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Uniting Churches of Monroeville and Penn Hills

St. Bartholomew · St. Bernadette · St. Gerard Majella
St. Susanna · North American Martyrs · St. Michaels

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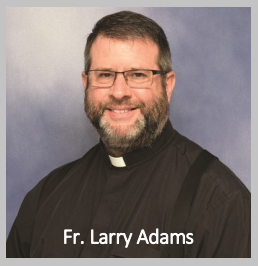
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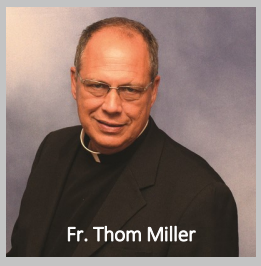
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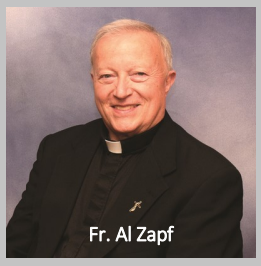
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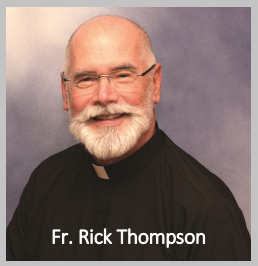
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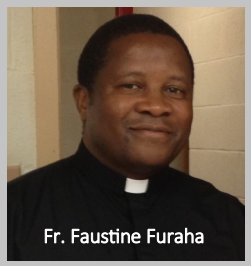
Fr. Faustine Furaha

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From Marlene Kopper

Gaudete Sunday!! We light the rose candle and sing with Joy! How splendidly terrific – Christmas is coming near!
As we celebrate this Sunday I began to think back to the priests I have known in my lifetime. Marvelous, wonderful, crazy priests that have changed me for the better causing me to rejoice.

Fr. Worthman was one priest who years ago had enough faith in me to talk me into working at St. Colman. He changed the course of my life. Eventually three years later the diocese called and sent me to Butler and Fr. Maloney. I worked there for nine very special years. Father's usual "bonus" to full time employees at Christmas and Easter was always a ham from Porkey's Smokehouse! A wonderful man, a wonderful time.

Then there was Fr. Jim Young, who taught me what a clutch was on a 350 Honda motorcycle and taught me to ride! He and my husband bought the bike and put my name on the bill of sale as a joke. Well my husband never rode it; he had to buy himself a 750 the following year. Learning to ride instilled in me an independence and competence that I never had before. Fr. Jim was a dear friend and a wonderful priest.

Fr. Michael hired me 15 years ago at St. Bernadette. The best thing ever! He called me "Big Red" and allowed me to teach Protecting God's Children and handle the clearances. He is a wonderful priest.

There are many more priests who have challenged me and made me better and stronger over the years. These are MY thoughts and memories. I am sure that YOU have different memories of priests who touched your life. I know that you have known many priests who were there when you needed them. They counseled, they prayed, perhaps they cried with you. They were men who wanted only to walk in Jesus footsteps.

Think back to those priests who were there when a loved one passed on. Think of priest who witnessed your wedding, officiated at your child's baptism, anointed you after mass and heard your confession. Remember the priest that listened. Remember a priest's homily that made you feel that his message was meant just for you. Think of the words that the priest said that made you laugh, made you cry, and made you feel part of the church family. We have been, and are still blessed by their presence. Pray for them, and all of the church, and especially for all of us while you reminisce about your own wonderful, crazy priests.

And lastly, during this wonderful time of year, remember to truly sing out on this blessed Sunday – Rejoice, Rejoice, again I say Rejoice with joy, great feeling and gusto.

Christmas Mass Schedule

<u>Christmas Eve</u>

• 4pm	St Bernadette
• 4pm	NAM
• 4pm	St Susanna
• 4:30pm	St Bartholomew
• 6pm	St Bernadette
• 10pm	NAM
• Midnight	St Bernadette

<u>Christmas Day</u>

• 9am	St Susanna
• 9:30am	St Michael
• 10am	St Bartholomew
• 10am	St Bernadette
• 10am	NAM
• 10am	St Gerard Majella

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PARISH HAPPENINGS

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Office Hours

St. Bartholomew

M-W	8am-4pm
Thursday	8am-5pm
Friday	8am-3pm
Saturday	12:30pm-5pm
Sunday	8am-12:30pm

St. Bernadette

M-Th	10am-5pm
Friday	10am-1pm

St. Gerard Majella

M-W	9am-4pm

North American Martyrs

M-F	9am-5pm

St. Susanna

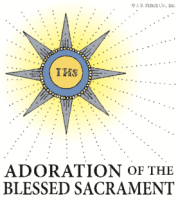
M-F	9am-4:30pm

Thank You!

