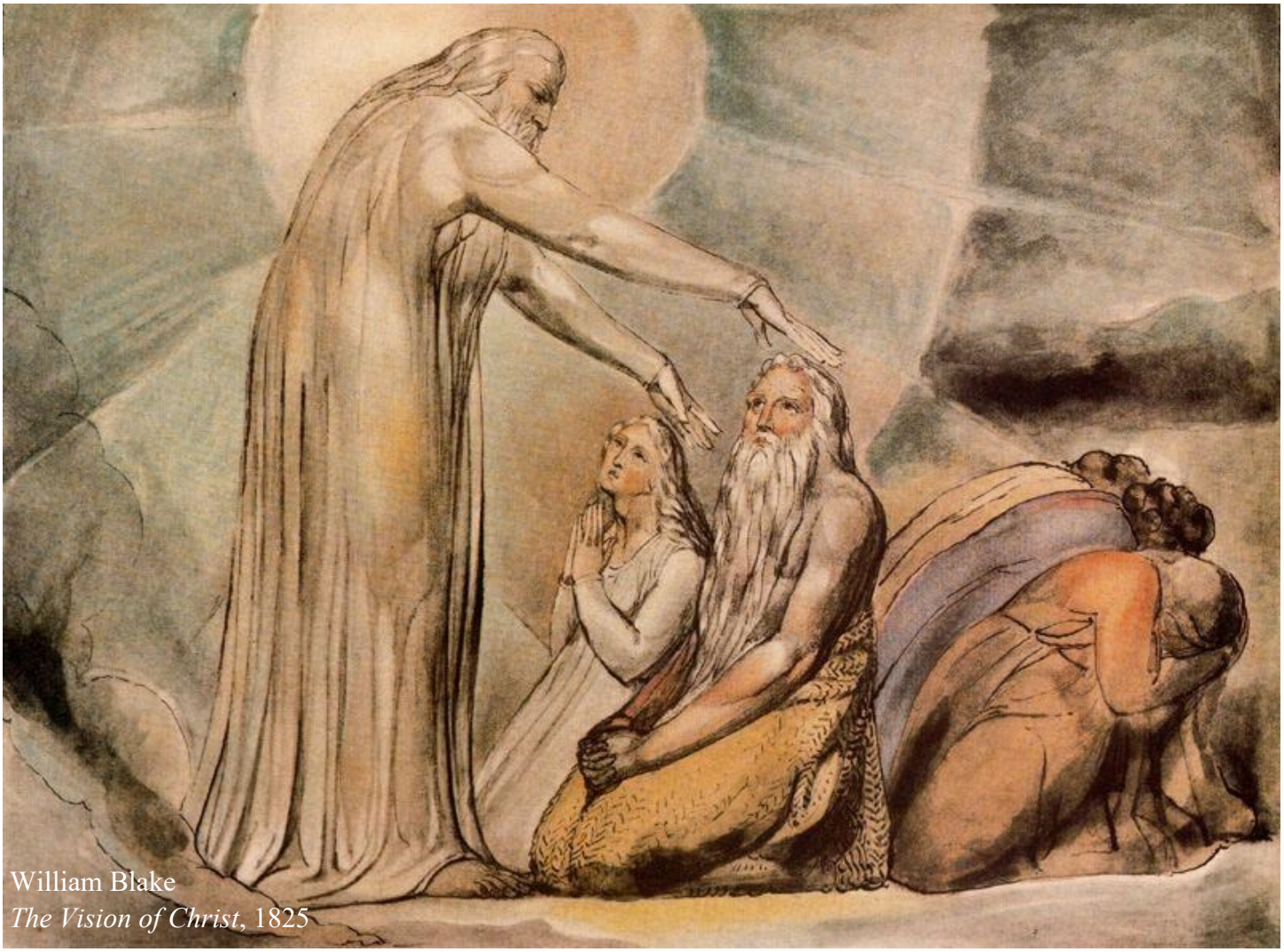
R.C.I.A
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
The process of becoming Catholic or for Catholics to receive the rest of their Sacraments of Initiation. We also offer programs for children.

