

# MPHCATHOLIC

UNITING CHURCHES OF MONROEVILLE AND PENN HILLS

ST. BARTHOLOMEW ST. BERNADETTE ST. GERARD MAJELLA  
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WE HELP ONE ANOTHER MOVE AT THE SPEED OF GOD

Sunday, August 25, 2019 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



## St. Bartholomew

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## St. Bernadette

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## North American Martyrs

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*Some who are last will be first,*



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## TODAY'S READINGS

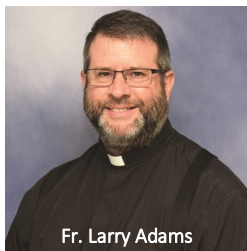
**First Reading** — Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).

**Psalms** — Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).

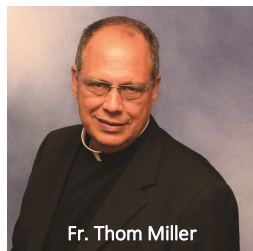
**Second Reading** — Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).

**Gospel** — People from east and west, north and south recline at table in the kingdom of God (Luke 13:22-30).

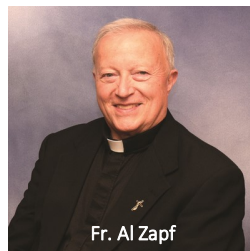
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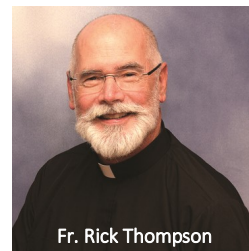
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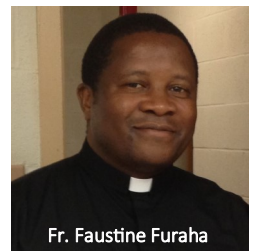
Fr. Thom Miller



Fr. Al Zapf



Fr. Rick Thompson



Fr. Faustine Furaha

**From Deacon Mike**


Today's Gospel sounds very dire and ominous. It sounds as though there is little hope for salvation. But that is not the case. What Jesus is warning His followers about is a lack of commitment. Just saying that you believe in Jesus is not enough. Yes, we are

justified by faith. But if you think faith is just a membership, like a membership to a gym, you need to commit to using it. Just as a gym membership will do nothing for you unless you put in the work, so too faith is empty unless you do something with it.

You might be asking yourself, "What do I need to do with this faith that I say I have?" Well, there are several ideas that come to mind. First and maybe foremost, you should be feeding your faith. A plant cannot grow without water and food. Neither will your faith. One way to feed it is through praying. As you become closer to God, the grace that ignited your faith will increase, allowing faith to be strengthened. Spend some time researching your faith. Read books of a spiritual nature. Get involved in small group discussions.

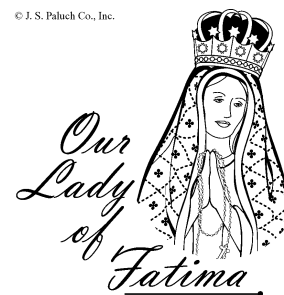
There are definitely options available within our own grouping. If you are really serious about learning more, you are always welcome to attend the RCIA classes that will begin at the end of September. Yes, they are intended for people who are considering entry into the Catholic Church. But they are also a wonderful way to learn and grow as a Catholic, even if you are a "Cradle Catholic."

Another way to feed your faith is to minister to those around you. Maybe it is visiting the sick. Maybe it is helping the needy and disadvantaged. Once again, there are many options open to you here at home. St. James tells us that faith without works is dead. That is not because we are justified by our works but because faith must be put into action to be truly lived.

Do you want to be among those few who will be saved, as Jesus said in the Gospel? Then you better begin choosing to become more committed to your faith. Most of you received the faith through your parents or grandparents. But until you lose their faith and find your own, you will not grow and blossom into the child of God that you are intended to be. Choose to be a committed follower of Jesus. Christianity is not a religion; it is a way of life.

**Fatima Devotions**

First Saturday, **September 7, 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.