A sincere Thank You to the Knights of Columbus and all of our parishioners who worked so hard to make "Santa Breakfast" at St. Gerard Church great again this year! No matter how you may have contributed, we are truly appreciative of you giving your time and talents at this busy time of the year! Thank you also to everyone who came to eat, shop, spend a little cash, and supported our efforts in this event! May God Bless Everyone.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Eucharistic Adoration



When we worship you in the form of bread … we always see you as an adult. But every year at Christmas, you reveal yourself to us as a child born in a crib. We stand in silent amazement … In silent adoration we stand before the mystery, like Mary when the shepherd came and told her what they had seen and heard: "She kept all these things, pondering them in her heart." – *Servant of God Chiara Lubich*

St. Bernadette, Mondays 10am - 7pm
St. Gerard Majella, Dec. 15, 2019 after 10am Mass

SAM Rosary and Presentation

Wednesday, January 15, 2020
St. Michael Church

Please join the Substance Addiction Ministry at 6:30 PM in the church to pray the Rosary for Recovery. At 7PM we will have a Round Table discussion with a recovering addict who will answer your questions. For more information or questions please contact Noreen at 412-296-1709.

Thank You

In July 2015, parishioner, Jim Behe, who uses an electric scooter, was severely injured when he was hit by a car on Center Avenue and Third Street in Pitcairn. Jim has recovered and would like to thank everyone who helped him that day, as well as the days that followed in his long recovery. He is very thankful to the gentleman, whose name he does not know, who helped and stayed with him immediately after the accident until medical help arrived; to Pitcairn Fire Company #1; the ambulance crew and EMT's; the doctors at Forbes Hospital; and staff at Manor Care Monroeville, Louie Vecchio; and everyone for their prayers and well wishes. Jim believes that angels were there to protect him when the accident occurred and that they continued to watch over him during his recovery. He feels truly blessed.

Blessings Bags for Homeless

MPH Music Ministry will be putting together "Blessing Bags" for the homeless that will include needed items such as toiletries, snacks, winter hats and gloves, etc. Members of our choirs will sing for the 5 pm Mass on December 21, 2019 at St. Susanna Church and then gather to put together the bags. If you would like to contribute an item to the Blessing bags or provide a monetary donation for the project, please contact joshbandish@yahoo.com for more information.

Taizé Service

Taizé is a small village in the eastern part of France. It is the home of an ecumenical community 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. Our Taizé Services borrow from this tradition. Our next service will be Wednesday, January 29, 2020, 7:00 pm at St. Bernadette Church. If you are interested in joining our Taizé Ministry email Josh Bandish at joshbandish@yahoo.com.

Stitching Angels

The Stitching Angels will not hold a meeting this December. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 15 at 1:30 PM. It will be held in the meeting room in the school. As we begin the new year, we are in need of lap afghans, fleece shawls, hats/scarves and chemo caps. Please bring all completed items, as we will need them for deliveries this month. Let me know if you are in need of patterns or yarn. There will be a Mass on Sunday, January 19th at 11:00 AM for the Living and Deceased members of the Stitching Angels. Please let me know if you are able to attend, so we can take up the gifts at the Offertory. Questions and Comments: Mary Harrill, 412-372-3181, meh227@aol.com.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Save the date

The Knights of Columbus are having our annual

Knight at the races on

January 24th 2020

Ticket will go on sale in January.

Travel Opportunities

Travel with Fr. Rick to Ireland & Scotland May 15-27, 2020

Join Fr. Rick, on a trip to Ireland and Scotland. We will visit Galway, Our Lady of Knock, Cliffs of Moher, Killarney, Dingle Peninsula, Dublin, Edinburgh Castle and St. Andrews Cathedral. The trip cost is $4,799 for airfare and all-included. We will be staying in 4- & 5-star hotels, with daily Mass. To register, call 855-842-8001 or 508-340-9370 or online at www.proximotravel.com.

