8 DECEMBER 2019

THE PARISHES OF SACRED HEART & SAINT RAPHAEL

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CRY OUT

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.

MATTHEW 3:4

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Second Sunday of Advent

THE NEED FOR THE PROPHETIC VOICE TODAY

Did you ever wonder why John the Baptist wore clothing made of camel's hair, roughly woven? His leather girdle was probably of sheep skin or goatskin and worn about the waist. John's plain dress was a rebuke to the lavishness of his time, to the "soft raiment" worn "in kings' houses" (Matthew 11:8). John was a prophet pointing out the gap that had grown wide and deep between the people and God! John's attire was appropriate for a prophet and his call of reformation against the wickedness that was prevalent on earth at his time.

What do you think is the need for prophets in our own moment of time? What would a prophet look like today? How would a prophet be received here in our own community of faith at Sacred Heart and Saint Raphael? Remember a prophet draws attention to the "gap" between God's reality and our own! Wow! This sure gives the voice of a prophet a somewhat critical feature and harsh tone.

Walter Brueggemann was a noted scripture scholar and theologian. He characterized the role of the prophet as one who both ***criticizes and energizes***. These two categories suggest a continuum upon which prophetic leadership in the nation and prophetic ministry in the church can be located. To be clear, a healthy expression of the prophetic voice and role will include both a criticizing and energizing focus.

I invite all of us at Saint Raphael and Sacred Heart to ask ourselves do our nation and world need prophets that can criticize and energize today? Do we need prophets in the Vatican, in our diocese and in our grouping right now that can identify for the rest of us where the gap is between God and The Church? What has become unnecessarily lavish and "soft" and might need to be rebuked but also reformed? And maybe even closer to home, what gap is there between ourselves and God in our individual, personal lives that needs attention if we are to experience a holy and loving Christmas this year?

SLOWLY REREAD THE FIRST READING OF THE MASS TODAY FROM ISAIAH 11:1-10. NOTICE HOW ISAIAH BRINGS SIGNIFICANT ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF GOD BUT ALSO VISIONS OF RESTORATION AND RENEWAL. WHO DO YOU KNOW THAT CARRIES A TRUE PROPHETIC VOICE IN OUR MIDST TODAY?

WHY BEST PGH PARISH?

Some people inquired why we are using the extension **bestpghparish** for our grouping. There are two reasons. **Bestpghparish** allows our staff to set up the easiest and best way to communicate to you and for you to communicate with us. To email staff members, take their first name and add @bestpghparish.org. It's easy!

The second reason is because some groupings within the diocese are developing a fraternal, competitive spirit and rivalry for fun but also as a means to motivate them to become the best parish or greatest parish or whatever description they adopt for their new parish. 26 grouping parishes will become 8 new parishes in January. That will bring the number of new parishes to 16. In July 2020, 63 parishes will form 16 new parishes. The total of established new parishes will then be 32. We will be one of the remaining groupings that are still struggling to become one parish. That is rapidly changing though.

We believe most people in our grouping want to move on to the all wonderful ways we can flourish like the other new parishes. People everywhere in our grouping are beginning to believe that there is much to do out there and why waste any more time. Let's get on with it! We can't turn back. More and more people don't want to turn back. They believe when we become a new, vibrant parish, both of our churches will be better, more active, and experience vitality even more than now. We want to be the **best Pittsburgh parish** we can be!

We know we are not there yet. **Bestpghparish** doesn't imply that is who we are already. It stands for who we want to become. **But we need you**! We want everybody to move forward together. It will never happen if even a few people stay behind. Everyone counts.

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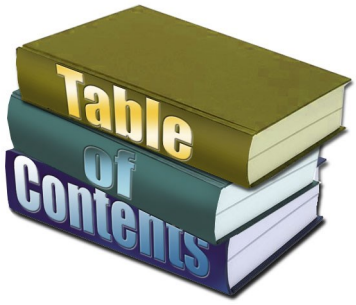

YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THE PARISH

A special Message from Father Joe

This Christmas, I am appealing to your extra kindness and generosity to our parishes. Everyone prepares a special gift to the parish where we are members and where we are served regularly. This year I am asking all of our parishioners to consider making an extra special contribution to our parish. We have been through some very difficult times together. I hope you are seeing some stability return to our Parish Family in both parishes. I hope you have noticed the ways our clergy team is working hard to assure you of our love and pastoral concern. Because of your generosity already, I have been able to hire some of the finest pastoral staff members in the entire diocese. They joined us because they believe in the potential of our urban parish and what we can do together for the Kingdom of God in our midst. There is so much more we can do! But we need you, your deep and sincere spirituality, your prayers, your witness to Christ among us, your ideas and leadership, your volunteerism and right now your financial support. Please pray and discern what is the most you and your family can afford to donate in the Christmas Mass collection. I know you will give in accordance to your love. Thank you for considering this very important and necessary appeal to your extra generosity this year. May God bless you for whatever extra help you can give. If you are not able to increase your donation this year for some reason, please know I understand. Your prayers for us are the most important gift you can give. Thank you.

