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.

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." - Lk 19:8

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 30, 2022

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

St. Angela Merici	Corpus Christi	St. Patrick	St. Robert Bellarmine
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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, October 29 4:00 pm CC 4:30 pm St. A	Weekday; *BVM on Saturday* Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11 Kathi & Hank Buczynski by: Children Danny Petrick by: Linda & Pete Gentili
Sunday, October 30 8:30 am St. P 9:30 am St. R 11:00 am St. A	THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Wis 11:22—12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14/2 Thes 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10 Josephine & Dominic by: Family Living and Deceased of the Parish Hinerman Family by: Mary Jo & Scott Dirle
Monday, October 31 8:30 am St. A 4:30 pm CC	Weekday Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14 John O. Johnson by: Family Judy O'Connor—Birthday by: Family
Tuesday, November 1 8:30 am St. P 10:00 am St. A 7:00 pm St. R	ALL SAINTS [USA: holy day of obligation] Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a Ann Poprocky by: Kathy Jackson William Wasak by: Family Living and Deceased of the Parish
Wednesday, November 2 8:30 am St. A 7:00 pm St. A	THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY) Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30 Deceased of the Miklos Family by: Barbara Miklos For All The Faithful Departed
Thursday, November 3 8:30 am St. A 6:30 pm St. A	Weekday; *Saint Martin de Porres, Religious* Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 15:1-10 Chronowski and Richards Family by: Agnes & Stan Chronowski George, George, and Dolores Francetic by: Patty Zarak and Family
Friday, November 4 8:30 am St. A	Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 16:1-8 Joseph J. Zajdel by: John, Joleen, and Allison Gradich
Saturday, November 5 4:00 pm CC 4:30 pm St. A	Weekday; *BVM on Saturday* Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15 Stella & John Cherepko by: Children and Grandchildren Special Intention by: The Chronowski Family
Sunday, November 6 8:30 am St. P 9:30 am St. R 11:00 am St. A	THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 [15b]/2 Thes 2:16—3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38 Knights of Columbus Council 955 by: Council 955 Margaret Strimel by: Margaret Willison and Mary Hulberg Living and Deceased of the Parish

FROM FATHER TERRY

J+M+J

ENCOUNTER. Things change when we encounter Jesus. Today we hear of such an encounter. Zacchaeus, a chief tax collector, encounters Jesus and his life is forever changed. (Lk 19:1-10) Zacchaeus climbs a tree to see Jesus. It is said that he is the first one to go out on a limb for Jesus. Zacchaeus is living a worldly and sinful lifestyle but all this changes when he encounters Jesus. He says, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." (8) When we encounter Jesus, our lives will also be forever changed. In the course of each day, how often do we take the time and effort to encounter Jesus? How often do we go out on a limb to see Jesus? Everyday affords us an opportunity to seek out the Lord. Like Zacchaeus, may we encounter Jesus and be ready to have our lives forever changed.

At today's 11:00 a.m. Mass, we celebrate the Rite of Enrollment for our 8th grade candidates for Confirmation. In this rite, our 8th graders express their desire to receive Confirmation in the Spring. They commit their hearts to do this through prayer, study, and service. Please keep them in your prayers!

On Tuesday, November 1, we celebrate All Saints Day. We rejoice in all the holy men and women who have gone before us and are now in heaven. There is so much we can say about the saints. One thing we can say is that they trusted. The lives of the saints were anything but easy. However, in their darkest hours, they kept the faith. I invite you to read about the saints. They are so inspiring! Not only that, but they intercede for us in heaven. St. Therese of Lisieux said that we do not choose the saints, they choose us. What saints have chosen you over the years? Who are some of your favorite saints? Please pray to several saints each day. A great way to come to know the saints is reading a lives of the saints book, which includes a page or two about a number of saints. You can also go online and read about our heavenly friends. We also remember today those not officially canonized, but who are saints. Is there anyone that comes to mind for you? These are people who cause us to say, "they must be in heaven." Let us pray for them and also pray to them for their heavenly aid. All Saints Day is a holyday of obligation. Please find the Mass schedule in the bulletin. In the end, may we not only come to know the saints, but may each of us become saints!