Travel with Fr. Faustine to Tanzania June 29-July 14, 2020

Join Father Faustine, native of Tanzania, on a guided tour. Departure will be from Dulles International Airport, Washington D.C. Included in the tour will be: roundtrip airfare, accommodations and meals, motor coach with English speaking guide, visit to Mt. Kilimanjaro, Safari in the Serengeti & Ngorongoro, attending Priestly ordinations Diocese of Moshi, and optional side trip to Zanzibar will be extra. Estimated cost $3500 per person. For more information please call 412-242-3374 or email Father at fafuraha@yahoo.com.

Travel with Fr. Al and Fr. Ed to Austria & Germany September 22-October 2, 2020

Visit Heidelberg, Rhine Valley, Innsbruck, Salzburg, Vienna, Altotting, Munich, Rothenburg. $4359 from Pittsburgh. Email ewichma49@gmail.com for more information.

Readings for the 3rd Sunday of Advent

First Reading — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).
Psalm — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).
Second Reading — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).
Gospel — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

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PERSPECTIVE

A mountain shames a molehill until they both are humbled by the stars.—*Old adage*

Bingo Night

Join us for Bingo, 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!

THERE WILL BE NO BINGO ON WEDNESDAY, DEC.25th AND JAN.1st

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PARISH HAPPENINGS

Fatima Devotions

The Fatima Devotion will take place at 9:00am on Saturday January 4th at St. Bernadette Church.

- Go to confession within 8 days, receive Holy Communion, recite the Rosary, keep me company for a quarter of an hour while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me. I promise to assist them at the hour of their death with all the graces necessary to save their souls.

You may receive Holy Communion at any time on the First Saturday. MPH parishes offer opportunities to receive communion at Masses at St. Susanna (9am/5pm), St. Bartholomew (10am/4pm), NAM (4pm), and St. Bernadette (5pm).

Liturgical Ministers

We are in the planning process of looking at the way we plan and schedule liturgical ministers in our new parish. If you are a liturgical minister (altar server, reader, cantor, or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion), please be on the lookout for emails or bulletin updates with more information. If you currently schedule liturgical ministers in any of our six churches, please contact Josh Bandish at 412-373-0050.

Live Nativity

You are invited to join the students of the Penn Hills CCD Program in the presentation of The Live Nativity on Tuesday, December 17, beginning at 7:00 p.m., at St. Susanna Church. A reception will follow the presentation in the Spirit Room. We would love for you to join us.

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 one of our Church offices.

Pray for the Repose of Souls

John Piseric (NAM)
Elaine Moio (St. Bernadette)

Emily Nichols from St. Bartholomew Church and her escort attended the Medallion Ball. The Medallion Ball celebrates and honors young ladies who make valuable contributions to their community through their unselfish efforts in performing volunteer service. They are awarded the Joan of Arc Medallion by the Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE

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Three weeks until our new parish officially begins. In today's liturgy we hear the prophet Isaiah tell us, "Be strong, fear not!" We know that change isn't easy, that leaving the past behind is difficult, and that no one knows what will happen in the future. But we are a pilgrim people of God, a people filled with hope who are confident that with Jesus as our head and the Holy Spirit as our guide we will become a united parish community. Our mission this Advent and always is to be a parish community that effectively proclaims Jesus' Gospel of divine mercy and truly witnesses to it by our lives. Let us continue to pray for our parish clergy team, our parish staff, and our leadership councils, that they will fearlessly lead us to be disciples of our coming Savior. His coming means our joy and gladness, our hope for the future.

December Early Bulletin Deadline:

Content for the December 29, 2019 Bulletin is due by 12:00 pm on Monday, December 16, 2019.

MPH Catholic Youth Group Annual Luminaries Sale

Please support our Youth Group's trip to the 2020 March for Life by purchasing a luminary for a deceased or living loved one or someone who has inspired you or your family. Luminaria that are purchased will be placed at our six churches on Christmas Eve and Day. Youth Group members will write the name included on this form on the luminary. If you wish to have multiple names remembered or recognized, please donate at least $10 per recipient. Please do not take any of the luminary home because we recycle them annually to keep our costs down.

