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Uniting Churches of Monroeville and Penn Hills

ST. BERNADETTE ST. GERARD MAJELLA ST. BARTHOLOMEW ST. SUSANNA NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS ST. MICHAEL



WE HELP ONE ANOTHER MOVE AT THE SPEED OF GOD

Sunday, July 28, 2019 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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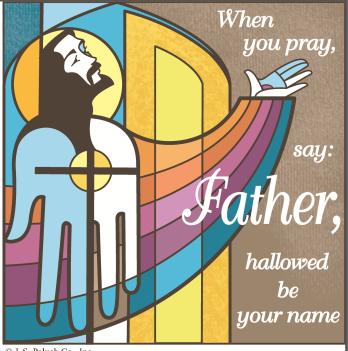
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North American Martyrs

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TODAY'S READINGS

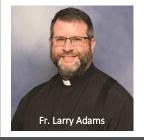
First Reading — Abraham bargains with God to spare the city (Genesis 18:20-32).

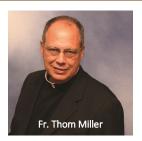
Psalm — Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me (Psalm 138).

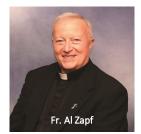
Second Reading — You were buried with Christ in baptism, in which you were also raised with Christ (Colossians 2:12-14).

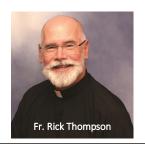
Gospel — Everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds (Luke 11:1-13).

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Sin and Forgiveness



Deacon Rick Tucek

In today's readings we hear about sin and forgiveness. Sodom and

Gomorrah was the standard bearer of sin and depravity. Yet Abraham did not want to see it destroyed because righteous people could be destroyed along with the evil ones. God agreed not to destroy it because of the righteous people. For as long as, there were at least ten good people, there was hope of reform for the evil people.

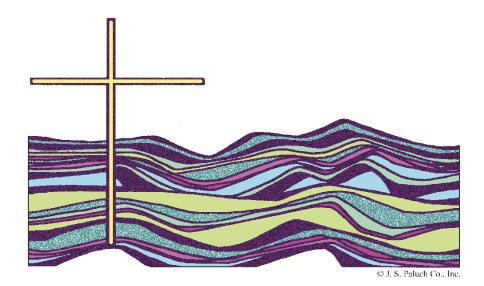
first even if the person didn't ask for forgiveness. We are to forgive them in our heart no matter what. We can't wait for apologies, even though you are owed one, must forgive like Jesus has done for us. God loves us so much that he died on the cross us without an excuse me, I'm sorry, or any other kind of apology from us.

In Paul's letter to the Colossians he talks about their transgressions yet Jesus put those sins on himself when he was on the cross and they died with him. By His death and Resurrection we were raised up on Easter Sunday cleansed of all our sins.

In the Gospel today the disciples ask Jesus to teach them how to pray. He gives them the gift of the "Our Father." And in the area of sin and forgiveness Jesus says "give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our

sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test." so here is the difficult part. We are to forgive everyone who sins against us no matter what. Do we want our sins forgiven by God and other people who we hurt? We sure do. For that to happen we must forgive others first even if the person didn't ask for forgiveness. We are to forgive them in our heart no matter what. We can't wait for apologies, even though you are owed one, we must forgive like Jesus has done for us. God loves us so much that he died on the cross for us without an excuse me, I'm sorry, or any other kind of apology from us.

God loves us so much that he gave his son to us for our salvation. We of course should humble ourselves and ask for forgiveness when we do something wrong to another. Forgiveness from that person and from God, in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, are essential to our life here and our spiritual salvation. So forgive all whom you hold grudges and ask for forgiveness from those you have offended.



17th Sunday In Ordinary Time

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Saturday, July 27, 2019

4:00pm, St. Bartholomew, People of the Parish

4:00pm, NAM, Sam Eannarino-Family

5:00pm, St. Bernadette, Joan C. Husar-Ronald Husar

5:00pm, St. Susanna, Birthday - Barbara Pryle - Barbusio Family

Sunday, July 28, 2019

8:00am, St. Bernadette, Angelo DiPiazza—Sue Shaw

9:00am, St. Michael, John Philips-Diane & Bob Kalina

9:00am, St. Susanna, Cindy Palkovich - Gerald & Dolores Price and Family

10:00am, St. Gerard Majella, Joseph D'Andrea—Family

10:30am, St. Bartholomew, Deacon Mike Kelly, his wife Marty & Family—St. Bartholomew Church Members

