Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVING PENN HILLS, PITCAIRN, AND MONROEVILLE





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4:00pm Monroeville 5:00pm Penn Hills

Sunday

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Tues. 9:00am Penn Hills
Wed. 9:00am Monroeville
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Monroeville

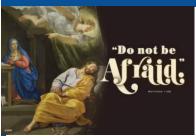
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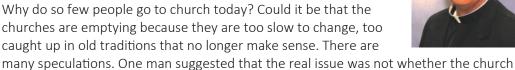
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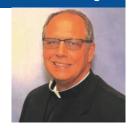
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The Shepherd's Voice

By Father Thom Miller





was too progressive or regressive. Rather, in his view, less and less people were going to church because "basically people treat their churches exactly the way they treat their own families; they want them around, but they don't go home to visit them all that much!" Sociologist Reginald Bibby wisecracks: "People aren't leaving their churches, they just aren't going to them – and that is a difference that needs to be understood."

There is a difference between leaving a family and just not showing up regularly for its celebrations. This distinction in fact needs to shape the way we answer a number of important questions: Who belongs to the church? What makes for a practicing Catholic? When is someone's relationship to the church mortally terminated? What does it mean to be outside the church? As well, this distinction impacts on the question as to who is entitled to receive the rites of baptism, Eucharist, confirmation, marriage, and Christian burial.

People are treating their churches just like they treat their families. Isn't that as it should be? Theologically the church is family – it's not like family, it is family. A good ecclesiology then has to look to family life to properly understand itself. Now if we place the questions we just posed within the context of family life, we have there the best perspective within which to answer them. Thus, inside of our families: Who is in and who is out? When does someone cease being a "practicing" member of a family? Does someone cease to be a member of a family because he or she doesn't come home much any more? Do we refuse to give a wedding for a son or daughter just because he or she, caught up in youth and self-interest, hasn't come home the last couple of years for Easter and Christmas? Not exactly abstract questions!

Many of us have children and siblings who for various reasons, at this stage of their lives, largely use the family for their own needs and convenience. They want the family around, but on their terms. They want the family for valued contact at key moments (weddings, births of children, funerals, anniversaries, birthdays, and so on) but they don't want a relationship to it that is really committed and regular.

A lot of families are like that. They understand this, accept it, swallow hard sometimes, and remain a family despite it. In any extended family, it's natural that, while everyone is a member of the family, there will be different levels of participation. Some will give more, others will take more. Some, by virtue of maturity, will carry most of the burden – they will arrange the dinners, pay for them, keep inviting the others, do most of the work, and take on the task of trying to preserve the family bond and ethos. Others, because of youthful restlessness, immaturity, self- interest, confusion, peer-pressure, laziness, anger, whatever, will carry less, take the family for granted, and buy in largely on their own terms. That describes most families and is also a pretty accurate description of most churches.

There are different levels of participation and maturity, but there is only one church and that church, like any family, survives precisely because some members are willing to carry more of the burden than others. Those others, however, except for more exceptional circumstances, do not cease being members of the family. They ride on the grace of the others, literally. It's how family works; how grace works; how church works. Church must be understood as family: Certain things can put you out of the family, true. However, in most families, simple immaturity, hurt, confusion, distraction, laziness, youthful restlessness, and self- preoccupation – the reasons why most people who do not go to church stay away – do not mortally sever your connection. You remain a family member. You don't cease being "a practicing member" of the family because for a time you aren't home very much. Families understand this. Ecclesial family, church, needs to be just as understanding.

Our Parish Family

Volunteers Needed

We will be decorating CDS-Penn Hills for Christmas immediately following the 11:30 Mass on Sunday, December 18. We need help with the family tree in the atrium, Altar trees, window sills and Nativity scene. The more volunteers we get, the quicker it goes! Hope to see you there!

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Beginning Sunday, January 8th, we will have Children's Liturgy of the Word every Sunday during our 11am Mass for children grades Prek-Grade 2 who have not yet received their Holy Communion. After the Opening Prayer, children will be called forward, receive a blessing, and go downstairs in the social hall. They will hear the same Scripture that is proclaimed at Mass, except it will be explained on a level that our younger children can better understand and connect to. Our youth will also receive a Children's Bulletin to take home. After the Creed, the children will return to their pews with their families.

