

December 12, 2021 | 3rd Sunday of Advent

Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish

SERVING THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF
PENN HILLS, PITCAIRN, AND MONROEVILLE



**REJOICE IN THE LORD
ALWAYS**

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Saturday

4:00pm Monroeville
5:00pm Penn Hills

Sunday

8:00am Monroeville
9:00am Penn Hills
11:00am Monroeville
11:30am Penn Hills

Mon. 9:30am Monroeville
Tues. 9:30am Penn Hills
Wed. 9:30am Monroeville
Thurs. 9:30am Penn Hills
Fri. 9:30am Monroeville

Monroeville

245 Azalea Dr, Monroeville, PA 15146
Parishoffice@cdsmph.org
412-373-0050

Penn Hills

200 Stotler Rd, Penn Hills, PA 15235

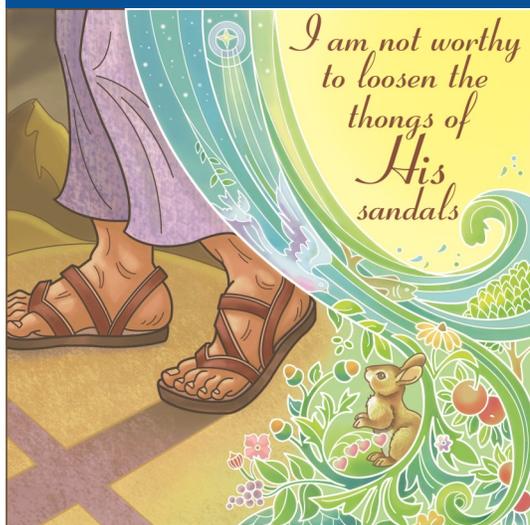
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REJOICE

The prophetic writings we hear in today's scriptures call us to rejoice and celebrate the goodness of God. Zephaniah, Isaiah, Saint Paul, and John the Baptist in Luke's Gospel all follow the rich tradition of the Biblical prophets, a tradition that reaches full expression in Jesus. The prophets warn that human failings have truly disastrous consequences. All are summoned to repent, and to change their lives. Today we hear the Good News that God's gracious love exceeds and overcomes all human corruption. God has not given up on us. Indeed, God keeps pursuing us, and eagerly seeks to reconcile with us. God's initiative to set the world aright culminates with Jesus, whose coming John the Baptist announces. John's prophetic message summons us to join in God's reconciling work, by living generously and justly in our daily lives. As we rejoice in God's grace, we then extend the fruits of this grace to all.

From the Pastor

Father Mike Conway

*Gaudete in Dómino semper: iterum dico, gaudete!
Rejoice in the Lord always! I shall say it again: rejoice!*



These are the words of the Entrance Antiphon, or *introit*, for the Third Sunday of Advent. You may often hear this Sunday referred to simply as “Gaudete Sunday,” and the entrance antiphon would be the reason why. Similarly, the fifth Sunday of Lent is often referred to as “Laetare Sunday.” The second Sunday of Easter could be referred to as “Quasimodo Sunday,” but it seems like that one hasn’t caught on – yet.

Despite the fact that the entrance antiphon can give a sense of identity to a particular Mass, it seems to have lost some of its prominence over the years. Over the centuries, the use of the antiphon has varied. Originally, the entrance of the priest was accompanied by the singing of an entire psalm and concluding with a Trinitarian doxology. At first, this was done in the manner of the responsorial psalm: the entire congregation would occasionally sing an antiphon as a refrain, and the solo cantor would sing the remainder of the psalm. Pope Celestine I (422-432) changed it so that the psalm was sung uninterrupted; the antiphon was sung just at the beginning and the end. By the time of Pope Pius V (1570), the psalm had been cut down to just one verse. The 1970 revision suggests, but does not mandate, returning to singing the psalm in its entirety.