The MPH Catholic Youth Group thanks you for your generosity! God bless! Please place this form and your donation in an envelope labeled "Luminaries." Place the envelope in the offertory baskets of the MPH Catholic Churches or place envelope in LUMINARY COLLECTION BOX if a collection box is found in the lobby of your church. Turn in luminary donation sheets on weekend Masses of Dec 1, Dec 8, Dec 15. We will create all Luminaries at Youth Group on Dec 22nd. YG member teams will set up luminaries at various churches on morning/afternoon of Dec 24th and all luminaries will be picked up by YG on Dec 26th.

Name of person donating:_____

Amount of cash donation:_____ Amount of Check (Made out to St. Bernadette):_____

Name(s) of luminary recipient: (name(s) placed on luminary) ($10/recipient)

1.) _____ 2.)_____

3.) _____4.) _____ Date of purchase of luminary:_____

CIRCLE the MPH Catholic Church where Luminary is to be placed for Dec 24th & Dec 25th Masses:

St. Bartholomew **St. Bernadette** **St. Gerard Majella** **NAM** **St. Michael** **St. Susanna**

MPH Fiscal Year Results, 2018-2019

	St Susanna	St Gerard Majella	St Bernadette	St Bartholomew	NAM	Grouping 451 Total
Operating Income						
Collections at Offertory	$207,706.70	$144,747.00	$782,352.84	$277,272.82	$384,474.19	$1,796,553.55
Donations & Bequests *	$6,815.00	$4,275.00	$20,195.00	$5,471.30	$28,396.40	$65,152.70
Merchandise Discount Program	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($528.74)	$0.00	($528.74)
Festival	$0.00	$0.00	$70,184.00	$0.00	$49,900.00	$120,084.00
Raffle	$4,166.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$18,143.00	$22,309.00
Bingo	$0.00	$13,609.51	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$13,609.51
Other Fund Raising	($183.33)	$2,635.94	$19.83	$0.00	$4,717.00	$7,189.44
Investment Income	$1,194.26	$5,570.99	$51.56	$1,603.80	$205.25	$8,625.86
Other Operating Income	$1,493.19	$3,347.98	$20,523.08	$25,127.65	$9,770.47	$60,262.37
Total Operating Income:	$221,191.82	$174,186.42	$893,326.31	$308,946.83	$495,606.31	$2,093,257.69
Operating Expense						
Liturgical	($91,599.92)	($43,338.20)	($104,555.81)	($22,946.01)	($55,766.48)	($318,206.42)
Administration	($56,100.78)	($98,779.53)	($385,970.90)	($142,068.92)	($230,351.86)	($913,271.99)
Operations & Maintenance	($69,420.94)	($73,315.18)	($284,895.45)	($161,876.75)	($143,011.42)	($732,519.74)
Rectory	($17,635.07)	($8,711.99)	($27,700.02)	($26,731.86)	($37,336.53)	($118,115.47)
Interest Expense & Assessment Expense	$0.00	$0.00	($35,866.45)	$0.00	($1,852.34)	($37,718.79)
Property & Liability Insurance	($18,512.92)	($15,607.44)	($8,616.32)	($40,885.68)	($20,147.88)	($103,770.24)
CCD Program	($9,545.63)	($796.58)	($49,850.18)	($271.35)	($74,992.55)	($135,456.29)
Youth Ministry Program	$1,348.10	$0.00	($16,879.47)	($100.00)	($578.85)	($16,210.22)
Adult Education Program & RCIA	($360.00)	$0.00	($257.90)	($20.30)	$0.00	($638.20)
Social Service Program	$0.00	$0.00	($536.02)	($140.00)	$0.00	($676.02)
Community Programs & Donations	$1,116.00	($400.00)	($5,176.00)	$0.00	$0.00	($4,460.00)
Social Activities	($3,873.98)	($665.62)	($6,068.07)	($1,343.91)	$3,905.48	($8,046.10)
Rental Property Operations	$0.00	($100.00)	($184.84)	($4,476.75)	$0.00	($4,761.59)
Other Parish Programs	$260.00	$6,003.25	$1,228.93	$0.00	$133.53	$7,625.71
Total Operating Expense before Subsidy:	($264,325.14)	($235,711.29)	($925,328.50)	($400,861.53)	($559,998.90)	($2,386,225.36)
Total Operating (less subsidy):	($43,133.32)	($61,524.87)	($32,002.19)	($91,914.70)	($64,392.59)	($292,967.67)
School Subsidy:	($35,768.00)	($5,250.00)	($18,578.93)	$4,605.22	($120,914.61)	($175,906.32)
Total Operating:	($78,901.32)	($66,774.87)	($50,581.12)	($87,309.48)	($185,307.20)	($468,873.99)