Mass Readings and Intentions

Saturday, August 27 4:00 pm CC 4:30 pm St. A	Saint Monica 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 25:14-30 Sheila Glos Demas 1 Year Anniversary of Death by: Family Living and Deceased of the Parish
Sunday, August 28 8:30 am St. P 9:30 am St. R 11:00 am St. A	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14 Joanne Topoleski by: Alice Gallingane John Mirenzi by: Cathy Mirenzi Mayor Bob O'Connor by: Family
Monday, August 29 8:30 am St. A	The Passion of Saint John the Baptist 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Mk 6:17-29 Bernard Schmidt by: The Ramsey Family
Tuesday, August 30 8:30 am St. A	Weekday 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37 Regina and Stanley Marszalek by: Daughters
Wednesday, August 31 8:30 am St. A	Weekday 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44 Lois Haughey by: Nancy Haughey
Thursday, September 1 8:30 am St. A 6:30 p.m. St. A	Weekday 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11 Trudy & Raymond Idzkowski by: Jean & Walt Baer Deceased Members of the Barbarino Family by: Anna Marie Barbarino
Friday, September 2 8:30 am St. A	Weekday 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39 Ronald Rybka by: Wife, Cheryl, and Family
Saturday, September 3 4:00 pm CC 4:30 pm St. A	Saint Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5 Living and Deceased of the Parish Mary & Michael Tomko and son, Michael by: Elsie & Bill Spevak
Sunday, September 4 8:30 am St. P 9:30 am St. R 11:00 am St. A	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDNARY TIME Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33 Genny Kalaskie by: Audrey Balawajder Ann Marie Holtz by: Daughter, Kathy Holtz Kerlin Deceased of the Miklos Family by: Barbara Miklos

FROM FATHER TERRY

J+M+J



William Blake
The Vision of Christ, 1825

"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Lk 14:11) How are we doing when it comes to the virtue of humility? How can a Christian not be humble when his or her God became a human being? I love the origins of the word humility. It comes from a Latin word meaning "earth." Thus, the humble person is "down to earth." St. Augustine called humility the greatest of all virtues because it positions us in the proper place in relation to God. St. Therese of Lisieux said, "Humility is truth." That is, to be who we really are is to be humble. There is so much freedom in humility, in being true to ourselves. In the end, may we follow in the footsteps of our God, who became one like us to save us.

We will soon begin the new year for our Faith Formation programs. A Family of Faith is for those in grades K-5 and EDGE is for those in grades 6-8. It looks to be another exciting year where our children will have an opportunity to grow closer to Jesus. Please find registration details in the bulletin.

This weekend, August 27-28, we will have a special second collection for the Mary, Mother of God St. Vincent De Paul Society. Donations will assist the poor and needy right here in our area. Please be as generous as possible to this very important collection.

THANK YOU to Rosemary Breda for her Festival Booth Sponsorship In Memory of John Breda

We congratulate the Family and Godparents of

Juliette Mae Bair

and

Corbin Maxwell Bair

daughter and son of Elizabeth (Caruso) & Shawn Bair
who were recently Baptized in the Lord

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS:

August 21, 2022

Offertory	$	13,835.00
Monthly Maintenance	$	168.00
Parish Share*	$	2,101.00
Candles	$	905.00
Outreach	$	47.35
Assumption	$	426.00

*Our Parish Share Goal for 2022 is: $169,007.00
As of 7/31/22 we have collected $117,353.53.
Our remaining balance is $51,653.47.

Thank you for your generosity!

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.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

It is the policy of the Diocese that all volunteers must complete the Safe Environment process before beginning a ministry or activity in any Parish. Please contact Kathleen Strangis, our Safe Environment Coordinator at kstrangis@marymotherofgod1.org.

BORN INTO Eternal Life

Please remember in your prayers:

Regina Emerick, John Farrell, Dorothy Ingram, Mildred Matta

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 28, 2022 in loving memory of:

Corpus Christi
Margaret & Maurice Kenney by: Daughter
Rudy Sallinger by: Bev & Paul
Saint Angela
Andrew Larson by: Nana & Pup
St. Patrick
Alex Clemente, Delfina & Tony, Deceased
by: Amelia Clemente and Sons

Perpetual Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

Every Wednesday, following the 8:30 a.m. Mass, we will pray a perpetual novena in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

Daily Mass:	Weekdays	8:30 a.m.
Weekend Masses:	Saturday	4:30 p.m.
	Sunday	11:00 a.m.

We continue to pray for Ukraine.

Diocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, October 16, 2:30 p.m.
Saint Paul Cathedral

Each year couples celebrating 50 years of marriage join Bishop Zubik with their families for Mass and a cookie reception following. We hope you will come!

To RSVP contact the Parish Center at 412-672-9641, and we will register on your behalf. Call 412-456-0088 for more information.

The MMoG Ladies of Charity would like to thank everyone who donated to our Hygiene Collection Drive. We were able to pack 66 individual bags which were given to the nurses at both McKeesport and East Allegheny Schools.

LADIES OF CHARITY

If anyone is interested in joining the Ladies of Charity, We invite you to attend our meeting on September 8th at 6:30 p.m. at Corpus Christi Hall. You will have the opportunity to work alongside the ladies to become acquainted with our charitable works.

Fr Adam to take intentions to Medjugorje

Medjugorje is a town located in southwestern Bosnia and Herzegovina. Since 1981, it has become a popular site of pilgrimage due to a purported series of apparitions of Mary, Mother of Jesus, to six local children. Although the Church has not officially ruled on the status of Medjugorje, there have been reports of people receiving wonderful spiritual fruits as a result of visiting Medjugorje.

Fr Adam will be visiting Medjugorje in September. If you would like intentions to be taken, please list them on the sheets in the back of church or send them to Fr Adam at apotter@diopitt.org by September 3rd.

Eucharistic Minister Review/Training Sessions

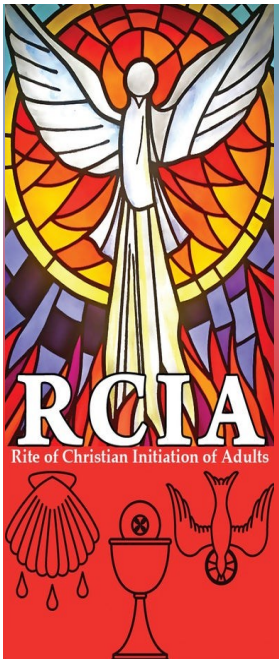
Monday ~ September 19 ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ St. Angela
Saturday ~ October 1 ~ 9:30 a.m. ~ St. Patrick

Current Ministers:

We invite all current Eucharistic Ministers to one of the two sessions listed above. We will be reviewing our policies in addition to revealing some changes to current policies, so it is very important that you attend. Please also note that you must be in compliance with safe environment requirements. If you are not in compliance, please find contact information below.

New Ministers:

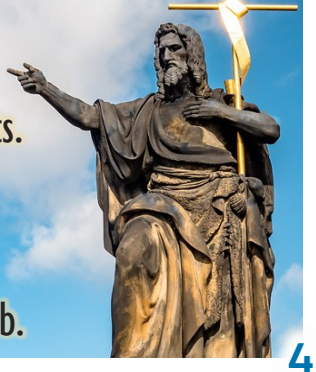
It is an extreme honor to distribute the Body and Blood of Christ. If you are interested in this ministry, attending one of the two sessions above will serve as your training. Please contact the Parish Center at 412-672-9641 or secretary@marymotherofgod1.org to register. Pleas e keep in mind that you will need to be in compliance with safe environment requirements. Our Safe Environment Coordinator is Kathleen Strangis. She can be reached at



The Rite of Christian Initiation For Adults is a process for adults to become Catholic or for Catholics to receive the rest of their Sacraments of Initiation. Have you ever thought of becoming Catholic? Are you Catholic but still need First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation? Is there someone you would like to invite to learn more about becoming Catholic? If you would like to discuss RCIA further, please contact Fr. Terry at toconnor@diopitt.org or 412-672-9641.

Of St. John the Baptist, St. Augustine teaches us:

As a representative of the past, he is born of aged parents. As a herald of the new, he is declared to be a prophet, while still in his mother's womb.



GRIEFSHARE®

New Bereavement Ministry to Begin September 13, 2022

We will be launching a new program at our parish to help our parishioners and the community deal with grief. Our new program is called GriefShare.

What Is GriefShare?

GriefShare is a way for our church to help people heal after the death of a loved one. GriefShare is a 13-week program that points group members to Christ as the source of healing. It will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center starting September 13 – December 13. Over the 13 weeks, GriefShare participants find help, hope, and healing through three components: Christ-Centered Video Instruction, Group Discussion, and Personal Workbook Study. The videos are designed to help hurting people travel the grief journey with mourning - to - joy exercises, setting goals for your journey, discover what God says about your situation, and to share challenges as well as small victories that you are experiencing. Our hope is to see God use this program to help individuals find comfort, hope, healing, and peace in Jesus Christ.