Wednesday, November 2, is All Souls Day, in which we pray for those who have gone before us and are still in need of our prayers as they await entrance into heaven. These are people in purgatory, and we are called to help them with prayers. According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, purgatory is "a state of final purification after death and before entrance into heaven for those who died in God's friendship but were only imperfectly purified" on earth (Glossary, p. 896). Thus, unless a person is canonized, it is good to pray for all those who have gone before us. It is a beautiful thing to have Masses said for those who have died. Being lifted up at Mass will help them get to heaven. Please also remember that those in purgatory can assist us with their prayers. Thus, we want to ask them to intercede for us. Their prayers for us will serve as an act of charity for them, which will help them enter heaven. The Mass schedule for All Souls Day is also in the bulletin. I especially invite you to the Mass of Remembrance on All Souls Day at St. Angela at 7 p.m. for those who died this past year. All are welcome to come together as a parish family to pray for fellow parishioners. I know this means a great deal to our grieving families.

In light of All Souls Day, the month of November is dedicated to praying for our deceased sisters and brothers. Please find in the main entrances of each of our churches Books of Remembrance for us to enter the names our deceased loved ones.

Finally, I am excited for the pilgrimage to Italy. The pilgrimage is from November 1-10. We have 35 people going with about a dozen from our parish. I am glad so many of you filled out your intentions that I will take with me to the holy sites. Forms to list your intentions will also be in church this weekend. We hope to have a general audience with Pope Francis on Wednesday, November 9. Please keep us in your prayers as we pray for all of you. I will give you a full report upon my return.

MORE FROM FATHER TERRY

HANDMAID OF THE LORD

As we face big decisions in our parish, I am happy to bring back "Handmaid of the Lord." In imitation of the Mother of God, this column is dedicated to our parish being open to God's will. What does God see in our future? Are we willing to be like Mary and say, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." (Lk 1:38)

Since the founding of our parish in January 2020, together we have done so many amazing things in bringing our parish family together. I have seen you freely attend our various churches. I have seen you serve as liturgical ministers at our four churches. I have seen you working the fish fry and festival. I have seen 300 people at our recent parish picnic. I have seen the financial sacrifices you make Sunday in and Sunday out. I am grateful and proud of all of you! Thank you for your efforts in helping us come together as a new parish!

As we have come together as a parish family, THE TIME IS NOW. The time is now to assess which churches will best serve us in living out our mission statement, "To Be on Fire with Jesus Christ and to Ignite the World!" The purpose of *On Mission for the Church Alive!* is to evangelize, to spread the Gospel. The more we stand still, the more we will stagnate.

We have spent over a year planning for our future, listening to parishioners, consulting with the Clergy Team, Staff, and Advisory Councils, reviewing the findings of the Resource Task Force, and gathering feedback. THE TIME IS NOW. Over the next couple of months, in consultation with the Clergy Team, Staff, and Advisory Councils, I will do a final assessment of our churches.

Please note that we are not planning to officially close any of our churches at this time. In contrast to closure, some of our churches will not be having regular weekend Masses, but will remain open for baptisms, weddings, and funerals. Part of the consultation will include the creation of a new Mass schedule. The new Mass schedule will be designed to ensure full and lively liturgies. I plan to announce these changes in early December of 2022 with the effective start date being in January of 2023. I invite you to continue to read this column for important updates and information as to the process as well as all the ways in which you can provide feedback moving forward.

I love all of you. I love our parish. I love our communities. I love being here. I know this is a very hard thing to go through. Regardless of how this turns out, I ask and pray that you stick by our wonderful parish in the end, I believe that THE TIME IS NOW. The time is now "To Be on Fire with Jesus Christ and to Ignite the World!" Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

BORN INTO Eternal Life ©LPi

Please remember in your prayers

William Brooks, Anthony DiVittorio, George Evans, Jr., John Hurska, Tyler Hazaga, Andrew Murin, Adelgisa Pillera, Ann Poprocky

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

A Sanctuary Light

burns before the Blessed Sacrament
the week of October 30, 2022
in loving honor of:

