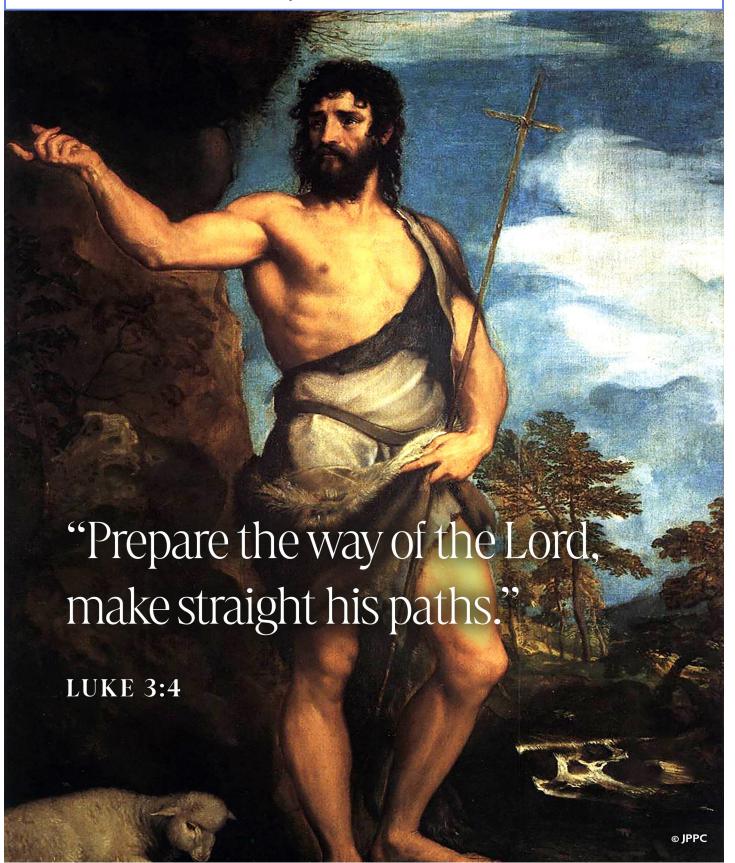
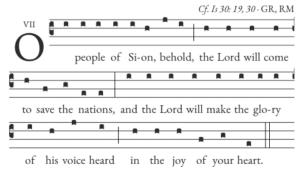
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December 8th, 2024 | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



The Introit

Processional Hymn # 274 O Come O Come Emmanuel



Readings for the Day #863

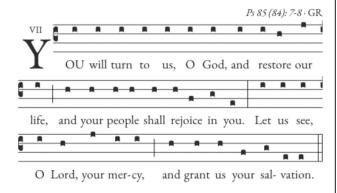
Bar 5: 1-9 *Jerusalem, God will show your splendor.*

Ps 126 (125): 3; v 1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 · L The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Phil 1: 4-6, 8-11 Show yourselves pure and blameless for the day of Christ.

Lk 3: 1-6 All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

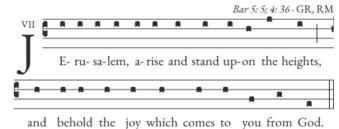
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Offertory Hymn #622 Like a Shepherd

Song of Praise #471 Dismissal #278

Communion



Communion Hymn #288 Ready the Way

Alma Redemptoris Mater On Jordan's Bank

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MASS TIMES

9AM| St. Bernadette| Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9AM| St. Susanna| Tuesday and Thursday

Saturday Vigil

4PM| St. Bernadette 5PM| St. Susanna

Sunday

8AM| St. Bernadette 9AM| St. Susanna 11AM| St. Bernadette 11:30AM| St. Susanna

OUR EMAILS

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WATCH OUR SUNDAY MASS

On Youtube

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RESOURCES

Victim Assistance Hotline Diocesan for abuse: 1-888-808-1235

PA Child Line: 1-800-932-0313

Pregnancy Centers
Little Lamb
littlelambresale.com

Women's Choice Network networkoflife.org

JOIN OUR PARISH

Please call our parish office at (412) 373-0050 or register online at ChristtheDivineShepherd.org.