It's time for the annual **ANGEL TREE GIFT DRIVE** at Sacred Heart. Again this year, we'll be supporting the Vincentian de Marillac nursing home. Gift tags are available THIS WEEKEND at the Walnut Street entrance of Sacred Heart during all Masses. Vincentian de Marillac is part of the Vincentian Collaborative system, a Catholic non-profit, sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth. The Vincentian de Marillac location serves 50 residents, primarily female, here in the East End. Please take a tag and return the gift unwrapped or in a gift bag at any Mass December 14th or 15th. For questions, or to arrange an alternate tag pick up or gift drop off, please contact Ellen Kline at 770.843.1198 or ellen.g.kline@gmail.com.

Annual Young Adult Christmas Party

Friday, Dec. 13, 7:00 - 10:00 pm | Sacred Heart Activities Building

We will be holding our annual Christmas Party in the basement of the Activities Center starting at **7:00 PM**. Be there for plenty of food, games and, of course, old-fashioned BOWLING.

Christmas Potluck

Saturday, December 14 5:00 PM at St. Raphael Multi-purpose Room

Please join us to share a meal and fellowship during this joyous season! If you would like to bring an appetizer, side or dessert, please sign the sheet in the back of the church. Donations welcome but not necessary in order to join the festivities! Food can be dropped off in the Multi-purpose Room before the 4:00 PM mass. Everyone welcome!

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Join us on Thursday, **December 12** to celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, from 5:30PM until 7:00PM for Mexican taco bar and kids' activities at Saint Raphael, in the Multi-Purpose Room. We will conclude with a prayer to Mary. Suggested donation $10.00 per family. For information call Jack Shaw at 412-508-5383 **or** shaw.jack@verizon.net.

VAGABOND MISSIONS

Last weekend, 50 youth went on a retreat.
Thanks for your continued support and prayers!

UNBOUND

Freedom in Christ Two Day Conference. Discover the Freedom God has for you!

Video presentation by author **Neal Lozano** and live teachings by **Father Boniface Hicks, OSB.**

Fri Jan 17 - 6:30 to 9 pm & Sat Jan 18 - 9 to 5 pm; Our Lady of Joy, 2000 O'Block Rd, Pittsburgh PA 15239

UNBOUND is a simple, gentle and powerful prayer ministry of freedom and healing helping us to release the POWER OF THE GOSPEL over spiritual blockages such as resentments, negative thoughts, or addictions. Jesus sets us free by breaking the power of sin and revealing the love of God. Join us for prayer, teaching, practice using the FIVE KEYS TO FREEDOM and opportunities for personal ministry from our ministry teams. Event sponsored by Unbound Pittsburgh-Greensburg Team. $35 registration fee includes Saturday lunch. Learn more about the Unbound prayer model at **heartofthefather.com** and for local information at **unboundpittsburgh@gmail.com**.

SACRED HEART ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Kindergarten and Preschool Registration

We are accepting registrations for new students for the 2020-2021 school year. If you have younger children who you are planning to send to SHES next year, you should start the process now. Kindergarten and Preschool currently have openings for next year, but wait lists normally begin after the holidays. Registration forms are available at the school office or on our website. A tour can be scheduled upon request.

The students in the elementary school are working on various projects in celebration of the **season of giving**. The seventh grade is collecting money for the Light of Light Mission to help provide food, clothing and housing for those who are in need. The fourth and fifth graders are bringing in pajamas to support the Scholastic Book Club Program. This program provides a brand new book to those children that are affected by instability for every pair of pajamas donated. The primary department has also adopted eight families in need during the holiday season. May we all be filled with the spirit of giving.

Saint Raphael & Sacred Heart - HOLIDAY SHRINE TOUR

Visit Pittsburgh Catholic Shrines of Pittsburgh & The Pittsburgh Crèche

Monday December 30, 2019, from 8:30am to 3:30pm
$40 per person (Space Is Limited)

Includes:

- ⇒ Bus Transportation (School Bus)
- ⇒ Lunch at Grant's Bar & Restaurant Millvale
- ⇒ Visit Four Pittsburgh Shrines
  - ◊ St. Nicholas, Millvale
  - ◊ Immaculate Heart of Mary, Polish Hill
  - ◊ St. Patrick's & St. Stanislaus, Strip District
- ⇒ Mass with Fr. Joe Mele at St. Patrick's
- ⇒ **PLUS:** The Pittsburgh Crèche (The ONLY authorized replica of the nativity scene in Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome.)