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**MPH Cookie Cook Book**

The first-ever MPH Cookie Table at the Summer Social was a huge success! We are excited to put together a Cookie Cookbook and there's still time to get your recipe in. If you participated in the cookie table but did not leave a copy of your recipe at the social, or if you were unable to bake but would like a cookie recipe included in the cookbook, please email Kelly Meredith at [kelly.fennessy@gmail.com](mailto:kelly.fennessy@gmail.com) with your submission. In addition to the recipe itself, please include the cookie name and your name as you would like it published in the cookbook. Feel free to email Kelly with any questions.

**Experience Taizé**

Taizé is a small village in the eastern part of France. Since 1940 it has been the home of an ecumenical community of brothers where prayer, three times a day, is the center of life. Part of that prayer time is spent in singing short repetitive refrains or ostinatos. Thousands of people from around the world visit Taizé every year. Our Taizé Services borrow from the tradition of Taizé as we offer our prayers and meditations around the cross. Our next service will be Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

## 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### PARISH HAPPENINGS

The offices of all MPH Catholic Churches will close on Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at 12:00 noon and reopen on Thursday as normal.

#### Book Available

##### *"Letter to a Suffering Church"*

Feeling hurt, angry, or demoralized about the ongoing sexual abuse crisis plaguing the Catholic Church? Our MPH parishes want to help. We have ordered for each parish a limited number of copies of a new book addressing this topic. This book,

##### *Letter to a Suffering Church*

##### *A BISHOP SPEAKS ON THE SEXUAL ABUSE CRISIS*

was written by Auxiliary Bishop Robert Barron of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. We invite those of you who may want help resolving your feelings about this crisis that has haunted our Church to pick up a free copy, one per family, after any of the Masses on September 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>.

We realize that there may not be enough copies to satisfy the immediate need. If such is the case, we ask that you contact your parish office as soon as possible, during the week of September 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, to reserve your copy from a future order of this most helpful and uplifting book. We believe that Bishop Barron provides clear insight on the sexual abuse crisis and where we should go from here.

#### Bingo Night

Wednesday's at

St. Gerard Majella Church

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!

#### 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.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22  
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26  
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32  
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17; Mk 6:17-29  
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13  
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30  
Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Tuesday: St. Monica  
Wednesday: St. Augustine  
Thursday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist  
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

**Confessions**  
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The Regular Confession Schedule for our grouping is:

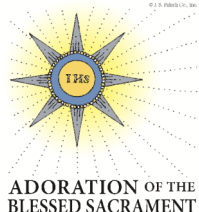
St. Bartholomew — Saturday at 3:00pm  
St. Bernadette — Monday at 6:00pm and Saturday at 3:45pm  
St. Gerard Majella — Sunday at 9:10am  
NAM — Saturday at 3:00pm (except 2nd Saturday)  
St. Michael — 2nd Saturday of the month at noon  
St. Susanna — Saturday at 9:30am

## PARISH HAPPENINGS

## Summer Social Feedback Request

Were you one of the 700 or so people that attended the MPH Summer Social last weekend? If so, we'd love to hear your thoughts on the event - things you loved or things we need to work on for next year. You can email your comments to kgrasso65@comcast.net. Don't have access to a computer? You can call 412-354-2858 and leave a voicemail but leave your name and call back number.

## Eucharistic Adoration



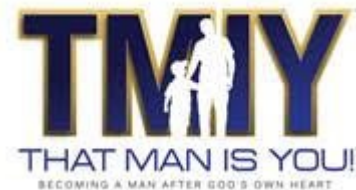
The best, the surest and the most effective way of establishing PEACE on the face of the earth is through the great power of Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.  
- Pope John Paul II

Join us on each Monday before Jesus in the Monstrance at **St. Bernadette Church** from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm.