If you are grieving and would like to participate in this healing ministry, please contact the Parish Center at 412-672-9641 or email secretary@marymotherofgod1.org to register.

Facilitators for our new GriefShare Team are Needed

What is a Facilitator?

A person that guides and shepherds a small group. The primary role of a facilitator is to create an atmosphere of warmth, caring, and trust in the discussion group. This person will also encourage discussion and a time of personal sharing about what is going on in the lives of each participant in their group.

A Facilitator will need the following characteristics:

1. Profess a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, this is the foundation for healing.
2. Demonstrate spiritual maturity—be active, participating members of the parish
3. Have experienced grief—those that have experienced grief have an intimate understanding of the needs of someone suffering with grief.
4. Have recovered from their grief—have experienced considerable healing (at least one year after their grief event).
5. Have a sense of calling—the need to do work for the Lord.

Ask yourself these few questions:

Have you experienced the deep grief of losing a loved one to death? Have you learned valuable lessons and experienced healing from the hurt? Would you like to help others do the same? Then please call the Parish center at 412-672-9641 or e-mail cnola@marymotherofgod1.org.

All are invited to the First Annual MMoG

Parish Picnic

Sunday, September 18th, 2022
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Main Pavilion - Renzie Park

Fellowship! Fun! Food! Children's Games!

MENU

The Parish will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, pop, and water. Parishioners are welcome to bring sides and desserts.

Please RSVP with the total number attending by contacting the Parish Center at 412-672-9641, secretary@marymotherofgod1.org, or by signing up in the back of church.

The Steeler game will be streamed.

Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. with Bishop Zubik

Saturday, **October 8, 2022**

6:00 a.m.—11:00 p.m.

$60 per person

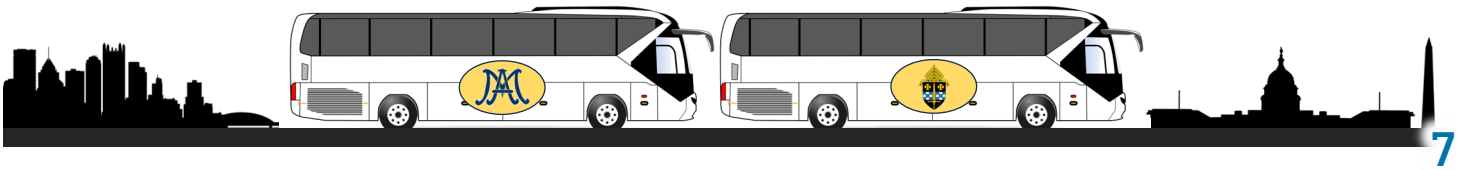
Space is limited—**Register NOW!**

Featuring:

Mass with Bishop Zubik
Sacred Music Concert by Diocesan Choir
Holy Hour
Tour of the Shrine

Pilgrimage Coordinator: Cathy Nola
cnola@marymotherofgod1.org or **412-672-9641**

For more information or to register visit:
marymotherofgod1.org/bus-pilgrimage-2022



YOUTH MINISTRY

The theme for this year is:

FOOLS FOR CHRIST—
GROWING IN DISCIPLESHIP

Youth Group will be held on Sundays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at St. Angela's in the Youth Group Room, unless otherwise noted. You are always welcome!

Our tentative schedule for the fall is:

SEPTEMBER 11: Bonfire and Burritos—Opening Night

SEPTEMBER 18: Parish Picnic, 1:00-5:00 p.m., Renzie Park

OCTOBER 2: Lawn-Game Olympics

OCTOBER 16: Pumpkin Carving

OCTOBER 23: Culture Project

Youth Ministry communication is done via Flocknote. If not already signed up, or if you have any other Youth Ministry questions, contact Fr Adam at apotter@diopitt.org.