As of right now, we have two adult volunteers willing to lead Children's Liturgy. Thank you for your YES! We could certainly use a few more volunteers! If you would like to be put on the schedule to lead Children's Liturgy of the Word, please email Mary at msampey@cdsmph.org. On the Friday before your scheduled Mass, Mary will email you the lesson plan, children's readings, and bulletin so that you are prepared. A binder with all of your materials will be provided for you at Mass. All you need for this ministry is a loving desire to share the good news of Jesus with our young children!

Parents, if your child feels uncomfortable going downstairs without you at first, please know that you are welcome to come downstairs with them. In a few short weeks they will be going downstairs without you with little to no problem!

Lottery Ticket Fundraiser

DMA will be holding our Lottery Calendar Fundraiser again this year! For a donation of \$10.00, ticket holders have a chance to win between \$100-\$250 during the month of February 2023. Each ticket has four numbers and the winner is based on the 7:00pm PA Pick 4 Lottery Number. There is no need to keep track of the daily number, the winners will automatically be notified and receive their winnings. These lottery tickets are a great Christmas gift for family and friends or as a stocking stuffer.

Tickets will be sold at the end of Mass. You may also purchase tickets from the DMA office between 9:00 am and 2:30 pm. Call 412-372-7255 for more information

Thank you for your generous support!



DEACON'S BEACONS

Be not quick in your spirit to become angry, for anger lodges in the heart of fools. Ecclesiastes 7:9

Anger is not sin. But it can lead us easily into sin because it can cause us to lose control. Ecclesiastes is a book of Wisdom. But how wise is it to say, "Do not become angry?" Anger is easy to achieve and hard to control. But maybe the wisdom is in knowing that we must control anger or it will control us. Ponder that, especially now. The holidays add stress and it is so very easy to erupt in anger. Do you think the store is out of what you want just to make you angry? Know your triggers and manage them. Raging anger is not the way of God. And be thankful for that because we have given God more than enough reason to become angry with us.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat. Deacon Mike







Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7,

8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10

and 14; Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3,

4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79

Our Parish Family

Grant them Eternal Rest

PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF SOULS



Gloria Somerhalder Andrew Kinkella III James Harney Rosemary Rankin

Christmas Program

The students of DMA have been working hard on this year's Christmas program. It will be held in Christ the Divine Shepherd, St. Bernadette Church on Tuesday, Dec. 20th, 2022 at 6:30 pm. This will be a whole school performance. The students in grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 did a fantastic job with their performances last week and the Christmas program will be equally as good. Students have been practicing their solos and bell playing that will add to the enjoyment of the evening. Looking forward to seeing you on the 20th.

Sanctuary Candle



Penn Hills:

Joseph, Mildred and Joseph Jr, Regan By their Family

Monroeville:

In Memory of Mary Corona & Lucille Shamlin By their Family

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



CHRIST THE DIVINE SHEPHERD

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2022

4 pm Penn Hills

4 pm Monroeville

7 pm Penn Hills

7 pm Monroeville

Christmas, December 25, 2022

12 am (Midnight) Monroeville

8 am Monroeville

9 am Penn Hills

11 am Monroeville

11:30 am Penn Hills





Our Parish Family

Catechism in a Year

Join us for the Catechism in a Year podcast and study group at Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish. Check out the podcast information, then call or text Kathy Bogacki (412-389-8650) or Lisa Fennessy (412-607-0226) to register for our study group, which will take place the first and third Tuesdays of each month, beginning on January 3. We will gather in Biedenbach Hall (Monroeville) from 7-8pm All are welcome to join us in learning more about our Catholic faith!

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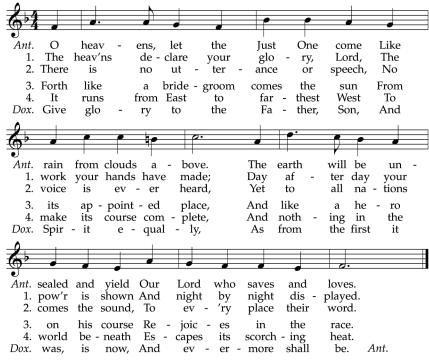






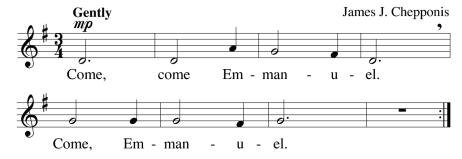
Order of the Mass

Introit



Entrance Procession:

Advent Gathering Song



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Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Is 7:10-14

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying: Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God; let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky! But Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!" Then Isaiah said: Listen, O house of David! Is it not enough for you to weary people, must you also weary my God? Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.