**St. Gerard Majella Church** (The Third Sunday of the Month—September 15, 2019) after the 10:00 AM Mass.

## That Man is You!

The Vision of Man  
Fully Alive Fall  
Semester 2019



ATTENTION MEN OF  
MONROEVILLE/PENN  
HILLS GROUPING

Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God? Be a better husband/father or single Catholic man? Build friendships with other like-minded men? And seek to be the best man you can be? Then Come join us to for a 13-week Fall Series! That Man is You!, Saturday Mornings at the Lourdes Center, St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 245 Azalea Dr. Monroeville PA, Starting on September 14th, 7:00 AM to 8:30 AM, Contact Info Bill White (412.913.4729), Dan Bender (412) 523-6925, Chris O'Malley (412) 613-2985, Chuck Mohan (412.952.0898), or Santos Hernandez (412.427-2302). Sponsored by the Catholic Men's Fellowship of MPH. "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." – Proverbs 27:17



Saint Bernadette Church  
Lourdes Center Dining Hall

245 Azalea Drive  
Monroeville, PA 15146

Friday, September 20th, 2019

Visit <http://magster.org/oktoberfest> to reserve your seat!

Come join us to kick  
off the 2019  
Oktoberfest season



Admission fee includes the following:

- Live music by the Barons
- Authentic Oktoberfest buffet
- Pop / Water / Coffee
- Domestic beer & wine
  - Premium German beer at a nominal charge
- Mixers (BYOB)
- Soft pretzels available for sale

Seating is limited

Doors Open at 6:00PM • Live Music 7:00PM-11:00PM

\$20/person advance online reservations

\$25/person at the door

**Effective Monday, September 2, 2019 the Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Mass at St. Bernadette will begin at 9:30 a.m. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions regarding our Mass schedules.**

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, August 24, 2019

4:00pm, St. Bartholomew, John DeRiggi - Wife, Dorothy  
4:00pm, NAM, Mary Kay Ashton-Charles & Ellen Pipich  
5:00pm, St. Bernadette, Patricia Anderson—Husband  
5:00pm, St. Susanna, Michael & Marlene Barbusio - Barbusio Family

### Sunday, August 25, 2019

8:00am, St. Bernadette, Mary Macaluso—Jim Macaluso  
9:00am, St. Michael, Anthony Nicolazzo, Sr.-Angelo & Brenda Castiglione  
9:00am, St. Susanna, For the People of the Parishes of our Grouping  
10:00am, St. Gerard Majella, Fr. Richard J. Czapinski - Rob Tuchman  
10:30am, St. Bartholomew, Frances Shullo - Susan Kusk  
10:30am, St. Bernadette, Angelo DiPiazza—Jay & Nancy Mossman  
11:00am, NAM, Ann Wenstrup-Wenstrup Family  
6:00pm, St. Bernadette, William White Sr.—Dotty Kocur

### Monday, August 26, 2019

9:00am, St. Gerard Majella, Betty Bigos - Bill & Barbara Fritz  
9:20am, St. Bernadette, Dominic DiNinnio—Card Club

### Tuesday, August 27, 2019

7:15am, St. Bernadette, Paul & Lori Scott—Children  
8:00am, NAM, Jim Ackerman-Marian & Bill Storch  
9:00am, St. Susanna, 60th Wedding Anniversary of Marion & Bob Kerekes  
10:00am, St. Bartholomew, David Peghar - Richard Pirozzi

### Wednesday, August 28, 2019

8:00am, St. Michael, John Yanniruberto-Shirley Muro  
9:00am, St. Gerard Majella, Gus Bigos - Daughter, Kathy  
9:20am, St. Bernadette, Kay & Hank Ihrig—Family

### Thursday, August 29, 2019

7:15am, St. Bernadette, Jackson Scott—Paul & Lori Scott  
8:00am, NAM, Robert Rygiel-Raymond Ondick Family  
9:00am, St. Susanna, Anniversary - Kevin Kashawlic - Mom and Dad  
10:00am, St. Bartholomew, Catherine & Peter Spinelli - The Beck Family

### Friday, August 30, 2019

9:00am, St. Gerard Majella, Holy Souls in Purgatory - Purgatorian Society  
9:20am, St. Bernadette, Dolores Messer—Family

