



The Roman Catholic Community of Hampton/Richland

# ST. CATHERINE OF SWEDEN AND ST. RICHARD

— P A R I S H E S —



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019**  
Third Sunday of Advent



## Saint Catherine of Sweden Church

2554 Wildwood Road, Allison Park, PA 15101  
412-486-6001  
[www.stcatherineofsweden.org](http://www.stcatherineofsweden.org)

## Saint Richard Church

3841 Dickey Road, Gibsonia, PA 15044  
724-444-1971  
[www.saintrichardparish.org](http://www.saintrichardparish.org)

Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline phone number is  
1-888-808-1235. The State of PA Child Protective  
Services telephone number is 1-800-932-0313.

## SAINT CATHERINE OF SWEDEN

### Mass Schedule

Monday & Friday: 10:00 am  
Wednesday: 6:30 am  
Saturday: 4:00 pm (Sunday Vigil Mass)  
Sunday: 9:15 am & 12:00 pm

### Confessions

Saturday: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Wednesday: 7:00 am - 7:30 am

## SAINT RICHARD

### Mass Schedule

Monday: 8:30 am  
Tuesday & Thursday: 10:00 am  
Friday: 9:30 am at St. Barnabas Retirement Village  
Saturday: 5:00 pm (Sunday Vigil Mass)  
Sunday: 7:30 am & 10:00 am

### Confessions

Monday: 9:00 am - 9:30 am  
Saturday: 3:45 pm - 4:15 pm

### Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday - 12:00 pm - 9:00 pm

## Sacramental Life

**Infant Baptism** is celebrated each month at St. Richard Church on the first Saturday at noon and the fourth Sunday at 11:30 am and at St. Catherine of Sweden Church on the second Sunday at 1:30 pm and the third Saturday at noon. A Pre-Baptism class is required for parents and available once a month at either St. Catherine of Sweden Church or St. Richard Church. Please call the Parish Office to register for a Pre-Baptism Class or to schedule your child's baptism.

**Holy Eucharist** is available for those who are sick and confined to home. Please contact the Parish Office.

**Anointing of the Sick** is celebrated communally twice a year during liturgies in the Spring and Fall. It is also available anytime for those who are chronically or seriously ill. Please call the Parish Office.

**Marriage:** Couples planning marriage should contact the Parish Office six months in advance of the desired date. Pre-Marriage classes are required prior to the marriage. Visit [www.diopitt.org/marriage-preparation](http://www.diopitt.org/marriage-preparation) for a list of available classes. Those who are married civilly and wish to sacramentalize their union, and those celebrating special anniversaries, who wish to renew their vows, are asked to call the Parish Office to make arrangements.



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### OFFICE HOURS

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# ST. CATHERINE OF SWEDEN & ST. RICHARD

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, December 15 / Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday

SCOS 4:00 pm Jim Meyer / Ann Meyer & Family  
SR 5:00 pm For The People

Sunday

SR 7:30 am Catherine Amery / Alyce Amery-Spencer  
SCOS 9:15 am Francis Bond / Michael & Linda Bond  
SR 10:00 am Al Merhaut / Joann Merhaut  
SCOS 12:00 pm Doris Murray / Molinaro Family

### Monday, December 16 / Advent Weekday

SR 8:30 am Gregorio Scolieri, Paolo & Vincenza Tolomeo / Rosa Tolomeo  
SR 9:00 am Reconciliation until 9:30 am  
SCOS 9:30 am Rosary for Peace  
SCOS 10:00 am Luke L. Maggi / Maggi Family

### Tuesday, December 17 / Advent Weekday

SR 10:00 am Vogliano Family / Rosa Vogliano

### Wednesday, December 18 / Advent Weekday

SCOS 6:30 am Alan Landmark / Enie Family  
7:00 am Reconciliation until 7:30 am

### Thursday, December 19 / Advent Weekday

SR 10:00 am Deacon Al McKelvey / McKelvey Family

### Friday, December 20 / Advent Weekday

SBRV 9:30 am Maureen McGinnis / Joann Merhaut  
SCOS 9:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet  
10:00 am Jim Meyer / Ann Meyer & Family  
SR 12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration  
SR 8:45 pm Advent Compline & Benediction