* A one-time bequest (in the amount of $641,439) was received by St Bernadette and restricted to debt repayment; therefore, this amount is not included in the operating revenues.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 14, 2019
4:00pm, St. Bartholomew (AZ), For the People of the Parishes of our Grouping
4:00pm, NAM (TM), Tom Morris-Millie
5:00pm, St. Bernadette (LA), Robert Kocur—Family
5:00pm, St. Susanna (RT), Anniversary - Lynn Rubash - Husband and Family
Sunday, December 15, 2019 *(Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11)*
8:00am, St. Bernadette (AZ), Mary Macaluso—Linda & Mike Gordon
9:00am, St. Michael (TM), Ortenzio Vecchio-Irene Chenot
9:00am, St. Susanna (B), Anthony and Collette Fennessy - Family
10:00am, St. Gerard (RT), Robert Eury—Joyce Heil Family
10:30am, St. Bartholomew (LA), Margaret Viglio—Viglio Children
10:30am, St. Bernadette (AZ), Kay & Hank Ihrig—Family
11:00am, NAM (TM), Bernadette Catone-Vranka Family
6:00pm, St. Bernadette (RT), Madeline Lowden—Josephine Jackson
Monday, December 16, 2019 *(Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27)*
9:00am, St. Gerard Majella, Muffie DeStefano - Steve, Kathy & Roz
9:30am, St. Bernadette, Geraldine Masciantonio—Tony and Theresa Vannelli
Tuesday, December 17, 2019 *(Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17)*
8:00am, NAM, Regis Hanlon-Ray & Ruth Ann Weible
9:00am, St. Susanna, Catherine Rovnyak - Mariann Rovnyak
10:00am, St. Bartholomew, Conchetta Talotta—Susan Premozic
Wednesday, December 18, 2019 *(Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25)*
8:00am, St. Michael, Kathleen Vercelli-Karen McDonough
9:00am, St. Gerard Majella, John Ufele - Obiekezie Family
9:30am, St. Bernadette, Kayla Witas—Peg and Chris
Thursday, December 19, 2019 *(Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25)*
8:00am, NAM, Rev. Anthony G. DeLuca-Storch Family
9:00am, St. Susanna, Bob Kerekes - Mariann Rovnyak
10:00am, St. Bartholomew, Sara Sciullo—Daughter
Friday, December 20, 2019 *(Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38)*
9:00am, St. Gerard Majella, Michael Goodrich - Tsounos Family
9:30am, St. Bernadette, Joseph D'Agostino—Mom and Dad
Saturday, December 21, 2019 *(Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45)*
9:00am, St. Susanna, For all of the Sick in our Monroeville/Penn Hills Grouping
10:00am, St. Bartholomew, Helen Yanko— Yanko Family
4:00pm, St. Bartholomew (TM), Tedesco & DeWitte Family—Mary and Debbie
4:00pm, NAM (RT), Violet Palatas-Janet, Dan & Dennis
5:00pm, St. Bernadette (AZ), For the People of the Parishes of our Grouping
5:00pm, St. Susanna (LA), For the Family of James Binkley - Kulwik Family
Sunday, December 22, 2019 *(Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24)*
8:00am, St. Bernadette (LA), Estes and Tetro Family—Family
9:00am, St. Michael (B), Living & Deceased Members of NAM Altar Rosary Society
9:00am, St. Susanna (TM), Bob Kerekes - Lois and John Gess and Family
10:00am, St. Gerard (RT), Holy Souls in Purgatory - Purgatorian Society
10:30am, St. Bartholomew (TM), Don House - Wife, Rose
10:30am, St. Bernadette (LA), Regis Reinersmann—Joe & Mary Birsa
11:00am, NAM (AZ), Rev.Anthony G DeLuca-Rita & David Dolan
6:00pm, St. Bernadette (TM), Tim Grecko—Family

