

Resurrection Parish



September 24, 2023, Twenty-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
Ave Maria Academy: 412-833-1412

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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Are you envious because I am generous?” Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” - Mt 20:15-16

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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:

The Funaro Family

Maura Degnan

Jim Krandel

The Mesiano Family

Jack & Mary Kay Allen

The Vetere Family

The Scott Family

Ricky George

Donald Brinsky

*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.*



PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY



Recently welcomed into our Christian
Community through Baptism:

Harrison David Bucklew,
son of David & Alysia Bucklew

Jaime Matej Conlon,
son of Jesse & Jarjana Conlon

Maverick Anthony Chismar,
son of Justin and Kelsie Chismar

Juliet Lynn Young,
daughter of Chad & Jessica Young

Henry Ryan Vose,
son of Joshua & Larisa Vose

Edward Hutton Karsner,
son of Kevin & Kelsey Karsner

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

DAILY READINGS

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/
Mt 20:1-16a

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/
Jn 1:47-51

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/
Mt 21:28-32

*"My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways - oracle of
the Lord." (Is 55:8, today's first reading)*

The parable of the workers in the vineyard is rather startling. People who work an hour in the late afternoon are paid the same as those who work all day long. Obviously God doesn't think like we do.

The people who came late had the same right to a decent life as those who had worked all day, so they are all treated equally. Nothing is taken from anyone, but all are treated in accord with their dignity, their right to a decent life. Such is God's justice.

"Biblical justice is more comprehensive than subsequent philosophical definitions. It is not concerned with a strict definition of rights and duties, but with the rightness of the human condition before God and within society. Nor is justice opposed to love; rather, it is both a manifestation of love and a condition for love to grow."

U.S. Bishops, Economic Justice for All, 1986:39

Rest in Peace

Pray for our recently deceased:

Dorothy R. (Stump) Faber

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

Please keep her loved ones in prayer.



REFLECTION

Pastor's Letter

On our Pastor's Letter page, we will periodically have articles submitted by various staff to the parish. This week, we are excited to introduce you to Fr. Ron Hoyer, who will be presenting our Parish Mission.

PARISH MISSION!

NEXT WEEKEND! October 1-3, from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Please join us as we welcome Fr. Ron Hoyer, C.M. for a series of talks on how to **Ignite Your Faith!** which will be held in the church at the St. Thomas More campus. We will serve a light supper from 6:00-7:00 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday in the Family Life Center. RSVP for the suppers online at www.resurrectionpgh.org/parish-mission or by calling the Parish Office 412-833-0031, option 8.

Hope to see you there!

- Engaging Presentations
- Life changing stories
- For everyone (young and old)
- Only 50 minutes

Ignite your faith!

WHAT IS A PARISH MISSION? A parish mission is like a spiritual revival during which a speaker preaches the Gospel and inspires people to greater spiritual growth. It is designed for busy people; an opportunity to step back a bit, to slow down and simply reconnect with God; a time of spiritual refreshment and invigoration.

WHO IS THE MISSION FOR?? A parish mission is for everyone. "It surprises a lot of people how much younger people really enjoy mission", Fr. Ron says, "The mission experience is one of scripture, laughter, reflection and prayer. It is designed to draw people into a deeper relationship with Jesus; an excellent opportunity for anyone struggling in or questioning their faith."

TELL ME ABOUT THE SPEAKER! Fr. Hoyer is a member of the Congregation of the Mission, also known as the Vincentians. He has been leading parish mission for more than 15 years to parishes all over the United States and Canada. His missions blend humor, story, and spiritual reflection in a 50 minute presentation that appeals to all ages. He will be speaking at all Masses the weekend of September 30/October 1 as well as presiding at the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. John Capistran on Monday and Tuesday.



Questions? Please contact Mary Swindal at mswindal@resurrectionpgh.org or 412-833-0031.

All are welcome and bring a friend!!



