

# Resurrection Parish



February 5, 2023, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**St. John Capistran Church**  
**Address:** 1610 McMillan Road  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15241  
**Parish Office:** 412-221-6275



**St. Thomas More Church**  
**Address:** 126 Fort Couch Road  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15241  
**Parish Office:** 412-833-0031  
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## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.” - Mt 5:14

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**St. John Capistran**  
**Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm**  
**Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am**  
**Weekdays: 8:30 am**  
**Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm**

**St. Thomas More**  
**Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm**  
**Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am & 11:30 am**  
**Weekdays & Saturday: 11:30 am**  
**Wednesday: 8:45 am (school Mass)**  
**Confessions: Saturday 9:00-10:00 am**



Please welcome our New Parishioners:

Tom & Dorothy O’Sullivan  
Ellen Barkman  
The Jaquay / Sagini Family  
Jim & Tracy Levis

*May they feel the warmth of Christ in our Parish Community.*

*To our parishioners and visitors, our friends, neighbors, Catholics and non-Catholics: We’re so glad you are here! If you have any questions about the Mass, church membership, or want to speak with a priest, please call one of the parish offices.*



*Recently welcomed into our Christian Community through Baptism:*

Peter Wilbert Kelly,  
son of Charles and Justina Kelly  
Madison Jae Dutkiewicz, daughter  
of Garrett and Melanie Dutkiewicz

*Please pray for our newly baptized, their Parents and Godparents.*

## Rest in Peace

*Please keep in prayer the beloved deceased of our Resurrection Parish family. Continue to pray for those souls who have no one else to pray for them.*

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

## DAILY READINGS

- Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
- Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c/Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30
- Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10
- Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b)/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37



At Resurrection Parish, we are blessed to have the Lamb of God Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. As St. John Paul II said in his encyclical *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, “The Eucharist builds the Church and the Church makes the Eucharist.” (26) The Eucharist is the very life-blood of our faith and the greatest connection we can have to Christ and to each other.

Each weekend, prior to the 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas More Church and following the 11:30 a.m. Mass, the Eucharist is both reposed and exposed to allow for a solemn focus on the Mass, the highest act of worship. Usually the moments of transferring the Eucharist are in the midst of a busy time at the parish; people are arriving for worship or departing following Mass. As a result, there are times in which perhaps we overlook the reverence due our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Many people may not even be aware that Jesus is moving from the chapel to the tabernacle. As a result, this weekend in addition to carrying a candle leading the blessed sacrament between the Lamb of God Chapel and the tabernacle a small bell will also be rung. This is in order to draw attention to the fact that something sacred and reverent is taking place. This reminds all of us that we should limit conversation or other movements to show respect for our Eucharistic Lord.

A 2018 article in *Aleteia* magazine reminds us that “bells have great spiritual power and alert our senses to what is unfolding before us...It is not meant to be a distraction, but another way to praise God and focus our wondering attention.” Music and noise assist us in our worship as Psalm 150 reminds us “Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.” May we be ever joyful in the presence of our Lord and God and remember the great gift of His Son present in the Eucharist.

- Fr. Mike

# REFLECTION

Staff Staff

On our Pastor's Letter page, we will periodically have articles submitted by various staff members to the parish.

*L*earning with Lynne...

During this past semester, I took a short walk. It started with our eighth graders, where I discussed their preparation for high school, and then moved a short distance to where our pre-kindergarten children were preparing for a nap. It was the breadth and width of childhood, in one short journey.



Catholic Schools have been a bedrock and foundational sanctuary for centuries. They are a place of shared values and academic excellence, where young minds are developed and tempered by academic rigor, uplifted by spiritual enlightenment and grounded by personal accountability. Our teachers and staff embrace their multi-faceted responsibilities as a vocation, a calling, well aware of the trust bestowed upon them by our families. Our Religious shepherd our children during our weekly communal gathering for mass, teaching, preparing for and bestowing the sacraments, and providing a living example of a life truly dedicated to the service of others.

*Thank you for joining and supporting our children in their short but most important journey.*

Lynne

*Mrs. Lynne Lynch is Principal at Ave Maria Academy. This past week was Catholic Schools Week.*



# MASS INTENTIONS

St. John Capistran Church

St. Thomas More Church

Sunday, February 5, 2023, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9:00 am Kimberly Gmitter  
(Nellie Kinavey)
- 11:00 am Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of the  
Clergy, Deacons, & Seminarians of  
Resurrection Parish  
(A Friend)

Monday, February 6,  
*St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs*

- 8:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Al Beckman  
(Dee & Jerry Horn)

Tuesday, February 7

- 8:30 am Linda Stephanie Mourtacos  
(Mourtacos Family)

Wednesday, February 8,  
*St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin*

- 8:30 am Robert & JoAnne Young  
(Kate & Tom Owens)

Thursday, February 9

- 8:30 am Carol Sherry  
(Ray DeCecco)

