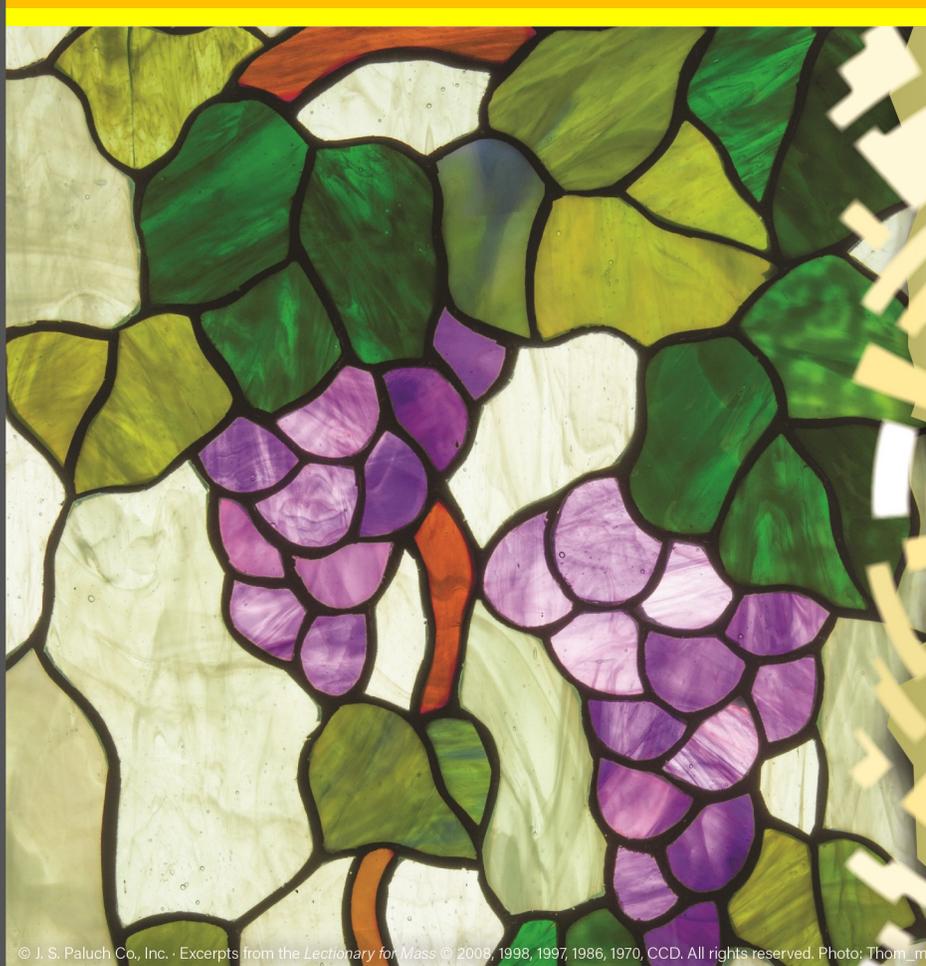


Christ
THE Divine
SHEPHERD
 PARISH

The Catholic Community of
 Penn Hills and Monroeville



By this is my Father glorified,
 that you bear much fruit
 and become my disciples.

JOHN 15:8

FIFTH
 SUNDAY OF
EASTER

MAY 2, 2021

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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

<u>Monday, Wednesday, Friday</u>		<u>Saturday</u>	
St. Bernadette	9:30am	St. Bernadette	4:00pm
		St. Susanna	5:00pm
<u>Tuesday, Thursday</u>		<u>Sunday</u>	
St. Susanna	9:30am	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 sit down to write this column (on Wednesday), my mind is on the latest easing of pandemic restrictions from the CDC. (Would it be impolite to holler “YAY!!!”...?)

The latest guidance tells us that, for those who were completely vaccinated at least two weeks ago, it’s not necessary to wear masks outdoors in uncrowded situations. Indoors, however, mask-wearing and six-foot social distancing remain the norm. So, at liturgies at Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish, we’ll continue to adhere to the standards of mask-wearing and social distancing (and we’ll keep looking forward to the day – soon, we hope! – that these guidelines will be relaxed).