We welcome you and your family!

SACRAMENTAL RECORDS

If you are interested in requesting Sacramental records prior to January 2020, please contact the Diocesan Archives and Records Center at (412) 456-3158 or archives@diopitt.org.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Are you or someone you know in need of extra prayers? At Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish, we have a wonderful ministry that will lift up your specific needs and intentions to our loving and gracious God. All you need to do is provide your information on our parish website under the "Serve" heading or by calling the parish at (412) 373-0050. Once your information is received, it will be sent out to our parish "pray-ers" who will include your intentions in their prayer time. As Jesus said in Matthew 21:22, "Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive!"

OUR CHURCHES

St. Bernadette Church

245 Azalea Dr, Monroeville, PA 15146

St. Susanna Church

200 Stotler Rd, Penn Hills, PA 15235

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday from 5PM-6PM St. Bernadette

Saturday from 3PM-4PM St. Bernadette

Saturday from 4PM-5PM St. Susanna

ADORATION

Tuesday from 9:30AM-10:30AM St. Susanna

Thursday from 5PM-6PM St. Bernadette

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

The Last Sunday of each month 12PM-12:30PM St. Bernadette and 12:30PM-1PM St. Susanna.

BAPTISM

Pre-Baptism classes are required and are offered on the third Tuesday of every month. Please call our parish office to register.

MARRIAGE

Please email Deacon Mike (mkelly@cdsmph.org) to plan your wedding.



Pastor's Note

Please note our Mass schedule for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, which starts tonight (this Sunday evening). Saint Bernadette, one of our parish patrons, was a particular aid to the world's embrace of this dogma of our Faith. On March 25th, 1858, when Saint Bernadette Soubirous asked the Lady who had been appearing to her at the grotto in Lourdes to reveal her name, the Lady replied, "I am the Immaculate Conception."

At that point, Bernadette did not fully understand the meaning of the term "Immaculate Conception," but it was a profound moment that confirmed the identity of the Lady as the Blessed Virgin Mary. We celebrate this feast of the Blessed Mother as a holy day of obligation in the United States of America because she is our nation's Patroness under this title.

A reminder of what we celebrate today: "the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin." It's an awesome fact that Our Blessed Mother was blessed in this way, and she uses this freedom not simply to say 'yes' when the Angel Gabriel came to visit ... but in every way she supports us, her adopted children. Note that the 7AM and 12:15PM Masses tomorrow will continue our custom of being simpler Masses to accommodate those who have to work etc.

Please take advantage of the 'Light is On For You' time of confession this Wednesday at both of our churches. Also, Thursday is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. If you have the opportunity we have an extra Mass that evening (and each Thursday evening of Advent) at 6PM at Saint Bernadette.

Come Holy Spirit, Come through Mary,

Father Mike



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Monday, December 9th

7PM | Bible Study | St. S | Spirit Room

Tuesday, December 10th

9:30AM | Adoration | St. S

1:30PM | Prayer & Rosary Group | Biedenbach

4PM | Purgatory Prayers | St. S | Room 103

6PM | Taize Service | St. S

7PM OCIA St. S Spirit Room

Wednesday, December 11th

9:30AM | Coming Attractions | Bride's Room

6PM | Centering Prayer Group | St. S | Room 103

6PM | The Light Is On For You | St. B and St. S

7PM | Knights of Columbus 4th Degree | St. S

Thursday, December 12th

9:30AM | Coming Attractions | St. S | Room 103

11AM | Staff Meeting

4PM | Purgatorian Society | St. B

5PM | Confession | St. B

5PM | Adoration | St. B

6PM | Evening Mass | St. B

Friday, December 13th

6PM | Family Movie Night | Lourdes

7PM | Knights of Columbus Christmas Party | St. S | Room 104

8PM | AA Meeting | Biedenbach

Saturday, December 14th

7AM CDS Men's Group Lourdes

9AM | Woven Women | Lourdes

9:30AM | Catholic Daughters of America | Biedenbach

3PM | Confession | St. B

4PM | Confession | St. S

Sunday, December 15th

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 Mt 11:28-30

Thursday Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Jud 13:18bcde, 19 Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Friday Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Mt 11:16-19 **Saturday** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday Zep 3:14-18a Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18