Friday, February 10, *St. Scholastica, Virgin*

- 8:30 am Elizabeth "Betty" Riley Little  
(Jim & Lorraine Bruni)

Saturday, February 11

- 5:00 pm Eileen & Pete Joyce  
(Ellen & Terry O'Donovan)

Sunday, February 12, 2023, 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9:00 am Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of  
XueLin Guo (St. John) &  
Fan Shi (St. Agnes)  
(Xuchen Guo)
- 11:00 am The Gannon & Flamman Families  
(Nancy Gannon)

Sunday, February 5, 2023, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Patricia Perkoski  
(Timothy Perkoski)
- 9:30 am Paul R. Stratemeier  
(Najdzinski Family)
- 11:30 am For the Parishioners

Monday, February 6,  
*St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs*

- 11:30 am Deceased Members of the  
John M. Kenny Family  
(Mr. & Mrs. Robert E. Kenny)

Tuesday, February 7

- 11:30 am Jean DeCarlo  
(Frank J. DeCarlo)

Wednesday, February 8,  
*St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin*

- 8:45 am John Spadaro  
(Karl & Maureen Rykaczewski)
- 11:30 am John Gomber & Family  
(John & Mary Ann Thacik)

Thursday, February 9

- 11:30 am Franco Harris  
(Michele E. Prokopchak)

Friday, February 10, *St. Scholastica, Virgin*

- 11:30 am James Perryman  
(Rose Perryman)

Saturday, February 11, *Our Lady of Lourdes*

- 11:30 am Intentions of the Lamb of God Chapel

Saturday, February 11

- 4:00 pm Andrew & Kathryn Putiak  
(Family)

Sunday, February 12, 2023, 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am For the Parishioners
- 9:30 am Lauren Usher Gama  
(Sue & Rick Kapusta)
- 11:30 am Deceased Members of the  
Horvatic & Hrboka Families  
(Janice & Michael D. Hanna, Jr.)



The Sanctuary candle at STM  
is lit this week for  
Grace Gaita



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

### Sunday, February 5, 2023

- 8:30am Donut Sunday (Capistran Hall)
- 9:00am RCIA (Reardon Room)
- 9:15am Religious Education Classes (STM Classrooms)
- 11:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word (STM Church)
- 12:30pm 2nd Grade Sacramental Prep Meeting (FLC)
- 1:00pm Pastoral Planning Committee/EMHC (Capistran Hall)
- 6:00pm High School Youth Ministry (FLC/Gym)

### Monday, February 6, 2023

- 4:15pm King's Singers Rehearsal (Rooney Room)
- 7:00pm St. Vincent de Paul (Martin home)

### Tuesday, February 7, 2023

- 6:00am More's Men (Rooney Room & Online)
- 9:45am Lectionary Study Group (SJC Library)
- 10:00am Childcare/Children's Adoration Hour (Ch.Care/LOG Chapel)
- 4:30pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (SJC Atrium)
- 6:00pm Summerfest Planning Meeting (Chelsea/Utopia)
- 7:00pm Living Spirit Choir Rehearsal (SJC Church)

### Wednesday, February 8, 2023

- 9:30am Two's Together (Childcare Room)
- 10:00am Safe Environment Workshop (STM Parish Library)
- 5:30pm Religious Education Classes (STM Classrooms)
- 6:00pm Safe Environment Workshop (STM Parish Library)
- 7:00pm Worship Committee Meeting (Chelsea/Utopia)

### Thursday, February 9, 2023

- 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours (SJC Church)
- 9:30am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (SJC Atrium)
- 6:00pm Joyful Noise Ringers Rehearsal (Capistran Hall)
- 7:00pm Canticle Choir Rehearsal (Chelsea)
- 7:30pm Resounding Grace Ringers Rehearsal (Capistran Hall)

### Saturday, February 11, 2023

- 9:00am Reconciliation (STM Church)
- 11:30am Anointing Mass (STM Church)
- 4:00pm Souper Bowl of Caring (STM & SJC Churches)
- 4:00pm Reconciliation (SJC Church)
- 4:00pm Valentine's Dinner Dance (FLC)

### Lamb of God Chapel at St. Thomas More Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration 24/6



- Open Sunday after 11:30am Mass to Saturday before 4:00pm Mass
- Vianney Cenacle, 12:00pm Saturdays: Holy Hour for the Sanctification of Priests
- Rosary at 12:00pm weekdays and during Cenacle
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3:00pm daily
- Children's Hour, Tuesday 10:00am: Nursery & Chapel
- Nocturnal Adoration, 10:00pm to 6:00am (scheduled adorers)

<https://www.resurrectionpgh.org/adoration>

### Stay with Us, Lord

Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen, who prayed a Holy Hour daily in front of the Blessed Sacrament, continues to teach us about the process of settling ourselves in prayer before the Lord:

*I have found that it takes some time to catch fire in prayer. This has been one of the advantages of the daily Hour. It is not so brief as to prevent the soul from collecting itself and shaking off the multitudinous distractions of the world. Sitting before the Presence is like a body exposing itself before the sun to absorb its rays.*

*As the Psalmist put it: "Be still and know that I am God." Silence in the Hour is a tête-à-tête with the Lord. In those moments, one does not so much pour out written prayers, but listening takes its place. We do not say, "Listen, Lord, for Thy servant speaks," but "Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth" (1 Sam. 3:9).*

*After many hours there begins to be a presence before the Eucharistic Lord, a deep sense of oneness with Christ. We are even reluctant at the end of many an hour to leave the Lord. Like the disciples of Emmaus we say, "Stay with us Lord, the day is far spent."*

**Chapel openings: Fridays 2am, Fridays 4pm,  
Saturdays 2am, Tuesdays noon (rosary)**

**Chapel schedules/forms available outside the chapel  
[www.resurrectionpgh.org/adoration](http://www.resurrectionpgh.org/adoration)**

# AROUND THE PARISH



**Parish Library Volunteers** Assistance is needed in the St. Thomas More Parish Library the week of February 6<sup>th</sup> for 3-4 hours each day. We will be scanning all the books to ensure that everything is correct and in the right place before we open the library. No knowledge of computers is necessary, just good eyes. Please contact Kay Houston at [waynkayh@yahoo.com](mailto:waynkayh@yahoo.com) or 412-965-526.



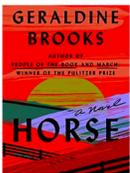
## **RESURRECTION PARISH LADIES OF CHARITY MONTHLY MEETING**

Monday, February 13, at 9:30 a.m.

St. John Capistran Church Hall

All Ladies of the Parish Welcome

For more information about the Ladies of Charity contact us at [resparloc@gmail.com](mailto:resparloc@gmail.com).



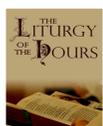
*Horse* by Geraldine Brooks is the topic for the **Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>** meeting of the **Resurrection Parish Book Discussion Group**.

This book is based on the remarkable true story of the record-breaking thoroughbred, Lexington, who became the greatest stud sire. However, this is not just a famous horse story, as the main character is Jarrett, the enslaved groom. Brooks' research of 19<sup>th</sup> century horse racing revealed the industry was built on the labor and skill of black horsemen. Thus the book is not merely about a racehorse, but about race. Meetings are the second Monday of every month from 10:00 a.m. until noon in the Family Life Center at STM church. All are welcome.



The **Evening Book Club** hosted by Women's Emmaus will meet again on **Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. The book this month is *Winter Garden* by Kristin Hannah. Please come enjoy a book discussion and pick the next great read for March.

*The Resurrection Parish Prayer Shawl Group crafted a beautiful prayer shawl for Fr. Mike as a gift for his installation. What a lovely blessing for our new pastor!*



**Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer** This beautiful liturgical prayer finds its source in the Eucharist and is truly both ancient and ever new. Please join us for Morning Prayer on Thursdays at 8:00 a.m. before the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. John Capistran. Easy to follow booklets are provided.

# CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Gift of:

Bill & Denise Blakemore

Mr. Edward Blank

Jonathan & Beatrice Conte

Thomas & Angela Foster

Mark & Marian Gannon

Manher & Leticia Jariwala



Ms. Patricia Kier

John & Suzanne Lynch

John & Martha Martin

George & Sally Ann Matthews

Robert & Teresa Modrak

John & Kristy O'Leary

Richard & Julie Polens

Gary & Mary Lou Rodgers

John & Sallie Terlecki

Sean & Robin Weissert

Ms. Karen Wirth



*Thank you to everyone who made donations in remembrance of their loved ones. Your contributions decorated the churches with many lovely poinsettias.*



JOIN US IN CAPISTRAN HALL  
FOR DONUTS ON  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH,  
FOLLOWING THE MASSES AT  
ST. JOHN CAPISTRAN

We will be taking a break from Donut Sundays during Lent. Donut Sunday will return at STM on 5/7/23.

If you would like to volunteer at Donut Sunday on 2/5, we need help with clean up following the 11am Mass. Please contact Bridget Graves, [bgraves@resurrectionpgh.org](mailto:bgraves@resurrectionpgh.org)

# AROUND THE PARISH



**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick (Anointing Mass):** On **Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**, during the 11:30 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas More Church, our parish will celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick for your health and intentions. Many people may believe the sacrament is only for those in immediate danger of death. The teaching of the Church, however, is that:

*The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. A careful judgment about the serious nature of the illness is sufficient. The Sacrament may be repeated if the sick person recovers after the anointing but becomes ill once again, or if, during the same illness, the person's condition becomes more serious. A person should be anointed before surgery or when a dangerous illness is the reason for the intervention (cf. Rite of Anointing, Introduction, nos. 8-10).*