The National Eucharistic Revival is an initiative, sponsored by U.S. Catholic bishops, that aims to inspire, educate, and unite the faithful in a more intimate relationship with Jesus' Eucharistic Presence. The first steps in implementing the revival at Resurrection Parish is a seven-week study entitled *Jesus and the Eucharist*, which will be held on **Wednesdays through November 8th**; either in the morning at St. John Capistran from 9:00-11:00 a.m. or in the evening at St. Thomas More from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Both morning and evening session are identical each week. Let us know you plan on attending by scanning the QR code or by going to www.resurrectionpgh.org/national-eucharistic-revival. Questions? Contact Susan at syoung@resurrectionpgh.org.



MASS INTENTIONS

St. John Capistran Church

Sunday, September 24, 2023, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am James A. Gmitter
(Altar Society)

11:00 am David Palmer
(Family)

Monday, September 25

8:30 am Intentions of the
Lamb of God Chapel

Tuesday, September 26,
Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

8:30 am David Palmer
(Mr. & Mrs. C. Proviano)

Wednesday, September 27, *St. Vincent de Paul, Priest*

8:30 am Genevieve D. Lizon
(Mr. & Mrs. Barrett)

Thursday, September 28, *St. Wenceslaus, Martyr;
St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs*

8:30 am Florence Buzzi
(John, Husband)

Friday, September 29,
Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

8:30 am Edward Janus
(William & Shelia Macko)

Saturday, September 30

5:00 pm Dorothy Siebenmorgen
(Family)

Sunday, October 1, 2023, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Robert Molseed
(Mark & Laura Ali)

11:00 am For the Parishioners

The Sanctuary candle at SJC
is lit this week in memory of
Cesare Miglioretti
(Grandmother)

The Sanctuary candle at STM
is lit this week in memory of the
Deceased Members of
the Gomber & Thacik Family
(Family)

St. Thomas More Church

Sunday, September 24, 2023, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Miller
(Chas Holzer Family)

9:30 am For the Parishioners

11:30 am Christina Friday
(Trentadue-Shinn Family)

Monday, September 25

11:30 am Peter Kiernan
(Valerie Stabile)

Tuesday, September 26,
Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

11:30 am Grace Gaita
(Gerard Family)

Wednesday, September 27, *St. Vincent de Paul, Priest*

8:45 am John Szklarski
(JoAnn Szklarski, Daughter)

11:30 am Peace, Healing & Love for
All of God's Children

Thursday, September 28, *St. Wenceslaus, Martyr;
St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs*

11:30 am Jerry McKenney
(Joan Barry Bache)

Friday, September 29,
Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

11:30 am Harry & Mary Drevna
(Karen Bodnar, Daughter)

Saturday, September 30,
St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

11:30 am John Kelly
(Suzanne Kelly)

Saturday, September 30

4:00 pm Cornellia "Connie" Acquaro
(Patty Gardner & Diane Klingensmith)

Sunday, October 1, 2023, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Pietro Basile
(Bill & Gayle Kamienik)

9:30 am Ralph Frederick
(Janice & Denny Herzing)

11:30 am Domenic & Fortuna Stracci
(Carmena Stracci)

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, September 24, 2023

- 8:00am Women's Emmaus Pretzel Sale (STM & SJC)
- 9:15am Religious Education Classes (STM Classrooms)
- 2:00pm Baptism Class (STM Church)
- 7:00pm Men's Emmaus Planning (Rooney Room)

Monday, September 25, 2023

- 10:00am Bible Study with Jo Ann Paradise (Reardon Room)
- 4:30pm King's Singers Rehearsal (STM Church)
- 6:00pm Joyful Noise Ringers Rehearsal (STM Church)
- 7:30pm Diocesan Choir Rehearsal (Capistran Hall)
- 7:30pm Cursillo Ultreya (Rooney Room)

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

- 6:00am More's Men (Rooney Room & Online)
- 9:30am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (SJC Atriums)
- 9:30am Lectionary Study Group (Rooney Room)
- 10:00am Childcare/Children's Adoration Hour (Ch.Care/LOG Chapel)
- 12:00pm Social Seniors Pray & Stay Luncheon (FLC)
- 12:45pm Parish Town Hall (FLC)
- 4:30pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (SJC Atriums)
- 6:00pm Resounding Grace Ringers Rehearsal (STM Church)
- 7:00pm Crash Course on the Catechism (Capistran Hall)
- 7:30pm Living Spirit Choir Rehearsal (SJC Church)

