Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish

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

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Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 18, 2025



Pope Leo XIV ~ Bishop of Rome Formerly Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, O.S.A. Archdiocese of Chicago, U.S.A May 8, 2025 remu

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Mass Schedule

Saturday

4:00pm St. Bernadette 5:00pm St. Susanna

Sunday

8:00am St. Bernadette 9:00am St. Susanna 11:00am St. Bernadette 11:30am St. Susanna

Mon/Wed/Fri

9:00am St. Bernadette Tues/Thurs 9:00am St. Susanna

Our Churches

St. Bernadette

245 Azalea Dr, Monroeville, PA 15146

Parishoffice@cdsmph.org 412-373-0050

Bulletin Submissions: Bulletin@cdsmph.org

St. Susanna

200 Stotler Rd, Penn Hills, PA 15235

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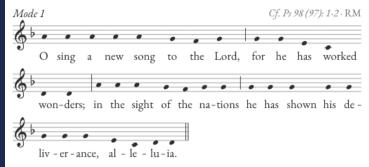
We are a Roman Catholic Parish seeking to nourish the Shepherd's flock by forging a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, worshipping authentically, and engaging in community.



Prayer and Liturgy

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Entrance Chant



Hymn in Procession

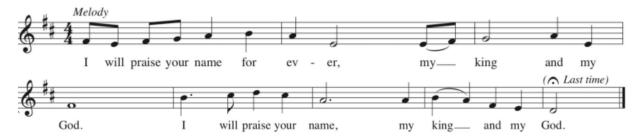
#408 Alleluia! The Strife is O'er

Scripture Readings

Readings for the Day #912

Acts 14: 21-27 They called the Church together and reported what God had done with them.

Cf. Ps 145 (144): 1; v 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 · L I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.



Rev 21: 1-5a God will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Jn 13: 31-33a, 34-35 I give you a new commandment: love one another.

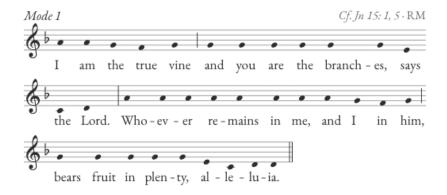
Offertory Chant



Offertory Hymn

#420 Christ the Lord is Risen Again

Communion Chant

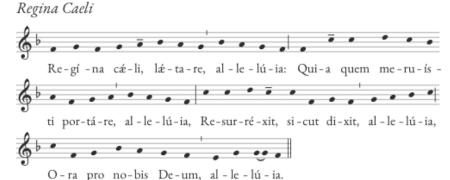


Communion Hymn

#725 Unless a Grain of Wheat

Song of Praise

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia; for He whom thou was chosen to bear, alleluia; has risen as He said, alleluia; pray for us to God, alleluia.



Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

Dismissal

#759 Sing With All the Saints in Glory

From our Pastor

Father Michael Roche

Habemus Papam! We have a Pope! And one originally from the United States! Please keep Pope Leo XIV in your prayers. It is a burden beyond all human ability to be the Holy Father. We pray that Pope Leo will be sustained by the strength of the Lord as he leads our Church.

We are blessed as a parish to have Seminarian Brian Myler being ordained a deacon, along with Nick Wytiaz, on June 7. Brian is originally from Saint Susanna. We will celebrate his ordination with a first preaching Mass on June 15 at Saint Susanna Church, followed by a reception. More details will be provided in a later bulletin. Seminarian Nick Wytiaz is back at our parish as he prepares for ordination in June. We are grateful to have him back!

We concluded The Search on May 7 with a delicious potluck dinner. It was an enriching experience for those who attended, even if they couldn't make the whole series. Stay tuned for updates on our next evening program. We will have something in the fall and are also considering a possible series for the summer.

Thank you to all who have filled out the facilities assessment survey so far. If you haven't yet done so, please take a moment to complete it.