*Moreover, "older people may be anointed if they are in weak condition even though no dangerous illness is present. Sick children may be anointed if they have sufficient use of reason to be comforted by this sacrament. . . . [The faithful] should be encouraged to ask for the anointing, and, as soon as the time for the anointing comes, to receive it with faith and devotion, not misusing the sacrament by putting it off." (Rite of Anointing, nos. 11, 12, 13).*

*United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, p. 253*

The Sacrament of Sick will occur within Mass after the homily. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Swindal, Pastoral Associate, [mwindal@resurrectionpgh.org](mailto:mwindal@resurrectionpgh.org) or 412-833-0031 x239.



**The Men's Fellowship Group** will present *Word on Fire: Catholicism & Comedy* at their regular meetings on **February 15<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** in Capistran Hall. This course explores how humor can be a means of sanctification. Through the cardinal and theological virtues, you will discover the clear connections between comedy and Catholicism. Catholicism helps direct comedy to its proper end, while comedy sheds light on how to live a better Catholic life. On top of that, you will learn a few practical tips for writing better jokes!

Jeremy McLellan is both a Catholic and a professional standup comedian. Along the way he's been consumed with the questions he'll be addressing in the series: Is there a uniquely Catholic understanding of comedy? Is humor part of the Catholic life? Can humor make us better people? Can jokes be a tool for evangelism? Should comedians be political? Are some jokes too offensive or too soon? Is nothing sacred? And, most importantly, is political correctness ruining comedy?

## Save the Date: Social Seniors – Stay and Pray Lunch



Our next lunch is scheduled for **Fat Tuesday – Mardi Gras – Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>** after the 11:30 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas More church. To RSVP, sign up on the forms at the church entrances or call the Parish Office 412-833-0031 or 412-221-6275. Questions? Contact Mary Swindal, Pastoral Associate, 412-833-0031 x239 or [mwindal@resurrectionpgh.org](mailto:mwindal@resurrectionpgh.org). Hope to see you there!

## NEED SOME TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE?



The Resurrection Parish Ladies of Charity are here to help. For example, if you've had a hospital stay or illness and need some help with meals, we can arrange to bring meals to your home. Do you need a ride to a doctor appointment or to church; someone to do grocery shopping or run an errand? We can offer assistance and will follow all proper Covid protocols. Please contact the parish office at 412-833-0031 or email [resparloc@gmail.com](mailto:resparloc@gmail.com) with your request. Let us know what your need is and we will be happy to help in any way we can.



We regularly live stream the weekend Sunday Masses at 9:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on our YouTube channel. We also try hard to livestream at least one Saturday evening Mass and even daily Masses when we have a volunteer.

To find us, just search for **Resurrection Parish, Pittsburgh PA** or **@ResurrectionPGH** at <https://www.youtube.com> and subscribe to our channel. We would love for you to join us online when you are unable to attend Mass!

AROUND THE PARISH

Resurrection Parish



*Valentine's  
Dinner & Dance*

Join us at the 4pm Mass on

**Saturday, February 11th** for a Married Couples Blessing.

Following Mass we will enjoy Dinner, Drinks, and Dancing, along with a Wine Raffle & Photo Booth, in the Family Life Center!

Singles welcome!

**\$25 per person**

Guests are welcome to bring your own Appetizers and Spirits!

Dinner will be catered Chicken Marsala, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, and dessert.

Beer and Wine will be available for Free-will Offering



Make your reservation & pay online - [www.resurrectionpgh.org/valentines-dinner](http://www.resurrectionpgh.org/valentines-dinner)

Or fill out the form below & return it to the STM Parish Office

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a song that is special to you? \_\_\_\_\_

Seating requests: \_\_\_\_\_

Cash or Check (made out to Resurrection Parish)



Proceeds benefit Hearts with Hammers



# AROUND THE PARISH

## AWAKE & PRAY:

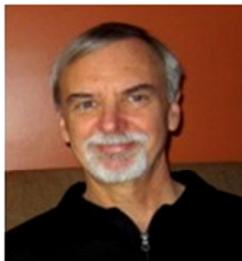
A CALL TO THE LAY FAITHFUL

“COULD YOU NOT KEEP AWAKE ONE HOUR?  
**KEEP AWAKE AND PRAY...**” (MARK 14: 37-38)

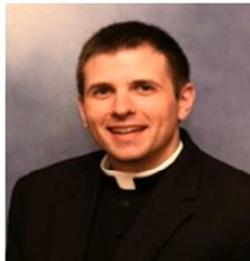
**Saturday, February 18, 7:00-8:15 pm**

Location - TBA

✚ **A time of praise and worship, repentance and reparation**  
✚ **Part One of a series on the Holy Spirit**



Tom Kneier  
Worship Leader



Fr. Mike Ackerman  
Pastor of  
Resurrection Parish



Music by *One aChord*



### Safe Environment Workshops

**2 more chances to get your clearances!**

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Lenten Fish Dinners and other events!!