Legend	
AZ	Fr Al Zapf
LA	Fr Larry Adams
TM	Fr Thom Miller
RT	Fr Rick Thompson
FF	Fr Faustine Furaha
B	Benedictine
TBD	To be determined
VP	Visiting Priest

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW

Liturgical Ministers— December 20/21

4:00 PM
Altar Servers: A. Benson, V. Senge, E. Nichols
Lector: K. Brizner
E. M.: B. Vento, C. Cerniga, M. Busbey, J. Fello, K. Regan, C. Richards, R. Rick

10:30 AM
Altar Servers: D. Maguire, C. Kusk, K. Boyle, C. Ezike
Lector: A. Depner
E.M: T. Merola, L. Irr, T. Fitzpatrick

SAINT BERNADETTE

This Week at St. Bernadette Church

SUNDAY DEC 15		
9am	DMA	CCD
10:30am	BH	Children's Liturgy of the Word
7pm	LC	Youth Group
MONDAY DEC 16		
10 am – 7pm	C	Adoration
7:30pm	BH	KOC Meeting
TUESDAY DEC 17		
10am	BH	Tai Chi
5:15pm	C	Purgatorian Society
7pm	C	Contemporary Choir
7pm	BH	Card Club
WEDNESDAY DEC 18		
3pm	C	Children's Choir
6pm	LC	Cub Scouts
6pm	RC-1	Faith Formation
7pm	C	DMA Christmas Program
SATURDAY DEC 21		
7am	LC	Men's Bible Study (TMIY)
9am	LC	WOG Women's Bible Study

C-Church, LC-Lourdes Center, BH-Biedenbach Hall, DMA-School
RC1-Rectory Conference Room 1

St. Bernadette Comfort Quilt Ministry is not accepting fabric donations at this time. The Salvation Army does accept donations of fabric and craft supplies. For more information, please contact The Salvation Army at 412-446-1500

SAINT GERARD MAJELLA

Decorating for Christmas

We will be decorating the church on Sunday, December 22nd after the 10:00 AM mass. Please try to give a little of your time to help. Many hands make the work go much faster!

Oplaki Wafers

You can find Oplatki Wafers for Christmas in the back of the church. Donation is $3 per envelope

St. Gerard Majella office will be closed Monday, December 16, 2019

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP—(Meets the 1st & 3rd Monday of the Month) All are welcome to attend. Next meeting is December 16, 2019 at 6:30 PM

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
(The First Sunday of the Month)
January 5, 2020 after 10 AM Mass

SAINT SUSANNA

Join "Coming Attractions" Bible Study

Please consider joining Coming Attractions. The group will read the next Sunday's readings, consider some background, notice relationships among the readings, and share insights, questions, and observations as a preparation for Sunday's liturgy. We will meet Thursdays after the 9:00 A.M. Mass in the Spirit Room. As Jesus told Andrew and John, "Come and see."

50/50 Raffle

Our next winner could be you! Tickets are $10 and the next drawing will be on Tuesday morning, January 2, 2020. Best of Luck to Everyone!

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.

NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS

Christmas Flower Donations

In your envelope packet you will find an envelope for Christmas Flower donations. Please make sure to return this donation as soon as possible if you wish to have your name included in the Christmas flower publication.

Christmas wafers

Christmas wafers (Oplatky) are available at North American Martyrs and St Michael in the main vestibules. The donation is $3/package.

STEWARDSHIP

St. Bartholomew:	$4,359.10	**NAM:**	$5,021.00
St. Bernadette:	$17,911.92	**St. Susanna:**	$3,489.00
St. Gerard Majella:	$2,327.00		

Sanctuary Candle

St. Gerard Majella: In honor of the Blessed Sacrament and in Loving Memory of Nick Travisano, Requested by His Family.
North American Martyrs: In memory of Hank Damask, requested by Marie & Family.
St. Susanna: In Memory of Bob Kerekes from Judy Isherwood.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Please contact one of our parish offices for information of the requirements, conditions and options for baptisms.

Marriage

Please call one of our parish offices as soon as you select a wedding date, so that we can begin planning your wedding ceremony with you.