### Saturday, August 31, 2019

9:00am, St. Susanna, Birthday - Margaret C. Halterlien - Jeanne Halterlein  
10:00am, St. Bartholomew, Josephine Wichman Marcia & Larry Irr  
2:00pm, St. Bernadette, Wedding  
4:00pm, St. Bartholomew, For the People of the Parishes of our Grouping  
4:00pm, NAM, William Van Kirk-Mary Ann Abbenante  
5:00pm, St. Bernadette, Marcella Senk—The Olcott's  
5:00pm, St. Susanna, Vincent DiDomenico - Ann Mahon

### Sunday, September 1, 2019

8:00am, St. Bernadette, Robert Mozzota—Jim & Josie Mooney  
9:00am, St. Michael, John Yanniruberto-Vic & Carmie Maccarelli  
9:00am, St. Susanna, Lawrence Conte - Jim and Cindy Mathieu and Family  
10:00am, St. Gerard Majella, John & Patricia Henkel - Bill & Barbara Fritz  
10:30am, St. Bartholomew, Edi Mainiero  
10:30am, St. Bernadette, Helen & Constantine Wasylink, Rose & Bill Johnson—Johnson Family  
11:00am, NAM, James Kirk-Pat & Family  
6:00pm, St. Bernadette, Tom Delaney—Knights of Columbus

## ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE

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## MPH Updates

MPH Updates: Parishes and Names***What's a Parish?***

If someone asked you what a 'parish' is, how would you respond? For many, the answer might be to point to a church building and say, "there – that's a parish!", but that isn't strictly accurate. In fact, a 'parish' is a geographical region. When the Apostles first started spreading Jesus' Gospel, they founded the first Christian communities. Located in a particular city (Antioch, Jerusalem, Thessalonica), these communities each spread and covered a certain geographical area.

Later, as the numbers of Christians grew, it became necessary for priests to help the bishop in his ministry of all of the parts of his growing community. Each priest was given an area in which to minister – today, we would call these areas 'parishes'.

So, a 'parish' is really a geographical area that's a part of a diocese. Last October, when the implementation of *On Mission for the Church Alive!* began, there were 188 parishes that made up the Diocese of Pittsburgh. These 188 geographical areas were then grouped into over 50 "Groupings", each of which contained two or more parish geographies. (Our Grouping – "Group 451" – is made of up the five parish geographies of the Penn Hills and Monroeville communities.) Once the implementation of *On Mission!* is complete, there will be 55 new parishes that make up the diocese.

So, when our merger is complete in January, we will continue to have six church buildings, but instead of calling ourselves by five different parish names, we will have one new identity that encompasses us all, and we'll have one new name for our Monroeville/Penn Hills parish!

***What's in a name?***

As part of the process of becoming a one parish community, we've entered into the process of choosing a new name for ourselves. Recently, our Interim Pastoral Council met to begin this process. They discussed a number of potential names that we might consider. A name could be proposed if it fit one of these criteria:

- A name that references the Most Holy Trinity, or Jesus, or the Holy Spirit
- A title for the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Angels or Saints found in the Church's calendar of memorials and feasts
- Those who are 'beatified' and in the process of canonization

The list of ten potential names has been presented to Bishop Zubik for his review. Once the bishop has had the chance to review the names, we'll ask you for your preferences, so that you might let us know which names you like, and why. Taking into account your preferences, three names from the list will be submitted to Bishop Zubik. One of these three names, then will become the new name of our parish when we come together in January!

***Parish Assemblies***

One of the most important parts in the merger process is for all of us to gather to discuss our plans, hopes, and dreams for our community, and to review the process we'll follow, and answer any questions that we might have. We'll hold two parish assemblies in September in order to do exactly that! We'll meet on two occasions: at St Bart's on Saturday, September 14, following the 4pm Mass, and at North American Martyrs on Sunday, September 15, following the 11am Mass. We'll provide additional information on this page in the upcoming weeks!

## 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### DIVINE MERCY ACADEMY



Our school has a new website and we would love for you to take a look!  
The web address is: [www.dmapgh.org](http://www.dmapgh.org).

