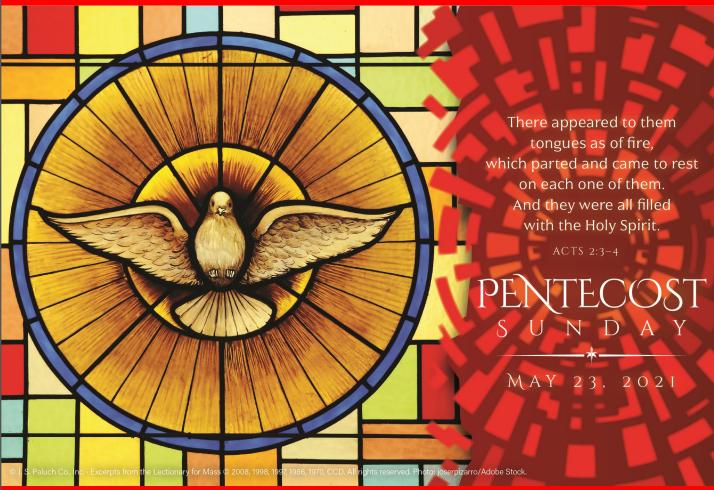


The Catholic Community of Penn Hills and Monroeville





Welcome to our Parish!

We are happy you have joined us today and want you Mon 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

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Mon.	9:30am St. Bernadette	St. Bernadette	4:00pm
Tues.	9:30am St. Susanna	St. Susanna	5:00pm
Wed.	9:30am St. Bernadette		

Thurs. 9:30am St. Susanna Sunday 9:30am St. Bernadette St. Bernadette 8:00am 9:00am St. Susanna

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

Saturday

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

Fri.



From Father Larry

Last week, Bishop Zubik provided updated pandemic procedure guidance for the parishes of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. We announced these at every Mass last weekend, and we thought it would be a good idea to reiterate this guidance in this week's bulletin.

Effective Immediately:

- holy water has been returned to our churches for your use
- the guidelines for mask-wearing in our churches has been modified: if you have completed your course of vaccination against COVID (two shots for the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine, or one for the J&J vaccine) at least two weeks ago, you may choose whether you wish to wear a mask in church or not.
- If you wear a mask, you may sit wherever you wish in church.
- In order to provide an option for those who want the peace of mind of knowing that everyone seated around them is wearing a mask, we will set aside a section of pews in each church in which mask-wearing is required. We ask that everyone who chooses to sit in that section abide by mask-wearing protocol. At St Bernadette church, this area will be the section of pews on the left side of the church, near the choir area. At St Susanna church, this area will be in the rear of the church on the right-hand side.
- No "proof of vaccination" will be required or asked of you. We ask that those who are not fully vaccinated continue to wear masks, per state guidelines.

<u>In addition, the following previously-announced updates remain in place:</u>

- The 'social distancing' requirement remains in place through May 31. On June 1, we will take down the ropes from the pews, and will return to 100% full seating capacity!
- Our 'save-a-seat' program for RSVPs at Mass will continue through this weekend (May 22-23), for the sake of our Confirmation liturgies. Beginning May 24, our RSVP program will be phased out. <u>Starting next week, no</u> <u>RSVPs will be required nor will advance registration be taken</u>. We will return to "first come, first served" seating in our churches.

If you have any questions regarding these updates, please contact our parish office during regular business hours (M-F, 9am-1pm)!

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Last week, we held parish assemblies following two of our Ascension Masses. If you weren't able to attend a parish assembly, we invite you to view the assembly on our parish website (www.cdsmph.org). There is also an option on the website for you to answer the same questions that assembly attendees answered, as well as an opportunity for you to send us questions regarding the process or the proposal. In upcoming bulletins, we'll answer your questions!

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One other positive development in the "return to normalcy from the pandemic" – all types of meetings and gatherings in our parish spaces are now permitted! If your group wishes to return to meeting at our parish facilities, please call our parish office!

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!