### Saturday, December 21 / Advent Weekday

SCOS 11:00 am Reconciliation until noon  
SR 3:45 pm Reconciliation until 4:15 pm

### Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent

SCOS 4:00 pm Sr. Maurice Wayda / Olive Riley  
SR 5:00 pm Louis Anthony / Jithesh Louis

### Sunday, December 22 / Fourth Sunday of Advent

SR 7:30 am Louise Malone / Sally & George Enie  
SCOS 9:15 am Eleanor Klingensmith / Sandra Spirnock  
SR 10:00 am James Martin / Karen Gigliotti  
SCOS 12:00 pm For The People

## Readings of the Week ©LPI

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11  
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27  
Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17  
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25  
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25  
Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38  
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45  
Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/ Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

## 7 Day Sanctuary Light

December 14 - Michael Bombich

December 21 - Carl Talarico & Joseph Fortuna

## May They Rest in Peace

Please remember in your prayers **Ada DiMaggio**, mother of Terri Tierno, **John Russell Hagan**, father of John and Jeff Hagan and Gail Ireland and all the deceased members of our parishes. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.


## Eucharistic Adoration

"O Mary! teach us the life of adoration! Teach us to see, as you did, all the mysteries and all the graces in the Eucharist; to live over again the Gospel story and to read it in the light of the Eucharistic Life of Jesus. Remember, O our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament, that you are the Mother of all adorers of the Holy Eucharist."

- St. Peter Julian Eymard

All are encouraged to come and adore Jesus in the quiet of Eucharistic Adoration at St. Richard **every Friday from noon until 9:00 pm**. You and all that you pray for will be blessed abundantly by our Eucharistic Lord.



 = SCOS

 = SR

 = BOTH PARISHES

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## Pray For Our Sick

Pat Abadie, Helen Altimore, Pauline Armor, Arthur, Ethan Ballay, Barbara Barley, Rosie Becker, Andrew Bogdon, Brad Bridgham, Janice Brunotts, Lois Burgoon, Mike Casper, Cayden, Annetta D., Charles D., Darlene, Maria Farina DeMore, Tommie DeSantis, Marie Downing, Sherie Eckard, Howard Elbert, Isaiah England, Donna F., Pat Fife, Gene Fischione, Rosemary Flaherty, Anna G., Masako Gill, Paula Good, Burt Gordon, Shirley H. Hartle, Ed Hayes, Marie Dancho Hazelton, Mary Henshaw, Chuck & Marlene Hosick, Michele Hutfles, Jeffrey, Terri Janosco, Bob Kalin, Bob and Inez Keally, Gina Keys, Regina Kirschmann, Joe Landefeld, Laura, Anthony Limetti, Kris Limetti, Adam Lucarelli, Denise & Lisa Lynch, Richard Maier, Joan Malchano, Julie Mancu, Veronica Marol, Fr. Michael McDermott, Tom McKinney, Joann Merhaut, Bart Miller, Chris Mustovic, John Rampone, Cheryl Rice, Olive Riley, Bonnie Rock, Rodrigo P. Rodriguez, Dorothy Roth, Sean Roy, Maya Rubach, Steve Ruggiero, Camden Shea, Russ Stainfield, C. Stewart, Tina & Ernie Tegge, Dorothy Thoma, Tess Tripodi, Bob & Jean Vanasdale, Richard Voit, Miles & Barbara Wilson, Carol Wyeth, Louisa Zadecky, Marge Zawacki, Toni Zawisza and Frank Zotter.

*Please call your church office with updates.*

## Pray for our Service Personnel:

### U.S. AIR FORCE

MSgt. Robert J. Yatsko  
Justin Nichol  
SSST Tyler Kurtz  
SSgt. Justin L. Dornetto  
T. Sgt. Michael Briston  
Maj. Paul Tisa  
SrA Devin McGrath

### U.S. MARINE CORPS

Corporal Tim Tabify  
Maj. Andrew Reaves  
SSgt Aaron Eckard  
Cap. Christopher Sills  
Cdt. Rylie K. Fry USMA

### U.S. ARMY

Maj. J. E. O'Hanlon  
Maj. Matthew Starsnic  
Cap. Matthew Kalin  
Spec. Jesse Hartle  
Pvt. Brent M. Metal  
Cap. Marc Weinheimer  
Col. Timothy Parker

### U.S. NAVY

Astrid L. Mayne  
PO2 Joshua Zivkovich  
MIDN Anthony P. Hite USMMA  
Ensign Blake P. Constantakis  
MA2 David Briski

### U.S. ARMY RESERVES

Sgt. Major Michael Nutter

### U.S. NAVY RESERVES

Cmdr. Rob A. Mercer III

## For Your Prayer Time

The St. Richard Prayer Group invites all parishioners to pray a decade of the Rosary for a special intention that will vary each week. Let us pray that:

we always remember that  
Jesus IS the Reason for the Season.