Visit us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/divinemercyacademymonroeville>

#### Calendar

**Monday, August 26th:** Orientation for grades 1-8.

**Tuesday, August 27th:** Full-Day of School for grades 1-8 and Kindergarten orientation at 10 a.m.

**Wednesday, August 28th:** First Day of School for Kindergarten

**Friday, September 6th:** Please join us at 9:30 a.m. for our first school mass.

#### Refrigerator Needed

Our School is in need of a refrigerator. If you are able to help us obtain one please contact [tjacob@stbpitt.com](mailto:tjacob@stbpitt.com).



Our hallways are decorated, the desks are arranged and our teachers are ready. The first day of school is coming and we are so excited to kick off this New Year! We cannot wait to work together and create experiences full of fun and learning. Don't forget

orientation at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, August 26, 2019 for Grades 1-8, and Kindergarten will be on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 10:00a.m. We are looking forward to an exciting and energized year.

Your Principal,

Mrs. Angela Manchini

#### DMA Children's Choir

The Divine Mercy Academy Children's Choir will begin rehearsal on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 after school for choir members who were in the choir last year. We will welcome new members the following weeks with a practice for grades 6-8 on Wednesday, September 11, 2019, and grades 3-5 on Wednesday, September 18, 2019.



#### Divine Mercy Academy

245 Azalea Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146  
(412) 373-0050

## SAINT BARTHOLOMEW

### Liturgical Ministers

Saturday 4:00pm

A.S.—E. Nichols, C. Capasso, D. Dudas

Lector— K. Fello

E.M.— R. Rick, N.Senge, G. Beck, R. M. Curran,

P. Donahoe, J. Fello, K. Regan

Sunday 10:30am

A.S.— J. Fitzpatrick, C. Kusk, B. White

Lector— A. Depner

E.M.—F & L. White, J. Boyle, J. Depner, T. Fitzpatrick, C.

Kulkowski, J. Rot

### Note of Thanks

I would like to thank the wonderful people of St. Bartholomew Parish for the appreciation they have shown for my music over the last months. It was an honor to serve you in the name of Jesus Christ through the music of the liturgy. I have recently accepted the position as music director at St. Paul of the Cross Monastery where I will continue my work in music liturgy. I loved being at St. Bart's and will keep the combined parishes of Monroeville/Penn Hills in my prayers— *Andrea Terlesky*

### Visiting Bishop



Parishioners greet Bishop Senapati on the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Bishop Senapati visited many of the MPH parishes recently to make a missionary appeal for his diocese in India.

### Marriage Moments

If your employment is home based or if you are a homemaker, you may have to create your own "marriage friendly" work policies. Agree about when you will take work phone calls or when it is time to stop WORK and relax together. Of course, if you have young children, you don't fully control your time. You're always on call.

Can the spouse who works "outside the home" spell you?

### Parenting Pointers

Are your kid's rooms filled with too much stuff? Some is necessary, educational, or comforting (like clothes, books, or stuffed animals). But too much stuff can be suffocating and thwart creativity. Decide a limited space for each category. Let your child choose how to fill the allotted space - and give away the rest (or store it for a year before giving it away).

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## 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SAINT BERNADETTE

#### Men's Bowling League

If you are interested in bowling. Please contact Tim Jacob 412-373-0050 x 240 or [tjacob@stbpitt.com](mailto:tjacob@stbpitt.com). We start September 5, 2018 and every Thursday night at 7 pm at Miracle lanes. Give it a try, contact us by August 29, 2019.

#### Raphael's Group

Raphael's Group for divorced and separated Catholics meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday evenings from September through May at 7:00-8:30pm in the St. Bernadette Parish office. Contact [RaphaelsGrpMPH@gmail.com](mailto:RaphaelsGrpMPH@gmail.com) for additional details and to register.

#### Junior Ladies of Charity

Please watch the bulletin for information in the coming weeks about the next Jr. Ladies of Charity meeting. Please contact Peggy Bent @412-334-2034 for more information about the group..

