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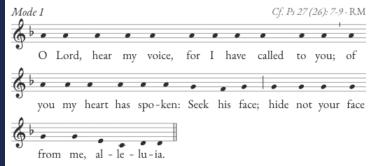
We are a Roman Catholic Parish seeking to nourish the Shepherd's flock by forging a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, worshipping authentically, and engaging in community.



Prayer and Liturgy

Seventh Sunday of Easter, June 1, 2025

Entrance Chant



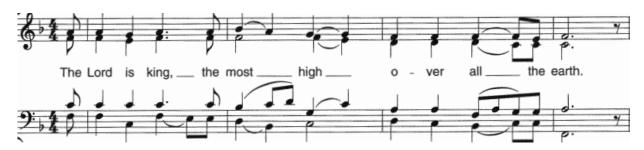
Hymn in Procession

#461 Crown Him With Many Crowns

Scripture Readings

Readings for the Day #918

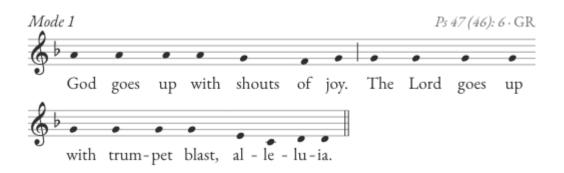
Ps 97 (96): 1a and 9a; v 1-2, 6-7, 9 · L· The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.



Rev 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20 Come, Lord Jesus!

Jn 17: 20-26 That they may be brought to perfection as one!

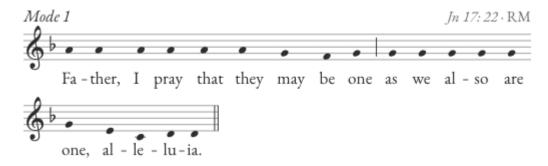
Offertory Chant



Offertory Hymn

#413 Alleluia no. 1

Communion Chant

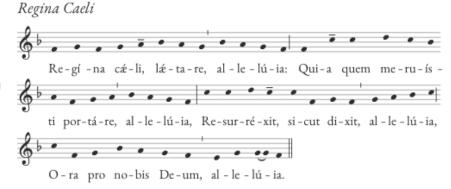


Communion Hymn

#754 Worthy is the Lamb

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

#411 Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise Thanksgiving Prayer after Mass

I thank you, holy Lord, almighty Father, eternal God, who deigned to feast me, sinful and unworthy servant, with the precious body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, not for any merit of mine, but only because of your merciful goodness. And I pray that this Holy Communion, far from condemning me to punishment, may bring about my pardon and salvation, encompassing me with the armor of faith and the shield of a good will. By it let my vices be done away, all lustful desires extinguished. May it advance me in charity, patience, humility, obedience, and every other virtue. Let it be strong defense against the wiles of all my enemies, visible and invisible, allaying for me every disturbance of flesh and spirit, binding me firmly to you, the one true God, and bringing my last hour to a happy close. I pray, too, that it may be your pleasure to call my sinful self one day to that banquet, wonderful past all telling, where you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, feast your saints with the vision of yourself, who are true light, the fulfillment of all desires, the joy that knows no ending, gladness unalloyed, and perfect bliss: through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



Living the Promise of the Ascension

Father Thom Miller

Just outside Jerusalem, you can visit the Chapel of the Ascension. There, embedded in the rock, is the impression of a right foot—tradition holds it marks the spot from which Jesus ascended, almost like a divine launching pad. One might wonder: how far did He go? 36,000 feet? Up, up, up... (shrug!).

This past Thursday, we celebrated the Ascension of the Lord—the moment when the Risen Jesus withdrew from earthly sight. At Easter, we rejoiced in His appearances to the disciples. Now, we reflect on the moment those appearances ended. Strangely, the Gospel tells us the disciples returned to Jerusalem filled with joy. Why joy? Because Easter is about life—new, resurrected, unending life. Life with God. Life that bursts from the tomb in triumphant glory. For many, this life isn't immediately understood. Even the disciples had to go through fear, loss, and amazement before becoming witnesses of the Resurrection.