So why don’t we hear them more often? To be fair, you will occasionally hear them sung at our parish – quite beautifully, I might add – before Mass begins. In general, the reason they aren’t used more often universally is that they are no longer mandatory; they can be substituted with an appropriate hymn. While we all have our favorite (and least favorite) hymns, there’s something about the timelessness of the entrance antiphons that really draws me in. And that’s the point. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* teaches that the entrance antiphon, in addition to opening the celebration and accompanying the procession, “fosters the unity of those who have been gathered and introduces their thoughts to the mystery of the liturgical time or festivity.” The entrance antiphon is virtually always drawn from Scripture, and frequently has some connection to the readings at Mass.

Such is the case today; the entrance antiphon is taken directly from Saint Paul’s letter to the Philippians, our second reading. Paul reminds the church of Philippi – a church that has gone through its share of struggles – that they should rejoice in the Lord always, for the joy of the Lord should be their strength. As Christ once came into the world in a stable in Bethlehem, so will He come again, and therefore there is nothing to fear.

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From the Pastor

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Solemn Evening Prayer with Eucharistic Adoration continues on the Sundays of Advent. This week it will be held at CDS Monroeville at 7 PM; next week will be at CDS Penn Hills, also at 7 PM. Spend some quiet time with the Lord during this hectic season.

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An ancient maxim, often attributed to Saint Augustine, teaches that "one who sings, prays twice." Tomorrow evening will be a chance to pray twice with the Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols at CDS Penn Hills, starting at 7 PM.

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Wednesday, December 15, the light will be on for you. The sacrament of reconciliation will be available at both churches beginning at 6:00 PM. What better way to prepare the way of the Lord than by experiencing His mercy in the confessional?

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There will be a reception for Deacon Rick in Biedenbach Hall following the 11:00 AM Mass next week to thank him for his service and ministry to our parish, and to wish him and Kathy well as they prepare to move to North Carolina. All are welcome, please join us!

Oremus pro invicem!

Gaudete in Dómino semper: íterum dico, gaudéte!

Family Christmas Tree at CDS Penn Hills

As part of our preparation for Christmas at Christ the Divine Shepherd-Penn Hills campus, we will be putting up the Family Christmas Tree in the Atrium of the Church on Saturday, December 18 beginning at 12:00pm. We need volunteers to help with the tree - specifically branch "fluffers". If you can spare some time, we'd appreciate the help. We will finish decorating the tree on Sunday, December 19 immediately following the 11:30am Mass (around 12:30-12:45).

Since we are a "new" Parish, we are requesting donations of an ornament for the Family Christmas Tree from each family in Christ the Divine Shepherd as a way to unify the members of our Parish. A new Parish merits new traditions. You can place your donated ornament on the Family Christmas tree beginning Saturday, December 18 at 5:00pm Mass. We could also use help finishing the decorations on the Tree on Sunday afternoon after 11:30am Mass. If you would like to help with the decorations or have any questions, please contact Karen Grasso at 412-354-2858; please leave a message if you get her voicemail.

Giving Tree

Please return the wrapped gift (only new items, please) with the tag secured to the package no later than Monday, December 13th. The packages are to be returned to the back of the church, where there will be a box or to the parish office. Small gift bags will be available for gift cards if needed. May God's blessings be with you and yours this Christmas season. Thank you.



Our Parish Family

Solemn Evening Prayer & Eucharistic Adoration



Solemn Evening Prayer & Eucharistic Adoration will be held each Sunday of the Advent season, beginning at 7 pm.

EVENING PRAYER

- Sunday, December 12, 2021 CDS Monroeville
- Sunday, December 19, 2021 CDS Penn Hills

Meeting

The St. Vincent DePaul Society of Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish will meet on Wednesday, January 5th at 7:00 PM at Biedenbach Hall, 245 Azalea Dr., Monroeville, PA 15146.

Reception

There will be a reception for Deacon Rick in Biedenbach Hall located below the church at CDS Monroeville following the 11:00 AM Mass next weekend (December 19, 2021).