## O COME, O COME EMMANUEL ADVENT 2019

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**St. Richard - December 20**

*Begins at Noon*

*Advent Compline and Benediction at 8:45 pm*

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**St. Richard**

Mondays, December 16, 23 - 9:00 - 9:30 am

Saturdays, December 21 - 3:45 - 4:15 pm

**St. Catherine of Sweden**

Wednesdays, December 18 - 7:00 - 7:30 am

Saturdays, December 21 - 11:00 am - Noon

### FAITH FORMATION TEACHING MASS

**St. Richard - Wednesday, December 18**

6:30 pm with Fr. Chris Mannerino

*All are welcome!*

*In place of a regular Faith Formation class*

## JOIN OUR CATHOLIC FAMILY THIS CHRISTMAS TO CELEBRATE MASS!

### CHRISTMAS EVE

#### ST. RICHARD

4:00 pm  
4:10pm (Social Hall)  
6:30 pm  
10:00 pm

#### ST. CATHERINE

4:00 pm  
4:10 pm (Farmer Hall)  
6:30 pm  
12:00 Midnight

### CHRISTMAS DAY

#### ST. CATHERINE

9:15 am

#### ST. RICHARD

10:00 am

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

#### DECEMBER 31 (VIGIL MASS)

#### ST. RICHARD

4:00 pm

#### ST. CATHERINE

6:00 pm

### JANUARY 1, 2020

#### ST. CATHERINE

9:15 am

#### ST. RICHARD

10:00 am

Holy Day of Obligation

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## RCIA

### COME AND LEARN—RCIA SESSIONS

All are welcome to the RCIA sessions held on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at St. Catherine of Sweden Church in Room 215. Come and learn and grow in your faith. These sessions are a wonderful way for Catholics to renew and refresh their faith. Please pray for those who may be inquiring into coming into the Catholic Church.

December 19 No RCIA due to Christmas break

December 26 No RCIA due to Christmas break

January 2 No RCIA due to Christmas break

## Praying With The Psalms

As we celebrate Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday, we sing Psalm 146, "Lord Come and Save Us". The psalm verses chosen for this responsorial speak of justice for the oppressed, food for the hungry, freedom for captives, sight for the blind, protection and providence for all. This is the mission Jesus came to fulfill and the mission to which He calls us to carry out in His name. Take a few moments this week to meditate on Psalm 146 as you discern how God is calling you to serve and care for the poor and the marginalized He places in your midst and ask Him for the grace to respond to the call.

## Young Adult Christmas Bake-Off

This Tuesday, December 17, our Young Adult Ministry will host a Christmas Bake-off Competition and Gift Exchange at 6:30 pm at St. Richard Parish. Come either as a contestant, baking up fresh creations and competing to win prizes, or as a judge, to taste whatever sweet holiday treats our contestants create. Baking contestants are invited to arrive up to an hour early (5:30 pm) to start baking. Contestants are expected to bring their own baking tools and ingredients. Culinary creations will be judged by all attendees who are not contestants. A Grand Prize and Runner-up Prizes will be awarded. After the judging, there will be a mini-gift exchange, so please bring a \$5 wrapped gift to participate. RSVP deadline is tomorrow, Monday, December 16, at noon.

## Double *Pittsburgh Catholic* Issue

Due to a new policy, the December 20 *Pittsburgh Catholic* will be a double issue covering the remainder of 2019. Weekly publication will resume with the issue of Friday, January 3.

## Experience the Power of the Rosary

On Sunday, December 29, the Knights of Columbus will lead the Rosary beginning at 8:45 am at St. Catherine of Sweden Church and at 9:30 am at St. Richard Church. We invite you to join us as one parish family to pray for the needs of our parish and parishioners.