As they stood on the mountaintop, Jesus began to rise—and slowly disappeared from their sight. In shock, they lingered until angels urged them to move on and wait in prayer for the Holy Spirit.

Think of the imagery: perhaps like a space shuttle at Cape Canaveral, or a medieval painting showing only His feet beneath the clouds. But don't miss the deeper symbolism—God often reveals Himself on mountaintops:

- Noah after the flood on Mt. Ararat
- Moses receiving the Commandments on Mt. Sinai
- Elijah called to prophecy on Mt. Carmel
- Jesus transfigured on Mt. Tabor
- Jesus crucified on Mt. Calvary
- And now, Jesus ascending from the Mount in Bethany

The Ascension is not just about Jesus returning to the Father—it's about our destiny too. Jesus says: "I go to prepare a place for you. If I do not go, I cannot send the Holy Spirit." Yet He also promises: "I am with you always." His presence remains—in the Eucharist, in Baptism, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

To be truly alive means more than existing. It means our lives have been changed because we know Christ—in Scripture, in the sacraments, and in the quiet of our hearts. Jesus assures us: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go!" With His authority comes a mission, and a promise: "I will never leave you." This mission is given to every Christian. We must not neglect it—especially in our times, even when it feels daunting. We must take to heart His final promise.

President John F. Kennedy once said in his inaugural address—perhaps inspired by the Easter Vigil— "Now the torch has been passed to a new generation." It is our generation. Our turn to proclaim: Jesus is alive in me. And He will give us the power to live and witness—if we want it.

Christ didn't just vanish—He ascended, leaving us with promises we believe in, expect, and share. Now, as we await Pentecost, let's live those promises boldly.

Pass on the message!

Bus Available for Diaconate Ordination

A bus has been rented to take parishioners to the Ordination of the Diaconate on Saturday Morning June 7, 2025. The bus will leave St. Bernadette at approximately 8:30 AM. The Ordination will take place at St. Alexis Church in Wexford. Nicholas Wytiaz and Brian Myler will be ordained as Deacons on this special day. Please call the parish office at 412-373-0050 to reserve your seat today. Seats are limited.

Seven Sisters & Fasting Brothers Apostolate



⇒ Upcoming Event
 On Saturday, June 28 during the
 4:00pm Mass at St. Bernadette, there
 will be a Recognition & Recommitment
 Service for the members of Seven
 Sisters/Fasting Brothers.

⇒ Our Mission

The Seven Sisters answer the call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific parish priest, Bishop Zubik, and the seminarians. One person, one day, one hour. The hour can be fulfilled in very flexible ways. The Fasting Brothers are men who commit to fasting (in any form they discern) one day a week exclusively for the intention of our pastor, Fr. Mike.

We are currently in need of some additional members to fill a few vacancies. There will be a table set up with information about this apostolate before and after the mass on Saturday, June 28. Please stop by to learn more.

Curious? Have questions? Please feel free to reach out to one of the members listed below. There's no pressure or obligation; we are happy for you to simply ponder whether God may be calling you to this ministry.

Susan Sciacca susan.sciacca@gmail.com

Judi Halterlein jchalterlein@gmail.com



DEACON'S BEACONS

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:31–32

What Paul says we should avoid are things that are directly opposed to Christ's New Commandment: Love one another. If we are fighting and back biting, we cannot possibly love. God loves us and God loves the other person. So, even if you do not like that person, you are commanded to love them. It is part of being Christian. Love is not an emotion. Love is a choice, an action.

Resurrexit sicut dixit!