10:30am, St. Bernadette, William White, Sr. - Peter Bobich

11:00am, NAM, Amelia Kajder-Gene & Carol Kolano

6:00pm, St. Bernadette, Peter Capor—Capor Family

Monday, July 29, 2019

9:00am, St. Gerard Majella, William Bernazzoli - DeStefano Family

9:20am, St. Bernadette, Margaret Platte—Richard & Sandra Miller

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

7:15am, St. Bernadette, Matthew Kellmann—Joe & Jan Gatial

8:00am, NAM, Clara Jo Sakaluk-LaVerne Whiteman

9:00am, St. Susanna, David Heinauer - St. Susanna Money Counters

10:00am, St. Bartholomew, In Thanksgiving—Bobbie Ford

Wednesday, July 31, 2019

8:00am, St. Michael, Jean McCue-Family

9:00am, St. Gerard Majella, Betty Bigos - Don & Yolanda Turak

9:20am, St. Bernadette, Lewis Family—Lois Lewis

Thursday, August 1, 2019

7:15am, St. Bernadette, Richard Palmieri—Bob & Cathy Cowan

8:00am, NAM, James Kirk-Emily Ackerman

9:00am, St. Susanna, Birthday - Norma & Albert T. Zapf - Carol Schafer

10:00am, St. Bartholomew, Andrea Acker—Family

Friday, August 2, 2019

9:00am, St. Gerard Majella, Michael DelleFemine - Family

9:20am, St. Bernadette, Kenneth Farr—Jean (Wife)

Saturday, August 3, 2019

9:00am, St. Susanna, Lawrence Conte - Floyd & Mary Ann Hunkele

10:00am, St. Bartholomew, Sick & Suffering of our MPH group

4:00pm, St. Bartholomew, St. Bart's Parishioners

4:00pm, NAM, Mary Ann LaGuardia-Husband

5:00pm, St. Bernadette, Parishioners of MPH Catholic

5:00pm, St. Susanna, In Remembrance of Norma & Albert T. Zapf's Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, August 4, 2019

8:00am, St. Bernadette, Guido Rossetti—Family

9:00am, St. Michael, Maria Simoncini-Italia Biondo & Family

9:00am, St. Susanna, Pauline Pogorzelski - Tom & Betty Reitz

10:00am, St. Gerard Majella, Vincent Totaro - Wife, Mary

10:30am, St. Bartholomew, Joseph Furnier Bobbi & Children

10:30am, St. Bernadette, Mike Corletti-Family

11:00am, NAM, Jack Jackovitz-Family

6:00pm, St. Bernadette, Paul O'Toole—Family

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Taizé Ministry

Our Taizé Ministry will resume services at the end of August. If you are interested singing with our ensemble please email jbandish@stbpitt.com. Our next services are:

Wednesday, August 28, 2019 @ 7:00pm—St. Bernadette Church Friday, September 13, 2019 @ 7:00pm—Christ Our Savior Parish

Anointing of the Sick

The Anointing of the Sick is available in our MPH grouping on the following days:

- St. Bartholomew after masses on the THIRD weekend of the month
- St. Bernadette after masses on the FIRST weekend of the month
- St. Gerard after mass on the FIRST Sunday of the month
- St. Susanna after masses on the THIRD weekend of every other month (odd months)

RCIA



A NEW RCIA SEASON BEGINS IN THE FALL!

Do you know someone who might want to join the Catholic Church? Do you want to become more involved in your own faith and learn more? Do you just want to find out more about the Catholic Church and what it teaches? Consider joining us for

RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. It's open to anyone who is curious about our Church and our faith. Classes will begin in late September. Contact Deacon Mike at the St. Bernadette Parish Office (412-373-0050) to register or for more details.

Let me show you that the Catholic Church can be welcoming!!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23 or Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-11; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt

13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a,

8, 11; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58 Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8;

Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-

14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Martha

Tuesday: St. Peter Chrysologus Wednesday: St. Ignatius of Loyola Thursday: St. Alphonsus Liguori Friday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli;

St. Peter Julian Eymard; First

Friday

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First

Saturday



The Regular Confession Schedule for our grouping is:

St. Susanna: Sat. 9:30-10:15AM

St. Gerard Majella: - Sun. 9:10-9:40AM **St. Bernadette**: Mon. 6:00-645PM, Sat. 3:45-

