

Christ THE Divine SHEPHERD PARISH

The Catholic Community of
Penn Hills and Monroeville



WATCH THEREFORE;
YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN
THE LORD OF THE HOUSE IS COMING,
WHETHER IN THE EVENING, OR AT MIDNIGHT,
OR AT COCKCROW, OR IN THE MORNING.

MARK 13:35



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT NOVEMBER 29, 2020

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Welcome to our Parish!

We are happy you have joined us today and want you to know that you are always welcome at Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish. We invite you to participate in our many parish activities and ministries mentioned in this bulletin. We all have different gifts and talents that we can use to serve God and each other.

Mass Schedule

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

St. Bernadette 9:30am

Saturday

St. Bernadette 4:00pm
St. Susanna 5:00pm

Tuesday, Thursday

St. Susanna 9:30am

Sunday

St. Bernadette 8:00am
St. Susanna 9:00am
St. Bernadette 11:00am
St. Susanna 11:30am

To Save your Seat for Mass log on to our website at
cdsmph.org/rsvp or call the office at 412-373-0050.



From Father Larry

As I write this column, it's November 20th (there are really tight deadlines for bulletins around the holidays!), and there's a great deal of uncertainty at the moment, regarding gatherings and such. Nevertheless, we're approaching the upcoming holiday season with an optimism borne of trust in God! In this week's bulletin, we're announcing our Mass schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas day. Our goal, in creating this schedule, is to celebrate Mass at each of our six church buildings, and to have at least one Mass (or perhaps two) at each site. Although this schedule doesn't provide for a Mass at each site at each possible time, it *does* represent our attempt to provide a variety of opportunities to attend Mass in both Penn Hills and Monroeville. We hope to see you at a Mass this Christmas season!



Last week, our Director of Religious Education, Marlene Kopper, announced her retirement to our parish staff, effective the end of November. We'd like to thank Marlene for her dedication to our parish community over the years, and wish her blessings as she begins her retirement!



Please continue to support our parish through your prayers and generosity! Christ the Divine Shepherd, have mercy on us! St Bartholomew, St Bernadette, St Gerard Majella, St John de Brebeuf and companions (the North American martyrs), St Michael, and St Susanna, pray for us!

Blessings,

Fr Larry

CHRIST THE DIVINE SHEPHERD CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

As we prepare for the Christmas season, we are planning to offer Christmas Masses at each of our six church buildings. (Our Christmas Mass schedule should be finalized in the next couple of weeks.) One of the cherished traditions at our churches is the decoration of the church with Christmas flowers. Please use your "Christmas flowers" donation envelope or send your donations to our parish office, so that we might be able to decorate our churches joyfully for the Christmas season!



Christmas Mass Schedule 2020

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Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2020

2:00pm	St. Bartholomew
4:00pm	St. Bernadette
4:00pm	North American Martyrs
4:30pm	St. Bartholomew
5:30pm	St. Michael
6:30pm	St. Gerard Majella
6:30pm	St. Susanna

Christmas, December 25, 2020

12:00am	St. Bernadette
9:00am	St. Susanna
10:00am	North American Martyrs



Our Parish Community

Books Available

We have a limited number of copies of the books *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity* and *Rediscover the Saints*. They are available at both the St. Susanna and St. Bernadette locations for you to pick up.

Outdoor Distribution of the Eucharist

For the Health and Safety of the parishioners and parking lot volunteers, outdoor distribution of the Eucharist will end this weekend— Sunday November 29th. If still needed, it will resume sometime in March 2021.

Communion to Homebound

If you are a member of Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish who took Communion to the homebound, we would like to talk to you and update our records. We wish to discern whether any of our Communion Call ministers are interested in resuming this ministry at the present time. Please reach out to Deacon Mike at mkelly@cdsmph.org or by phone

CCD Registration

Registration has opened for our parish CCD program. To register log on to our website at cdsmph.org/online-ccd-registration. For more information about the program this year please contact mkopper@cdsmph.org.



BISHOP'S PROJECT

Knights of Columbus Bishop of Pittsburgh Diocese Project — Pittsburgh, PA

Serving intellectually disabled and/or physically challenged youth and adults in the Saint Anthony Schools and McGuire Memorial Homes and School.

Men from the **Knights of Columbus** will be standing at the exits of the churches this weekend of November 28-29 to distribute Christmas Seals for the Bishop's Project. The Seals come with a postage paid envelope requesting donations to this worthwhile Project which raises money for St. Anthony School Programs and The McGuire Home.

If you do not want to take the Seals but would still like to donate please do so at <http://www.bishopsprojectkcofc.org/donate/>. Please be as generous as can and thank you for your support.

Knights of Columbus Council 4925
serving Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish.