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

Deacon Mike

Celebrating Brian Myler's Call to Serve



Brian Myler, the youngest son of longstanding St. Susanna parishioners Jack and Bonnie Myler, will be ordained a deacon on June 7, 2025. For those of you who do not know Brian, he has been a very active member of the St. Susanna parish community since childhood. He served as an altar server into his college years and actively participated in youth group events.

Brian graduated from Penn State University with a degree in engineering and had a 10-year career at PennDOT before answering the call to the priesthood. He entered St. Paul Seminary in 2019.

Please join us on June 15, 2025, at the 9:00 AM Mass to worship with Brian. Then gather afterward for a social in the Spirit Room to celebrate Brian's ordination and to wish him well as he continues the final part of his journey toward the priesthood.



POTLUCK

SENIOR LUNCHEON

- Wednesday, June 18, 2025
- **12:30 PM**
- 📍 Biedenbach Hall



GUEST SPEAKER:

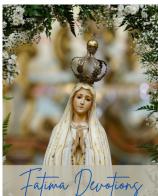
Father Mike Roche
Pastor, Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish

MEET FATHER MIKE ROCHE

Learn about Fr. Mike's childhood in Carrick, as well as his family, friends, and faith. He'll share his hobbies, likes and dislikes, and his life's adventures as a world traveler! Father Mike will also tell us about his vocation story and road to the priesthood—from The Catholic University of America and St. Paul Seminary to his ordination on June 25, 2011. We'll hear about his accomplishments and journey as a priest. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know Fr. Mike, whom God has so graciously delivered to our parish as pastor and shepherd. Mark your calendar—you won't want to miss this event! It will be a fantastic afternoon with Fr. Mike, sharing love, fellowship, and great food.

All are welcome!

Fatima Rosary



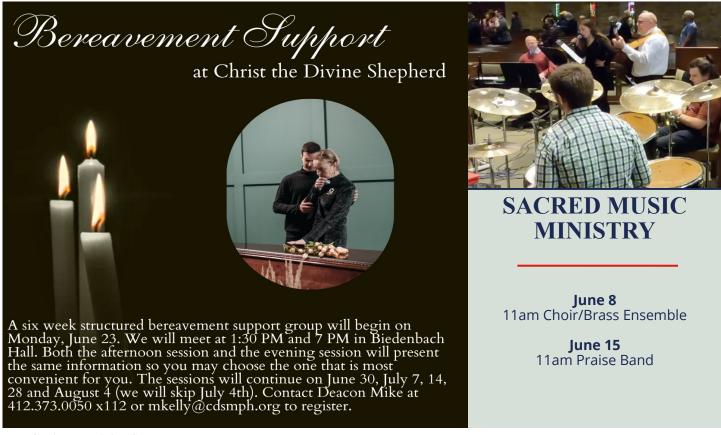
Join Us in Praying the Fatima Rosary for World Peace. Come spend a peaceful half hour with the Blessed Mother. She is waiting for you to join her in prayer. All are invited to pray the Fatima Rosary for World Peace on Saturday, June 7, from 3:00–3:30 p.m. at St. Bernadette's Church. This special devotion recalls the message of Our Lady of Fatima, who appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, in 1917. She urged the world to pray the Rosary daily for peace, conversion, and the salvation of souls. As we gather in faith, let us answer her call with open hearts and join our voices in this powerful prayer for peace in our world, our families, and our hearts. Come and be a part of this beautiful tradition.

Vacation Bible Camp Registration is Open

Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish is hosting an exciting week of faith and fun for children this summer!

Vacation Bible School will run July 7–11, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Mark your calendars and get ready for a joyful, faith-filled adventure!

Scan the QR code to learn more and register today!





Divine Mercy Academy

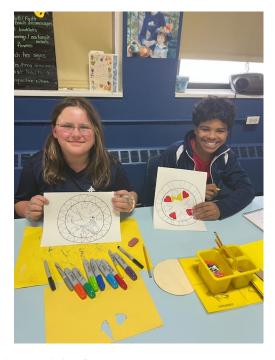
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Art Update

Students in fifth grade learned about Pennsylvania Dutch Hex signs from the Lancaster area of our state. They explored different designs and learned the differences between images and symbols. Students then used various symbols to create their own hex signs. .Symbols had to be drawn and traced in order to show radial symmetry.













Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate

On Saturday, June 7, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., Bishop Mark Eckman will ordain five men to the transitional diaconate at Saint Alexis Church, Saint Aidan Parish (10090 Old Perry Highway, Wexford, PA 15090). The men to be ordained are Brian Myler, Erik Pintar, Matthew Selzer, Loc Tran, and Nicholas Wytiaz. Please pray for these men as they take the next step in answering the call God has placed in their lives. All are welcome to come and share in the joy of their ordination!

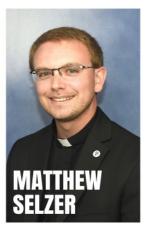


DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH ORDINATION TO THE TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE

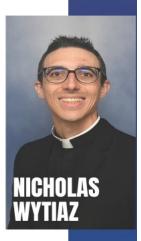
SAINT ALEXIS CHURCH SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025 AT 10:00 AM











PRAY FOR OUR MEN TO BE ORDAINED

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Priestly Ordination

On Saturday, June 28, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., Bishop David Zubik will ordain Deacon Daniel Roberts and Deacon Alec Scheuer to the priesthood at Saint Paul Cathedral.

Please pray for these men as they begin their priestly ministry. All are invited to come and celebrate this joyous day.



DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

SAINT PAUL CATHEDRAL SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2025 AT 10:00 AM





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Blood Drive



Exclusive Thank-You Gifts for Helping Patients

Donate June 29-July 8 and choose a T-shirt or tank top to show your support (and muscles) as a summer donor. Plus, you'll receive a \$20 Rewards gift card!* Must use code SUMMER20-2025-V when scheduling appointment to receive gift card. Donor Rewards program opt-in required to redeem T-shirt and gift card in the online store. While supplies last.

Make an appointment online or call 877-25-VITAL

Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish Blood Drive

Partnering with the Monroeville United Methodist Church

Sunday, June 29, 2025 8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Lourdes Center - Lower Level 245 Azalea Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146

To schedule an appointment to donate:

- Go to vitalant.org and search with Account Code UG0040290
- Call 1-877-25VITAL or contact John Prazenica at japraz@gmail.com or call 724.814.6816
- Or scan code for a list of all available times



APPOINTMENTS RECOMMENDED















SANCTUARY June 1- June 7 CANDLE

St. Bernadette: May 25- May 31 St. Susanna:

May 18- May 24 June 1-June 7

William White Sr. David Fennessy

Robert & Mercedes Rafferty Donna DeBellis

This Week at Christ the Divine Shepherd

Monday, June 2, 2025

7PM - Lectionary Bible Study - Spirit Room

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

1:30PM - Prayer & Rosary Group - Biedenbach Hall 4PM - Purgatory Prayers - St. Susanna Room 103

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

9:45AM - Ladies of Charity - Biedenbach Hall 6PM|Centering Prayer| St. Susanna| Room 103 6:30PM - St. Vincent de Paul - Biedenbach Hall

Thursday, June 5, 2025

11AM - Staff Meeting - Parish Office 10AM-6PM - Adoration - St. Bernadette 4PM - Purgatorian Society - St. Bernadette 5PM - Confession - St. Bernadette 7:00PM - Choir Practice - St. Susanna Choir Room

Friday, June 6, 2025

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

Saturday, June 7, 2025

7AM - CDS Men's Group - Lourdes Center 3PM - Confession - St. Bernadette 4PM - Confession - St. Susanna

Sunday, June 8, 2025

Pentecost Sunday



The Extended Form of the Vigil Mass for Pentecost

Saturday, June 7, 2025 | 5:00 PM Mass St. Susanna Church

Join us for the Extended Vigil of Pentecost, a powerful and prayerful celebration that prepares us for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Restored in the 2011 Roman Missal, this liturgy echoes the ancient tradition of the early Church, inviting us to reflect more deeply on the Spirit's work throughout salvation history. Like the apostles gathered in the Upper Room, we wait and pray together for a fresh outpouring of the Spirit in our parish.