## Forever "I Do" Marriage Ministry

Come to the latest **FOREVER "I DO" MARRIAGE MINISTRY** event for "Wing and Beer Pairing by a Pro." Three-time award-winning chef Eric von Hansen of Caliente's Pizza and Draft House will offer his unique take on wings, with each flavor paired with its own beer to provide a delectable treat for the taste buds. This one-time only experience is on Saturday, January 11 at 6:30 pm in Farmer Hall at St. Catherine of Sweden. All reservations and payments must be submitted by Saturday, January 4. RSVP to ForeverIDoPGH@gmail.com; checks (\$50/couple) should be made out to *St. Catherine of Sweden* and mailed to the parish office or put in the collection basket in a marked envelope.

## Pre-Baptism Class

The next **PRE-BAPTISM CLASS** will be held on Sunday, January 5 at 10:30 am at St. Catherine of Sweden in Room 216. Please call the St. Catherine Parish Office at 412-486-6001 to register. The February class will be held at St. Richard on Tuesday, February 11 at 8:00 pm in Room 4 on the lower level. To register, please call the St. Richard Parish Office at 724-444-1971.

## Advent Reconciliation Service at Neighboring Parishes

### ST. VICTOR

Every Wednesday of Advent at 6:30 pm

### ST. ALPHONSUS

Monday, December 16 at 7:00 pm

### ST. URSULA

Thursday, December 19 at 7:00 pm

### HOLY SEPULCHER

Wednesday, December 18 at 6:00 pm

Saturday, December 21 at 2:30 pm

Monday, December 23 at 4:00 pm (2 priests)

### ST. KILIAN

Saturday, December 21 at 2:30 pm

Monday, December 23 at 4:00 pm (2 priests)



# ST. CATHERINE OF SWEDEN & ST. RICHARD

## Discipleship Corner

As we discussed in last week's corner, to grow in holiness we need to surrender to God. We need to trust in God. We need to live with God. This sounds easy enough, since God is a perfect divine being who desires our good more than we even desire it for ourselves. But then we learn what trusting in God means. Among other things, it means living as part of the community of Jesus' Body, the Church. While being in communion with God, or even the Blessed Virgin Mary and the saints in heaven, might seem like an easy thing to ask, sharing a pew with "real" people doesn't seem nearly as attractive. Yet to surrender to God means to take this step. Why would God ask us to do this?

There are many reasons God asks us to live in community, but I'll focus on just two. The first is that love, particularly the self-giving love of Jesus we are called to imitate, always needs a tangible target. We cannot love humanity; we can only love individual people. If those individual people are sometimes hard to love, so much the better—it makes the sacrificial self-giving more meaningful. The second is that a healthy community provides accountability, and accountability is a prerequisite for growth in holiness. As anyone in Alcoholics Anonymous will tell you, being honest about your failings with a group of people and striving to support each other are crucial steps to recovery. In the same way, it's crucial to find a group of fellow believers with whom you can be honest about your struggles with sin, and who pray with you and for you.

**Challenge:** Think of one or two close Christian friends you have with whom you can be honest about your failings and struggles, and resolve to show that honesty to them. If you don't have friends like that, get involved with church activities until you find some.

—Will Reaves, Director of Evangelization & Intentional Discipleship

## Music Notes

Today we are at the mid-point of our holy season of Advent as we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means rejoice! Do we feel like rejoicing! I'm sure many are at their wits end as they frantically prepare for Christmas. May I suggest that you use this Advent Sunday to step back, take a deep breath and celebrate our faith, and remind yourself of what is really important. Christmas is coming ... ready or not, so take some time today to regroup, make a list of what is really important and then wake up tomorrow and begin anew. Heed the text of verse four of our Preparation Hymn today, *Awake and Greet the New Morn*, and REJOICE! "Rejoice, rejoice take heart in the night, though dark the winter and cheerless, the rising sun shall crown you with light be strong and loving and fearless, love be our song and love our prayer and love our endless story, may God fill every day we share and bring us at last into glory."

God Bless! Jim Skalos, Music Minister



**SAVE THE DATES:**

## March for Life

All Parishoners Welcome

Friday, January 24th

## Spaghetti Dinner

Youth Ministry Fundraiser, All Are Welcome!