**“Building Community and Raising Funds”**

It's Simple... Your Parish Needs You!

Clearances are required for the fish fry and any other events and this is a great opportunity to get guidance with obtaining them or making sure that you have what is required in order to volunteer:

- Guidance with clearances for the Lenten Fish Fry
- Help with Safe Environment requirements
- Safe Environment staff on hand to answer questions

**February 8 – St. Thomas More Church**

Parish Library 10:00-11:00 a.m. or 6:00-7:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact Susie Levitt, Safe Environment Coordinator or Sarah Wildenhain, Assistant Safe Environment Coordinator, at 412.833.0031; or Marlene Kish at 412.600.2120.

Resurrection Parish

# FISH FRY 2023

## IN PERSON DINING & CURBSIDE TAKE OUT

4:30pm-7:00pm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24th

FRIDAY, MARCH 3rd

FRIDAY, MARCH 10th

FRIDAY, MARCH 17th

FRIDAY, MARCH 24th

FRIDAY, MARCH 31st

**MARK  
YOUR  
CALENDARS!**

THE OFFICIAL MENU  
COMING SOON!!

Questions??

Contact [bgraves@resurrectionpgh.org](mailto:bgraves@resurrectionpgh.org)

IN PERSON DINING  
in THE ST. THOMAS MORE FAMILY LIFE CENTER  
TAKE OUT CURBSIDE  
in AVE MARIA ACADEMY SCHOOL DROP OFF CIRCLE

AROUND THE PARISH

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# FISHERY 2023

## VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED IN ALL AREAS!

*Sign Up  
Today!*

**Set Up, Kitchen, Serving,  
Dining Room, Dessert Sales, 50/50,  
Curbside Take Out, Clean Up**

**Email Bridget Graves at  
[bgraves@resurrectionpgh.org](mailto:bgraves@resurrectionpgh.org)**

**Opportunities for service hours available for students!  
Volunteers 18yrs & older are required to have Diocesan Clearances  
by 2/10/23**

**For questions regarding Diocesan Clearances,  
please contact [slevitt@resurrectionpgh.org](mailto:slevitt@resurrectionpgh.org) or  
[swildenhain@resurrectionpgh.org](mailto:swildenhain@resurrectionpgh.org) or 412-833-0031**

# YOUTH MINISTRY / AROUND THE PARISH

High School Youth Ministry

@resurrectionyouthmin



## February Events!

### @ St. Thomas More Family Life Center

This Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Pasta and Meatballs, Valentines Cards for Seniors, Gym Time & Cupcakes

A great time for heart and soul!



### Night Shift at St. Thomas More!

Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 p.m. - Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.

An all-nighter in the Family Life Center with Gym Time, movies, games, food and faith!

Spend a fun and unique night with friends on the church campus.

To register, please go to the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4baaa62ba6fdcf8-resurrection#/>

For more information, please contact Mary Swindal, Pastoral Associate & Youth Ministry Team Lead, mswindal@resurrectionpgh.org or 412-833-00131 x239.



Our Annual **Soup-er Bowl for Caring** to support the Appalachia Mission Trip Ministry will take place next weekend, **February 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>** after all Masses at both St. John Capistran and St. Thomas More. Youth who have previously attended the mission trip will give testimony to their experiences. Those planning to attend the upcoming trip in July will be collecting monetary donations. Every little bit helps to offset expenses for supplies, lodging, and travel. We appreciate your support!



**From Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup>**, you're invited to join other Christians for **40 Days for Life** – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 933 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact:

Carolyn Sopher-Martin at 412-860-9980

- **20,829 babies saved**
- **247 abortion workers converted**
- **132 abortion centers closed!**

**Kick-off Mass at Divine Mercy Parish, Epiphany Church on Tuesday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm, followed by a candle-lit Eucharistic Procession to Planned Parenthood! All Christians are welcome to participate!**

**40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh for more info, or check out our blog at 40daysforlifepittsburgh.com**

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# MUSIC MINISTRY



## *A Musical New Years Resolution*



Did you break that New Year's Resolution that you made? Would you like to make a spiritually fulfilling resolution to boost your spiritual health? **Join the Music Ministry!**

Our parish is blessed to have seven choirs for all age groups that you can choose where you are called. We are looking for new members in all of our ensembles.

Please visit our website at <http://www.resurrectionpgh.org/music-ministry> for more information. You can also contact Daniel Kovacic, Minister of Music, at [DKovacic@resurrectionpgh.org](mailto:DKovacic@resurrectionpgh.org); or Brian Eisiminger, Associate Minister of Music and Director of Children's Music, at [BEisiminger@resurrectionpgh.org](mailto:BEisiminger@resurrectionpgh.org) with questions.