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. All: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. All: Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. All: Lord, have mercy.

Kyrie, eleison. All: Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison. All: Christe, eleison. Kyrie, eleison. All: Kyrie, eleison. Responsorial Psalm: Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (Psalm 24).

Second Reading: Rom 1:1-7

Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised previously through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, the gospel about his Son, descended from David according to the flesh, but established as Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness through resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him we have received the grace of apostleship, to bring about the obedience of faith, for the sake of his name, among all the Gentiles, among whom are you also, who are called to belong to Jesus Christ; to all the beloved of God in Rome, called to be holy. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Mt 1:18-24

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

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, 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:

Lo He Comes with Clouds Descending

- 1. Lo! he comes with clouds descending, Once for our salvation slain; Thousand thousand saints attending, Swell the triumph of his train: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ our God returns to reign.
- 2. Every eye shall now behold him Robed in dreadful majesty; Those who set at naught and sold him, Pierced and nailed him to the tree, Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, Shall the true Messiah see.
- Those dear tokens of his passion Still his dazzling body bears;
 Cause of endless exultation To his ransomed worshippers;
 With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture, Gaze we on those glorious scars!
- 4. Yea, amen! let all adore thee, High on thine eternal throne; Savior, take the pow'r and glory, Claim the kingdom for thine own; Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

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.

And with your spirit. All: Priest: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the All:

Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to

the Lord, our God

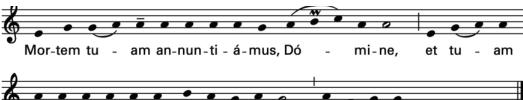
It is right and just All:



Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of 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

Sanctus



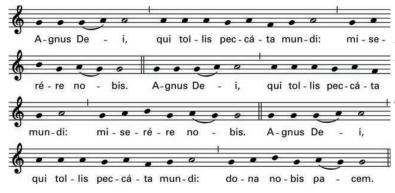


Great Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Agnus Dei



Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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

Communion Chant: Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel.

Jesus My Lord My God My All

Sweet Sacrament, we thee adore; Oh, make us love thee more and more. Oh, make us love thee more and more.

CONFESSION

- · Saturday, 3pm, Monroeville
- Saturday, 4pm, Penn Hills
- or by calling the parish office and making an appointment. Thursday evening Confessions during the Holy Hour in Monroeville

from 5-6 PM are on hiatus during the rest of 2022. They will resume on January 5th.

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!

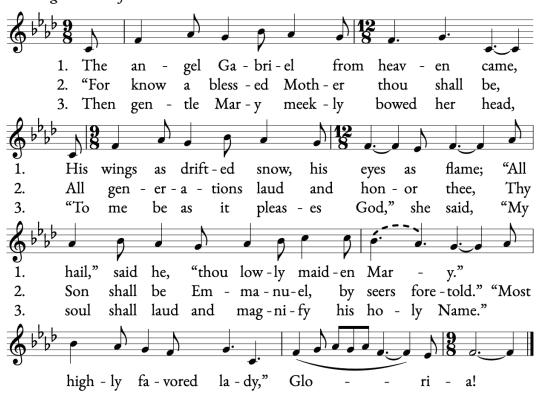
PRIVATE PRAYER

St Bernadette church is open from 7am till 7pm M-F St Susanna church is open on Tuesday from 9am till 6pm and on Thursday from 9am till 10:30am.

Adoration St Susanna from 10am till 11am on Tuesday, and at St Bernadette from 5pm till 6pm, on Thursday.

Communion Hymn:

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came



Text: Birjina gaztetto bat zegoen, trad. Basque; Tr. Sabine Baring-Gould. Melody: GABRIEL'S MESSAGE, 10.10.12.10; Trad. Basque carol. Text and Melody: Public Domain.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Since we returned to Eucharist under both species, we need more ministers to effectively distribute Communion. We are looking for people who will be willing to help. It will require committing to serving on a schedule based on your preferences and obtaining the necessary clearances. We will help you with those and there is no cost to you for them. One will also be required to sign the Code of Pastoral Conduct which outlines how a representative of the Church should act. If you feel that you are called to this ministry, contact Deacon Mike at 412-373-0050 X112. After screening, you will be invited to a training session which will cover what to do and how to interact with the Ministry Scheduler.