I am grateful to be going on a pilgrimage led by Dr. John Bergsma of Franciscan University of Steubenville next week (I leave on the 16th). The trip is to Greece and Turkey and is centered on the ministry of Saint Paul. I hope to return enriched with a deeper appreciation for Saint Paul's missionary journeys and his Epistles. I will be praying for our parish as I make this pilgrimage in the footsteps of one who gave his life and energy tirelessly for Christ.

Come Holy Spirit, Come through Mary, Father Michael Roche

O God, Shepherd and Ruler of all the faithful, look mercifully upon Your servant Pope Leo XIV, whom You have chosen as shepherd to preside over Your Church. Grant him, we beseech Thee, that by his word and example, he may edify those over whom he has charge, so that together with the flock committed to him, he may he attain everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Facilities Assessment Survey

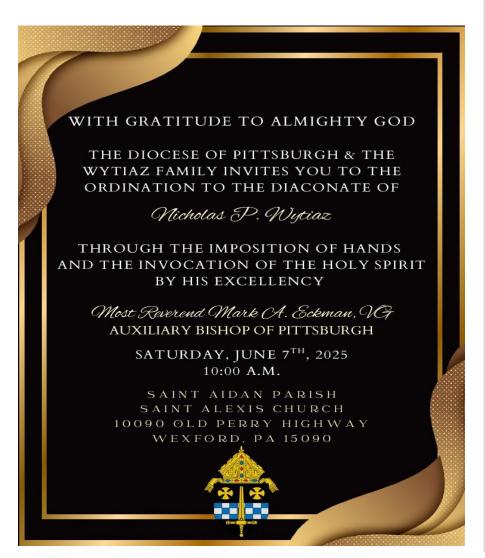
We are currently conducting a parish-wide survey to gather your input on the future of our parish buildings and facilities. Your feedback is essential in

facilities. Your feedback is essential in helping us identify priorities and plan wisely for the years ahead. Please take a few moments to share your thoughts by completing the survey at:

www.cdsmph.org/survey

If you prefer a paper option one can be found on page 15/16 of this week's bulletin.

Thank you for being an active part of shaping the future of Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish!





DEACON'S BEACONS

For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. Romans 8:6

If all we do is immerse ourselves in worldly things, we cannot connect with God. We must seek things of the Spirit to strengthen us as we continue through life. It is not bad to enjoy the things of the world as long as they do not draw us away from our relationship with God. That is the only true path to life and peace.

Resurrexit sicut dixit!

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

Deacon Mike

POTLUCK SENIOR LUNCHEON



- 📅 Wednesday, May 21, 2025
- **12:30 PM**
 - 📍 Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish in Biedenbach Hall



GUEST SPEAKER:

Mrs. Nikole Laubham,

Principal of Divine Mercy

Academy

Mrs. Nikole Laubham grew up in Penn Hills and earned a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from the University of Pittsburgh before attending Seton Hill University to obtain her elementary teaching certification. She began her teaching career in 1995 at North American Martyrs School as a second grade teacher, later moving to first grade and ultimately finding her passion in third grade. In her final two years at NAM, she was asked to serve as Lead Administrator while continuing to teach.

After the merger that formed Divine Mercy Academy, she returned to the classroom full time as a third grade teacher. When the DMA principal left in April 2022, she was asked to step in to finish out the school year. That summer, she was offered the full-time principal position, prompting her to return to school to pursue a master's degree in Educational Leadership at Carlow University. While completing her graduate studies, she served as interim principal for two years and officially became principal in May 2024. Upon graduating, she was honored with Carlow University's Outstanding Service Award.

Over the course of her career, she has dedicated herself fully to Catholic education, spending thirty years serving in Catholic schools—a vocation she holds close to her heart. In her final year of classroom teaching, she was recognized with the prestigious Golden Apple Award for excellence in teaching. She truly believes there is nowhere else she'd rather be than working alongside the students, families, teachers, and staff of Divine Mercy Academy.