This is an approach that I’m sure is unpopular with some folks. “That organization over *there* isn’t doing it!”, they cry. “But... this parish over *here* isn’t social-distancing!”, they assert. You know the old saying – put three people in a room, and you’ll get five opinions about how to do something. The truth is, however, that our policies aren’t governed by the personal opinions of anyone here – even the personal opinions of Fr Thom or me! We’re a parish of the diocese of Pittsburgh and therefore, we follow the policies and guidelines set by the diocese of Pittsburgh. As my sainted grandmother would remind me, when I complained about a decision I didn’t like, “if all your friends were jumping off a cliff, would you?”

I’m encouraged that we’re seeing many restrictions lifted and others eased. We’re getting there! We’re making progress! And one day soon, we’ll be “back to normal.” In the meantime, we’ll continue to take the precautions that the diocese has set for our parishes – whether or not others are doing likewise!

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Along those lines, I’ve been asked about whether the Mass schedule will change. As you might recall, we instituted an “interim pandemic Mass schedule” last June, following the lockdown. That schedule took into account the numbers of parishioners who indicated that they were interested in returning to church for in-person attendance of Mass. It also took into account the amount of time it would take between Masses to sanitize the seating areas and to let them dry. Here’s where we are today:

When the diocese updated the seating capacity limits to “up to 75% capacity, as long as six-foot social distancing continued to be observed”, we increased capacity to allow seating in half of our pews. Since that time, we’ve noticed that the number of RSVPs that are placed for Mass attendance is only around 70% of capacity, and even when “walk-in” traffic is considered, we’re not filling up all our spaces. (Even when we fill up at the 9am or 11am Mass, our ‘overflow’ plan is to invite people to watch the livestream from their cars, and then come inside to receive Communion at the regular time in the Mass.) So, by and large, it seems to us that our approach is providing sufficient opportunities for parishioners to attend Mass. Through the remainder of May, if you would like to ensure that you’ll have a seat in church for Mass, we encourage you to “save your seat” by browsing to www.cdsmph.org/rsvp or calling our parish office (412-373-0050) between 10am and 1pm, Mondays through Fridays.

What about the Mass times that we’re offering? If you’ve noticed, we allow 2-3 hours between Masses on Sunday, in order to give sufficient time for sanitizing between Masses. Recently, the CDC relaxed the requirement to sanitize after every use; the requirement is now to “clean daily”. We’ve noticed that the 11:30am Mass time is our most poorly-attended Mass time. We’ve been wondering whether it would make sense to move our ‘late morning’ Masses to a time a little earlier in the morning. We’ll keep looking at the question, and I anticipate that we’ll make decisions later this year, after we’ve completed our process to plan for the future of our parish. Once we have clarity around our path moving forward, it will make sense to revisit the question of our weekend Mass schedule. I expect we’ll begin addressing that question in late summer.

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What about our “RSVP” program? Some have expressed displeasure with the approach of asking you to “save your seat” prior to Mass. Is it something that we, as Catholics, are unaccustomed to doing? Absolutely. Is it something that just plain feels ‘weird’? No doubt! Some have even told us “I’m not coming because I refuse to make a reservation!” (One wonders whether they make appointments to visit their doctor or to go to restaurants!) Nevertheless, we instituted the “save your seat” program in order to meet two goals: to allow us to contact you if someone contracted COVID and were present at a Mass that you attended, and also, to allow you to know that there would absolutely be a seat saved for you at Mass.

From Father Larry

The RSVP program has been successful in meeting its goals. Nevertheless, the time to consider whether it continues to be necessary has arrived. We're no longer attempting contact tracing, and – as mentioned above – are Masses are generally not filled to capacity. At this point, we're thinking that we'll phase out the RSVP program beginning in June. So, *we'll continue to ask that you consider "saving a seat" for weekend Masses in May.*

Those who arrive for weekend Masses in May without an RSVP will be asked to wait until we've had the opportunity to honor all those who previously "saved a seat" for that Mass; at that point, we'll seat everyone waiting to be seated, up to the capacity of the church.