## *Handbell Ringers Needed*

Handbells are a great way to grow in your faith; not only by learning how to read music, but spiritually connecting with music as well. Our parish is blessed with two sets of handbells. To use all these bells, and maximize our worship, we need **ONE RINGER** in the Resounding Grace Ringers and **THREE RINGERS** in the Joyful Noise Ringers. The Joyful Noise Ringers (Grades 4-8) rehearse on Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:15 p.m. and the Resounding Grace Ringers (High School - Adult) rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Brian Eisiminger at [BEisiminger@resurrectionpgh.org](mailto:BEisiminger@resurrectionpgh.org).



## *Pipe Organ Voicing at St. Thomas More*



From February 8-14, 2023, the pipe organ at St. Thomas More will go through the first of two final steps to its final completion called "**voicing**." The voicing process will be led by Ray Colby, who was the leader of the project assisted by his brother, Roger Colby, owner of *R.A. Colby Organ Company* in Johnson City, TN. During the process of voicing, they will listen to each pipe (approximately 3,000 in total) and ensure that each pipe speaks perfectly in the room since the organ was built and voiced for another church building.

This process is very meticulous, and I will need full cooperation of the parish. The voicers need complete silence to ensure complete accuracy. It is also not a time to approach them and ask specific questions. The parish will have an evening scheduled after completion of the entire instrument where the instrument will be demonstrated, and questions can be asked at that time.

The final stage after the pipe voicing will be that of the digital voices. The same process as that of the pipes will happen to match the digital pipe voices to those of the pipes. Thank you for your cooperation in this exciting project at our parish!

# MUSIC MINISTRY

## 2023 Summer Music Camp Information



### What are the hours of the camp and where is the camp located?

The camp, for children entering grades 3-8, will run from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. the week of **July 26-28, 2023**. Camp will be held on the grounds of St. Thomas More Church. The children will be kept indoors and in a safe environment.

**What will the children be doing at the camp?** All children will be taught proper singing methods by trained music teachers and instructors, along with learning how to read music and ring handbells. If the students are in fourth grade or

higher, they will have an elective option to bring their instruments to play. Instruments will be limited to those in the woodwind, brass, or piano.

**Will I be able to listen to my child on what they learned?** Yes, but you will not just be able to listen, you will be able to participate! Our camp will conclude with the celebration of Mass on **Sunday, July 30, 2023, 11:30 a.m.** at St. Thomas More Church.

**How do I begin to register?** Registration will be available online beginning **Monday, February 6, 2023**. Please scan the QR Code located on this page to access the registration page. You may also visit the website directly at <http://www.resurrectionpgh.org/music-camp>.



**How much does camp cost?** Our **Early Bird Special** will cost \$75.00 per child. **Early Bird Registration will end Monday, March 6, 2023**. After this, the cost of camp will be \$85.00 per child. The cost of the registration includes a camp t-shirt, pencil, and materials including snacks and a full lunch each day. **The camp registration will be limited to fifty (50) children** and registration will end when maximum capacity is reached. We will compile a waiting list in case someone on the original list needs to cancel due to an emergency.

**Who can I contact for more information?** Please contact our Associate Director of Music/Director of Children's Music, Mr. Brian Eisiminger, at [BEisiminger@resurrectionpgh.org](mailto:BEisiminger@resurrectionpgh.org) for more information.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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**Faith Formation Schedule:** Our faith formation sessions resume this Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, and our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd sessions resume this Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Children's Liturgy resumes this Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at the 11:30 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas More church.



**Second Grade Sacramental Meeting:** There is a meeting for parents on the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist today, **Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 p.m.** in the Family Life Center. This meeting is for parents with children preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist at Resurrection Parish this year.

**Thank you!** We are grateful for Fr. Jim Chepponis' visit to the Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> grade faith formation class to talk about the gifts of the Holy Spirit; and to our pastor, Fr. Mike Ackerman, for giving a church and sacristy tour to our Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> grade faith formation class. We appreciate you both!



# AVE MARIA ACADEMY

## AVE MARIA ACADEMY SCHOOL NEWS



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[www.avemariapgh.org](http://www.avemariapgh.org)

### REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Our Catholic School mission is to embrace and shepherd the children entrusted to our care by developing them spiritually, culturally, and academically. We help build a firm foundation that will serve them in their future. We educate nearly 600 children from 21 different parishes between our two campuses. Registration is now open for 2023-24.