Corpus Christi
Mildred & Michael Matta by: Mary Ellen Setlock
Special Intention by: Joan Gibel
St. Angela
Margaret Strimel by: Margaret Willison
St. Patrick
Charlie Ricciotti by: The Guzik Family

The Parish Center Office will be closed on Tuesday, November 1st in observance of the holy day. It will reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday November 2nd.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS:

October 23, 2022

Offertory	$	12,219.20
Monthly Maintenance	$	172.00
Parish Share*	$	1,522.00
Candles	$	81.00
Outreach	$	48.40
All Saints	$	31.00
World Mission	$	2,681.00

*Our Parish Share Goal for 2022 is: $169,007.00

As of 9/30/22 we have collected $135,516.09.
Our remaining balance is $33,490.91.

Thank you for your generosity!

All Saints' Day Mass Schedule

A holy day of obligation.

Monday—October 31

4:30 p.m.—Corpus Christi

Vigil Mass

Tuesday—November 1

8:30 a.m.—St. Patrick

10:00 a.m.—St. Angela

7:00 p.m.—St. Robert

All Souls' Day Mass Schedule

Wednesday—November 2

8:30 a.m.—St. Angela

7:00 p.m.—St. Angela

Mass of Remembrance

St. Angela Masses also on livestream.

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.

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.

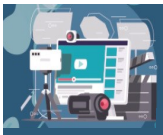
IMPORTANT NOTE FOR THOSE TAKING COMMUNION TO SICK/HOMEBOUND

The clergy are so grateful for all the faithful who have been serving as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) to the sick and homebound of our parish. Especially during this time of the pandemic, so many have been spiritually sustained by your generous service. In accord with the dignity that is due to this role of taking the Most Blessed Sacrament to our faithful unable to attend Mass, the clergy team would like to implement a new procedure for commissioning the EMHC to the homebound.

Therefore, we will no longer be distributing communion into the pyx of EMHC IN LINE for Holy Communion, but instead will be distributed AFTER Communion and before the final blessing. This new procedure to be implemented immediately is as follows:

- First, before Mass, bring your pyx to the sacristan to be placed on the credence table. If you need more than one host, make sure that is clearly indicated with a piece of paper or sticky note.
- After the distribution of Holy Communion, the priest will invite those taking Communion to the sick and homebound to come forward to receive their pyx and a blessing.
- Please be attentive and ready at the time when the priest is purifying the vessels so that you can be ready to come forward when the priest invites you forward.
- After this blessing, you are free to either leave Mass to attend to the mission or you may return to your pew as is appropriate for you at that time.

THANK YOU for all you do to serve the Lord Jesus and those who receive His Sacred Body and Blood through your service. Further, thank you for your flexibility with this new practice. We really believe this will be a beautiful way to bless you and properly commission you for this most sacred mission.



Livestreaming

From St. Angela this week

Daily Mass:	Weekdays	8:30 a.m.
All Souls':	Tuesday	10:00 a.m.
All Saints':	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.
Weekend Masses:	Saturday	4:30 p.m.
	Sunday	11:00 a.m.

CALENDAR

DATE and TIME:	GROUP and LOCATION:
Saturday–October 29–10:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul General Meeting St. Patrick Social Hall
Thursday–November 3–all day	Ladies of Charity Nut Roll Prep Corpus Christi
Thursday–November 3–7:00 p.m.	RCIA Parish Center
Sunday–November 6–9:00 a.m.	Knight of Columbus St. Patrick Hall
Monday–November 7–7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Council Parish Center

BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE

As we approach November, please find at the main doors of our churches Books of Remembrance. All are invited to enter the names of loved ones in the books. Those listed will be remembered at the Masses throughout November.