CHRIST THE DIVINE SHEPHERD

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2021

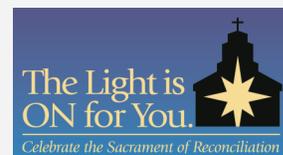
- 4 pm Penn Hills
- 4 pm Monroeville
- 7 pm Penn Hills
- 7 pm Monroeville

Christmas, December 25, 2021

- 12 am (Midnight) Monroeville
- 9 am Penn Hills
- 10 am Monroeville

Thank you!
The December 5th blood drive had 24 donors which netted 20 units of blood for our community.

BLOOD DONATION



Wednesday, December 15, 2021 beginning at 6 pm at both of our churches.



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Our Parish Family

Recall the Mystery of our Redemption

Christ
THE **Divine**
SHEPHERD
PARISH

Advent Lessons and Carols

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. In this service, we listen to nine Scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the Promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News.

Dec. 13, 2021
7pm - CDS Penn Hills
200 Stotler Road
Penn Hills, Pa 15235

www.cdsmph.org/sacredmusic



Grant them Eternal Rest

PRAY FOR THE REPOSE
OF SOULS



Anthony Palermo
Beryl Hall
Winifred Conway

Obituaries may be accessed at
www.cdsmph.org/funerals



Welcome

TO OUR PARISH
FAMILY

JoAnn Covelli

Luke and Alexandria Fossati Family

Early Bulletin Deadlines

Bulletin Content for Sunday, December 26, 2021 is due Tuesday, December 14, 2021 by 12:00 noon

Bulletin Content for Sunday, January 2, 2022 is due Friday, December 17, 2021 by 12:00 noon

Sanctuary Candle



Monroeville:

Reid Vogel
By, Stephanie & Austin

Penn Hills:

Florence Moser
By, Howard & Mary Ann Moser

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



From Bess Biamonte

Because I knew you, I have been changed for the better!

Two years ago when we were having our staff realignment and I was interviewing for my job, Fr. Thom asked me what I thought the role of the Pastoral Associate was. My answer was, "To love the parishioners". Well, I guess I loved you all too much and you wore out my heart. Many of you know I have had several health issues in the recent past, and after MUCH prayer, consultation with the clergy and intense prodding from my family, on October 11, 2021, Frs. Larry and Thom accepted my letter announcing my retirement that will take place on December 31, 2021. Only the staff had known and I wanted to keep it that way so everyone could know at the same time, but I guess we have some loose lips!

For 26 years I have ministered in various locations in the Diocese. I could talk about what I've done, but a reiteration of my resume is unimportant. What is important is my gratitude to so many, so consider this a thank you and love letter to you all. First, I want to thank my mother who nurtured me in her humble immigrant faith. She taught us, by example, tireless compassion. All the sick and elderly of our family came to our home to live out their final days. As a child, I thought everyone had a bed in their dining room, little did I know we lived the life of hospice under her loving roof. My father, a convert, who took on Catholicism with much parental disapproval, assisted her in providing an open door to all. He and my mother adopted an abandoned teen who he himself, at 14, was an alcoholic. My father showed him what a true father was, what a family is, and that brother is now 73. I also want to thank my sister who showed me the grace of Redemptive Suffering and how to accept long standing illness with dignity. She died at Christmas, 27 years ago and she inspired me to change my career and devote my life to ministry and the bereaved.

Now I must especially thank my husband and children who have shared me with all of you. My husband stood at the bus stop for 36 years so that I could have our one and only car to do my ministry. Many the hours away from them, including the holidays, the treks I have taken them through, they supported my efforts and without them, I am nothing. To my faithfully departed mentors, Fr. John (Connie) Vojtek, who taught me the simplicity of how to be present, and Sister Margarette Kropinak who guided me through the art of social service, that they may have the eternal reward of everlasting life.