FAITH FORMATION 2022-2023

A Family of Faith Family Program:
Grades K-5, With Family
Meets the 1st and 4th Sundays as Family
Meets the 3rd Sunday Just Kids

EDGE Middle School Program:
Grades 6-8, Students Only
Meets the 2nd and 4th Sundays

A full schedule for the fall is on our website:
marymotherofgod1.org/faith-formation-1

Registration Fees:

$50 for one child

$90 for two children

$120 for three+ children

Please send checks to:

Mary, Mother of God
Parish Center
Faith Formation
1640 Fawcett Avenue
White Oak, PA 15131

Registration packets (schedules, forms, and payment information) are on the website and in the back of the churches.

The Registration Form is also the next page.

Please contact Anita, James, or Annie if you have any questions.

A CALL TO SERVE:

We are seeking volunteers to serve as Small Group Leaders in our EDGE program this year. This is a great opportunity serve our youth and walk alongside our 6th, 7th, and 8th graders in their faith journeys.
EDGE sessions run every other Sunday morning.
Please contact James and Annie Benedek if interested:
abenedek@marymotherofgod1.org or 484-680-8364

Martin Schongauer
St. John the Baptist, 1491

Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist

O God, who willed that Saint John the Baptist should go ahead of your Son both in his birth and in his death, grant that, as he died a Martyr for truth and justice, we, too, may fight hard for the confession of what you teach.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

FAITH FORMATION 2022-2023
Registration Form

Family Information

Family Last Name			
Mother Name		Father Name	
Street Address			
City, Zip Code			
Phone Numbers			
Email Address			
Emergency Contacts (Name/Relationship/Phone #)			
Name of Home Parish			
We will use Flocknote to communicate. Do you Prefer TEXT or E-Mail (circle one)			

Children Registration

Child # 1		
Last Name	First Name	
Date of Birth	2022 / 2023 Grade:	M or F
Registering For:	☐ Family Program	☐ EDGE
Please tell us about any needs/allergies/medications:		
Child # 2		
Last Name	First Name	
Date of Birth	2022 / 2023 Grade:	M or F
Registering For:	☐ Family Program	☐ EDGE
Please tell us about any needs/allergies/medications:		
Child # 3		
Last Name	First Name	
Date of Birth	2022 / 2023 Grade:	M or F
Registering For:	☐ Family Program	☐ EDGE
Please tell us about any needs/allergies/medications:		

Multimedia Waiver

If you give permission to the Faith Formation program to take and/or use your child's photographs, videos, voice recordings, and quotations from sessions for the purpose of promoting activities and programs, initial here: _____

The Jack Geltz Scholarship is now being offered to any Duquesne University student in good standing in Mary, Mother of God Parish. Criteria for the scholarship requires that applicants be in good academic standing at Duquesne University and must demonstrate need as determined by the FASFA and Financial Aid Office. If you are interested in applying for this scholarship, please fill out the application below and drop it off at the Parish Center for Fr. Terry to sign.

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

600 Forbes Avenue | Pittsburgh, PA 15282
412.396.6607 | 412.396.5284 (fax)
duq.edu/financialaid

Application for the Jack Geltz Endowed Scholarship
to be awarded to eligible students attending

Duquesne University
2022-2023 Academic Year

Deadline November 1, 2022

Criteria for the scholarship requires that all applicants be in good academic standing at Duquesne University and are parishioners of St. Martin DePorres, or its successor parish(es), Corpus Christi, located in McKeesport, St. Patrick, St. Angela Merici, St. Robert Bellarmine, and Mary, Mother of God Parish. All nominated students must have demonstrated need as determined by the FAFSA and the Financial Aid Office, in addition to satisfactory academic standing.

Name _____ _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Date of Application _____ _____

_____ I am currently a renewal applicant in my _____ year and in good academic standing at Duquesne University.

_____ I plan to apply as a new incoming Freshman to Duquesne University for the 2022-2023 Academic Year.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parish Clergy Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____ Phone Number _____

Continuing Catechesis

with Fr Adam

My hope is that this short column can be an ongoing source of learning more about the reasoning behind why we as Catholics do the things we do.

If you would like to anonymously ask questions or suggest topics for future bulletins, please put them in the collection basket, the Drop Box at the Parish Center, or submit online:

marymotherofgod1.org/continuing-catechesis

Next week, our first topic will be: Holy Water

St. Ambrose Academy

HIRING: Paid positions available for part-time instructors (we meet Mondays and Wednesdays), aides, hall monitors, nursery staff, and substitutes. Catholic educators including, but not limited to: trained educators, retired school teachers, professionals, parents and/or college students who may be seeking part-time work and are interested in building and growing this amazing opportunity.