Virtual Angel Giving Tree

Please consider participating in our Virtual Christmas Giving Tree. Instead of physical tags, and physical gifts, please cut out the slip below, choose one of the four categories, Food Certificates, Department Store Certificates, Prescription Certificates, or Gift of Heat and Light. Fill in the amount next to your choice and make your check payable to Christ the Divine Shepherd. Certificates will be purchased through Divine Mercy Academy and matched to those families in need. Your pledge will benefit not only those struggling this Christmas, but also our regional school. May God bless you in your charity in this trying and "unusual" year.

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Prescription



Heat & Light











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Our Parish Community

ON MISSION FOR
**THE CHURCH
ALIVE!**

At our November meeting, the CDS Interim Pastoral Council engaged in planning for parish ministry and evangelization in 2021. Anticipating the upcoming results of our Resource Planning Advisory Committee, we began by formulating our values which are intended to guide our actions next year. Looking at a variety of areas, we settled on the following values:

Eucharist

- The Sunday Eucharist is celebrated with full and active participation by the parish community
- Our parish makes sufficient effort to involve youth and young adults (other than altar servers) in Eucharistic celebrations

Catechesis

- Impactful adult faith formation opportunities are available in our parish
- Faith formation programs support and equip parents as the primary educators of their children

Promotion of a faith that is bold, courageous, and effective

- Sufficient opportunities are provided for parishioners to serve those in need
- Our parish makes sufficient efforts to meet the needs of people who may feel excluded from parish life at some point (e.g., divorced people, single parents, the elderly)

Evangelization

- Sufficient efforts are made to sustain the faith of practicing members of our parish

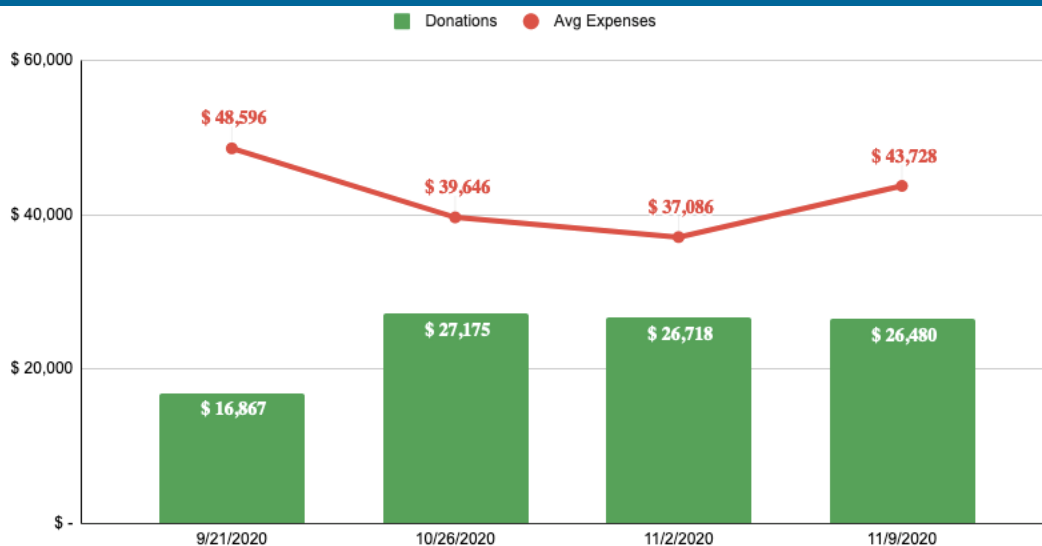
Stewardship

- We make regular efforts to discover parishioners' talents and invite their use in parish service
- Our parish adequately imitates Christ through social action and community outreach

None of these value statements is itself an action plan. At our December meeting, we intend to begin formulating a plan for action in ministry and evangelization that is aligned with these values. If you would like to share any comments regarding these values with us, please write to us at the parish office or send us an email at parishoffice@cdsmp.org!



CDS Weekly Financial Update



Our Parish Community

Blood Drive



Virtual Blood Drive

Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish

We are targeting **Dec. 6 – Dec. 13**, but you can donate at any Vitalant blood drive or community donor center anytime during the holiday by using the link below

Join the COVID Rescue Team when you donate blood for Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish virtual blood drive!

In times when we can't be together in person, we can still be together in support of our community. To join our virtual blood drive, follow these steps:

- 1) Sign up for the virtual blood drive to get your emailed invitation to schedule your appointment.
Register: **Visit www.CDSMPH.org and click the Blood Drive Link**
- 2) **When your email arrives, click "Schedule Now"** to book your appointment at any convenient blood donation location. Be sure to use the same email address you used to sign up. This is important because it helps Vitalant connect your donation to our organization's virtual blood drive.
- 3) Prepare for your donation by eating a healthy meal and drinking plenty of water.
- 4) Provide the same email address at the time of donation.
Give blood, transform lives!