Saturday, February 1st

## Spring Retreat

For High School Students

Fri-Sun Feb 14th-16th



*Coming Soon*  
**THIS WINTER**

ST. RICHARD & ST. CATHERINE OF SWEDEN  
CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH  
2020 WEEKENDS

Women - February 29-March 1

Men - March 14-15

## Happenings Elsewhere

### CANDLELIGHT ADVENT SUNG VESPERS

You're invited! All are welcome to join the Sisters of Divine Providence for their **CANDLELIGHT ADVENT SUNG VESPERS AND DESSERT**, Saturday, December 21 at 5:45 pm at the Mother of Providence Chapel & Community Room, 9000 Babcock Boulevard, Allison Park, PA 15101. No RSVP required. Donations will be collected to help the homeless (socks, nutritional snacks, travel-size toiletries, notes of encouragement). Visit: [cdpsisters.org/AdventVespers](http://cdpsisters.org/AdventVespers) for more information.

### RETROUVAILLE

Upcoming Weekends for Couples: Does your marriage need a rebirth? Retrouvaille has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels from disillusionment through deep misery. For confidential information, please call 412-277-3434 or email [3041@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3041@retrouvaille.org). We will be hosting two weekend retreats in 2020: January 31 - February 2 and September 11 - 13. Call today to begin the healing process or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

### MARY AND BRIGHT - A MORNING OF CHRISTMAS CHEER

Women in God's Spirit (WINGS) will be hosting a reflection of Mary the Mother of God. Join us for a joyful morning of sisterhood, in the middle of this busy season. Together let us sing, pray, enjoy a festive brunch, and celebrate Holy Mass to prepare ourselves for the glory of Christmas! We will also be collecting gloves and warm socks to spread the warmth to those in need if you would like to donate. The event takes place on Saturday, December 21, from 9:00 am - noon at in the Upper Cardinal DiNardo Center (building across from the church) at Saints John & Paul Parish (2586 Wexford Bayne Rd., Sewickley, PA 15143). It is open to all women, high school aged and older. Please register at [greatgrouping.org/wings](http://greatgrouping.org/wings). You can also register for childcare if needed.

### UNBOUND FREEDOM IN CHRIST CONFERENCE

Unbound is a simple, gentle and powerful prayer ministry where you will learn how to claim freedom that Jesus Christ promised. The conference will feature Fr. Boniface Hicks, OSB and video presentation from Neal Lozano. Join us Friday, January 17 from 6:30 - 9:00 pm and Saturday, January 18, from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm at Our Lady of Joy Parish, Marchukonis Hall, 2000 O'Block Road, Pittsburgh 15239. Cost is \$35 (Saturday continental breakfast and lunch included) Online registration is available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/unbound-conference-jan-17-18-tickets-76846998441>. For more registration information, please contact Kim Hutchins at 412-817-5465 or Rose Parente at 412-551-0101.

## Schedule of Events

*IN THE NARTHEX THIS WEEKEND:  
OLIVE WOOD SALE*

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 - 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Children's Liturgy of the Word	222	9:15 am
Faith Formation Closing Mass & Reception	Church/ Farmer Hall	12:00 pm

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

Faith Formation Closing Mass & Reception	Church/ Farmer Hall	6:30 pm
Handbell Choir	215	6:30 pm
Secular Franciscans Meeting	216	6:45 pm

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Chill Chaser/Sleeping Mat	222	10:00 am
Boy Scouts	Farmer Hall	7:00 pm
Women's Discipleship Meeting	109	7:00 pm

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Men's Bible Study	222	6:00 am
Pre-School Christmas Show	Farmer Hall	10:00 am
Hampton Fields Mass	Hampton Flds	11:00 am
Faith Formation Closing Mass & Reception	Church/ Farmer Hall	6:30 pm

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

Pre-School Christmas Parties	101, 102, 103	10:00 am
Spiritual Therapeutic Recovery	222	7:00 pm
Adult Choir	Church	7:00 pm

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

Pre-School Christmas Party	101	10:00 am
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### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

Homeless Shelter Breakfast	Parking Lot	6:00 am
AA Meeting	222	7:00 am
Church Cleaning	Church	8:00 am

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 - 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Children's Liturgy of the Word	222	9:15 am
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The 2020 CHURCH CALENDARS are available in the St. Catherine of Sweden narthex. Please take one per family.