As advertised in our bulletins, pulpit announcements, and social media outlets, we held parish assemblies on May 12 & 13 to discuss the planning for the future of our parish. (For those who were unable to attend the assemblies, we're putting them online at our website (www.cdsmph.org) so that you can watch the assembly and participate in the same Q&A opportunities virtually.) Over the next few weeks, we'll also provide summaries on this page of

the presentation we offered at the parish assemblies. These summaries will discuss the viewpoints that parishioners shared in our Spring Survey, the work and results of our parish Task Force, and the recommendations that we received from our finance council and interim parish council. In addition, we'll print the common questions that people asked at our assemblies (and online), and provide answers to these questions.

This week, we'd like to share the viewpoints that you, our parish community, provided in our recent survey. In March, we mailed a Spring Newsletter to each of the 5000 families registered in our parish. We provided some background about the parish's current financial situation, and asked you to respond to a short survey. We also provided the opportunity to write in comments. Over 250 responses were received (which we think represents 10-20% of our current actual parish member base).

In our newsletter, we pointed out that, in 2020, parish expenses were \$350,000 greater than regular parish income. (That sounds dire, but in 2019, expenses were nearly \$600,000 greater than income, so we're moving in the right direction!). We looked at the expenses of the parish as a whole and also the expenses associated with each of our six sites. We discovered that, with normal parish revenues in 2020, we weren't even able to cover the expenses associated with running a parish with only one of our buildings!

Spring Newsletter – Survey results How should we utilize our resources? Question 3 - three 1 - Best 2 - OK 3 - Worst Not a valid option possible answers: 200 Run a deficit; keep all six sites until 150 bankrupt Use resources to 100 bring youth and young adults back Use resources for ministry & evangelization Deficit / Bankruptcy Youth / Young Adult Outreach

So, we asked you what you thought that this information told us about our ability to sustain our parish. Nearly 75% of respondents replied that they thought immediate action is necessary in order to create a sustainable future; around 25% said that they weren't sure. We then asked what you thought the best use of our resources are, and asked you to rate each suggested course of action as "best", "OK", "worst", or "not a valid option." One course of action was "continue running a deficit and keep six church buildings open until we run out of money." Nearly every respondent replied that that suggestion was "worst", "not a valid option", or not even worthy of a response.

Our other two suggestions were to focus on ministry and evangelization for the parish as a whole, or to focus on evangelization of youth and young adults in our community. Both received a significant amount of support, with "ministry for the parish as a whole" receiving the greatest number of positive responses.

We also invited you to provide your own comments. We found that three comments were repeated most often by you in your responses: "we are unable to support six buildings, and we realize that some buildings will have to close", "don't delay – 'rip off the band-aid' and take action now!", and "we think that we need one church building in Penn Hills and one church building in Monroeville".

Your responses to our spring survey provided an important source of information for me and Fr Thom, and we value your opinions as we prayerfully discern the course of action we must take in the upcoming months. Our parish councils provided an additional request: that we take a look at not only financial information, but also information about people – over the past decade, how many people have been coming to Masses in our churches and whether (and to what extent) our parish is shrinking or growing. In next week's bulletin, we'll discuss these questions and provide a snapshot of our parish's population over the past ten years.

Please continue to keep Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish and our parish family in your prayers!

Our Parish Community

Parish Assemblies











Our Parish Community

Patriotic Rosary

Please join the Ladies of Charity as we commemorate Memorial Day Thursday, May 27 at 6:30 PM at St. Bernadette Church as we pray the Patriotic Rosary for our country. Praying this rosary is a moving experience and our country and it's people are the beneficiaries of those prayers. On Wednesday, September 8 we will commemorate 9/11 and pray the Patriotic Rosary at St. Susanna Church.



Modern Music Worship Team

We are currently looking to recruit volunteers (skilled vocalists and instrumentalists) to minister on our modern music worship team and seek the necessary financial resources for equipment procurement. If you are interested in proclaiming the uncompromised message of the Gospel through modern music, please reach out to Josh at our CDS Office for Sacred Music at jbandish@cdsmph.org.

Calling all Graduates

Are you a member of the graduating Class of 2021? Let your parish family know by emailing us at bulletin@cdsmph.org so that we can acknowledge your achievements. We look forward to hearing from you!



Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord

Dr. Frank Novasack passed away after a battle with cancer. He shared his talents in music ministry and composition throughout the Pittsburgh area, including our parish community. In the past he served as a substitute musician and as the accompanist for one of our contemporary ensembles. Pray for the repose of the soul of Dr. Frank and keep his family and friends in your prayers during this time.





Our Parish Community



Save The Date(s)!



After a year filled with closures, cancellations and quarantines, let's get back to raising some needed funds, growing our CDS Parish community, and HAVING FUN!

BURGER BASH (Sunday, July 11th, 2021)

FALL FISH FRY FRIDAY (Friday, September 17th, 2021)

OKTOBERFEST (Saturday, October 16th, 2021)







Reserve these dates on your calendar and look for additional information and details as we get closer to each event!

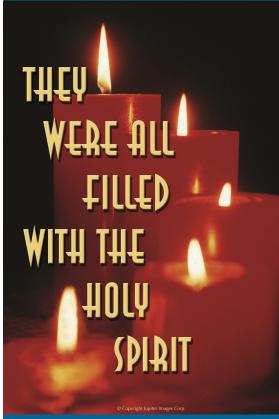
Mission Cooperation Sunday

Mission Cooperation Sunday is on June 5th & 6th in 2021. Normally, a missionary comes to visit the parish and speaks during homily time at Mass. Because of COVID-19 restrictions this year, there will be no in person talks. The missionary activity of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers has been hit very hard by the COVID-19 virus. Due to the pandemic, it has become very difficult to evangelize and get medical treatment for the people they serve. Unemployment is high because of a lack of available jobs.

The Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers provide pastoral care for immigrants in Taiwan, educational programs in Kenya, clean water projects, chaplaincy and prison ministries, primary evangelization in Indonesia, and care for the sick and poor in Bangladesh. In a particular way, the people served by Maryknoll need your prayers and financial support. Please realize that while the appeal is not in person, the need is greater than ever. The poor have been hit especially hard by the pandemic. This year, more than ever, we would ask that you prayerfully discern, and give generously to our mission appeal.



Sacrament of Confirmation



Congratulations to those who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend!

Connor Evans
Tracey Livsey
Justin Nguyen
Bairend Turner
Benjamin Welsh
Horatio Dawson
Nathan Rose
Brett Rossi
Rease Solomon
Christopher Taylor

Ryan Valentine
Brianna Acklin
Owen Echegaray
DeShawn Haraburda
Sofia Izaguirre
Kayla Rembert
Ava Zappa

Food Truck Spring Fest

It was a beautiful evening for the Divine Mercy Academy Food Truck Spring Fest that was held on Saturday, May 15, 2021 at CDS North American Martyrs Church. Thank you to everyone who attended!



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Around the Diocese



Widowed, Divorced, Separated?

The loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation is a traumatic experience. The Beginning Experience© Pittsburgh Lay Apostolate will host a 1-day Saturday seminar, Coping with Life Alone-In the Beginning Program, intended to help widowed, divorced, or separated men and women work through their grief and begin to move forward with hope on their life journey. Please plan to join us Saturday 10 July 2021 from 8:45am – 4:00pm. Fee is \$30.00 (lunch included). Location: Martina Spiritual Renewal Center, 5244 Clarwin Avenue, West View, PA 15229. Register by July 1st at

www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com or make a confidential call to Rob at 412-584-5575 or Mary at 412-523-2405 to learn more about this healing ministry.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 23, 2021

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

9:00AM, St Susanna, (TM), +Nicolino & +Concetta Fratangelo -- Joe & Lina Frantangelo