Sick and Shut-ins

The Sacraments are available to those who are unable to celebrate Mass due to sickness or age. To make arrangements for visitation to your home, please call 412-373-0050 and ask for Deacon Mike.

Sacramental Sponsor

Requirements: Registered member of an MPH parish, attending Mass weekly; Baptized and Confirmed in the Catholic Church; if married, then married validly in the Catholic Church.

Confession Schedule

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

Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Mary Ann Abbenante, Stacey Baylie, Jim Behe, John Behe, Mary Lou Brown, Paula Conte, Rosalie Cordasko, 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, Jane Grabenstein, John Jackovitz, Jessica Andrews Jones, Ron Jones, Thomas Kengerski, Jim Koerneke, Jim Kovach, Christopher Labergew, Jean Lawton, Noel Ljubicic, Corrine Malloy, Anthony Maola, Charles McCracken, Richard Miller, Jim Moberg, Anna Nowak, Noreen Orlando, Ashley Preece, Christine Samrock, Clara Sands, Isabella Sciara, Lou Smith, Wayne Stiffey, Patty Toohill, Helen & Joe Toth, Clare Valansky, Mary Ann Vecchio, Theresa Ventresco, Renee Venturella, Eric Vidra, Amy Whitaker Worthington & Nancy Youthers. Joann Evans, Larry Bacco, Mary Dailey, Christine Davis, Mary Lou Frollo, Millie Lodovico, Chris LaBertew, Anthony Pugliese, Don Turak, Deacon Rick Tucek, Rich Wicker, Edward Konop, Rose Ruffner, Michelle LaCivita

To be added to the prayer list, please contact one of our Church offices.
At NAM contact Patti Kemerer at 412-856-7294 or at pattiakem@gmail.com

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Free Christmas Brunch

For the fifth year in a row Our Lady of Joy Parish will open its doors to anyone who wants a hot meal and some fellowship on the holiday. Everyone is welcome and the brunch is free, but we especially want to reach out to the elderly, poor and those who might otherwise be alone on Christmas. Lunch will be served in the parish hall at 2000 O'Block Road in Plum Boro from 11:15 a.m until 1:15 p.m. Invite a friend or neighbor and please pass the word on to anyone you know who otherwise might not have a place to go. Join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior in a joyful, fun-filled atmosphere while showing the love of Christ to those most in need. We expect attendance to increase again this year, so please make reservations in order to assure that there is ample food for everyone. Call Sal at 412-780-6929 or email sos@opvcatholic.org. Hope to see you there!

Retrouvaille

Does your marriage need a rebirth? Retrouvaille has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels from disillusionment through deep misery. For confidential information, please call 412-277-3434 or email 3041@retrouvaille.org. We will be hosting two weekend retreats in 2020: January 31-February 2 and September 11-13. Call today to begin the healing process or

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday:	Las Posadas begins
Saturday:	St. Peter Canisius

Irish Tenor to Sing

Irish tenor Mark Forrest, who has sung for St. John Paul II, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and Pope Francis, will sing at an Inspirational Christmas concert on December 15 at 7:30 pm at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish and Come Walk With Me, a time of music, meditation, and prayer at 7:00 pm on December 16 at St. Ursula Parish.

Train Display

Holiday Season Train Display: St. Philip Parish at the Ascension worship site's Father Conner Hall (114 Berry Street Pittsburgh, Pa 15205) will host a Holiday Season Train Display with an open house, free of charge. Monetary donations will be accepted for the Crafton-Ingram and St. Vincent De Paul Society food banks. Wednesday, December 18: 5:30 pm- 8:30 pm, Thursday, December19: 5:30 pm- 8:30 pm, Friday, December 20: 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm Saturday, December 21: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm and 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm, Sunday, December 22: 10:30 am - 1:00 pm and 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Monday, December 23: 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Friday, December 27: 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Saturday, December 28: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm And 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm Sunday, December 29: 10:30 am - 4:30 pm.

Keep in Touch

Keep in Touch: Have your folks retired to the sunbelt? Help them stay in touch with home via a subscription to the Pittsburgh Catholic: $29 per year ($30 international). Contact 412-471-1252 or info@pittsburghcatholic.org.

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