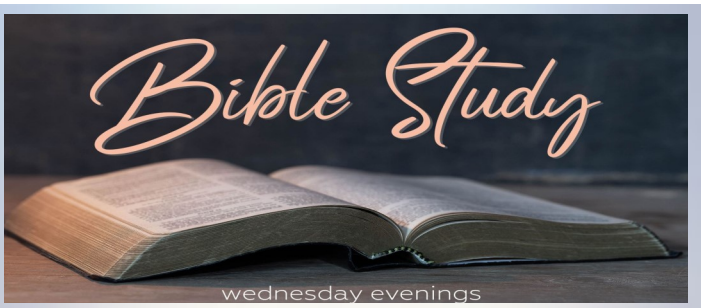
HURRICANE IAN SPECIAL COLLECTION—October 29-30, 2022

The U.S. Bishops have called for a special emergency collection in response to the catastrophic damage and lives lost to this historic event across the United States, Cuba, and the Dominican Republic. The Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund serves to support the pastoral and reconstruction efforts of the Church through the local agencies of Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities USA around the globe. Please mark "Hurricane Ian" in the memo field of checks for this collection.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES

On the weekend of November 5-6, the second collection is for the Archdiocese for the Military Services. This collection is taken up only every three years. Donations will help the Archdiocese for the Military Services and its priests bring the Church's full range of pastoral services to the men and women in uniform, as well as their families, and patients in the nation's VA Medical Centers. This unique Archdiocese is faced with many challenges, including a severe shortage of Catholic priest-chaplains, a flock spread out among military installations across the world, and constant transition. The Archdiocese receives no government funding. The military does not allow a percentage of collections in its chapels to go to the military Archdiocese. It depends entirely on private giving to serve those who serve. Please be as generous as you can to this very important collection.

We continue to pray for Ukraine.



Join Father Adam Potter weekly, every Wednesday, from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., for Bible Study at St. Patrick's. This time of reflection is a great way for us to prepare our hearts and minds for the most important part of our week: the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Sunday. All are welcome in person, by calling in at 1-301-715-8592, or on Zoom:

Meeting ID: 827 4853 6749 Passcode: 872271

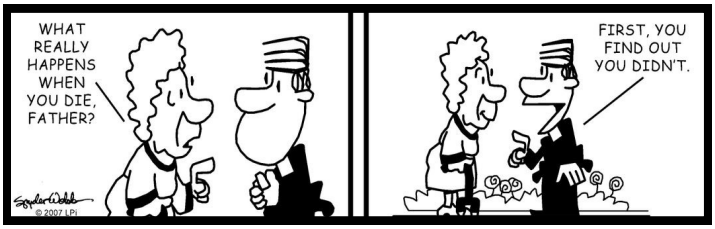
Mary, Mother of God Parish's Annual Holy Name Society St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive

St. Angela Garage
Saturday—November 5—3:00-6:00 p.m.
and
Sunday—November 6—10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Usable clothing only. Any contributions will be appreciated!!

Veterans Day Honor Roll

In recognition of their service to our country, we would like to list the veterans of Mary, Mother of God Parish in the bulletin for the weekend of November 13th. Please contact the Parish Center at 412-672-9641 or e-mail rbegg@marymotherofgod1.org **by Monday November 7th** with the **name, service branch,** and **service dates** of parishioners who have or currently are serving in the U.S. military. Thank you.



Thank you to all those who donated socks to the LoC Sock Collection Drive. You have made life a little easier and a lot warmer for the homeless in our area. May God bless you for "clothing the naked."

Attention Ladies of Charity. It's that time of year when dues are collected. Dues for active members are $20 and inactive members are $4. All dues must be paid by December 1st. You can pay your dues at our next meeting on November 10th; mail to the office or drop in the collection basket. If you mail or drop in the collection basket, be sure to mark the envelope "Attention Ladies of Charity". Any questions call Anna Marie McCandless at 412-678-1960.

HOLIDAY NUT ROLL SALE:

Mary, Mother of God Ladies of Charity will be selling our delicious, homemade nut rolls for the Thanksgiving & Christmas Holidays for $17 each (cash only). Phone orders will be taken **Monday through Friday from 4 pm to 6 pm beginning November 1, 2022 until December 6, 2022 by calling (412) 672-2220.** Pickup will be **Tuesday, November 15, 2022** (for the Thanksgiving Holiday) from 4 pm to 6 pm and **Tuesday, December 13, 2022** (for the Christmas Holiday) from 4 pm to 6 pm at Corpus Christi Hall, 803 Market Street, McKeesport.