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

Our Parish Community

Parish Feast Day Celebration



Our Parish Community

Ascension Schedule

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

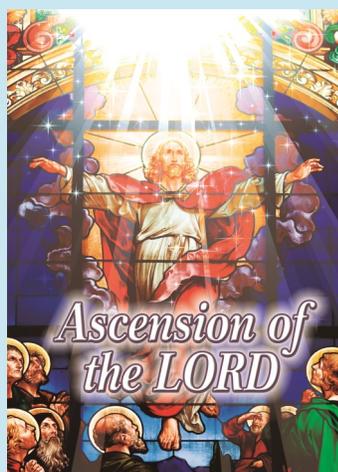
5:00pm Mass St. Susanna

Thursday, May 13, 2021

9:30am Mass St. Susanna

12:00noon Mass St. Bernadette

6:00pm Mass NAM Church



Taizé Ministry

Mark your calendars our next parish Taizé Service will be held on **Tuesday, May 25, 2021**. Please watch our communication platforms for the location and time.

Parish Assemblies

Plan to attend our parish assemblies!

- May 12, at 6:15pm, at St Susanna Church (following the 5pm Ascension Vigil Mass)
- May 13, at 1:15pm, at St Bernadette Church (following the noon Ascension Mass)

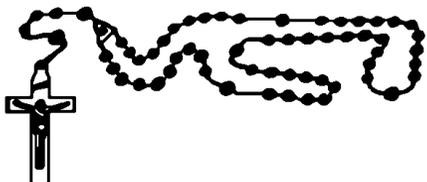


We also plan to record a video of one of these assemblies, and place it on our website for you to watch, if you are unable to attend one of the assemblies in person. We will also offer opportunities for you to respond via the website, so that all who attend the assemblies in person or virtually will be able to have their perspectives heard.

Legion of Mary

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Mother. A fantastic way of honoring Mary is to publicly pray the Rosary. Join us at the Prayer Garden of St. Gerard Majella Church on Saturdays starting at 11am.

SAM – Substance Addiction Ministry



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The next Substance Addiction Ministry Rosary for Recovery will be Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at Christ The Divine Shepherd Parish, North American Martyrs Church, 2526 Haymaker Rd., Monroeville, PA 15146. We will meet at 7:00PM in the Church for the Rosary for all who are afflicted or affected by addiction and seeking education, referral and support. Please wear a mask and we are to adhere to all social distancing guidelines. For

more information please contact Noreen at 412-296-1709

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Sacrament of Eucharist

First Communion

Congratulations to those who received the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time this weekend!

**William Charles Catone
Anthony Francis Doughty
Jamisen T Fitzroy
Taylor Tien Grecko
Brooke Antoinette Johnston
Callan William Morris
Hannah Stephans
Alia Winter**

**Chase Clontz
Emma Grace Dudley
Chisombezi Ezike
Gabriel Sydney Klavora
Sophia Sydney Klavora
Emma Jo Kostyak
Chinedum Okoro
Grace Elizabeth Supancic**



LIGHTING THE WAY
PITTSBURGH CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

An exciting campaign to support Catholic education in the Diocese of Pittsburgh is underway and features one of our CDS Parishioners, Julianna Nichols. Julianna is a graduate of St. Bartholomew School, St. Joseph High School, and Seton Hill University. The outreach goal by the diocese is to help enrollment by raising awareness of our schools and educating the public about the benefits and value of Catholic education. Please visit pittsburghcatholicschools.org for more information. Julianna, your parish family, is proud of your accomplishments!



Julianna

Pursuing graduate study
in pharmacy
Pittsburgh

Starting all the way back in grade school, I had teachers who saw my interest in math and science and really pushed me to move past what we were just learning in the classroom. Then once I got to high school, I just kept wanting to learn more and more. Just as in grade school, my teachers saw my interests and helped me further develop that. Then that has gotten me where I am now.

MAY FOOD FEST

We know how busy May can be with sports, end of the school year events, and other Spring activities!

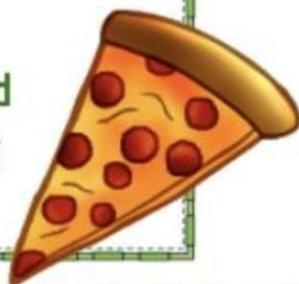
Let Divine Mercy Academy help you to lighten your load with our "May Menu of Meal Ideas"!

DMA is taking the guesswork out of dinner during the month of May.