She has been married for over thirty years and is the proud mother of three adult children—two working in the medical field and one currently in college studying fashion design. In the little spare time that she has, Mrs. Laubham enjoys listening to audiobooks, drawing, journaling, traveling, and spending time with her family. She is deeply grateful for the support of her family throughout her journey in Catholic education.

The Wait is Over! Parish Pictorial Directory Now Available

If you had your picture taken, your copy of the parish pictorial directory is ready for pickup! You can pick up your directory at the parish office during normal office hours or at St. Susanna after Masses. Be sure to check your name off the list when you pick up your copy. Thank you for your patience and participation!

Award for Fundraising Achievement – Knights of Columbus

Our Council, the Pius XII Knights of Columbus, Council 4925, is proud to announce that we have received an award for our fundraising efforts in support of the Bishop's Project. This recognition highlights our council's success in raising funds, thanks to the generosity of our parishioners and community.

Through our dollar drives, the Christmas Seal program, and Tootsie Roll drives at local grocery stores, we have made a significant contribution to this important cause.

The Bishop's Project was initiated in 1958 by all Knights of Columbus councils in the Pittsburgh Diocese to combine efforts and raise funds to support the McGuire Home and St. Anthony's School programs for exceptional children and adults.

Photo: Pius XII Grand Knight, SK, Matthew Valentine, and the Most Reverend Bishop Zubik.





Welcome

TO OUR PARISH FAMILY

Ms. Dana Robinson & Children, Scott, Jasiah & Julian Oliver Ms. Sara Robinson Ms. Valerie Apel Mr. Davin Roney Mr. Shane Haggerty Ms. Emillie Gregor

3rd Quarter Honor Roll

We are proud to recognize the following Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish students who achieved academic honors for the 3rd Quarter:

Serra Catholic High School

Gold Honor Roll

Lauren Bell Emilia Capasso Erin Marie Genton Tracey Livsey

Ruby Honor Roll

Zahira Austin Michael O'Brien Michael Sapos

Oakland Catholic

Highest Honor

Grace Bernacki Cassidy Chaktins Rylie Loughran Brooklyn Morgan Anna Rembert Kayla Rembert Samantha Schrok

High Honor

Elise Grainy Brianna Watkins

Congratulations to all our students for their hard work!



Christ the Divine Shepherd

Vacation Bible School at CDS



Christ the Divine Shepherd

is planning a Vacation Bible School this summer.

July 7th through 11th from 9 AM until NOON



Registration Forms can be found at cdsmph.org



Child Registration Form

| Child Registration Form | | |
|-------------------------|--------------|--|
| | | Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish - Monroeville Campus |
| Child's Info: | | |
| Gender: M F | Age: | Grade completed: |
| Allergies or medical co | onditions: | |
| Health Insurance # (if | applicable): | |
| Family Information: | | |
| Parent/Guardian Name | e: | |
| Address: | | Email: |
| Phone Numbers: | | |
| Home: | | Cell: |
| Emergency Contact: | | |



Parent / Guardian Signature

Return completed form by June 30, 2025







Divine Mercy Academy

Schooloffice@dmapgh.org | DMAPGH.org

May Crowning

Earlier this month, Divine Mercy Academy students honored the Blessed Virgin Mary with a beautiful May Crowning, celebrating her as Queen of Heaven and Mother of God. Our 2nd graders took part in their First Holy Communion attire.