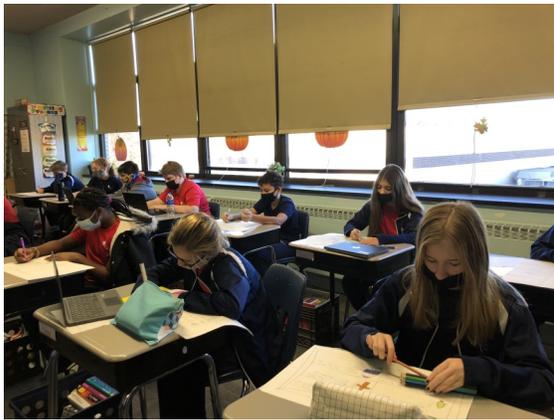
Last, but not least, my thanks to all of you. Your faith, devotion, love, sorrow and gracious acceptance of our collective loss have been such an inspiration and motivation to me. No scholar or program is needed to teach you how to be intentional disciples, you don't even realize you are beacons of light to so many. God has always put people in my life just when I needed them, even if I didn't know it. Many times it has been the most unlikely cast of characters. You trusted me. You trusted me with your thoughts, anxieties, complaints, your troubles, your joys, to educate your children and share in your family milestones. Do you know how appreciative and humbled I am of that? I would be arrogant and naïve to think that some of you are not in my fan club, so if I have in any way offended you, I hope you forgive me. I am who I am because of a family of faith. A family who had room at the table for others. My prayer for you is to nurture your families in our faith. Take on the mantle of tireless compassion for those beyond your neighborhood. Become truly one *Parish Family*. Make room at the table for those who aren't from *your building!* Always looking backwards hinders any movement forward. Support your new Pastor. Give him the chance to forge new and vibrant ideas to lead you, his flock, all closer to the Divine Shepherd.

Those who have known me for a long time, you know how important music is to me. Much of my inspiration comes from sacred music, but, when I least expect it, so does Broadway. One song from *Wicked* of all things, probably says it best. The title of this letter is from that musical. One verse says: "I've heard it said, that people come into our lives for a reason, bringing something we must learn, and we are led to those who help us most to grow, if we let them. And we help them in return. Well, I don't know if I believe that's true, but I know I'm who I am today because I knew you." Watch the video link and put on the caption option. They sing it so much better than I can say. #OutOfOz: "For Good"

God's blessings to you all.

Bess

Divine Mercy Academy



6th Grade Update

Sixth grade has been having fun with their little buddies in kindergarten class. They sit with their buddies at Wednesday mass and recently hosted a scavenger hunt for them. We will be getting together again soon to make Christmas ornaments. Academically, students are learning a lot. They just finished the novel "The Egypt Game" and created 3D pyramids with character drawings and facts about the story. We are currently reading stories that show us the world through an animal's eyes. In English class we are studying different types of verbs. We will be exploring the United States east of the Mississippi in social studies class and we are just starting a project in religion class illustrating the liturgical year starting with Advent.

Come Join Us For Our
Holiday
Craft & Vendor Show

Divine Mercy Academy

Lourdes Center Lower Level

Sunday, December 12th
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

245 Azalea Drive
Monroeville, PA
Free Admission

Food available starting at 11:00 am

Basket and 50/50 Raffles

For more information, contact us at: dmamonroevilleptg@gmail.com

Lottery Ticket Fundraiser

For a donation of \$10.00, ticket holders have a chance to win between \$100-\$500 during the month of January, 2022. Each ticket has four numbers and the winner is based on the 7:00 pm PA Pick 4 Lottery Number. Winners will be notified and receive their winnings by mail.

If all 2500 tickets are sold, our school can raise nearly \$20,000!

Tickets are being sold after Masses.

Lottery Tickets make a great Christmas gift or stocking stuffer!

All ticket stubs and money (cash or checks payable to "DMA PTG") are due to the school office no later than **TUESDAY, December 21, 2021.**

Thank you in advance for your support!