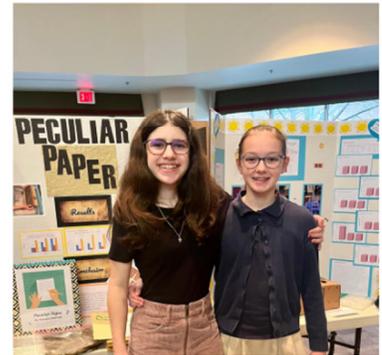


**Catholic Schools  
Week 2023**  
January 29-February 4

[www.NCEA.org/csw](http://www.NCEA.org/csw)  
#CSW23

### CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Students, faculty, and staff spent the week celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2023! To kick off the week, our campuses hosted an open house for the community to stop in and visit our beautiful schools. Students also held a science fair and presented their projects to parishioners, parents, and other guests. You may have seen our students handing out misalettes and greeting parishioners before morning masses last Sunday too! Throughout the week, students enjoyed a uniform free week with theme days like comfy clothes, crazy socks, favorite sports teams, and decades day that included a dance-a-thon. The week also included service opportunities like a food drive where we show our thankfulness and generosity to our communities.



### NIGHT AT THE RACES!

Saturday, February 18th

Horse for sale! Tickets include dinner and a fun night out.

- 5:30 pm Family Life Center - Resurrection Parish

For more details on all events see school website.



# AROUND THE DIOCESE



**Christ as Cornerstone and Means of Union with God:** On Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> the South Hills Benedictine Oblates affiliated with St. Vincent Archabbey will gather for team presentations and discussion on **letters of spiritual direction by our patron, Bl. Columba Marmion, who writes that we have *all* in Jesus Christ and that He has been given to us to be *our* holiness in His Divinity and in His Humanity.** Please arrive to be seated before 1:30 p.m. in the Bishop Leonard **Room** (directly under St. Louise de Marillac Church). Our meeting will begin with Daytime Prayer from Liturgy of the Hours and end at 3:00pm.



The **Western PA Slovak Cultural Association (WPSCA)** will be hosting a Slovak Heritage Meeting on **Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.** at St. Bernard Church in Mt. Lebanon, Clairvaux Hall. The topic will be "*Evangelizing Today in the Footsteps of Saints Cyril and Methodius*", with guest speaker Bishop Larry Kulick of the Catholic Diocese of Greensburg, who is of Slovak heritage. All are welcome to attend.



## Retrouvaille Weekend February 17-19

Is your marriage going down the right road...or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage.

*Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way?* Retrouvaille can help offering hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication to build intimacy and to heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille can help you get your relationship back on track. For Information about our February 17-19 Retrouvaille Weekend visit our website: [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org), or call our local community at 412-277-3434.



St. Paul of the Cross Parish (Castle Shannon/Mt. Lebanon) will be hosting **Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation** on **Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.** on the campus of St. Anne's Church. Six hours of preliminary preparation using the BELOVED series on the FORMED website is required prior to attending. Registration information can be found at <https://forms.gle/xKQ9NyEVjUrytPXA6>.

Please contact Don Fontana at [dfontana@stpaulofthecross.com](mailto:dfontana@stpaulofthecross.com) for more information.

## NOW ACCEPTING WINE DONATIONS

We are planning a Wine Raffle for the Parish Valentine's Dinner Dance. Proceeds will benefit the parish ministry, Hearts with Hammers.

If you have any bottles of wine that you would like to contribute, please drop them at the SJC or STM Parish Offices. Thank you for your generosity.



Project Love presents at St. John XXIII

## Relationship Rewind

Growing a stronger US

*Re-imagine* • *Re-respect*

*Re-invest* • *Re-set*

Special Guest Speaker Fr. Jason Charron

Saturday, February 18

9 AM - 3 PM

ALL COUPLES WELCOME A day to *Re-design*

Start your Lenten walk TOGETHER

\$30/Couple (Includes Lunch)  
Register Online— [john23.org](http://john23.org)  
by Feb. 13

Questions?  
Contact Jackie Schratz at  
(724) 344-2683 or Jen Gaudlip  
at (412) 926-2110

The session will be held in O'Brien Hall at St. Benedict the Abbot Church

# AROUND THE DIOCESE



**The Bishop Canevin High School Placement Test is February 11, 2023** The placement test is a requirement for all incoming freshman applicants. While the test results are not used to determine acceptance, they are used to determine eligibility for certain scholarships and to ensure a rigorous yet appropriate academic course schedule. Please arrive by 8:45 a.m. Testing is from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Students should bring at least two #2 pencils. Calculators are not permitted for the exam, however scratch paper will be provided for problem solving. Water and snacks will be provided during appropriate breaks.

There will be a **Financial Aid Info Session** for parents the same day, **February 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-10:00 a.m.** in the Bishop Canevin Library. Join us to learn more about the Financial Aid and Scholarships that are available to Bishop Canevin students. The FACTS Application process and deadlines will be discussed.



## **The Bishop Canevin High School Open House is March 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

Bishop Canevin opens its doors for prospective families with students in grades 5-11 to meet with faculty, staff, students and parents. Experience first-hand how our students develop academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually!