For more information on how to support DMA through these events, please check out our website at www.dmapgh.org or our Facebook page!

GrandSlam Pizza

Tuesday,
May 4th and
Wednesday
May 5th



ANTHONY'S
COAL FIRED PIZZA

**THURSDAY,
MAY 13TH**

Sunseri Pepperoni Rolls

**THURSDAY,
MAY 20TH**



FOOD TRUCK SPRING FEST

SATURDAY, MAY 15TH
5:00 - 8:00 PM
NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS

MOE'S TACO KITS

Wednesday,
May 26th





GRANDSLAM PIZZA

"WHERE EVERY PIZZA IS A HIT"

WHY COOK WHEN YOU COULD ENJOY SOME DELICIOUS PIZZA AND SUBS ALL WHILE SUPPORTING DIVINE MERCY ACADEMY?

When: Tuesday, May 4th AND
Wednesday, May 5th

Where: Monroeville Location ONLY
4376 Old Wm. Penn Hwy
412-646-2622



Important Info: No online, Grubhub, or UberEats orders. Direct store orders ONLY.

20% of GrandSlam's total sales for these two dates will be donated back to DMAI



MUSIC MINISTRY REBOOT

We are systematically working towards a fresh start to our parish music ministry. One of the first areas we are approaching in the reboot process is recruiting volunteers (skilled vocalists and instrumentalists) to minister through music in our modern worship collective and seeking the necessary financial resources for equipment procurement. If you are interested in helping promote authentic Catholic worship while proclaiming the uncompromising message of the Gospel through modern music, please reach out to Josh at our CDS Office for Sacred Music at jbandish@cdsmp.org



Knights of Columbus Council 4925 invites you to
5th Annual Rege Reinersmann Memorial
In Memory of Mark DeFabio



Golf Outing

Proceeds Benefit Council 4925 Charities

Event Details		
Saturday, June 19th 2021 Shotgun Start at 10:00am	Murrysville Golf Course 3804 Sardis Road Murrysville PA 15668	Entry Fee: \$85 / person Includes green fee, cart, lunch at turn, dinner, and beer at dinner
Can't Play? Join us at the course for dinner: \$30 / person		

Foursome Registration (<i>Registration Open until June 1st, 2021</i>)			
	Name	Phone Number	Email Address
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Sponsorship Opportunities (due by June 1 st , 2021)			
Name		Company	
Address		Email	
Message for Sign			

- Hole Sponsorship \$50 (*Please include example of desired message or camera-ready art*)
- In-Kind Sponsor _____
- Cash Donation \$ _____

*For more information, to sign-up a foursome, or sponsor the event please contact:
 Anthony Pulleo (724-622-3894 / apulleo@gmail.com)*

*To pay: Mail this form along with your check or money order payable to "K of C Council 4925"
 to: K of C 4925 c/o Anthony Pulleo, 33 Morningtide Court, Monroeville PA, 15146*

Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 2, 2021

8:00AM, St Bernadette, (RT), +Rege Reinersman Jr. -- Debbie & Family
 9:00AM, St Susanna, (TM), For the People of our Parish
 11:00AM, St Bernadette, (LA)*, 50th Anniversary +Fr. Ulric Thaner OSC -- Mercedes Rafferty
 11:30AM, St Susanna, (RT), +Pete Bender & +Ryan Cook -- Bender Family

Monday, May 3, 2021

9:30AM, St Bernadette, (LA), +Margie & +Harry Franz -- Family

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

9:30AM, St Susanna, (TM), +John Butler -- Tallarom Family

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

9:30AM, St Bernadette, (RT), +Deceased of Thaner Family -- Rafferty Family

Thursday, May 6, 2021

9:30AM, St Susanna, (TM), +James Myler -- Myler Family

Friday, May 7, 2021

9:30AM, St Bernadette, (LA), +Estes & +Tetro Families -- Family

Saturday, May 8, 2021

4:00PM, St Bernadette, (LA), +Derna DiCecco -- Pat & Kathy Wills
 5:00PM, St Susanna, (TM), +Carol & +Ken Baur -- Family