#### This Week at St. Bernadette Church

##### MONDAY AUG 26

KOC Meeting 6:00pm BH  
Taize Choir Practice 7:00pm Choir Room

##### TUESDAY AUG 27

Tai Chi 10:00am BH  
Purgatory Society 5:45pm C  
Young Adult Bible Study 7pm RC-1

##### WEDNESDAY AUG 28

Children's Choir 3:00pm C  
Taize Service 7:00pm C

##### SATURDAY Aug 31

Men's Bible Study 7:00am LC  
(Genesis to Jesus series)  
WOG Women's Bible Study 9:00am LC  
(The Bible & The Virgin Mary series)

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

##### Parish Share

Parish Share Goal: \$149,429 / Received: \$92,761.00  
Assumption: \$1,567.00

#### New Members

As we often sing at Mass in the familiar Marty Haugen hymn: *"All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place."* We welcome those who are interested in joining our parish family. We invite new members to complete a registration form, which can be obtained by calling the parish office.



#### 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

#### Music List

Gathering Song: #414

Gloria: #877

Preparation of the Gifts: #439

Heritage Mass: #878

Communion: #326

Sending Forth: #561

#### PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

**"Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest"**

*(Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2).*

Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life.



PRAYER CHAIN CALL: Mercedes at 724-327-5450

## SAINT GERARD MAJELLA

### Collections

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary \$356

2019 Missionary Cooperation Plan \$207.

Diocesan Paper \$122.

St. Vincent De Paul \$17.

Votive Lights \$76.

### 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.

### Choir Rehearsal Start Up

Do you have a willingness to praise God and be part of an uplifting group of people? Choir rehearsals begin on Thursday, September 5th at 7:00 PM in the choir room (Lower level of the church, last door on the left) No audition or musical experience required. All are welcome! For more information call Cindy Karell at 412-215-7398

### Calendar

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

(The First Sunday of the Month)

September 1, 2019 after 10 AM Mass

#### BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP

(Meets the 1st & 3rd Monday of the Month)

Men & Women are welcome to attend.

Next meeting is September 3, 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

### Faith Formation (CCD)

If your child will be entering our CCD religious education program held at St. Susanna Church for the VERY FIRST TIME (grades 1 through 8), please complete the registration form which is on the table in our church vestibule. If your child will be RETURNING to the CCD program in September, a form will be mailed to your home.

### WELCOME THE STRANGER

We have become accustomed to seeing pictures in the media and stories on the news about immigrants from Latin America and refugees from Syria fleeing violence and destruction in their own countries, trying to make their way to a safe place. We have also seen the reactions of people who want to keep them away from their countries, who fail to welcome the stranger and the helpless children. Have we forgotten Jesus' call to comfort the homeless and the stranger? "They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations . . . to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the Lord."

In the three readings for this day, we are told that we are to welcome these strangers, to welcome the discipline of the Lord, which leads to peace, and to "strive to enter through the narrow gate" into the glory of God's own homeland, the reign of God.

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**St. Gerard Majella**

121 Dawn Dr, Verona, PA 15147

(412) 793-3333

## 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SAINT SUSANNA

#### Raffle

Saint Susanna's 50/50 Raffle for the Month of August is in Full swing, and the next Drawing will be on Tuesday, September 3rd. Soooo the Best of Luck to all of you. Take that Chance!



#### Faith Formation (CCD)



Registrations forms have been send to all previous students in the Penn Hills (St. Bartholomew, St. Gerard Majella and St. Susanna) Religious Education Program.

#### FAITH FORMATION

Additional forms will be available in back of each of the Churches and at each of the Parish Offices. Please complete the forms and return them by Tuesday, August 20 to assure sufficient time so that we can have the needed books and material available. Make check payable to St. Susanna and send to St Susanna Parish, (Attn: Religious Ed.) 200 Stotler Rd., Penn Hills Pa., 15235. Classes will be begin on Tuesday, September 17 at 6:30 p.m.

#### Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

**August 25, 2019**

Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.

— *Hebrews 12:12-13*

**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.

#### 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

**St. Susanna**

200 Stotler Rd, Penn Hills, PA 15235  
(412) 798-5596

## NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS

### Arrows for your Quiver

For defending and furthering the Catholic faith. Come as you are with an open mind and a willing spirit. There is no fee and all are welcome. We will be using the Holy Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. We will commence on **September 9th, 2019**. We will meet on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Monday of the month. The location is at St. Michaels Church on the 2nd floor. As we continue to explore Sacred Scripture and the Catholic Church's Tradition, we are journeying together in our faith and simultaneously equipping those with the information necessary to defend their faith. This is beneficial in situations when you may encounter those who distort and misunderstand the Catholic faith. Contact Tony Costa 412-374-3980.