**Sisters of Divine Providence** has immediate openings for Housekeeping. No experience necessary. Will train. Excellent benefits. Full-time/Part-time available. Please email interest to [eburkarth@cdpsisters.org](mailto:eburkarth@cdpsisters.org).



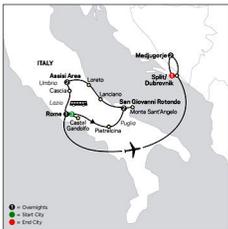
## **Spiritual Highlights of Italy with Medjugorje 12 DAY TOUR FROM ROME TO DUBROVNIK -- May 23 - June 3, 2023**

(Italy, Croatia, Bosnia, and Herzegovina)

Hotels, Intra-Air, Bus Transportation, Guides, Historians, Mass, 11 Breakfasts and 7 Dinners included.



Catholic Cruises and Tours



On this inspirational tour, you'll have the opportunity to visit the Catholic icons of Rome, such as the four major Basilicas, the Scala Sancta, and the Papal summer residence of Castel Gandolfo. You will also attend the Papal Audience, learn about some of Italy's beloved Saints, and celebrate Mass. Learn about St. Pio of Pietrelcina, a modern-day saint; visit the Shrine of Monte Sant'Angelo, gather in prayer at the Sanctuary of the Eucharistic Miracle in Lanciano, reflect in the Holy House of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Loreto, and admire the timeless beauty of the Basilicas of St. Francis and St. Clare in Assisi. Italy is a must for Catholic travelers and art lovers. By spending an additional couple of days in the atmospheric

Serb pilgrimage site of Medjugorje, complete an even more memorable spiritual experience, visiting the town where the Virgin appeared to some visionaries to send a message of peace.

Land prices start at \$2763 per person, based on double occupancy. Deposits of only \$1090 per person will reserve your space. Space is VERY LIMITED.

For further information or to register, contact Brian at 860-399-1785 or email him at [Brian@CatholicCruisesandTours.com](mailto:Brian@CatholicCruisesandTours.com).

## **Addiction Recovery Ministry Upcoming Activities:**

**Serenity Bowl** - A Super Bowl party sponsored by District 27/12 of AA will be held **Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**, starting with a speaker meeting at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a covered dish or dessert. Featured will be a basket raffle, a 50/50 raffle, and a block pool. RSVP by February 1<sup>st</sup> to Larry at 412-980-1538.



**Anointing Mass** - Father Michael Decewicz will celebrate a Healing Mass for those suffering from substance use disorders, those in recovery, and their loved ones on **Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**, at 3:00 p.m. in St. Francis of Assisi Church.

**Six Steps to SANITY Ministry** is starting a 10-week session on **February 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Anyone who is dealing with a loved one's substance abuse disorder would benefit from this ministry. Advance registration is required. For more information or to register, please contact Deacon Tim Noca at 412-456-3165.

**Bingo** - **Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**, at 2:00 p.m. \$25 per person for 20 games. To reserve a seat, please call Rosemarie at 412-378-9290 or send an email to [rhaasarm@gmail.com](mailto:rhaasarm@gmail.com).

**St. Patrick Celebration with dinner and Irish Music** - **Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by music and a basket raffle. \$50 per person. To reserve a seat, please call Rosemarie at 412-378-9290.

All events are held at St. Francis of Assisi Hall, 2599 Freeport Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238.

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If you suspect child abuse, please contact:  
Diocesan Victim Assistance 1-888-808-1235

## SACRAMENTS

### Sacrament of Baptism

Celebrated any Sunday of the month at 12:30 pm at STM and 12:00 pm at SJC (An instruction class before a first child's Baptism is required. Call the Parish Office to R.S.V.P.)

### Sacrament of Holy Eucharist

Available to the sick and those confined to home. Please contact the Parish Office to learn more. First Eucharist is celebrated annually in the spring.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

Annually in the fall. Please contact the Religious Education office to learn more.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact a parish priest at least six months in advance. Masses are typically scheduled on Saturdays at 1:30pm at STM and 2:00 pm on Saturdays at SJC.

### Sacrament of Holy Orders

If you feel you are might be called to the priesthood or diaconate, please contact your parish priest or visit: [www.pghpriest.com](http://www.pghpriest.com).

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard on Saturdays at 9:00 am at STM and 4:00 pm at SJC. For private confessions, call the Parish Office.

### Sacrament of Anointing

If you or a loved one is in need of Anointing, please contact the Parish Office. Anointing services are also conducted annually.

### RCIA

(THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? RCIA is offered every year in the fall. It is a beautiful process of discernment, conversion, commitment, and love. Please call or email the Parish Office and ask to be directed to the RCIA Coordinator.

Funeral Masses .....10:00 am at both locations

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

Resurrection Parish has an active St. Vincent de Paul Society conference that helps neighbors in need. If you need assistance with rent, mortgage, utilities or other needs please contact us at 412-564-3411. Leave a message and we will return your call.

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