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

- 9:00am Jesus and the Eucharist Study (Capistran Hall)
- 9:30am Two's Together (Child Care Room)
- 5:30pm Faith Formation Open House (STM Classrooms)
- 6:00pm Women's Emmaus Planning (Rooney Room)
- 7:00pm Jesus and the Eucharist Study (FLC)
- 7:00pm Finance Council (Reardon Room)

Thursday, September 28, 2023

- 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours (SJC Church)
- 4:30pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (SJC Atriums)
- 7:00pm Parish Town Hall (FLC)
- 7:00pm Canticle Choir Rehearsal (STM Church)

Friday, September 29, 2023

- 9:15am Parish Town Hall (Capistran Hall)

Saturday, September 30, 2023

- 9:00am Reconciliation (STM Church)
- 4:00pm Reconciliation (SJC Church)

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)

www.resurrectionpgh.org/adoration

Questions: stm@adorationmanager.com

Fulton Sheen: Reasons 3 and 4

Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen writes: *Why make a Holy Hour?* Here are reasons 3 and 4:

3. Because Our Lord asked for it. "Had you no strength, then, to watch with me even for an hour?" (Matt. 26:40) The word was addressed to Peter, but he is referred to as Simon. It is our Simon-nature, which needs the hour. If the hour seems hard, it is because ... the spirit is willing enough, but the flesh is weak. (Mark 14:39)

4. Because the Holy Hour keeps a balance between the spiritual and the practical... The golden mean is in the words of St. Thomas: "action following rest," Martha walking with Mary. The Holy Hour unites the contemplative to the active life of the person.

Thanks to the hour with Our Lord, our meditations and resolutions pass from the conscious to the subconscious and then become motives of action. A new spirit begins to pervade our work. The change is effected by Our Lord, Who fills our heart and works through our hands. A person can give only what he possesses. To give Christ to others, one must possess Him.

Open hours: Sundays 5PM, Tuesday noon (Rosary recited), Saturday 3PM, or any hour that works in your schedule 24/6. Sign-up forms are available outside the chapel or sign up online at:

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION | MUSIC MINISTRY



First Faith Formation Sessions: Our first faith formation sessions begin today, **Sunday, September 24th**, and **Wednesday, September 27th**. Each year families are to re-register their children for class. The 2023-24 registration form is available on our parish website under Religious Education under the Faith Formation tab.

Religious Education Family Packets: Families that were unable to attend their children's Open House last week will need to contact the faith formation office to pick up their family packet of information by calling 412.835.6996, or by emailing jorourke@resurrectionpgh.org or ddecapria@resurrectionpgh.org.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: We are excited to begin our Children's Liturgy of the Word this **Sunday, September 24th** at the 11:30 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas More church. Children's Liturgy of the Word is open to children ages 3 years through first grade, and is held on most Sundays. For more information, or to assist in this ministry, please contact Susan Young at syoung@resurrectionpgh.org.

Home Study Families: If you missed our home study meeting, please contact the Faith Formation office to pick up your children's home study materials.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Training: The new Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Apostolate Center, (formerly the St. Joseph School in Verona), is offering a Level I CGS Training on Thursdays, beginning September 28th from 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., and a Level II CGS training, on Fridays and Saturdays, beginning October 6th & 7th from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Level I training is a pre-requisite for Level II training. Please register at www.cgsapostolatecenter.org.



- Bishop Waltersheid will administer the **Sacrament of Confirmation** at Resurrection Parish at St. Thomas More Church on **Saturday, November 4th at 1:00 p.m.**, followed by a cookie reception in the Family Life Center.
- A **Confirmation Prep Gathering** of Candidates with their Sponsors (or parent) will be on **Sunday, October 22nd, from 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**, and will include Mass, a light lunch, a presentation and rehearsal.

Thank you! Many thanks to all who helped with our Confirmation Retreat! We appreciate you!