Summer Camp and Retreat Center



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



MORE INFO

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Contact Us janetedrybonespgh.org

BRING YOUR GROUP FOR AN EVENT OR LET US HOST

A RETREAT FOR YOU



This Week at Christ the Divine Shepherd

Monday, May 19, 2025

7PM | Lectionary Bible Study | Spirit Room

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

1:30PM | Prayer & Rosary Group | Biedenbach Hall 4PM | Purgatory Prayers | St. Susanna | Room 103 5:30PM | Welcoming Committee | Biedenbach Hall 6PM | Patriotic Rosary | St. Susanna | 7PM | Pre-Baptism | St. Susanna | Spirit Room

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

12:30PM | Senior Potluck Luncheon | Biedenbach Hall 6PM|Centering Prayer| St. Susanna| Room 103 6PM SAM Rosary St. Susanna

Thursday, May 22, 2025

10AM-6PM | Adoration | St. Bernadette 11AM | Staff Meeting | St. Bernadette 4PM | Purgatorian Society | St. Bernadette 7PM | Choir Practice | Choir Room

Friday, May 23, 2025

8:30AM | Keto Support | Bride's Room 8PM|AA Meeting| Biedenbach Hall

Saturday, May 24, 2025

3PM | Confession | St. Bernadette 4PM | Confession | St. Susanna

Sunday, May 25, 2025

12PM | Anointing of the Sick | St. Bernadette 1PM | Anointing of the Sick | St. Susanna



SANCTUARY May 18- May 24 CANDLE

St. Bernadette: May 11- May 17

St. Susanna: May 11- May 17

May 18- May 24

Robert Kendi

Deceased Members of the Meredith Families

National Police Week Robert Kerekes

Mass Intentions

Week of May 18, 2025

Saturday, May 17, 2025 - 4:00pm St. Bernadette (VP) +Clare M. Valansky by Husband, Francis J. Valansky

Saturday, May 17, 2025 - 5:00pm St. Susanna (VP) +Vee Ludovici by the family

Sunday, May 18, 2025 - 8:00am St. Bernadette (VP) People of the Parish

Sunday, May 18, 2025 - 9:00am St. Susanna (VP) Birthday Celebration of Cynthia Obiekezie by Dozie Family

Sunday, May 18, 2025 - 11:00am St. Bernadette (VP) +Ryan Kingerski by Aunt Sue

Sunday, May 18, 2025 - 11:30am St. Susanna (VP) +Richard Varlotto by Knights of Columbus #4925

Monday, May 19, 2025 - 9:00am St. Bernadette (KK) +James Kirk by Wife & Family

Tuesday, May 20, 2025 - 9:00am St. Susanna (KK) +Beck & Clay Families by Dave & Peggy Beck

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 - 9:00am St. Bernadette (KK) +Ellenora Tervo by Joe Wilkevich

Thursday, May 22, 2025 - 9:00am St. Susanna (TM) +Edward Konop by Mary Ann & Children

Friday, May 23, 2025 - 9:00am St. Bernadette (TM) +Richard & Joan Ragon by Mary & Mike Ufnar

Saturday, May 24, 2025 - 4:00pm St. Bernadette (VP) +Nate Ferraco by the family

Saturday, May 24, 2025 - 5:00pm St. Susanna (TM) People of the Parish

Sunday, May 25, 2025 - 8:00am St. Bernadette (VP) +Evelyn DiPiazza by Andy & Theresa Streiner

Sunday, May 25, 2025 - 9:00am St. Susanna (TM) +William Grassi by Regina Titus & JoAnn Tauro

Sunday, May 25, 2025 - 11:00am St. Bernadette (VP) +Donna Nepsa by Velda Bongartz

Sunday, May 25, 2025 - 11:30am St. Susanna (TM) + Mary Louise Ervin by Susie McCarthy & Family



PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF SOULS

Norma Jean Marson Betty Jane Philips

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis. Requiescant in pace. Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

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!"

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION

Sacrament of Reconciliation Thursday from 5PM-6PM St. Bernadette Saturday from 3PM-4PM St. Bernadette Saturday from 4PM-5PM St. Susanna

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.