4:30PM

St. Bartholomew: Sat. 3:00-3:45PM **North American Martyrs**: Sat. 3:00-3:45PM **St. Michael**: Second Sat of mo. 12:00-1:00PM

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW

Liturgical Ministers—August 3/4

Saturday 4:00pm

Lector: Ken Brinzer

A.S.: A. Benson, V. Senge,, D. Duda

E. M.: N. Senge*, C. Richards**, C. Cerniga, P. Do-

nahoe, R. House, E. King, B. Vento

Sunday 10:30am

Lector: Dave Parrendo

A.S.: D. Maguire, K. Boyle, C. Kusk

E. M: L. White*, F. White*, J. Depner, T. Fitzpatrick

L. Irr, T. Merola, T. Stanton

Communion Antiphon Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God

TANTALIZING TANZANIA 2020



Father Faustine Furaha is once again leading a tour to Tanzania, Africa in July of 2020.

Included in the tour will be:

Visit to Mt. Kilimanjaro Safari in the Serengeti & Ngorongoro Attending Priestly ordinations Diocese of Moshi Optional side trip to Zanzibar







For more information please call 412-242-3374 or email Father at fafuraha @Yahoo.com.

Operation Safety Net

The Ladies of Charity of the Diocese are collecting TRAVEL SIZE TOILETRIES FOR Pittsburgh Mercy's Operation Safety Net founded by Dr. Jim Withers to benefit the Homeless. There is a basket in the main vestibule to deposit your items. Thank you for your generosity.

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Andrea Acker, from her family.



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAINT BERNADETTE

CCD Help Wanted

Each year we lose one or two wonderful Catechists and must replace them with other wonderful volunteers. CCD will begin on Sunday, September 29 at 9:30 a.m. Teacher's manuals and help is available. It's only an hour and fifteen minutes for the class. Classes are fairly small with very good children to teach! If you are able to share your faith and love with our public school children, please email Marlene Kopper @mvkopper@stbpitt.com.

Flea Market and Food Sale

Find new treasures at the St. Bernadette Flea Market in the Lourdes Center, running Friday, August 2, through Sunday, August 4. Join us for the Preview Sale on Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. for a \$5 admission to enjoy the largest selection! Saturday's sale runs 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., with a half-price sale (some exclusions apply) from 6 to 8 p.m. Our soon-to-befamous "Name Your Price" sale (some exclusions apply) will be Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Delicious food will be available throughout the sale, including pierogis, haluski, and stuffed cabbage with mashed potatoes. Questions? Contact Lisa Fennessy at 412-607-0226 or Kelly Meredith at 412-370-2165.

Pre-Baptismal Class

The next Pre- Baptismal seminar for anyone baptizing a baby in the near future will be held on Tuesday August 20, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Rectory Conference Room. We require this class for all new parents. Please call the Parish Office to register. 412-373-0050

Coach Joe

Please keep Coach Joe Hohman in your prayers as he battles an illness. Any prayers and well wishes can be sent directly to Coach Hohman at his mailing address:

Coach Joe Hohman 107 Castle Hill Rd Monroeville,Pa

Or email him at jhohman@rdm-inc.com

Eucharistic Adoration

During Eucharistic Adoration, we "watch and wait", we remain "silent" in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist ... By worshiping the Eucharistic Jesus, we become what God wants us to be! Like a magnet, The Lord draws us to Himself and gently transforms us.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white host." - Bishop Fulton J. Sheen "In that little Host is the solution to all the problems of the world." - Pope St. John Paul II

Join us on Mondays before Jesus in the Monstrance from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Parish Share

Parish Share Goal: \$149,429 / Received: \$88,259.50

Calendar

SUNDAY JULY 28

MONDAY JULY 29

KOC Meeting 6:00pm BH

TUESDAY JULY 30

Tai Chi 10:00am BH

Bereavement Group (Deacon Mike) 1:30pm BH

Purgatory Society 5:45pm Church

Bereavement Group (Deacon Mike) 7:00pm BH

WEDNESDAY JULY 31

Faith Formation (Kate) 6:00pm RC1

THURSDAY AUG 1

FRIDAY AUG 2

Flea Market 6:00pm -8:00pm LC

SATURDAY Aug 3

Men's Bible Study 7:00am BH (Currently: Genesis to Jesus series)
Flea Market 8:00am - 1:00pm LC
Flea Market 6:00pm - 8:00pm LC

SUNDAY AUG 4

Flea Market 9:00am - 1:00pm LC

LC......Lourdes Center BH.......Biedenbach Hall RC1......Rectory Conference Room 1