## Volunteers Needed!



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHURCH CLEANING!

If you can help clean the church for Christmas on Saturday, December 21, from 8:00 to 11:00 am, please sign up in the St. Catherine narthex. If you wear gloves to clean, please bring them with you. Thank you!!

# ST. CATHERINE OF SWEDEN

## Flower Dedications

To remember a special occasion or honor a deceased loved one with a flower dedication, two church altar arrangements are available for a donation of \$90 each or both for \$170. All four vases at the church and narthex doors are available for \$60. Your dedication will be published in the bulletin. Please call the Parish Office at 412-486-6001.



### AVAILABLE DATES

Altar Flowers:	Vases:
January 5, 12, 19 & 26	January 5, 12, 19 & 26
February 2, 9, 16 & 23	February 2, 9, 16 & 23

## Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers & Ushers

Please sign up to minister at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. Sign-up sheets are available in the St. Catherine narthex. Thank you for your dedication to your ministries.

## Lectors, Altar Servers & Eucharistic Ministers

Your next schedule will begin the weekend of January 4/5 and end March 28/29, 2020. If you have any dates in those three months that you are unable to serve, please contact Anne at 412-486-6001 x 11 or [anner@scospgh.org](mailto:anner@scospgh.org) no later than Monday, December 16. Also, please update your contact information (i.e. new email addresses or cell phone numbers). Thank you.

## Gift Bearers for December 15

Saturday, 12/14	4:00 pm	Ann Meyer & Family
Sunday, 12/15	9:15 am	The Bond Family
	12:00 pm	Faith Formation Students

## Lector & Altar Server Schedule

12/21	4:00 pm	Lectors	Weber, Simone
		Servers	Lunz, Topper, Yakim
12/22	9:15 am	Lectors	Brown, Robertson
		Servers	Conley, Holmes, Medjimorec
	12:00 pm	Lectors	Arnold, Gavin
		Servers	R & A Brienza, Smith

## It Was A Wonderful Night!

Many thanks to all who helped make our annual **ONE NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM** a beautiful evening for the children of our parish. All the children, their parents and grandparents who attended the event enjoyed a fabulous evening celebrating the birth of Jesus. Special thanks to the dedicated committee members who spent hours planning, decorating and rounding up the animals, to the volunteers who led the various activities, to the wonderful St. Catherine Bakers for the treats in the Angel's Bakery, to our terrific Boy Scouts who braved the cold to set up the outdoor nativity and to Deacon Cliff for the beautiful Christmas story presentation. And most of all, thanks to all who attended this great evening. Special people made a very special evening!

## Christmas Trees

Boy Scout Troop 195 is selling **CHRISTMAS TREES** in the parking lot of Wagner's Market, on Middle Road. Hours are Monday through Friday from 6:00 to 8:00 pm; Saturday from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm; and Sunday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Pennsylvania-grown Frasier, Grand, Noble, and Concolor Firs are available. Thank you for your support.



## Christmas Flower Collection

St. Catherine Parish provides the opportunity to contribute to our **CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION** in honor or in memory of a loved one. A list of the those honored or memorialized and the donors, will be published in the bulletin on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, January 12, 2020. To make a contribution, complete the form below and return it with your donation or use your "Christmas Flowers" church envelope. Please place your donation in the collection basket, or mail to or drop off at the Parish Office.

**Deadline is Sunday, December 29, 2019.**



### CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION

(Please print all information.)

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_ (←circle one→) In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



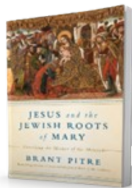
## Pre-School Happenings

- It is that time of year again. If you are looking for a Montessori or Traditional Preschool, St. Catherine's is the place for you for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year. Registration will open on Thursday, January 9, 2020. If you would like more information or to set up a tour, please contact Katie Spurdute at 412-486-6001 x 20 or kates@scpspgh.org.
- The Pre-School has been working hard and will be putting on a Christmas Show for their families on Wednesday, December 18.

## Winter Door Wreaths

In 2020, **SIX WINTER DOOR WREATHS** will be available to mark a special occasion, honor a loved one or memorialize a deceased family member. They will hang on the front doors of St. Catherine of Sweden Church during Ordinary Time, January 18 through February 24. Donation is \$65.00 each. The dedications will be published in the bulletin. Please call the Parish Office at 412-486-6001 to reserve your wreath.