ADORATION

Tuesday from 9:30AM-10:30AM St. Susanna Thursday from 10AM-6PM St. Bernadette

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 Jn 14:21-26 **Tuesday** Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 Jn 14:27-31a **Wednesday** Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 Jn 15:1-8 **Thursday** Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11 **Friday** Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 Jn 15:12-17 **Saturday** Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 Jn 15:18-21 **Sunday** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Rv 21:10-14, 22-23 Jn 14:23-29

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Submission Guidelines for Bulletin Announcements

All announcements should be submitted via email to bulletin@cdsmph.org by Friday at noon of the week prior to publication. Please include the announcement text in a document file, along with any supporting materials (e.g., graphics or images) that you wish to include.

CDS Facilities Assessment Survey

Please complete the following to the best of your ability. This survey will help the Facilities Assessment Team in its work of evaluating the present and planning for the future of our Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish campuses.



If you have questions on the survey, please reach out to a Facilities Assessment Team member: Fr. Mike Roche, Gary Brueggman (Business Manager), Tim Jacob (Facilities Manager), Alyson Baker, Rich Brzozowski, Kelly Meredith, or Jack Myler, or email facilityteam@cdsmph.org.

To complete this survey electronically, please visit www.christthedivineshepherd.org/survey or scan the QR Code.

| 1. What is your age group? | | | |
|--|--|--|--|
| Under 18 ○ 18 - 29 ○ 30 - 49 ○ 50 - 69 ○ 70+ | | | |
| 2. How long have you been attending Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish? This includes the former parishes of North American Martyrs, St. Bartholomew, St. Bernadette, St. Gerard Majella, St. Michael, and St. Susanna. | | | |
| Less than 1 year 1 - 5 years 6 - 10 years 11 - 20 years 20 + years | | | |
| 3. How often do you attend Mass at our parish? | | | |
| ○ Weekly or more ○ 2-3 times a month ○ Once a month ○ Occasionally ○ Rarely | | | |
| 4. Which campus do you use most regularly? | | | |
| St. Bernadette St. Susanna Either | | | |
| 5. Which of the following parish facilities do you currently use? Check all that apply. | | | |
| St. Bernadette Church Lourdes Center Outdoor Spaces St. Susanna Church Spirit Room Office Areas Biedenbach Hall Other Meeting Rooms Other: | | | |
| 6. How well do our current facilities meet the needs of our parish community? | | | |
| ✓ Very well ✓ Somewhat well ✓ Neutral ✓ Not very well ✓ Not at all | | | |
| 7. What areas of our parish facilities need the most improvement? Rank your Top 5, with 1 being the most important. | | | |
| St. Bernadette Church Worship Space Spirit Room Office space for Parish Staff | | | |
| St. Susanna Church Worship Space Meeting/classroom spaces Restrooms - St. Bernadette | | | |
| St. Bernadette Entrance Area Parking Restrooms - St. Susanna | | | |
| St. Susanna Entrance Area Accessibility Outdoor areas | | | |
| Biedenbach Hall Other: | | | |

(Continued on back)

| 8. How important is it for us to have a priest residence in Monroeville? |
|---|
| ☐ Important ☐ Neutral ☐ Not important |
| 9. What additional spaces or improvements would you like to see in our parish? Check all that apply. More meeting rooms Dedicated youth/young adult space Improved parking Renewed office space Outdoor gathering areas Other: |
| Improved accessibility (ramps, seating, etc.) |
| 10. What one improvement would you prioritize? |
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| 11. Are there any specific barriers or challenges you experience related to our parish facilities? |
| |
| 12. Do you have any additional thoughts or suggestions about our parish's space needs? |
| |
| Contact Information (Optional): |
| Name: |
| Email: Phone: |
| Please check here if you would be willing to be contacted to discuss your answers and/or answer additional questions. |

Thank you!

We appreciate your input as we plan for the future of our parish!

Please complete this survey by Sunday, May 25. A reminder that is is available electronically, with the information listed at the beginning of this survey.

Paper copies can be returned in the collection basket; the designated boxes in the back of either church; or at the Parish office.

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