Clothing Drive a Success

The Knights of Columbus and the Ladies of Charity thank you for donating new or gently used coats, socks, gloves, and hats for the clothing drive. The clothing drive was a great success, and is complete. Now the process has begun of processing the bags of donations to get them to those in need.



Dismissal

Alma Redemptoris Mater



Holy mother of our Redeemer, thou gate leading to heaven and star of the sea; help the falling people who seek to rise, thou who, all nature wondering, didst give birth to thy holy Creator. Virgin always, hearing the greeting from Gabriel's lips, take pity on sinners



O Come O Come Emmanuel

FIRST SATURDAY FATIMA DEVOTIONS

January 7, 2023
3pm CDS Monroeville



KNIGHT AT THE RACES

SAVE THE DATE

Friday January 27, 2023







Shall come to

thee,

The Lion and the Lamb

He's coming on the clouds. Kings and kingdoms will bow down. And every chain will break. As broken hearts declare His praise. For who can stop the Lord Almighty.

Our God is the Lion. The Lion of Judah. He's roaring with power. And fighting our battles. And every knee will bow before Him. Our God is the Lamb. The Lamb that was slain. For the sins of the world. His blood breaks the chains. And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb. Every knee will bow before Him

So open up the gates. Make way before the King of kings. The God who comes to save. Is here to set the captives free. For who can stop the Lord Almighty.

Ready the Way

Ready the way ready the way Ready the way of the Lord Ready the way ready the way Ready the way of the Lord

Here in your Presence

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

Rejoice

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

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

Light of the World

The world waits for a miracle. The heart longs for a little bit of hope. O come O come Emmanuel. A child prays for peace on earth. And she's calling out from a sea of hurt. O come O come Emmanuel. And can you hear the angels singing

Glory to the Light of the world Glory the Light of the world is here

The drought breaks with the tears of a mother. A baby's cry is the sound of love come down. Come down Emmanuel. He is the song for the suffering. He is Messiah the Prince of peace has come. He has come Emmanuel.

Glory to the light of the world Glory to the light of the world Glory to the light of the world Glory to the light of the world

<u>Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines</u>

January 1, 2023 - bulletin content due Sunday, December 18, 2022 January 8, 2023 - bulletin content due Friday, December 30, 2022

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 17, 2022

4:00PM, St Bernadette, (MC), +Hank Damask -- Marie Damask

5:00PM, St Susanna, (JM), +Departed Souls of Ufele Family -- Obiekiezkie Family

Sunday, December 18, 2022

8:00AM, St Bernadette, (JM), +Marty Kelly -- Deacon Mike

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

11:00AM, St Bernadette, (TM), +Mark DeFabio -- DeFabio & DiNatale Family

11:30AM, St Susanna, (MC), +Mark Ruffner -- Betty Jean Reitz

Monday, December 19, 2022

9:00AM, St Bernadette, (JM), +Lucille Shamlin -- Daughter

Sandy

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

9:00AM, St Susanna, (TM), +Helen Yanko -- Family

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

9:00AM, St Bernadette, (MC), +Rege Reinersmann -- Debbie & Family

Thursday, December 22, 2022

9:00AM, St Susanna, (TM), Deceased Members of the Cochran & Swackhammer Families

Friday, December 23, 2022

9:00AM, St Bernadette, (JM), +Veronica & Dominick Ranier -- Kay

Saturday, December 24, 2022

4:00PM, St. Bernadette, (MC), People of the Parish

4:00PM, St. Susanna, (JM), People of the Parish

7:00PM, St. Bernadette, (JM), People of the Parish

7:00PM, St. Susanna, (TM), People of the Parish

Sunday, December 25, 2022

12:00AM, St. Bernadette, (MC), People of the Parish

8:00AM, St. Bernadette, (TM), People of the Parish

9:00AM, St. Susanna, (MC), People of the Parish

11:00AM, St. Bernadette, (JM), People of the Parish

11:30AM, St Susanna, (TM), People of the Parish

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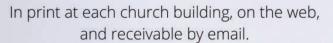
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