OUR MISSION

We are a Roman Catholic Parish seeking to nourish the Shepherd's flock by forging a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, worshipping authentically and engaging in community.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 7th/St. Maria Giuseppe Rossello

4PM St.B (KK) + Jim Kozusko by Wife & Daughter

5PM St.S (MR) +Daniel Pototo by Wife & Daughter

Sunday, December 8th/St. Romaric

8AM St.B (KK) + Armand Castelli by Pat & Family

9AM St.S (MR) For the People of Our Parish

IIAM St.B (KK) Charlotte & Ann Dugan, Alice & Dick McClinton & Mae Ryan by Mary & Mary Lou Kendi

11:30AM | St. S (MR) + Nick & Connie Fratangelo by Family

6PM St. B (KK) + Mike Orsi by Bernadette Volberg & Ken Sabastian

Monday, December 9th/Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7AM St. B (MR) For the People of Our Parish

9AM St.B (MR) + Antoinette Renda by Margie Collela

9AM St. S (KK) + Judith Evelyn Helmstetter by DMA Faculty

12:15PM | St. B (MR) Marion Storch by Casey Migitsch

6PM | St. S (KK) Thomas Reitz by Family

Tuesday, December 10th/Pope Saint Gregory III

9AM St.S (KK) +Joseph Francis Harris by Dad - John Harris

Wednesday, December 11th/Pope Saint Damasus I

9AM St.B (MR) +Fr. Anthony Gargotta by Ray Grego

Thursday, December 12th/ Our Lady of Guadalupe

9AM St.S (MR) In Celebration of Regina's Birthday by Obiekezie Family

6PM St. B (MR) +Edwin Pegdan by Dorothy Pegdan

Friday, December 13th/St. Lucy

9AM St.B (MR) +Chrissy (Cowan) Glatz by Steich Family

Saturday, December 14th/St. John of the Cross

4PM St.B (MR) +Catherine Whalen by Lauren & Mary Lou Werkin

5PM St.S (KK) +Lynn Rubash by Husband & Family

Sunday, December 15th/ St. Mary Di Rosa

8AM St.B (MR) +Robert Kocur by Family

9AM St.S (TM) +Matthew Kellmann by Joe & Jan Gatial

11AM St.B (MR) For the People of Our Parish

11:30AM St. S (TM) + William Tanner & Family by Kelly & Jerry

SANCTUARY CANDLES

St. Bernadette: Fr. Tony Gargotta by Jean Ryer

St. Susanna: For the Holy Souls in Purgatory by Purgatorian Society



Pray for the repose of

the souls of

Shirley Abriola

Elizabeth King

Andrew Olsakovsky

Edith Dinnocenzo



May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.





"He appeared and the soul felt it's worth."



To learn more about our Advent schedule, please go tochristthedivineshepherd.org/cds-2024-advent



Divine Mercy PTG Updates



Annual Lottery Ticket Fundraiser



For a donation of \$10.00, ticket holders have a chance to win between \$100-\$250 each day during the month of February, 2025. 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, there will be a winner every day and our school can raise nearly

\$20,000!

Tickets are being sold after various Masses at St. Bernadette and St. Susanna throughout December and January. You can also purchase tickets by contacting the school office at schooloffice@dmapgh.org or 412-372-7255.