### 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, Noel Ljubicic, Corrine Malloy, Charles McCracken, Richard Miller, Jim Moberg, Anna Nowak, Ashley Preece, Christine Samrock, Clara Sands, Isabella Sciara, Lou Smith, 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.*

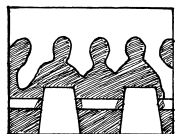
### Card Club

Do you like to play cards? The card clubs, sponsored by North American Martyrs Church, are looking for players. We have openings in Ladies and mixed Pinochle and Ladies and mixed 500. For further information call Evie Welsh at 412-372-2123.

### Bowling

The NAM Mixed Bowling League still has an opening for either a man or woman. We bowl on Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM at Miracle Lanes. For further information call Evie Welsh at 412-372-2123.

### Meeting



**MEETINGS**  
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**St. Vincent DePaul Society** will meet on Wednesday, **August 28** at 7:00 PM in the NAM Rectory Conference Room.

### Faith Formation (CCD)

North American Martyrs Site will begin class on September 25, 2019 Wednesday from 6:45 to 8:00 pm. All public school children 1st through 8th grade are required to attend CCD classes. Registration sheets have been emailed to any family who was previously registered last year. If you need a registration sheet please contact Donna Lew-Buechel at namreoffice@gmail.com. Completed registration forms can be returned via email or snail mail. If you have any questions contact Donna Lew-Buechel.

### SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection this weekend, August 24 & 25, is for the Catholic University of America.

### North American Martyrs

2526 Haymaker Rd, Monroeville, PA 15146 740 E Wall Ave, Pitcairn, PA 15140  
(412) 373-0330

## 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### STEWARDSHIP

St. Bartholomew:	<b>\$3,842.00</b>	(Budget \$8,100.00)	NAM:	<b>\$ 8,452.00</b>	(Budget \$10,350.00)
St. Bernadette:	<b>\$17,078.25</b>	(Budget \$14,000.00)			
St. Gerard Majella:	<b>\$1,230.00</b>	(Budget \$2,500.00)			

### Ask the Clergy

The Monroeville Interfaith Ministerium will present a monthly forum in which the general public can ask questions about various faith traditions. This will take place at the Monroeville Public Library on the first Thursday of each month at 7 PM. Deacon Mike will be the first panelist on Thursday, September 5. Please join us to learn more.

#### MARRIAGE PLANS

Marriage arrangements are to be made with a member of the clergy team at the time you are setting the wedding date. Please contact the parish office.

### Pray for the Repose of Souls

Timothy Davis (St. Bernadette)  
Helen Higgins (St. Bernadette)  
Ralph Russo (St. Susanna)  
Theresa Giaramita (St. Bartholomew)  
Dorothy Rocco (St. Bartholomew)  
Jane Leach (St. Bartholomew)  
Donna Groomes (St. Bartholomew)

### Sanctuary Candle

**St. Bartholomew:** In honor of the priests and deacons who serve our MPH group from the parishioners of St. Bartholomew's

**St. Gerard:** In Honor of the Blessed Sacrament and in Loving Memory of Josephine Wichman, Requested by Morning Mass Group

### Baptized unto Christ

Harlow Michelle Balcik

### Welcome to our Parish

Joseph & Jean Szwedko  
Frederick & Katherine Santiago



*grab your partner!*  
Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
Court St. Rene 1868  
Presents...

## SQUARE DANCE

and Buffet Dinner

SEPT.  
8th



Doors open  
4pm

Last Dance  
7pm

**Deluca Hall**

North American Martyrs Church  
2526 Haymaker Rd., Monroeville

**\$15** adults

**\$10** Juniors  
6-14

Under 6  
**FREE**

### For Tickets

Peg Witas 412-983-5629 or  
Mary Ellen Samek 412-889-2278