Interested in joining the choir or the children's music ministry? Please contact Daniel Kovacic, Minister of Music at DKovacic@resurrectionpgh.org, or Jon Runion, Associate Minister of Music at JRunion@resurrectionpgh.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY | YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



YOUTH MINISTRY

Are you ready for some bowling?
Sunday, September 24, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
AMF Mt. Lebanon Lanes

- All High School students are invited to our parish Youth Ministry Night at the AMF Mt. Lebanon Lanes on Washington Road!
- We will bowl from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
(Drop-off and pick-up is at the Lanes.)
- We'll have pizza and pop, our youth ministry team including Sem. Matt and Dcn. John, and the chance to unwind with a bowling ball!
- Add your name to the Sign-up so we know how many to expect: bit.ly/YouthMinBow and invite a friend!
- Under 18? Please complete a permission slip at www.resurrectionpgh.org/youth-ministry



Looking forward to seeing you there as we continue to build friendships and our faith!

Questions? Contact Mary Swindal, lead Youth Ministry Team, 412-833-0031 x239 or mswindal@resurrectionpgh.org.



Religious Education Classes for Children Touched by Autism

Resurrection Parish is again hosting a Sacramental Preparation class for children and teens with Autism Spectrum Disorders, IDD, and Down Syndrome in preparation for First Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation; as well as religious education classes for these children in Grades K – 8. Classes will again be held in the Ave Maria Academy school library on Sunday mornings at 8:00 a.m. beginning **Sunday, October 1st**. (A calendar for the entire school year will be distributed then).

Any children (suspected of) having an Autism Spectrum Disorder, Down Syndrome, and/or IDD will be welcomed and invited into this program.

High School aged students interested in learning about and becoming **"Teen Mentors"** for these students in need, and to supplement the returning Teen Mentors, are asked to contact Deacon Larry directly.

To enroll in classes or to inquire about becoming a Teen Mentor, please email lawrence.sutton@diopitt.org or lsutton@resurrectionpgh.org, or write/call the Resurrection Parish Offices.

Deacon Larry Sutton

All Sunday evenings from 6:00 - 8:00PM in the Family Life Center at St. Thomas More, unless otherwise noted.	
All events are subject to change, please see the parish website for updates. www.resurrectionpgh.org/youth-ministry	
September	
17th Youth Ministry Kick-off Mass Breakfast for Dinner by Sem. Matt Kick Ball on the field	24th Bowling at Mt. Lebanon Lanes Includes dinner
October	
8th Service Project for Seniors	15th Field Trip to Mass at St. Adelbert in the South Side Gateway clipper Trip! Special Time: Noon - 4:00PM
November	
5th Dinner and a Movie	18th (Saturday Morning) Fall Clean-up (help with yardwork for local seniors)
December	
3rd Holiday Lights at Kennywood	17th Advent Candlelight Prayer Service Dinner & Trivia
Coming Spring '24	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valentine's Service Project Pilgrimage to Pittsburgh Shrines Pirates Game 	
 <p>For more information or if you have questions, please contact: Mary Swindal Pastoral Associate Lead, Youth Ministry Team mswindal@resurrectionpgh.org 412-833-0031 x239</p>	

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS



Learn more + sign up!

OCT
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St. Therese Feast Day Mass

Join us for Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (Polish Hill) at 10:00am. This Sunday Mass is celebrated with a special recognition of St. Therese of Lisieux on her feast day.

OCT
10

Living with Faith (discussion)

Finding Your Compass: We want to live an authentic, integrated life & pursue lasting happiness. How? Why is it challenging? A brief talk, followed by small group discussions. 6:30-8:00pm in the FLC. Snacks provided.

OCT
29

Saints Social & Potluck

Dress as one of your favorite saints or holy people and bring a dish to share with the group - homemade, store bought, an appetizer, or a dessert, it's all good! 5:00-6:30pm in the Family Life Center.

NOV
7

Living with Faith (discussion)

What do you "Worship"? Whatever we give the highest worth to determines how we order our life. Hear about the "5 altars" and which one is going to lead us to truth and happiness. 6:30-8:00pm in the FLC. Snacks provided.

Questions? Email Bridgette at bkennedy@resurrectionpgh.org
www.resurrectionpgh.org/young-adult-ministry
All young adults ages 18-39 are welcome!