All ticket stubs and money (cash or checks payable to "DMA PTG") are due to the school office no later than Friday, January 24, 2025



*Pre-Registration required by Friday, December 13th. Limited tickets available at door. For more info or volunteer, contact Muriel Prucnal - 724-875-9104 Gina Jacobs - 724-875-6892





CDS Advent Speaker Series

During this Advent season, as we prepare our hearts for the first coming of Christ. Let us take this time to reflect on Mary's role as the first disciple, making this Advent a time of spiritual renewal, drawing closer to Christ with the Blessed Mother as your guide and intercessor. Please join us and bring a friend or two!



Walking with Mary, Meditation and

With Rev. Michael Roche
December 16th
St. Susanna 7PM





with Fr. Frederick Gruber Tuesday December 17th St. Susanna 6:30PM



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

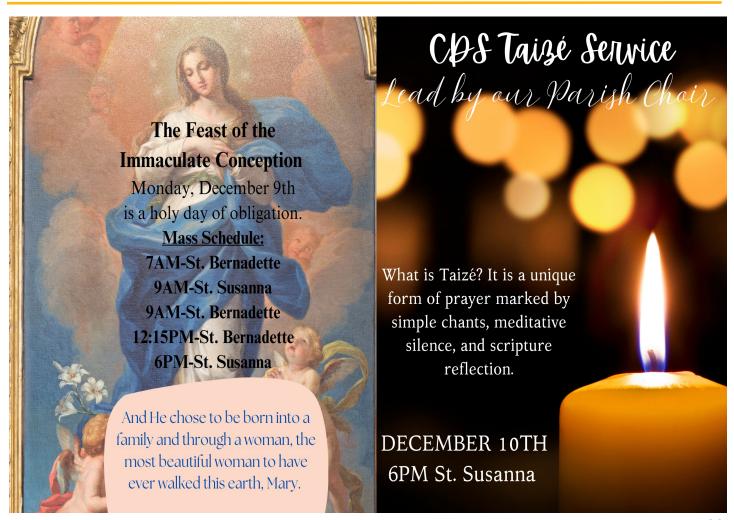
In 1531, an uneducated Mexican farmer named Juan Diego had a life-changing encounter with the Virgin Mary. At 57 years old, he was visited by Our Lady on Tepeyac Hill, where she asked him to tell the bishop to build a church on the very spot of her apparition.

The bishop, initially skeptical, was soon convinced when Juan Diego presented miraculous evidence: roses, out of season and growing on the hill, fell from his tilma, revealing the miraculous imprint of Mary herself on the cloth. The tilma, woven from cactus fibers and expected to last only 30 years, remains miraculously preserved to this day in the Mexican cathedral, attracting millions of pilgrims.

On October 12, 1945, Pope Pius XII declared Our Lady of Guadalupe to be the Patroness of all the Americas.

Mary continues to serve as a powerful intercessor and a loving friend in heaven, offering her help and guidance to all who turn to her.





DEACON'S BEACONS

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:1–2

The witnesses to our faith for us could be any number of people. Certainly, it could be the saints and a particular saint that speaks to our hearts. It could be our parents or grandparents or others who have influenced our faith journey. They did not neglect the faith in times of difficulties. In fact, that was when their faith was the strongest. Let us rely on their example to help us stay focused on the ultimate prize, eternal life and not be distracted by the passing fancies of this world.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

DEACON MIKE

THE LADIES OF CHARITY

Thank you so much for your generous contributions. Because of your kindness, all of the



tags have been taken, and we cannot thank you enough.

As a reminder, please return your wrapped gift (only new items, please) with the tag securely attached to the package by Monday, December 9th. You can drop off the packages in the back of the church, where there will be a designated box, or at the parish office.

May God's blessings be with you and your loved ones this Christmas season. Thank you again for your support.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Gentle reminder that all 2024 Christmas flower donations must be received at the parish office by Thursday, December 12th



to be featured in the bulletin. If you have any questions please call our parish office.





Thank you to all who joined us for our first three Woven Women fellowship sessions!