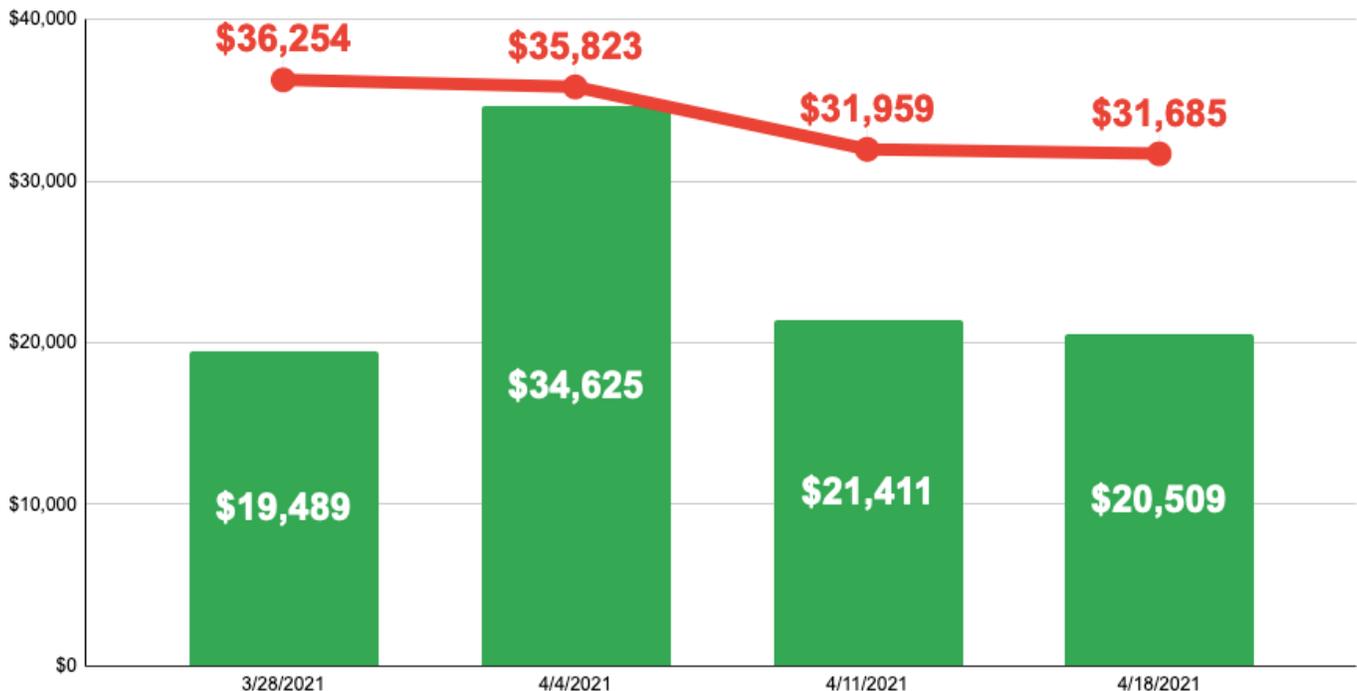
Sunday, May 9, 2021

8:00AM, St Bernadette, (LA), For All Mothers
 9:00AM, St Susanna, (TM), For All Mothers
 11:00AM, St Bernadette, (LA), For the People of our Parish
 11:30AM, St Susanna, (TM), For All Mothers

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.

CDS Weekly Financial Update



■ Collections ● Expenses

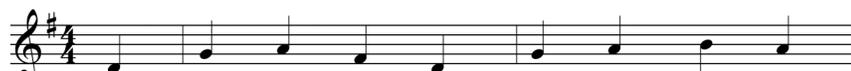
Easter Collection: \$22,341.00

We collected \$3,016.00, for the Holy Land collection on Good Friday.