Vitalant is now testing blood donations for COVID-19 antibodies to find potential convalescent plasma donors. Learn more at vitalant.org/antibodytest

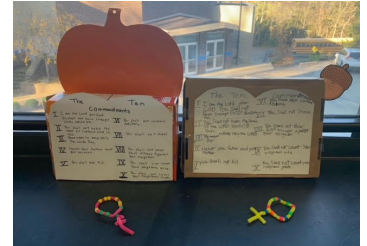
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Divine Mercy Academy ~ 4th Grade



4th grade has been working hard this year and having fun too! The students have enjoyed practicing their Multiplication facts, reading stories in Reading class and taking Virtual Field trips in Science and Social Studies.

The students learned the mysteries of the Rosary while praying the Rosary in October and are now learning about the Ten Commandments and the Liturgical Seasons. We're having a great year at DMA!



Lottery Ticket Fundraiser

Divine Mercy Academy's big fundraiser is now underway!

For a donation of \$10.00, ticket holders have a chance to win between \$100 - \$500 during the month of January 2021. Each ticket has four numbers and the winner is based on the 7:00 pm PA Pick 4 Lottery Number. There is no need to keep track of the daily numbers, the winners will automatically be notified and receive their winnings.

These Lottery tickets would be a great Christmas gift for family and friends or as stocking stuffers, so please support DMA fundraising.

Please contact the school office to purchase tickets.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 29, 2020

8:00AM, St Bernadette, (RT), For the People of our Parish

9:00AM, St Susanna, (LA)*, Jeanicki & Louderback Families -- Sister

11:00AM, St Bernadette, (RT), Tim Daum -- Family

11:30AM, St Susanna, (TM), Don Turak -- Family

Monday, November 30, 2020

9:30AM, St Bernadette, (RT), Esther Durick -- Robert Moody Jr.

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

9:30AM, St Susanna, (LA), McCord Family -- Toni White

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

9:30AM, St Bernadette, (TM), Francesca, Joseph & Joey Triolo -- Triolo Family

Thursday, December 3, 2020

9:30AM, St Susanna, (RT), Ed Konop -- Wife, & Family

Friday, December 4, 2020

9:30AM, St Bernadette, (LA), James & Thomas Hajdukiewicz -- Mom & Dad

Saturday, December 5, 2020

4:00PM, St Bernadette, (LA), George Beck -- Family

5:00PM, St Susanna, (TM), Annunzio & Jean Stelltano -- Michael & Leonard Stelltano

Sunday, December 6, 2020

8:00AM, St Bernadette, (RT)*, Joe & Kay Devine -- Cathy

9:00AM, St Susanna, (LA), For the People of our Parish

11:00AM, St Bernadette, (RT), Deceased Members Of The Corrado & Fennessy Families -- Fennessy Family

11:30AM, St Susanna, (TM), Special Intention of Fr. Thom Miller & Happy Birthday -- Joe, Jean, & Rose

Legend

LA Fr Larry Adams
TM Fr Thom Miller
RT Fr Rick Thompson

* Incense will be used at Mass.

A reminder that our Church Buildings open a half-hour prior to the start of Mass.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Our Live-stream Masses continue every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, at 9:30am.

Sunday we live-stream at 9:00am and 11:00am.

Please like us on Facebook @ ChristTheDivineShepherd, we post important updates on Facebook along with on our website at www.ChristtheDivineShepherd.org.



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VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT CDSMPH.ORG/RSVP OR CALL 412-373-0050 (M-F 9AM UNTIL 1:00 PM)

A reminder everyone is required to wear face masks in our Church buildings!

Thank you for your continued faithfulness to the Christ the Divine Shepherd Family.

Christ the Divine Shepherd

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The Parish Office is located at **245 Azalea Dr, Monroeville PA**.
Our office hours are:

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri: 9am to 1pm
Thurs: 9am to 4pm
Sat: 3:30 to 5:30pm
Sun: 9am to 12:30pm

Our email address is parishoffice@cdsmph.org

Confessions

At Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on **Saturdays at noon at St Bartholomew Church**. It will be celebrated in "drive-up" style in your car (no confessions will be celebrated inside the church), following all applicable standards put in place by civil authority (i.e., social distancing, use of masks in public places, etc).

Baptism

Baptisms will be celebrated following the Sunday 11:00 am Mass at St. Bernadette and the Sunday 11:30am Mass at St. Susanna. Please call Deacon Mike at the parish office at 412-373-0050 X112 to plan your celebration of Baptism!

Private Prayer

A Reminder that Private Prayer is held alternately in both Monroeville and Penn Hills.