There is always room for more women to join - all are welcome!

If you have any questions, please call or text Alyson Baker at 412-443-2981 or Lisa Fennessy at 412-607-0226

CDS SACRED MUSIC SCHEDULE

Experience Sacred Music at our Parish Masses! By drawing from a diverse repertoire of musical styles, our liturgies encompass the full spectrum of human emotions and experiences, allowing worshippers to encounter God in different ways. Honoring our musical tradition while embracing the future, our





liturgical music ministry offers a rich tapestry. Whether you find solace in the solemnity of traditional hymns, with their timeless melodies and profound lyrics, or rejoice in the exuberance of praise and worship, there's something for everyone to connect with during our Masses. For more information about our sacred music ministry schedule, visit our website at www.cdsmph.org/sacredmusic

LOOKING AHEAD....

Our Choir will be performing on **Sunday**, **December 15th** at **11AM Mass**.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

Every parish in the Diocese of Pittsburgh will offer hours on **December 11th, 2024** for Catholics to receive God's mercy in Confession. We are offering Confession at both



St. Susanna and St. Bernadette. Don't worry if it has been many years since your last confession. God's mercy is waiting for you.



Enjoy An Evening With The Tamburitzans

Reception Immediately Following The Performance At The Lourdes Center

Proceeds Benefit CDS Parish And The Frank & Betty Bozicevic Memorial Scholarship Fund

To Purchase Tickets, Scan The QR Code
Or Visit https://bozicevicevents.ludus.com



Christ The Divine Shepherd
Parishioners Receive A 20% Discount
On Show Tickets By Using The
Discount Code CDSTAM

CDS BREAKING BREAD MINISTRY

We celebrated Thanksgiving with over 150 in attendance. We had a delicious turkey dinner and enjoyable conversations with our guests – no one ate alone. This was the 18th holiday meal coordinated by the Breaking Bread Ministry of Christ the Divine Shepherd parish since 2016.

Thank you to all who joined us in fellowship. Thank you to those volunteers who helped prepare the creamy mashed potatoes, yams, corn, turkey and stuffing for a delightful meal. We thank those who provided a variety of pies, cakes, sweet rolls, pizzelles, cupcakes and other desserts; who set-up, served food & drink, spent time conversing with our guests, and cleaning up. And we especially thank those who donated funds to defray our expenses. Planning is underway to share a meal and fellowship again on Christmas.



SCENE TAKE ROLL DATE PROD.CO. DIRECTOR

Bring the whole family!

No need to register!

December 13th 6PM

Lourdes Center

Popcorn, Hot Cocoa Bar & Cookies

Charlie Brown Christmas

Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Thursday 5PM-6PM St. Bernadette Every Saturday 3PM-4PM St. Bernadette Every Saturday 4PM-5PM St. Susanna

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

December 11th

St. Bernadette and St. Susanna

6PM-9PM

PENANCE SERVICE December 18th 6PM-7:30PM St. Bernadette

"you revealed your past wounds - full of pus - in confession. And the priest dealt with your

soul like a good doctor, like a conscientious doctor. He made an incision where he had to, and would not let the wound head over until everything had been cleaned out.

Be grateful." -St Fosemaria Escrivá

December 12th
6PM
St. Bernadette

As we prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord this
Advent season, we are offering evening Masses to help you
stay connected with the Church, even during your busy week. If
you are normally unable to attend our weekly Masses, this is a
perfect opportunity to gather in prayer, reflect on the season
of hope, and draw closer to Christ in the Eucharist.

Join us for these special evening Masses and make this Advent a time of renewed faith and anticipation of the Lord's coming.





SOLEMNITY
OF MARY,
MOTHER OF
GOD
Holy Day of
Obligation

Mass Schedule

December 31st

9AM St. Susanna

5PM St. Susanna

7PM St. Bernadette

January 1st

9AM St. Bernadette

10AM St. Susanna