11:00AM, St Bernadette, (LA), +Christine Samroc -- Dave & Maria Petreska

11:30AM, St Susanna, (RT), In Thanksgiving -- Kathy Deninno

Monday, May 24, 2021

9:30AM, St Bernadette, (RT), +Kristin Topolosky -- Mom & Dad

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

9:30AM, St Susanna, (LA), +Caterine Dutko -- Sis

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

9:30AM, St Bernadette, (TM), +Edward Schaffer -- Son

Thursday, May 27, 2021

9:30AM, St Susanna, (RT), +Ed Konop -- Jeannie & Norman Kozlowski

Friday, May 28, 2021

9:30AM, St Bernadette, (LA), +John & Violet Palatas -- Janet & Dan

Saturday, May 29, 2021

4:00PM, St Bernadette, (RT), +Thomas Desmond -- Wife, Kathy

5:00PM, St Susanna, (TM), +Antonietta Frazzini -- Nanette Iorio

Sunday, May 30, 2021

8:00AM, St Bernadette, (RT), +Daniel Balcik -- Karen Gleason

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

11:00AM, St Bernadette, (TM), +Derna DiCecco -- Family

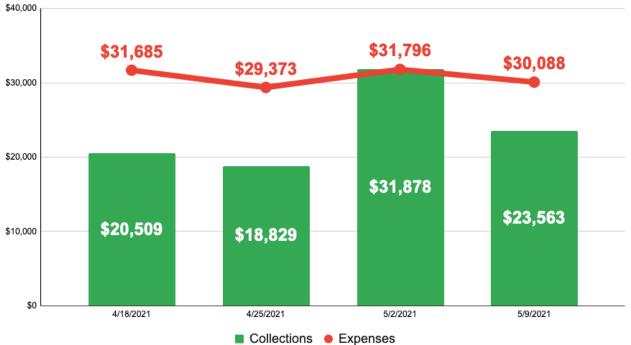
11:30AM, St Susanna, (LA), +Bob Dokmanovich -- Paul & Marlene Resnick

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



From January through the present, we've spent over \$166,000 more than we've received in parish collections. Each week, we're forced to make up the difference between donations and expenses by withdrawing from our checking and/or savings accounts in order to cover the shortfall. At the beginning of the year, we estimated that this deficit for 2021 would be \$330,000. At this point in the year, we've already exceeded half of that deficit estimate.

Order of Mass

Come Holy Ghost

1. Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, And in our hearts take up thy rest; Come with thy grace and heav'nly aid To fill the hearts which thou hast made, To fill the hearts which thou hast made.

2. O Comforter, to the we cry, Thou heav'nly gift of God most high; Thou font of life and fire of love, And sweet anointing from above, And sweet anointing from above.

3. Praise be to thee, Father and Son And Holy Spirit, with them one; And may the Son on us bestow The gifts that from the Spirit flow, The gifts that from the Spirit flow.



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 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Pentecost Sequence:

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:19-23

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 We are Many Parts

Refrain

We are many parts, we are all one body, and the gifts we have we are given to share. May the Spirit of love make us one indeed; one, the love that we share, one, our hope in despair, one, the cross that we bear.

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 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

Suddenly, a sound came from heaven like the rush of mighty wind, in the pace where they were sitting, alleluia; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and announced the great things God had done, alleluia, alleluia.

Communion Hymn

At the Table of the World

Refrain

Blow among us Spirit of God, fill us with your courage and care! Hurricane and Breath, take us on a journey of love.

The Day of Pentecost Arrived

- 1. The day of Pentecost arrived; to one place many came. Tongues as of fire appeared to them; their hearts were set a flame.
- 2. Unharnessed joy was there released; strong power they received. No explanations were required; they saw and they believed.

Final Blessing

Hymn at the Dismissal

of death: Alleluia, alleluia. Come to create, renew, inspire; Come, kindle in our hearts your fire. Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O Holy Spirit by Whose

1. O Holy Spirit, by whose breath Life rises vibrant out 2. You are the seeker's sure resource, Of burning love the living source, alleluia, alleluia Protector in the midst of strife, The giver and the Lord of life. Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Breath

Sanctuary Candle

St. Bernadette: **Gary & Steven Matts**

By Philomena & Family

St. Susanna: Evelyn & Vince Tedesco

By Daughters, Debbie & Mary

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

John T. Hutchinson Orlando Gualtieri **Dennis Rossi** Frank Novasack

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Confession

At Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on <u>Saturday at noon at St</u>

<u>Bartholomew Church</u>. 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