CHRIST THE DIVINE SHEPHERD PARISH

Attention: School Zone



Please Drive Slowly and Carefully

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 11, 2021

4:00PM, St Bernadette, (TM), +William White Sr. -- Family
 5:00PM, St Susanna, (MC), +In Memory of Dorothy Swackhammer -- Cochran & Swackhammer Family

Sunday, December 12, 2021

8:00AM, St Bernadette, (TM), +Tim Grecko -- Family
 9:00AM, St Susanna, (MC), For the People of our Parish
 11:00AM, St Bernadette, (TM), +Mark DeFabio -- DiNatale Family
 11:30AM, St Susanna, (MC), +Corrine Malloy -- Friends & Family

Monday, December 13, 2021

9:30AM, St Bernadette, (MC), +Gary Underwood -- Family

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

9:30AM, St Susanna, (TM), +Deceased of DeWitte Family -- Debbie & Mary

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

9:30AM, St Bernadette, (TM), +Robert Kocur -- Family

Thursday, December 16, 2021

9:30AM, St Susanna, (TM), +Ann Tauro -- Joanne Tauro

Friday, December 17, 2021

9:30AM, St Bernadette, (TM), +Deceased Members of the Magiera Family -- Greg Magiera

Saturday, December 18, 2021

4:00PM, St Bernadette, (MC), +Donna DeBellis -- Jim & Marilyn Cellurale
 5:00PM, St Susanna, (TM), +Colomba Musico -- Kathy and Family

Sunday, December 19, 2021

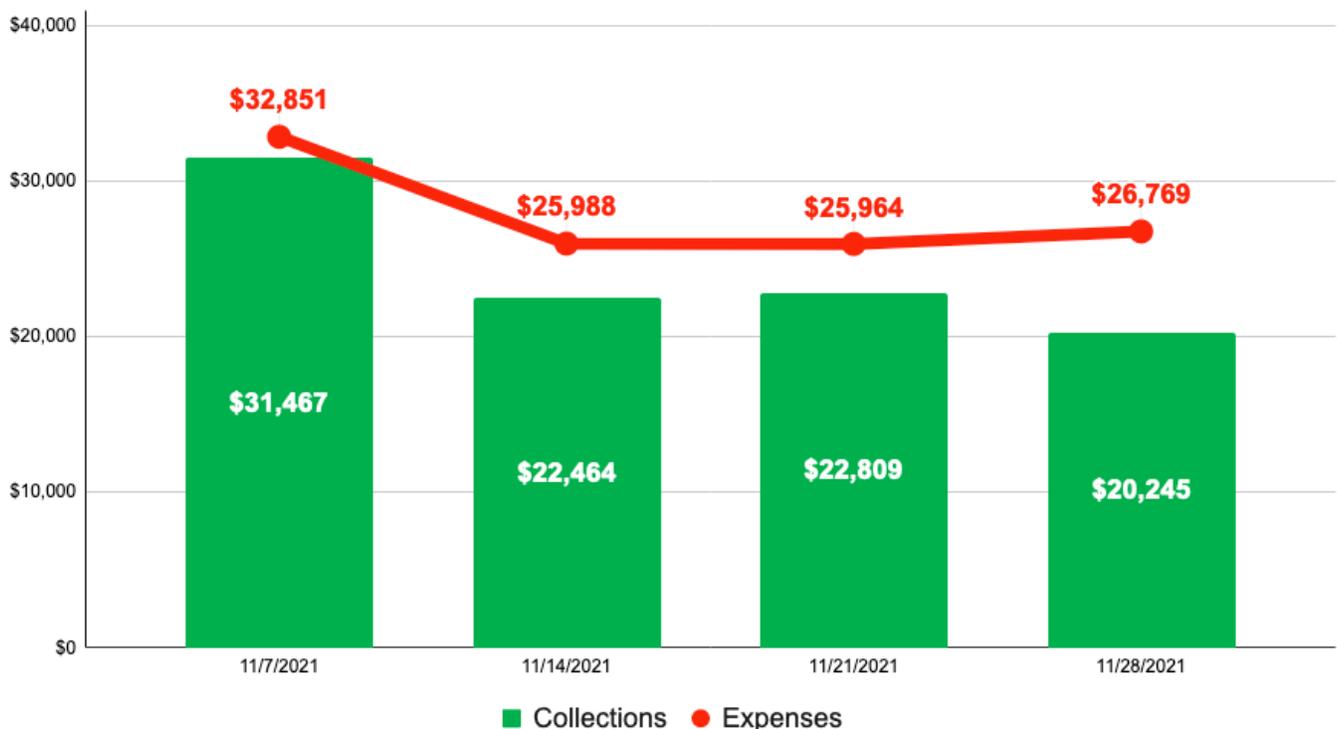
8:00AM, St Bernadette, (MC), +Lucille Shamlin -- Daughter
 9:00AM, St Susanna, (TM), +Christopher Dunmire -- Nancy & Howard Anderson
 11:00AM, St Bernadette, (MC), For the People of our Parish
 11:30AM, St Susanna, (TM), Special Intention -- Stephanie Jonnet