MYARK HALLOWEEN LUNCHEON

In order to provide a safe environment for children, the Diocese of Pittsburgh requires **all** parish volunteers to complete the Protecting God's Children training and obtain background checks. There are many volunteers in our database that have expired clearances or need updated training!* We need to ensure that the database is updated and reflects the accurate reporting of our Mary, Mother of God Parish volunteers. I am asking that **every volunteer** please log in to your Virtus account **as soon as possible** VIRTUS® Online (virtusonline.org) and check to see if you are active and current . You may also need to check to see if your primary location is listed as Mary, Mother of God Parish. Please follow all the prompts on the website if you need to update any information.

For those of you who are **new volunteers,** please visit the Diocese of Pittsburgh website (diopitt.org) and click on the banner that says Obtain Clearances. That will take you to the page where you can choose which type of clearances you need. Please click on the parish volunteer link and follow the prompts. Let me know before you start and I will give you an access code.

If you do not have internet access, the parish will be hosting an open session on Saturday November 19 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. At this session, you will have the opportunity to use our computers and laptops to get the training completed. *We really need our volunteers, so please consider attending this session so we are compliant with and provide a safe environment for our children. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email me (kstrangis@marymotherofgod1.org) and I will be glad to help you! I am in the office on Tuesdays from 10:00a.m. until 2:00p.m. and available upon request. Thank you for your prompt attention!*

If you no longer wish to volunteer and would like to be removed from the database let me know!

Kathleen Strangis, Safe Environment Coordinator
kstrangis@marymotherofgod1.org
412-672-9641 / 724-516-5573

Baptism

From our Baptism Coordinator:

Information on Choosing a Godparent

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church,* the role of the godfather and godmother is to be, "firm believers, able and ready to help the newly baptized – child or adult – on the road of Christian life." (*CCC* 1255)

Thus, the role of godparents is very important. Godparents should be wonderful examples of faith to love, inspire, challenge, and pray for your child. Who comes to mind for you? Who do you trust to help lead your child into a deeper love for Jesus and the Church? Please pray about this exciting and critical choice.

In choosing a godparent:

-You can have a godmother and/or a godfather: "There is to be only one male or female sponsor of one of each." (Canon 873). Thus, you cannot have two godmothers or two godfathers.

Requirements for a godparent:

-Must be 16 years or older
-Must have received all their Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Communion)
-Must be an actively practicing Catholic (Registered at a parish, attends Mass each Sunday and on holydays of obligation)
-Cannot be the father or mother of the one to be baptized

Requirements for a Christian Witness:

-Baptized in a non-Catholic, Christian denomination
-Can be a Christian Witness as long as there is one Catholic godparent. Christian Witness must be the opposite sex of the Catholic godparent.
-Is NOT to be a former Catholic. That is, a baptized Catholic who no longer considers himself/herself a Catholic.

For more information, or to begin the Baptism Preparation process, contact
Britnea Jones, our Baptism Coordinator, at bjones@marymotherofgod1.org or 412-672-9641

In our mission to be on fire with Jesus Christ and to ignite the world, we strive to maintain accurate parish records. If any of your information has changed, please contact the Parish Center with your updates at 412-672-9641 or secretary@marymotherofgod1.org. Thank you.

Welcome

If you are interested in joining our parish, please register at **marymotherofgod1.org** or call **412-672-9641**

RAFFLE: Thanks for your support so far! Tickets are available in the vestibules of our churches this weekend. Our members may not be there at every Mass due to sickness and schedule conflicts. If that happens at the Mass you attend, please call 412-351-3863 or email spiritsong1023@gmail.com and let us know so we can get tickets to you. The drawing is Nov. 5--first prize is $5000!

1st Prize: $5000 2nd Prize: $2500 3rd Prize: $1000
SUGGESTED TICKET DONATION: 1 ticket, $5.00,
5 tickets (and a "thank-you" tote bag): $20.00.
THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Mary, Mother of God Parish
Christian Mothers/Rosary Society

Meeting:
Monday November 14—Noon
Rosary at 11:30
Market Street Social Hall

Christmas Party:
Tuesday December 13—Noon
Heritage Center, Renzie Park
Members and Guests—$20 per person
Buffet dinner 12:30 p.m.
For reservations, call Joline 412-751-1284.
Reservations will be taken at the November meeting and close Monday December 5.