AROUND OUR PARISH

A FEW NOTES ABOUT OUR GIFT CARD PROGRAM:

Purchase gift cards from the parish at face value and redeem the cards at the vendor for the full value of the card. Resurrection Parish receives rebates from each vendor which are earnings for the Parish - **PAID BY THE VENDOR, NOT YOU OR ME.**

Currently, the Parish receives approximately \$40,000 from 300 families purchasing gift cards. With increased participation, ANNUAL EARNINGS to the Parish could conservatively be \$250,000, and optimistically be \$1 million. **PAID BY THE VENDOR, NOT YOU OR ME.**

How do I purchase gift cards?

1. Online through Raise Right, 24/7/365. Register at www.raiseright.com with an assigned enrollment code (Please contact Parish or School office for this). There are 750 vendors and many are e-cards. Pay with a registered checking account at a fee of **ONLY** \$0.29 per transaction, or credit card with a fee of 2.6% per transaction.
2. Purchase physical gift cards in-person, 7 days/week. We have 20 local vendors at both parish offices during business hours and before/after weekend Masses. Pay by check or cash with **NO** fee, or credit card with a fee of 3.6%.

WHAT A GREAT WAY TO HELP THE PARISH AT NO OR MINIMAL COST TO YOU!

Thank you to parishioner Bill Trozzo for overseeing the Gift Card Program and for speaking at Mass this weekend!

RESURRECTION PARISH/AVE MARIA ACADEMY GIFT CARD SURVEY

Please answer the following questions pertaining to the Gift Card Program. All participants will be eligible for a drawing for \$50 of gift cards of your choice. Please return to either Parish Office no later than **October 2, 2023.**

1. Do you buy gift cards from the Gift Card Program? YES NO

If YES, how often do you buy gift cards? _____

If NO, were you aware that there is a Gift Card Program at Resurrection Parish? YES NO

2. Do you know that you can buy gift cards online from Raise Right, directly at St. Thomas More Church, or at the parish offices of St. Thomas More and St. John Capistran? YES NO

3. Do you know that the full face value of the gift card is yours to make purchases from the vendor? YES NO

4. Resurrection Parish pays a discounted amount to the vendors for the gift cards we sell. Do you know that the price difference is profit to the Parish, and it is paid to us by the vendors? YES NO

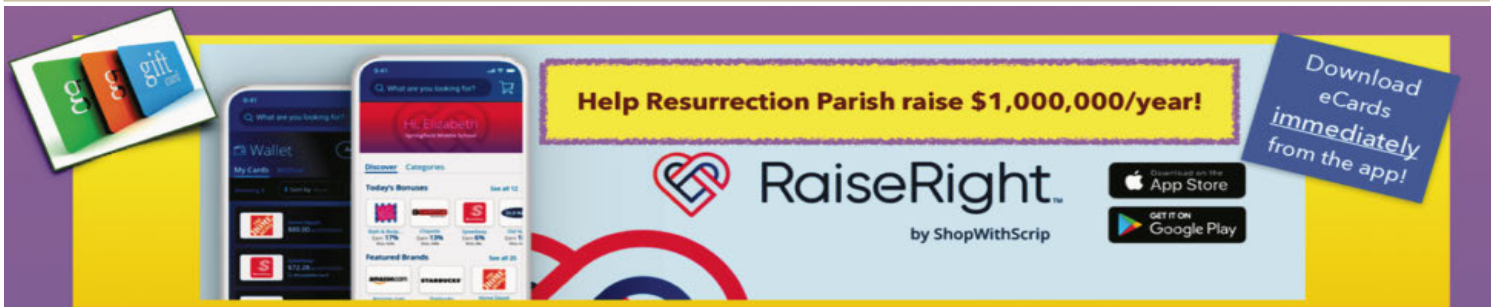
5. Do you know that if your child attends Ave Maria Academy and/or one of the Diocesan Catholic High Schools that you can reduce your tuition cost by buying gift cards? YES NO

6. Do you have any suggestions to make the Gift Card Program more attractive for you to increase your purchases and/or start purchasing gift cards?

FAMILY NAME: _____ (please print) PHONE #: _____

Thank you for taking a few minutes to complete the survey and to help make the Gift Card Program beneficial to you and to our Parish. If you need additional information and/or would like to volunteer to help with the Gift Card Program, please contact me at billtrozzo46@gmail.com, or call me at (412) 874-6071.

AROUND OUR PARISH



Gift Cards: What's In It For Me?