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

The Rosary is prayed prior to our weekday Masses beginning at 9:00am

Legend	
MC	Fr Mike Conway
TM	Fr Thom Miller
VP	Visiting Priest

CDS Weekly Financial Update



The second collection on December 18 / 19 is for our parish school.

December 24 / 25 Christmas Charities for Children & Youth.

Order of Mass

Entrance Procession

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Come, come Em - man - u - el.

Come, Em - man - u - el.



Advent Gathering Song

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.

All: Lord Have Mercy, Christ Have Mercy, Lord Have Mercy

or

Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion!

Sing joyfully, O Israel!

Be glad and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has removed the judgment against you
he has turned away your enemies;
the King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst,
you have no further misfortune to fear.

On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged!

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a mighty savior;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,
and renew you in his love,

he will sing joyfully because of you,
as one sings at festivals.

**Responsorial Psalm: Cry out with joy and gladness:
for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel
(Isaiah 12)**

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters:

Rejoice in the Lord always.

I shall say it again: rejoice!

Your kindness should be known to all.

The Lord is near.

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God.

Then the peace of God that surpasses all
understanding

will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Order of Mass

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages." Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

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

On Jordan's Bank



1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An -
2. Then cleansed be ev - 'ry soul from sin; Make
3. For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, Our
4. All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee Whose



1. nounc - es that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and heark - en,
2. straight the way of God with - in, Pre - pare we in our
3. ref - uge and our sure re - ward; Shine forth, and let thy
4. ad - vent set thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



1. for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2. hearts a home, Where such a might - y guest may come.
3. light re - store Our souls to heav'n - ly grace once more.
4. we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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

Order of Mass

Sanctus

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dóminus Deus Sábaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra glória tua. Hosánna in excélsis.
Benedíctus qui venit in nómine Dómini.
Hosánna in excélsis.

Mystery of Faith

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

Great Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Songs

Refrain

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

2. O come, Thou Wisdom from on
high, Who ord' rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.

Hymn at the Dismissal

Proclaim the joyful message that our
God is coming to earth. Let the valleys
be filled and the mountains made low,
preparing for his holy birth.

1. He will come in the Spirit of wisdom
to bring the world justice and right the
poor and the lowly will know him, for
the Lord will be their light.

Sign of Peace

Agnus Dei: Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi:
miserére nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi: dona nobis
pacem.

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

Wait for the Lord

O Come O Come Emmanuel

3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of
might, Who to thy tribes on Sinai's
height In ancient times didst give the
law, In cloud and majesty and awe.

4. O come, Thou Rod of Jesse's stem,
From ev'ry foe deliver them
That trust thy mighty pow'r to save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

5. O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

Proclaim the Joyful Message

2. Soon God's creatures will all live
together. The wolf will be guest of the
lamb. The calf will walk next to the lion
and be led by the Child's hand.