SAINT BERNADETTE

St. Bernadette Weekend Music List

Gathering Song: We Gather Together—#200 Breaking Bread

Gloria: #877 Breaking Bread

Preparation of the Gifts: 10,000 Reasons—#560 Breaking Bread

Heritage Mass: #878 Breaking Bread

Communion: Table of Plenty—#310 Breaking Bread, Our Blessing Cup—#362 Breaking Bread

Sending Forth: O God Our Help in Ages Past—#443 Breaking Bread

O God Our Help In Ages Past—10:30am

1) O God, our help in ages past, our Hope for years to come our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

2) Under the shadow of thy throne still may we dwell secure; sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Chorus

O God You are, You are our help, You are our helper to all generations You will be, forever and ever Our shield and our eternal hope oh Lord You are the ancient of days and worthy of our praise.

- 3) Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.
- 4) A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone; short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.

Chorus

O God You are, You are our help, You are our helper to all generations You will be, forever and ever Our shield and our eternal hope oh Lord You are the ancient of days and worthy of our praise.



SICK & SHUT-INS

The Sacraments are available to those who are unable to attend Mass due to sickness or age.

Contact Deacon Mike to make arrangements. 412-373-0050

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAINT GERARD MAJELLA

Pray for our Sick

Please pray for our parishioners who are in the hospital or at home requesting our prayers:

Larry Bacco - Mary Dailey - Mary Lou Frollo - Chris LaBertew - Louie Pugliese - Anthony Pugliese - Don Turak - Rich Wicker To be added to our prayer list call the parish office.

Sanctuary Candle



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in Honor of the Blessed Sacrament and in Loving Memory of Michael Delle Femine requested by his Family.

Bingo



Wednesday's at St. Gerard's Doors open at 5pm and games start at 7pm in the church social hall. Food & drinks available. Come Support the Church and have an evening of fun!

Collections

7-14-19
Peter's Pence (3)..\$25.
Utility..\$50.
Votive Lights..\$62.

7-21-19 Utility..\$171. St. Vincent De Paul..\$22. Votive Lights..\$67.

Calendar

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

(The First Sunday of the Month) August 4, 2019 after 10 AM Mass

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

(The Third Sunday of the Month)
August 18, 2019 after the 10:00 AM Mass
BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP

(Meets the 1st & 3rd Monday of the Month)
Men & Women are welcome to attend.
Next meeting is August 5, 2019 at 6:30 PM
in the Resurrection Room

PURGATORIAN SOCIETY

Meets every Thursday at 4:30 PM In the Resurrection Room

LEGION OF MARY

Meets every Saturday at 11:00 AM In the Resurrection Room

Office Hours M-T-W 9 AM to 5 PM Th-F 1 to 5 PM
(TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE PLEASE CALL FIRST)

Items for drop off to the office can be deposited in the mail slot located in the downstairs of the church office.

Treasures from Our Tradition

The pilgrim experience of going by foot to Santiago de Compostella, the shrine of St. James, reached its high point this week at the feast of the Apostle, with tens of thousands of pilgrims on the road. Typically, they cover twelve to twenty miles a day through rough territory. The difficult journey and the often primitive lodging facilities are made bearable by the joy of the pilgrims, their songs and prayers. When their journey is documented properly, they receive the scallop shell, a reminder not only of James the fisherman, but also his call to fish for human beings and to baptize the nations. In the Middle Ages, those who wore this badge on their hats were granted lodging

and hospitality wherever they went. Next to the palm, the sign of a Jerusalem pilgrim, the scallop shell was most highly prized.

In the Middle Ages, some people so enjoyed the pilgrim road, although it was filled with discomfort and danger, that they spent most of their lives on the road. Today, some people take up the route for exercise, but are drawn gradually into the spirituality of the journey. As you make your summer travels, always fold in an element of pilgrimage: a long walk through beautiful countryside, a visit to a church, a prayer of gratitude for your journey through life's hills and valleys.

SAINT SUSANNA

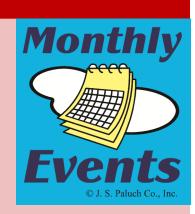
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ANOINTING

The next Anointing scheduled for Saint Susanna will be Sunday September 15th after the 9:00 am Mass.

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

Saint Susanna Prayer Group meets every Wednesday evening at 7pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. Lectio Divina Sundays Gospel/Prayer/Spiritual Reading.