## Lighthouse Catholic Media



**Book - *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary*.** Are Catholic teachings on Mary really biblical? Or are they the "traditions of men"? Should she be called the "Mother of God," or just the mother of Jesus? Did she actually remain a virgin her whole life or do the "brothers of Jesus" refer to her other

children? By praying to Mary, are Catholics worshipping her? And what does Mary have to do with the quest to understand Jesus? Available on the kiosk in the narthex at St. Catherine of Sweden.

## Oplatki

**OPLATKI**, Christmas wafers, are available in the narthex at St. Catherine of Sweden. The cost is \$2.00 per envelope containing 4 wafers (3 white & 1 pink).



## Schedule of Events

### THIS WEEKEND IN THE NARTHEX: PRAYER GROUP COOKIE SALE

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 - 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NO Faith Formation		
Upper Room Teaching Mass	Church	4:00 pm
Life Teen	Downstairs	6:00 pm

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

Comfort Blanket Ministry	Rooms 5A & B	9:30 am
Cherub Choir	Room 1	6:30 pm
Children's Choir	Church	6:30 pm
Stephen Ministry	Room 3	7:00 pm
CRHP Men Team Formation	Charity Room	7:30 pm
Handbell Rehearsal	Church	7:30 pm

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Young Adult Group	Social Hall	5:30 pm
Prayer Group	Rooms 5A & B	7:00 pm
Discipleship Group	SCOS	7:00 pm

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Faith Formation Teaching Mass	Church	6:00 pm
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### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

Sanctuary Cleaners Team 4	Church	9:30 am
Set Up for Overflow Mass	Social Hall	11:00 am
Cherub Choir	Rooms 5A & B	6:30 pm
Children's Choir	Church	6:30 pm
Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church	7:30 pm

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

Set Up for Overflow Mass	Social Hall	11:00 am
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### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

Dustbusters Team 4	Church	9:30 am
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### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 - 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NO Faith Formation		
Decorate Church & Social Hall		11:00 am

## Faith Formation

### UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

- ✓ **Next Upper Room Session** of the year is today, Sunday, December 15 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm with a Teaching Mass at 5:00 pm.
- ✓ **Advent Teaching Mass** will take place on Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30 pm. This will take place of regular class on Sunday, December 15 and Wednesday, December 18. We do not meet for regular classes this week.
- ✓ **2nd Grade Sacramental Chats** will take place on Thursday, January 2 and Friday, January 3. You'll receive an email from the Faith Formation Office with your assigned time.
- ✓ **Progress Reports** will be emailed before Christmas break.

## Elves Wanted

### Elves are wanted to....



**Decorate our parish home for the Holy Days:** We will decorate our spiritual home on Sunday, December 22 following the 10:00 am Mass. Please come lend a hand. The more the merrier!

**Spend their extra time to help at the church:** If you have time to spare the weeks before Christmas, please call the parish office. We have lots of little jobs that need to be done in preparation for Christmas.

**Clean our parish home for the Holy Days:** The week before Christmas we need some extra help cleaning the church for Christmas. If you can help, please call the parish office.



**For last minute preparation:** We could use the help of many hands on Friday, December 20 at 10:00 am. We will be setting up chairs both upstairs and downstairs for the Christmas Masses. There will also be other smaller jobs that we will need help with.

## Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for Saint Barnabas Nursing Home on Wednesdays from 10:30 am to about 11:45 am for Communion Services. An Extraordinary minister is also needed to distribute communion to patients who cannot come down to the service. Please contact Marjorie Weidner at 724-444-0031.

## Thank You!

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank everyone for their donations after all the Masses this past weekend. We would also like to thank everyone that donates to the poor boxes in the narthex. Through your generosity we are able to help people in our local area with housing, food and utilities. We wish all of you God's Blessings and know that you are in our prayers.