Call early for fun, friendship!

Our clergy team brings Holy Communion and offers the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick to the Homebound. Should you or a loved one like to receive monthly home visits, please contact the Parish Center at 412-672-9641 or secretary@marymotherofgod1.org.

ADDICTION RECOVERY MINISTRY

Bringing hope and healing to those suffering from a substance use disorder and those who love them.

12-Step Meeting - Every Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.

Grief Support - Tuesdays starting November 7 - 7:00 p.m.

Enrichment Presentation
Monday, November 21 - 7:00 p.m.
Topic: Gratitude
Also on Facebook and YouTube

Matthew Talbot Center for Healing and Hope
St. Francis of Assisi Hall
2599 Freeport Road, Pittsburgh, PA, 15238

Dear Friends,

November is the month when we celebrate Thanksgiving. It is also for 12-step recovery work the month of "GRATITUDE." Reminding those of us in recovery of how very grateful we are, not just for our recovery, but also for the struggle.

It is in the struggle with addiction where we encounter the wonder, mystery, and majesty of God's love. Touching us in our addiction, calling us to humility, obliterating shame, bringing hope and the challenge of authenticity.

Recovery is the adventure of living life to the fullest.

I have come to believe that one of God's greatest gifts to me is my alcoholism, because it is what led me to recovery, humility, honesty, and hope! What was my crown of thorns has now become my crown of jewels!

So I ask all of you to pray for the addict/alcoholic who is still suffering, that they will accept in their lives the grace of God's touch, leading to recovery and hope.

"In all things give thanks to God."

Peace, Father Michael Decewicz

Confirmation 2023

Rite of Enrollment
St. Angela Church
October 30, 2022 | 11:00 a.m. Mass

The Rite of Enrollment is a ceremony in which the candidates make their official commitment to enter preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep our candidates in your prayers.

Serra Catholic High School | Saturday, November 5th
Placement test for incoming freshmen: 8:45 a.m.—Noon
Parent workshop on financial aid: 9:00–10:00 a.m.

To register or for more information contact Mrs. Lyons, Admissions Director, at lyonsl@serrahs.org or 412-751-2020 x134.

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
November 5, 2022

Especially needed in November: soup, stuffing mix, gravy cans or packets (no glass jars, please)

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While travelling or on vacation, we recommend visiting www.masstimes.org. This site will convey the various Catholic churches and Mass times along your route and at your destination. Please remember to visit the website of the church you are visiting, since that church's website will be the most up-to-date.

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THE CLAIM CONFERENCE 2022

This Years Theme:

Terrible as an army in battle array… Mary's Role in the Defeat of Satan

"The Immaculata alone has from God the promise of victory over Satan"
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December 2nd and 3rd, 2022
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This year's speakers:

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Dr. Michael Sirilla Ph.D.

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE
Closing Event!

Followed by Mass at Divine Mercy Parish, Epiphany Church

to close our 40 Days for Life fall campaign, and to thank God for His protection and provision, and for all the lives saved from abortion during the fall 40 Days for Life campaign. His Excellency, Bishop William Waltersheid presiding

Prayers with the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 5:00pm in front of Planned Parenthood (933 Liberty Ave), followed by a Eucharistic procession to Epiphany Church. Mass will immediately follow.
For more information contact Nikki Bruni, 412-926-9413 or nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com

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Blessed Carlo Acutis First Class Relic and the Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit

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Saturday—November 19—Noon to 6:00 p.m.
Sunday—November 20—9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
St. Joseph Parish Hall
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Everson, PA 15631

For further information, please contact the parish office at 724-887-6321

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Speaker Series - Sharing the Light

Presents:

Maggie Jones Patterson

Professor of Journalism at Duquesne University and a former reporter for the Pittsburgh Press. She chairs the Duquesne University student Publications Board.

&

Pamela E. Walck, Ph.D.

Associate professor of journalism in the Media Department at Duquesne University and the editor of American Journalism.

Duquesne University Institute of Ethics and Integrity in Journalism

"What does the public TRUST in journalism?"

Tuesday, October 25th
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The presentation will also be on Facebook live: https://saintjudepgh.org/streaming

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