- **St. Bernadette will be open for Private Prayer Monday, Wednesday and Friday for a half-hour before and after the 9:30am Mass and Thursdays from 4pm-6pm**
- **St. Susanna will be open for Private Prayer Tuesday and Thursday for a half-hour before and after the 9:30am Mass and Wednesdays from 4pm-6pm**
- **Adoration will take place from at St. Susanna from 4pm till 5pm and 5pm till 6pm at St. Bernadette during our private prayer times .**

St. Vincent dePaul assistance line: 412-436-9208

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator: 412-456-3093 (Office) 1-888- 808-1235 (Hot Line)
PA Child Line: 1-800-932-0313

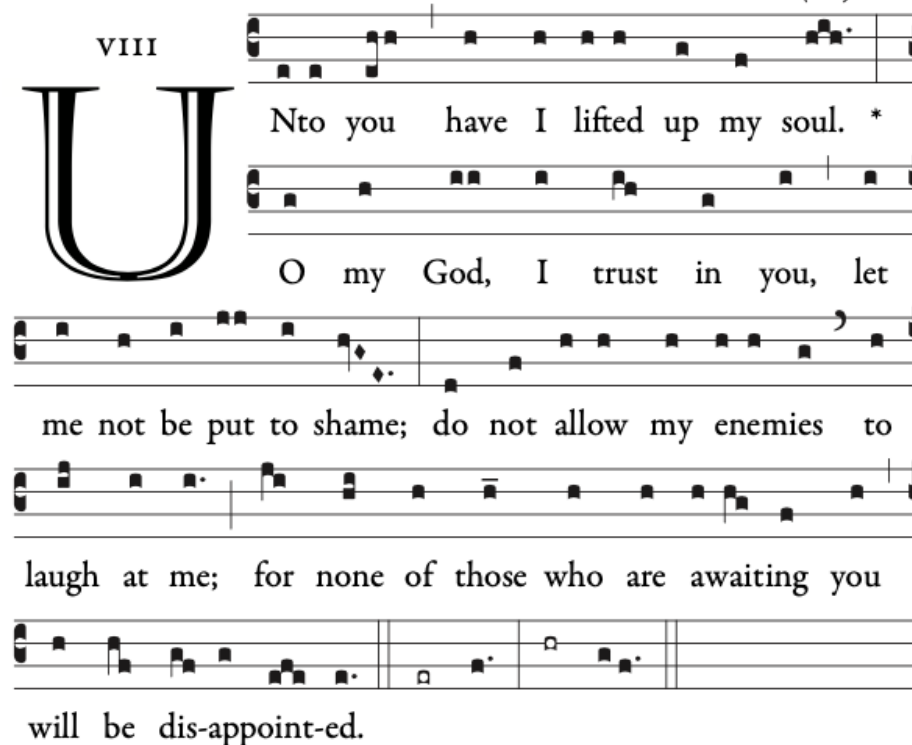
The Order of Mass

Introit

Ad te levavi

Ps 25 (24): 1-3

VIII



U Nto you have I lifted up my soul. *

O my God, I trust in you, let

me not be put to shame; do not allow my enemies to

laugh at me; for none of those who are awaiting you

will be dis-appoint-ed.

Processional Song

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

- 1.) Come, thou long expected Jesus, Born to set thy people free! From our fears and sins release us, Let us find our rest in thee.
- 2.) Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation. Joy of every longing heart.

Greeting

Priest: The Lord be with you **All:** And with your spirit

Penitential Rite

Kyrie eleison, Christie eleison, Kyrie eleison

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading : Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

Responsorial Psalm : Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Priest: "The Lord be with you"

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: "A reading from the holy Gospel according to ..."

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Order of Mass

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven (*all bow*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

Offertory

Abba Father

Abba, Abba Father. You are the potter; we are the clay, the work of Your hands.

1. Mold us, mold us and fashion us
Into the image of Jesus Your Son,
Of Jesus Your Son

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Invitation to Prayer

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God

The Order of Mass

Sanctus

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of
hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.
Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the
high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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Mystery of Faith

**When we eat this bread and
drink this cup we proclaim
your death O Lord until you
come again.**

Great Amen

A-men, a-men, a-men!
A-men, a-men, a-men!

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The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace *At the present time, the optional "sign of peace" has been suspended at our liturgies.*

Agnus Dei

Cantor: Lamb of God, *Assembly:* you take a-way the sins of the
To repeat world, have mer-cy on us.
Last time world, grant us peace.

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

The Order of Mass

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Communion Chant

The Lord will bestow his loving kindness, and our land will yield its fruit.

Communion Song

[Eye Has Not Seen](#)

(REFRAIN)

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has ready for those who love him; Spirit of love, come give us the mind of Jesus, teach us the wisdom of God.

Final Blessing

Priest: *The Mass is ended, go in peace.*

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn at the Dismissal

[Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus](#)

Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus. Alleluia! Alleluia! Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus Alleluia! Amen!

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TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE

December 15, 2020

7:00pm

St. Gerard Majella Church