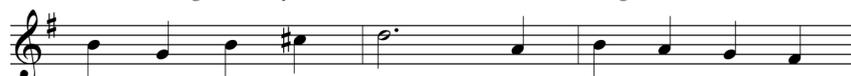
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Entrance Chant



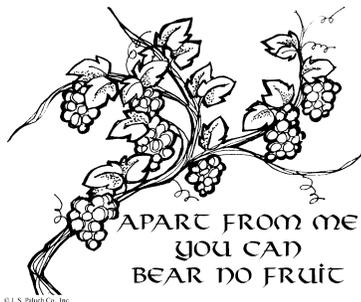
Ant. O sing a new song to our Lord, He
 1. The Lord dis - played his sav - ing pow'r And
 2. To Is - rael's house God has re - called His
 3. Make joy - ful nois - es to the Lord, Break
Dox. Give glo - ry to our lov - ing God, The



Ant. has done won - drous deeds. His right hand and his
 1. truth and con - stan - cy; He has re - vealed his
 2. faith - ful - ness and love. The far - thest ends of
 3. forth in har - mo - ny. Sing prais - es to the
Dox. Fa - ther, and the Son, And al - so to the



Ant. ho - ly arm Have gained the vic - to - ry.
 1. jus - tice and His strength for all to see.
 2. earth have seen The vic - t'ry from a - bove.
 3. Lord our God With lyre and mel - o - dy.
Dox. Par - a - clete, E - ter - nal Three - in - One. *Ant.*



Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

Greeting

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you my brothers and sisters that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I ask Blessed Mary—ever virgin—all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**Lord Have Mercy, Christ Have Mercy,
 Lord Have Mercy**

or

**Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie
 Eleison.**

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel: John 15:1-8

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.

After the Gospel, the Priest says "The Gospel of the Lord"

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

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

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory

Sing a New Song

Refrain

Sing a new song unto the Lord; let your song be sung from mountains high. Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia.

1. Shout with gladness! Dance for joy! O come before the Lord. And play for God on glad tambourines, and let your trumpet sound.

2. Rise, O children, from your sleep; your Savior now has come. He has turned your sorrow to joy, and filled your soul with song.

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.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

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

All: And with your spirit.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

All: It is right and just

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Mystery of Faith

We proclaim your death O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again until you come again.

Great Amen

The Lord's Prayer

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

Agnus Dei: All: You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

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

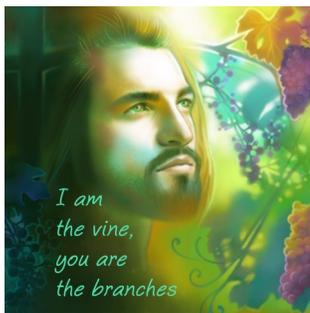
The Order of Mass

Communion Chant

I am the true vine, and you are the branches; he who abides in me and I in him, he it is who bears much fruit, alleluia, alleluia.

Communion Hymn

We Have Been Told



Refrain

We have been told. We've seen his face and heard his voice alive in our hearts. "Live in my love with all your heart. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.

1. I am the vine; you are the branches, and all who live in me will bear great fruit.

2. You are my friends, if you keep my commands, no longer slaves; I call you friends.

3. No greater love is there than this: to lay down one's life for a friend.

Final Blessing

Hymn at the Dismissal

1. Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the holy anthem rise,
And the choirs of heaven chant it
In the temple of the skies;
Let the mountains skip with gladness, And the joyful
valleys ring With hosannas in the highest
To our Savior and our King!

Alleluia Let the Holy Anthem Rise

2. Alleluia! Alleluia! Like the sun from out the wave,
He has risen up in triumph From the darkness of the
grave. He's the splendor of the nations,
He's the lamp of endless day; He's the very Lord of
glory. Who is risen up today!

Sanctuary Candle

St. Bernadette: Anna & Howard Thomas
by Susanne Thomas

St. Susanna: No sponsorship this week

Please contact the parish office at 412-373-0050 if you are interested in sponsoring one of our tabernacle lamps.

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

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

Pray for the Repose of Souls

Please visit our website at
www.cdsmph.org/funerals

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Office Hours

The Parish Office located at **245 Azalea Dr, Monroeville PA 15146** is currently closed for all walk-in business. For assistance please call the office at 412-373-0050 between 10am and 1pm, Monday through Friday or email us at parishoffice@cdsmph.org.

Confession

At Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on **Saturday at noon at St Bartholomew Church**. It is 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).

Marriage

Please contact us to plan for your wedding as soon as you become engaged, by contacting Deacon Mike at mkelly@cdsmph.org or 412-373-0050 x112.

Baptism

Baptisms will be celebrated following the Sunday 11:00am 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 at St Susanna from 4pm till 5pm, and at St Bernadette from 5pm till 6pm, on their respective private prayer days.**

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