IMMEDIATE NEED FOR: Science Teacher (4th, 5th and 6th Grade), Math Teacher (4th Grade), Afternoon Program Aides (ages 3-6 year-olds), Art, Music and/or Drama Teacher (4th Grade and 5th & 6th Grade Class), Administrative Assistant - (part time, all year round position), Long Term Subs (2-3 months) for Writing and Latin, Nursery Staff Aide, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Catechists and Aides, as well as Substitute Teachers for all grades and subjects

Please visit **www.SaintAmbroseAcademy.org** or contact us at info@saintambroseacademy.org for additional information or to apply.

September 17th, 2022

11TH ANNUAL
JOAN BURNS
Kane Foundation

Fun walk 4 Kane

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE
KANE FOUNDATION

Registration: 8:00 a.m.
Walk: 9:30 a.m., Picnic Immediately Following

Location:
Kane Community Living Center McKeesport
100 Ninth Avenue
McKeesport, PA 15132

Virtual Walkers can walk anytime anywhere!

Registration Fee: $20
Registration fee waived for individuals collecting $50 or more in pledges

Prizes: First 100 people to register get a t-shirt. There will also be prizes during the Walk.

To register and pay on-line please go to
alleghenycounty.us/fun-walk-4-kane

The Kane Foundation was founded to raise private funds to enhance the quality of life for residents at Kane Community Living Centers. The residents benefit greatly from the stimulation of special events and extracurricular activities that keep them in touch with the communities where they have lived their whole lives.

Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center

Visit vmesc.org to learn more about Villa Maria's Continuing Adult Faith Formation programs, retreats, conferences, virtual series, and other opportunities to grow in your faith.

vitalant

Help area patients. Donate blood.

Sunday, September 4, 2022
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
American Legion Post #701
2813 Capitol Street, White Oak, PA

Life can change in an instant: A car crash, cancer diagnosis or medical emergency can mean an immediate need for a blood transfusion. And it could be the person sitting next to you in the pew. That's why keeping the blood supplies stocked is so important. Transform lives in an hour or less by giving blood.

Visit vitalant.org or call Vitalant (formerly Central Blood Bank) at 877-25-VITAL (84825) to make your appointment.

White Oak Senior Activities

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

••Monthly Meeting••
(2nd Wednesday of each month)
September 14th
1:00pm
Host - George Pambacas

••YOGA••
Monday's & Wednesday's
(No Class Labor Day)
11:00am

••COFFEE HOUR••
9:30am
Every other Thursday of the month
September 8 - Hosts - Jim & Wendy Archer
September 22 - Host - Mary Ann Russell

••WELLNESS/FITNESS LECTURE••
Wednesday September 21st
1:00pm
Guest Speaker to be announced.
Arranged by Patrick Fisher

*ALL ACTIVITIES HELD AT THE WHITE OAK COMMUNITY CENTER

LOOKING FOR WORK?

Or a BETTER Job?

NEED AN UPDATED RESUME?

CareerLink is here to help. Stop in and work one-on-one with a specialist!
Tuesdays at
Carnegie Library of McKeesport
(call for specific hours and dates)

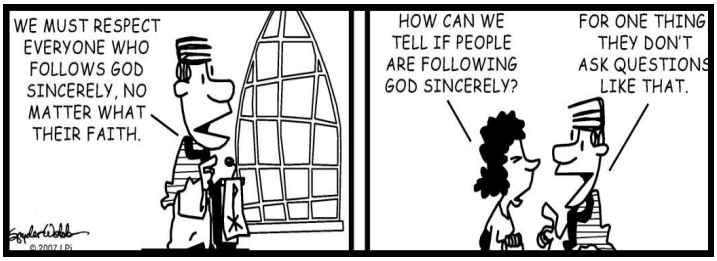
Pennsylvania CareerLink®
A proud partner of the AmericanJobCenter network

Getting to the Library:

* Free Parking on site, *or*
* Heritage Shuttle Stop at corner, *or*
* Port Authority Stop at Lysle Blvd.

Neighborhood Outreach Specialist
412-436-4933

Call 412-552-7100
for CareerLink office



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
September 3, 2022

Especially needed in September: canned fruits and vegetables