❖ Step One - Purchase gift cards at:

- ❖ The Parish Office, Before or after Mass, Through the RaiseRight app
- ❖ Enroll in the the scrip program at: www.RaiseRight.com
- ❖ Call the Parish Office for the Enrollment Code

❖ Step Two - \$Shop as usual and either **\$Save money** on tuition and help support the parish

❖ Example - Family of four purchasing gift cards for one year:

- ❖ Giant Eagle (Groceries): \$1,000/month (\$12,000/year) - Vendor Rebate = 5% or **\$600.00**
- ❖ GetGo (Gasoline): \$5,000/year - Vendor Rebate = 4% or **\$200**
- ❖ Eat n'Park: \$50/month (\$600/year) - Vendor Rebate = 9% or **\$54**
- ❖ Atria's: \$300 (4 Date Nights/year for parents) - Vendor Rebate = 10% or **\$30**
- ❖ Mitchell's Seafood: \$300 (2 Date Nights/year for parents) - Vendor Rebate = 9% or **\$27**
- ❖ Zappos: \$600 (8 pairs of shoes/year) - Vendor Rebate = 8% or **\$48**
- ❖ Home Depot: \$500/year - Vendor Rebate = 4% or **\$20**
- ❖ Amazon: \$800/year - Vendor Rebate = 1.7% or **\$13.60**
- ❖ Dick's Sporting Goods: \$200/year - Vendor Rebate = 10% or **\$20**
- ❖ Total Rebate in this small example = **\$1,012.60**
- ❖ If only 1,000 families of four participates as per the example above...
- ❖ Resurrection Parish receives over **\$1,000,000/year** in vendor rebates



GIFT CARD SELLERS NEEDED!

We would like to start selling gift cards before and after the weekend masses at St. John Capistran Church. In order to do so, we need volunteers. It takes approximately 15 minutes of your time before and after mass and it's a great way to meet fellow parishioners. A brief 15-20 minute training will be provided in advance of selling. Selling gift cards at the weekend masses makes it more convenient for our parishioners to buy gift cards that will help reduce the projected budget shortfall of \$245,000 for this fiscal year. If interested in becoming a member of this very important Parish Ministry, please contact either Parish Office or contact Bill Trozzo at (412) 874-6071. Thank you for your consideration in joining this Ministry and in helping to reduce our projected budget shortfall.

Town Halls: Fr. Mike and Finance Council representatives will provide an opportunity for parishioner questions and comments about the parish financial status. The Town Hall schedule is:

- **Tuesday, September 26**, 12:45 p.m. St. Thomas More during "Pray and Stay" after 11:30 a.m. Mass
- **Thursday, September 28**, 7:00 p.m. Family Life Center, St. Thomas More
- **Friday, September 29**, 9:15 a.m. Capistran Hall, St. John Capistran after 8:30 a.m. Mass
- **Thursday, October 12**, 7:00 p.m. Capistran Hall, St. John Capistran

We also plan to provide ongoing bulletin announcements, Flocknotes and parish website items about our current financial situation, Parish Appeal (formerly Parish Share), online giving, gift cards and other topics that can contribute to the financial health of our parish.

Your input on any of these topics is invited via email to finance@resurrectionpgh.org.

We review every email received there, and thank you for your interest and support.

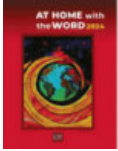


AROUND OUR PARISH

Our Parish Lectionary Study Group will convene again this Fall!

You are invited to join your fellow parishioners in a relaxed, interactive atmosphere as we "break open" the Sunday Lectionary:

**Tuesday Mornings, starting September 26th
9:45 to 11:00 am
in the Rooney Room (STM)**



During each session we explore and discuss all the readings proclaimed in the Sunday Liturgy. Our hope is to deepen our understanding of the Sacred Scriptures and thereby lead us to a fuller participation in the Eucharist.