LIVE-STREAM MASSES

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

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



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b- 23
Thursday:	Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4- 6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24 -30
Friday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1- 4, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

**DECEMBER
13-19**

**This Week
@ CDS**



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<p>Bible Study, 7pm MRC Lessons and Carols, 7pm PHCH Knights of Columbus, 7pm BH</p>	<p>Eucharistic Adoration, 10am PHCH Prayer Group, 1:30pm BH Purgatorian Society, 4:30pm PHCH Bible Study, 7pm BH</p>	<p>Coming Attractions Bible Study, 10am BH Contemplative Prayer, 6pm CR CCD, 6:30pm DMA Parish Choir Practice, 7pm MCH The Light is on For You, 6pm MCH, PHCH RCIA, 7pm SR</p>	<p>Coming Attractions Bible Study, 10am SR Purgatorian Society, 4pm MCH Eucharistic Adoration, 5pm MCH</p>
FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	LEGEND:
	<p>Catholic Men's Fellowship, 7am LC Confession, 3pm MCH Confession, 4pm PHCH</p>	<p>CCD, 9:30am DMA Reception, Deacon Rick 12pm BH Solemn Evening Prayer & Eucharistic Adoration 7pm PHCH</p>	<p>MRC Monroeville Office Conference Room MCH Church, Monroeville PHCH Church, Penn Hills BH Biedenbach Hall, Monroeville DMA School LC Lourdes Center, Monroeville SR Spirit Room, Penn Hills CR Classroom, Penn Hills</p>

11:00am Music Supplement

Entrance Song: **Rejoice**

1.) See the morning see it rising. Over the mountains high
See the mercy in the mighty. Hand of God. Living water
come and fill us. Only You can satisfy. Turn our sorrow into
singing. The song of life

Rejoice rejoice and sing with the angel voices Rejoice rejoice all Heaven and earth rejoice

2. Lord Your strength is a tower. The righteous run into
Lord Your love is a banner over us. And we hold on to the
promise. That Your hold on us is true. There's no other like
You Jesus. No one like You

Offertory Song: **Ready the Way**

Ready the way, ready the way, ready the way of the Lord.
Ready the way, ready the way of the Lord.

Closing Song: **Joy of the Lord**

Though the tears may fall, my song will rise. My song will rise to You. Though my heart may fail, my song will rise. My
song will rise to You. While there's breath in my lungs. I will praise you, Lord. In the dead of night, I'll lift my eyes. I'll lift
my eyes to You. Though the waters rise, I'll lift my eyes. I'll lift my eyes to You. While there's hope in this heart
I will praise you, Lord.

The joy of the Lord is my strength. The joy of the Lord is my strength. In the darkness, I'll dance. In the shadows, I'll sing
The joy of the Lord is my strength.

Communion Song: **Here in your Presence**

Found in Your hands fullness of joy. Every fear suddenly
wiped away. Here in Your Presence all of my gains now
fade away. Every crown no longer on display
Here in Your Presence
Heaven is trembling in awe of Your wonders
The kings and their kingdoms are standing amazed

Here in Your Presence. We are undone
Here in Your Presence. Heaven and earth become one
Here in Your Presence. All things are new
Here in Your Presence. Ev'rything bows before You

Wonderful beautiful glorious. Matchless in ev'ry way

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Confession

At Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated:

- Saturday, 3pm, CDS Monroeville
 - Saturday, 4pm, CDS Penn Hills
- or by calling the parish office and making an appointment.

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 in Monroeville and the Sunday 11:30am Mass in Penn Hills. Please call Deacon Mike at the parish office at 412-373-0050 X112 to plan your celebration of Baptism!

Private Prayer

A reminder that our churches are open for Private Prayer in both Monroeville and Penn Hills.

- St Bernadette church will be open from 7am till 6pm on Monday and Thursday, and from 7am till 3pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.
- St Susanna church will be open on Tuesday from 9am till 6pm and on Thursday from 9am till 10:30am.
- Adoration will take place at St Susanna from 10am till 11am on Tuesday, and at St Bernadette from 5pm till 6pm, on Thursday.

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