## Gift Yourself!

Give yourself the power of prayer this Christmas. Order a *Magnificat* subscription for only \$27/year. Not familiar? *Magnificat* is a monthly booklet containing daily readings as well as morning and evening prayers and saint reflections. Start your New Year with a renewed dedication to Jesus and get to know Him better this year. Order your subscription today! Subscription starts March 2020 and continues through February 2021. Deadline: Monday, January 6, 2020. Fill out the form below and bring it to the church office or drop in the collection box marked *Magnificat* along with your \$27 check made to Helen Ivaska.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

# of subscriptions @ \$27 ea \_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Your *Magnificat* will be delivered to church every month for you to pick up.

## Gift Your Kids!

Give your kids the power of prayer this Christmas. Order a *Magnifikid* subscription for only \$15/yr. *Magnifikid* is a weekly booklet containing Sunday Mass readings with a glossary of hard words and activities for that week. Get your children praying at an early age and order their subscription today! *Magnifikid* is appropriate for children to age 11. Subscription starts March 2020 and continues through February 2021. Deadline: Monday, January 6, 2020. Fill out the form below and bring it to the church office or drop it in the collection box marked *Magnificat* along with your \$15 check made to Helen Ivaska.

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# of subscriptions @ \$15 ea \_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Your *Magnifikid* will be delivered to church at the end of every month.





# *Volunteer Appreciation Party*

*Friday, January 10 at 6:00 pm*

*Saint Richard Social Hall*

ATTENTION ALL SAINT CATHERINE OF SWEDEN AND SAINT RICHARD VOLUNTEERS:  
As a "THANK YOU" for all that you do to build up our parish, our Clergy team and Staff members would like to invite you to an Evening of Celebration. It takes everyone's gifts and talents to accomplish the work of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and our volunteers are vital in that process. Enjoy delicious food provided by the parish, fun music, and the fellowship of our faith community.

COME AND CELEBRATE!

## **All Parish Volunteers Invited**

Adult Choir  
Adult Handbell Choir  
Altar Linen Helpers  
Appalachia Mission Groups  
Baking Ministry  
Baptism Prep  
Cantors  
Catechists and Aides  
Children's Liturgy of the Word  
Chill Chasers  
Christian Women  
Comfort Blanket Ministry  
Counters  
Dustbusters  
Extraordinary Ministers  
of Communion  
Faith Formation

Finance Council  
Fish Fry  
Food Bank Helpers  
Funeral Luncheon Helpers  
Good Neighbor Meals/Handy Helpers  
Grass Busters  
Guatemala Mission  
Knights of Columbus  
Ladies Group  
Ladies of Charity  
Lamb's Supper  
Landscape Helpers  
Adopt an Island  
Lectors  
Lifeteen and Edge Core Teams

Liturgical Arts & Environment  
Marriage Ministry  
Office Volunteers  
Pastoral Council  
Plant Care Givers  
Prayer Group  
Quilting Ministry  
RCIA Team  
Rosary Making Ministry  
Sacristans  
Sanctuary Cleaners  
Sleeping Mat Ministry  
Stephen Ministry  
Ushers  
Saint Vincent de Paul  
Wedding Coordinators  
Welcome Committee

RSVP by January 3

Call the Saint Richard Parish Office 724-444-1971  
or email [sharonm@saintrich.org](mailto:sharonm@saintrich.org)

\*Adults Only





# MARCH FOR LIFE

WASHINGTON D.C.

St. Richard & St. Catherine Parishes invite you  
to join us for the

47th annual March For Life

**Friday, January 24th.**  
Itinerary:

**Mass at St. Richard: 5:15am**

**Bus Departs: 6:00am**

**March: 1:00pm**

**Bus Departs: 4:30pm**

**Arrive back at St. Richard: Around 9pm**

## **Cost:**

Child(<8): \$10 Student (9-18): \$30 Adult (+18): \$50

Sign Up Online by January 20th:

<http://bit.ly/marchforlifesignup>



Contact Taylor McKeegan for more information 314-220-1531 or [taylorf@saintrich.org](mailto:taylorf@saintrich.org)

Save the Date  
for the annual Youth Ministry

# Spaghetti Dinner!

Saturday, February 1st  
6:30-9:30pm



Dinner includes:  
salad, soup, spaghetti &  
meatballs and dessert!

**Tickets:**

**Adults: \$15**

**Seniors: \$12**

**Kids 6-12: \$6**

**Kids Under 6: FREE**

**We are accepting  
donations for  
Raffle Baskets!**

(Drop off in the parish office)