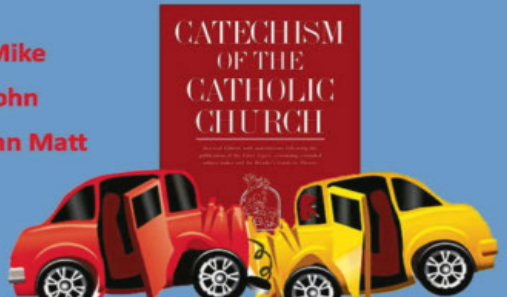
At Home with the Word is our study guide, which contains all the Sunday and holy day readings along with a wealth of background material, practical applications and reflection questions. It is available through Liturgy Training Publications.

To register or for more info, please contact: Geoffrey Schnieder: geoff.schnieder@gmail.com / 412-276-4336 or Tom Anderson: 1799tca@gmail.com

CRASH COURSE ON THE CATECHISM

**With Fr. Mike
Deacon John
Seminarist Matt**

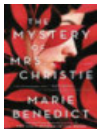
**Tuesdays
7:00-8:15 p.m.
@SJC**





An opportunity to study God's Word:

We will gather on **Monday, September 18th** from 10:00 a.m. - Noon in the Reardon Room to discuss the document *The Word of God in the Life of the Church*; then explore the Gospel of Mark, verse by verse. Join us in person or on Zoom. Please contact Vera Park at parkmont1293@gmail.com for the Zoom link.



The Mystery of Mrs. Christie by Marie Benedict is the topic for the **October 9th** meeting of the **Resurrection Parish Book Discussion Group**. It is true that author Agatha Christie disappeared for eleven days in December 1926. The mystery of why she disappeared has never been successfully determined. Marie Benedict gives her fictional account of these eleven days. Come join us for our meeting to offer your explanation of why she disappeared. Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the month from 10:00 a.m. until noon in the Utopia Room of the STM Family Life Center. All are welcome.



Moms Ministry Rosary and Reflection

-Calling all moms looking for fellowship and support-

Join us once a month to pray the rosary for our families and to reflect on various topics relating to motherhood.

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Our schedule is as follows:

7:00 p.m. - Welcome and Rosary

7:30 p.m. - Small group discussion on the topic of the month

8:15 p.m. - Closing prayer and petitions

Meeting Dates and location:

September 21- SJC (St John Capistran)

October 19- SJC

November 16- SJC

December 11- Advent Celebration - Rosary and Dinner at STM

January 18- SJC

February 15- SJC

March 18- Stations of the Cross and Meager Meal at STM

April 18- SJC

May 16- SJC

Questions? Contact Karen McElhaney at karen.mcelhaney@comcast.net

Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.
-Proverbs 31:34

Women's Emmaus Retreat is Oct. 13-15, 2023 Registration is Open!

The 18th Pittsburgh Women's Emmaus Retreat, led by women from local parishes, is a great way to deepen your faith and experience genuine fellowship! During the weekend, you will have a chance to listen to other women talk about their faith journey, as well as experience quiet, reflective time. The retreat is open to all women over age 18 and includes a private bedroom and bathroom at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center in Pittsburgh. The food is excellent, the grounds are calm and peaceful, and it will be a weekend that you will never forget.



Retreat dates: October 13-15th

Cost is \$225

Financial Assistance is available.

Full details and application can be found at:
www.resurrectionpgh.org/emmaus-women.

For questions, please contact Leslie Dambrogio at 412-780-2872 or Heather Derda at hderda@gmail.com.



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.

AROUND OUR PARISH

October is Respect Life Month!

Mark your calendar for these parish events:

October 1st

Respect Life Sunday - 11:30 a.m. Special Needs Mass;
Birthright & Mary's Place Collection

October 9th

Witness for Life - Ave Maria 8th graders place white crosses
at STM with Deacon Bill

October 15th

People Concerned for the Unborn Child (PCUC) Luncheon
at LeMont Restaurant

October 16th

Pennsylvania March for Life, Harrisburg

October 27th

Post Abortion Healing weekend at Rachel's Vineyard
Please join us for these special events! Call or email
Carolyn at 412-860-9980 or caromartin7777@gmail.com.



**Pennsylvania March for Life in Harrisburg
Monday, October 16, 2023**

FILL OUR BUS!