PENN HILLS SERVICE ASSOCIATION

Every 3rd week of the month Saint Susanna has a collection of non-perishable food. Please donate what you can. Thank You.

Sanctuary Candle

Rose Staley (Special Intention)

Raffle

Who knows, maybe YOU will be the Lucky Winner of our 50/50 MONTHLY RAFFLE for the month of July... Tickets are now on sale for the month of July, so why not take a chance, like all of our previous winners did? The drawing will be on Tuesday, August 6th!!! Best of Luck to everyone. YOU could be our next winner \$\$ Give it a try.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 28, 2019

You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

— Colossians 2:12

Pray for our Sick

Julie Kulwik, Laurel Hefferan, Betty Reitz, Richard Kress, Floyd Hunkele, Kathy Griffin, Jenny Baer, Carol Vento, Mark Ruffner, Andrea Ventomiller, Sweetie Cyphers, Melody Hall, Inez Montanari, Frank Potocnik, Orrie Andreozzi, Liz Rogers, Robert Brehm, Ronald Weber, Mary Lou Ervin, Aaron Michael Saville, Kay Wharton, Michael & Janice McDonald, Barb Pofi, Theresa Monroe, Linda Koltiska, Jeanne Conchilla, Patty Pluebell, Ryan Pursh, Daniel Fizz, Olean Kieffer, Haven Vaughan, Jim Kerr, Leslie Long, Dan Tuite, Christine & Merle Bennett, Cathy Weber, Andrew Giannuzzi, Larry Circosta, Laureen Taylor, Rita Mae Carolis, Mary Dailey

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS

Sanctuary Candle

The candle is available for selected dates at either church and will burn in memory of or in honor of your loved ones. Please call the office.

Second Collection

A second collection taken at all masses next weekend, August 3 & 4 will be for the Building & Grounds Maintenance Fund. Our last collection for building and grounds brought in \$996.00. Thank you for your continued support.

Meeting

The St. Vincent DePaul Society will meet on Wednesday, July 31 at 7:00 PM in the NAM Rectory Conference Room.

Pray for our Sick

Mary Ann Abbenante, Melinda Arnold, Stacey Baylie, Jim Behe, John Behe, Mary Lou Brown, Matt Costa, Patricia Costa, Josephine Costanco, Ken Cravotta, Mary Dailey, Derna DiCecco, Julie DiCecco, Malcolm Anthony Francis Ferrao, Jane Catherine Ferrao, Shawn Anthony Ferrao, Nicole Antonette Ferrao, Anita Farruggia, Doreen Franceschini, Janet Fisher, Magdalen Fisher, Bob Gojkovich, John Jackovitz, Jessica Andrews Jones, Ron Jones, Thomas Kengerski, Jim Koerneke, Jean Lawton, Corrine Malloy, Charles McCracken, Richard Miller, Jim Moberg, Anna Nowak, Ashley Preece, Christine Samrock, Clara Sands, Isabella Sciara, Wayne Stiffey, Patty Toohill, Helen & Joe Toth, Dcn. Rick Tucek, Clare Valansky, Mary Ann Vecchio, Theresa Ventresco, Renee Venturella, Eric Vidra, Amy Whitaker Worthington & Nancy Youthers

If you know someone who is ill and who would like their name put on this prayer list, please have them contact Patti Kemerer at 412-856-7294 or at pattiakem@gmail.com.

MPH CATHOLIC SUMMER SOCIAL

Sunday, August 18 at North American Martyrs Church in Monroeville

a 50/50 Raffle. Registration will be on-line at MPHCatholic.org.

There will be a Mass at 11am followed immediately by the Summer Social. You're probably asking, what is a Summer Social? Well, it's part MPH Parish Picnic and part MPH Parish Festival. We all know that we are going to be consolidating our individual parishes into one big parish with several campuses and we thought this would be a good way to get to know people from other parishes before the actual consolidation takes place.



This is how the Summer Social will work. Individuals will pay \$5; families of up to 5 people will pay \$10 per family; if your family has more than 5 members, each member over the 5 will pay \$2. These fees are regardless of age. The registration will cover the food – hamburgers, hot dogs, buns & condiments, potato salad, macaroni salad, and coleslaw – as well as non-alcoholic drinks – water, Turner's lemonade and Turner's iced tea. Beer and wine will be available for purchase. There will be activities and games for both children and adults including pay-to-play Bingo, Chuck-a-Luck and

Food Bank

This weekend, July 27 & 28, the last weekend of the month, is Food Bank Weekend at both St. Michael and NAM. The food collected at NAM will benefit those who visit Crossroads Food Pantry of Monroeville and the food collected at St. Michael will benefit those who visit Pitcairn Food Pantry. Please deposit your non-perishable food donations in the main vestibule of either church. Working alone we are limited in what we can accomplish, but together we can continue to make a difference in helping others. Feeding those in need is a privilege and a responsibility.