Mass Intentions

Week of June 1, 2025

Saturday, May 31, 2025 - 4:00pm St. Bernadette (TM) +Derna & Mario DiCecco & Grandparents by Diane & Family

Saturday, May 31, 2025 - 5:00pm St. Susanna (MR) +Mary Carpenzano by Judy Monaco & Julie Simmonds

Sunday, June 1, 2025 - 8:00am St. Bernadette (TM) +Chuck Rosko by Leo & Arleen Hajdukiewicz

Sunday, June 1, 2025 - 9:00am St. Susanna (MR) People of the Parish

Sunday, June 1, 2025 - 11:00am St. Bernadette (TM) +Vincent Ventresca by Joe Ventresca

Sunday, June 1, 2025 - 11:30am St. Susanna (MR) +Joseph T. Monroe Jr. & Francis J. Dudas by Loving, Wife

Monday, June 2, 2025 - 9:00am St. Bernadette (MR) +Kena Vizzini by Kromka & Kunst Families

Tuesday, June 3, 2025 - 9:00am St. Susanna (TM) +Victor Ludovici, Jr. by the family

Wednesday, June 4, 2025 - 9:00am St. Bernadette (MR) +John Sirlin by Ed McDermott

Thursday, June 5, 2025 - 9:00am St. Susanna (MR) + Dave Fennessy by Ellen & John Prazenica

Friday, June 6, 2025 - 9:00am St. Bernadette (TM) +Tom & Jean Ryer by Jean Ryer

Saturday, June 7, 2025 - 4:00pm St. Bernadette (TM) +Donna DeBellis by Husband, Sam & Sister, Kathy Holup

Saturday, June 7, 2025 - 5:00pm St. Susanna (VP) +Joseph Szatkowski by Donahoe Family

Sunday, June 8, 2025 - 8:00am St. Bernadette (TM) +Marlene Villalpando by the family

Sunday, June 8, 2025 - 9:00am St. Susanna (VP) +Tom Isherwood, Jr. & Terri Kosarich by Mom, Judy Isherwood

Sunday, June 8, 2025 - 11:00am St. Bernadette (MR) +Santo & Maria D'Annibale by Mary Jane D'Annibale

Sunday, June 8, 2025 - 11:30am St. Susanna (VP) People of the Parish



PRAY FOR
THE REPOSE
OF SOULS

Paul Waible
Elwyn Hildum
Anthony Hovan
Kenneth Gajdos
Debra Reinersmann
Loretta Froelich
Louis Farris

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 16:11-15 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b Jn 15:26 – 16:4a **Tuesday** Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 Jn 16:5-11 **Wednesday** Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1 Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14 Jn 16:12-15 **Thursday** Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23 Lk 24:46-53

Friday Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Jn 16:20-23 **Saturday** Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16 ls 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Lk 1:39-56 **Sunday** Acts 7:55-60 Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 Jn 17:20-26

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

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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.

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HOLY HOURS FOR LIFE

Pittsburgh - Downtown

Praying Holy Hours to End Abortion

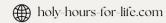
With over 65,464,760 babies killed since 1973 in the U.S. it is imperative we take action to end abortion.

Holy Hours for Life is an apostolate of lay individuals dedicated to offering holy hours for an end to abortion, with the goal of offering one holy hour for every hour the local abortion clinic is open.

For more information or to take a holy hour scan the QR code:



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Keynote Speakers: Fr. Chris Alar MIC & Fr. Jason Lewis MIC Registration Opens Mid- April @ www.flameoflove.us