Begin the day with 6:30 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas More,
then head to Harrisburg by bus and participate in the
11:00 a.m. Rally and 12:00 p.m. March for Life. We will
return the same day. Come and join us to witness for our
babies - our greatest natural resource! Consider sponsoring
a student if you are unable to go. Contact Carolyn at
412-860-9980 or 412-257-0780 for more information.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

**Kick-Off Mass & Eucharistic Procession
to Planned Parenthood
Tuesday, September 26th at 6:30 pm**

**Mass at Divine Mercy Parish, Epiphany Church followed by a
Candlelit Eucharistic Procession to Planned Parenthood!**
Many priests will be participating! Join us as we bring the light of Christ to the darkest place in our city!

We are delighted to welcome Fr. Mario Majano from the
Archdiocese of Washington DC, who will give the homily!



Fr. Majano gave a
stunning pro-life
witness at the 2015
March for Life!



Let us thank God and praise Him for the over-turning of Roe vs. Wade and ask Him to
protect us as we continue the battle to end abortion in Pennsylvania!

For more information go to 40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh

Post Abortion Healing The next Rachel's
Vineyard weekend will begin Friday,
October 27th. For information about the week-
end go to www.RachelsVineyard.org or email /
call Toniafj1@comcast.net / 412-352-5348.



Resurrection Parish

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**Supper &
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Oktoberfest
On Saturday, October 14th
in Capistran Hall
Following the 5pm Mass
**Join us to share in a German-themed meal as we come
together to celebrate Oktoberfest!**

The Second Saturday Suppers are an opportunity for food, faith and fellowship
for our parish community. The dinners are provided by Resurrection Parish.

Reservations are requested no later than Sunday, October 8th

Use the link below or call the parish offices 412-833-0031 or 412-221-6275 to sign up
www.resurrectionpgh.org/second-saturday-suppers

*Any amount of free will offering that you would like to give to offset the dinner expenses is greatly
appreciated. Hope to see you there!*

AROUND OUR PARISH

DATE CHANGE! *The Last One*
WINS

Saturday, NOVEMBER 18th
Doors Open at 5:15pm – First Drawing at 6:30pm

DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES, WE MUST CHANGE THE DATE OF THIS EVENT. IT WILL NOW BE HELD ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH!

IF YOU ALREADY PURCHASED TICKETS, THEY WILL BE GOOD FOR THE NEW DATE!

\$75 includes a Number, admission & dinner
\$40 includes admission & dinner

Additional small games of chance for everyone to play!
Numbers and Admission Tickets are on sale now!
www.resurrectionpgh.org
Attendance not required \$ 21yrs and Over to attend


DONUT SUNDAY
JOIN US FOR DONUTS
AND FELLOWSHIP ON
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

**At BOTH CHURCHES
after ALL Sunday Masses!**

**Stop by for a donut
and meet our hosts,
The Ladies of Charity &
The Angel Tree Committee**

PRAY AND STAY SOCIAL SENIORS LUNCH

**Tuesday, September 26th
after 11:30am mass**

IT'S A STEELERS TAILGATE THEME!

**RSVP by September 24th
Sign Up or call the Parish Office**

Chicken Tortilla Soup (not spicy)
Nacho Chips with Salsa & Guacamole
Philly Steak and Cheese Sandwiches

SAVE THE DATE!
32nd Annual
St. Thomas More Church
Bethel Park, by South Hills Village
Arts & Craft Show
Saturday, October 7th
9am-3pm

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WEEK IN REVIEW

Great beginnings last a lifetime! We are so happy to have our preschoolers and kindergartners back in the classroom. At AMA, we believe that each child is created in the image and likeness of God. Our experienced teachers are dedicated to providing opportunities for the spiritual, social, emotional, intellectual, and physical development of each child entrusted to their care. They realize their vital role to implement an age-appropriate curriculum with flexibility for children to learn and explore at many different levels. The goal of our program is to effectively prepare children for the next level of their education. Our older students are blessed to serve as mentors to our littlest ones and regularly interact with them through our "buddy" system which is enjoyed by all!



GET SOCIAL WITH AMA

Don't miss out on all of the great things happening at AMA this school year! Like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram to stay up to date.



For more details on all events see school website.

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*If you require assistance in an area not listed in
the bulletin, please call or visit the parish offices.*

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Baptism

Celebrated the 1st and 3rd Sundays 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.

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 Masses10:00 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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