North American Martyrs

Stitching Angels



Calling all who knit, crochet, quilt, work counted cross stitch, and/or sew. The Stitching Angels of North American Martyrs Parish will hold their annual Baby Shower the weekend of August 17/18 this year. All handmade items will be donated to Catholic Charities Pregnancy and Parenting! If you like to knit, crochet or sew and are interested in making a few items, please let me know. We are in need of your help. There is never any requirement as to what you would make or even how many. We are happy for all items. Usually we make baby blankets, sweaters, hats, burp cloths, bibs, and receiving blankets. If you are interested in helping out this year, please give me, Mary Harrill, a call at 412-372-3181 or at meh227@aol.com.

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Asking for Help

The Beatitudes praise the poor in spirit. One characteristic of those who are poor in spirit is their ability to ask for help; they know when others can provide what they lack. Today's readings encourage us to practice poverty in spirit by asking God for what we need. What could be more natural than to ask God for good things? God is, after all, the inventor of goodness and the giver of all good things. Asking God for help puts us in conversation with God. These conversations take many forms. The reading from Genesis shows Abraham bantering with God like a skilled negotiator, while Saint Paul's letter to the Colossians praises God for answering us even when we don't deserve it. In Saint Luke's Gospel, Jesus not only gives us words to use in our conversations with God (the Our Father), but also promises that God always listens to our prayers.

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North American Martyrs

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

STEWARDSHIP

St. Bartholomew: 7/21 \$4,012.00 St. Bernadette: 7/14 \$15,406.04

> 7/21 \$14,997.26

St. Gerard: 7/14 \$2,018.00

\$1,583.00 7/21

(Budget \$8,100.00)

(Budget \$2,500.00)

NAM: (Budget \$14,000.00) St. Susanna: 7/14 7/14

\$3,904.00* \$4,107.00

(Budget \$10,350.00) (Budget \$5,000.00)

7/21 \$3,688.00

*Online giving total not included.

Parish Happenings

First Saturday



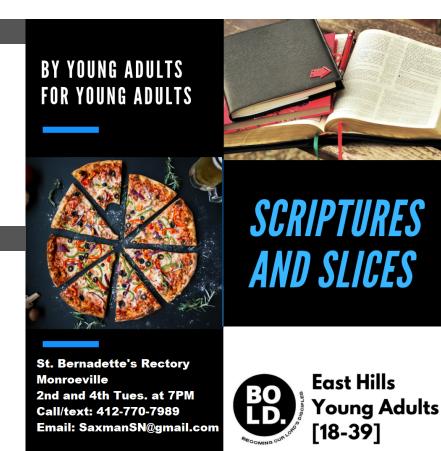
August 3, 2019, FATIMA DEVOTIONS will be held at 9:00 am at Saint Bernadette Church. ALL ARE WELCOME. It is also the wish of the Blessed Mother that we go to Holy Communion on First Saturday and go to Confession a week before or a week after receiving Holy Communion.

Pray for the Repose of Souls

John F. Balocik James Dorisio John Antonucci **David Heinauer** Josephine Wichman

Marriage Banns

- Jordan Doman & Benjamin Farina
- Deanna Verrico & Mike McClosky



Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator: 412-456-3093 (Office) 1-888- 808-1235 (Hot Line) PA Child Line: 1-800-932-0313 Call 911 immediately if a child is in danger.



Stitching Angel's Baby Shower August 17-18



We are excited to announce our new plan for this year's Baby Shower!

It has become increasingly difficult to deliver all the heavy items.

So this year we are inviting parishioners to take part in this

wonderful project by donating

gift cards from either TARGET or AMAZON.

All you need to do is place the cards in an envelope including your name and email address, address it to "The Stitching Angels" North American Martyrs, and drop it in the collection basket at Mass.

If you cannot buy a gift card, cash is accepted.

We will then order the baby items for you and have them delivered to Catholic Charities

by Target or Amazon.

At the conclusion of this project, we will give you an update on what was purchased.

Thank You So Much for Your Continued Support!



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