Complete the form below and return it to either St. Raphael or Sacred Heart Office by Monday, December 23

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Name: _____

Phone: Home _____ **Cell** _____

Email: _____

Number Tickets: (Check Payable to Sacred Heart) # ____ **X $40 = $** _____

Questions: Contact Jack Shaw at 412-508-5383 or shaw.jack@verizon.net

Annual Parish Financial Reports for 2019

Dear Parishioners

When I became your Pastoral Administrator in April, I promised that I would publish the Annual Financial Report for both Saint Raphael and Sacred Heart Parishes in November. I apologize for not being exactly on time with these reports. I believe you know that for many reasons beyond our control and not anyone's fault, the data we needed to make these reports were not readily available. We have experienced the perfect storm in the Diocese of Pittsburgh and everyone is working hard to dig out from the aftermath. I am grateful for our new Business Manager and the members of both Finance Councils for the hard work they have put in over the past several months to start to bring order and accuracy back to what became broken. I think we are well on our way to some normalcy again.

Like any family, the church needs money to take care of its members. We need to do our job providing you with a church financial report. These reports listed below should help in this effort. By next summer at the end of the fiscal year we should be ready to give you an updated report in even more detail. At that time, I will conduct a public pastoral assembly along with Michael McGrath and the member of the Finance Councils present to answer any questions parishioners may have.

- Churches need money to function, this is not something to apologize about but to be treated honestly.
- The church is a family and every family need to know its financial status.
- When it comes to parish finances, there must be a shared responsibility. There cannot be any staff secrets around finances.
- People deserve to know where their parish is financially so they can give and pray.

Sacred Heart Parish
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019
Operating Income/Expenditures Report

Income:	
Offertory Collections:	$556,490.00
Other Donations & Bequests:	61,396.00
Raffle:	2,316.00
Other Fund Raising:	- 17,451.00
Investment Income:	7,003.00
Other Operating Income:	6,937.00
Total Operating Income:	**$616,691.00**
Expenditures:	
Liturgical:	$ 101,759.00
Administration:	283,068.00
Operations/Maintenance:	205,471.00
Rectory:	104,591.00
Insurance:	50,133.00
Religious Education:	69,909.00
Adult Education & RCIA:	1,137.00
Parish Social Activities:	- 17,521.00
Social Services Program:	1,926.00
Youth Ministry Program:	1,064.00
Rental Property Operations:	- 12,054.00
Other:	958.00
Total Operating Expenses:	**$790,441.00**
School Subsidy:	**79,641.00**
Deficit for Fiscal Year:	**$ 253,391.00**

Saint Raphael Parish
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019
Operating Income/Expenditures Report

Income:	
Offertory Collections:	$453,383.00
Other Donations & Bequests:	10,530.00
Bazaar & Raffle:	48,455.00
Investment Income:	866.00
Other Operating Income:	16,480.00
Total Operating Income:	**$529,714.00**
Expenditures:	
Liturgical:	$ 60,043.00
Administration:	149,252.00
Operations/Maintenance:	157,999.00
Rectory:	40,972.00
Insurance:	20,444.00
Religious Education:	29,886.00
Adult Education & RCIA:	934.00
Social Services Program:	23,797.00
Youth Ministry Programs:	- 844.00
Community Programs:	500.00
Parish Social Activities:	2,801.00
Other:	189.00
Total Operating Expenses:	**$485,973.00**
School Subsidy:	**56,000.00**
Deficit for Fiscal Year:	**$ 12,259.00**

1. It's been a year of significant turmoil for both parishes and within the Diocese.
2. We ended the fiscal year with an Operating Deficit of over $265,000 collectively.
3. The deficit is a result of a combination of reductions in Revenue and increases in Expenses due to cost of living.
4. On the Revenue side, Offertory Collections and Parish Share donations in excess of our diocesan commitment were down.
5. Sacred Heart Parish usually makes up for the Operating Deficit by the high PSP (Parish Share Program) excess. The excess amount this year was substantially lower.
6. As mentioned above, a more detailed report will be published when figures are available.

Saint Raphael 2019 Parish Share Program

Diocesan Assigned Goal: $126,954.00

Amount Received as of 11/24/19: $46,057.00

Saint Raphael Offertory Total for 11/24/19: $4,494.00

Saint Raphael Faith Direct 11/15/19: $2,052.00

Religious Retirement Fund collection: $2,096.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Saint Raphael Weekly Parish Schedule

Monday, December 9th

Drop of gifts for Giving Tree 9:00AM - 5:00PM
(Office)

Tuesday, December 10th

RCIA 7:00PM
(Holy Angels Conference Room)

Wednesday, December 11th

Adoration 9:00AM - 7:00PM
Confession 6:00 - 7:00PM

Ladies of Charity sorting and delivery of Gifts

The Light is On For You 6:00PM - 9:00PM

Thursday, December 12th

Journey to Bethlehem 9:30AM
(Holy Angels Conference Room)

Lady of Guadalupe Celebration 5:30 - 7:00PM
(*Multipurpose Room*)

Saint Raphael Minister Schedule for December 14th - 15th

	Lectors	EMoHC	Altar Servers
4:00 PM	Regina McManus	Nan Pischke Karen Somma Peggy Vath Lido Ramacciotti Phil Conway	Palma Serrao Francis Serrao
9:00 AM	Mary Lou Foley	Annette Inesso Joleine Kenaan Joanne Lemon Eleanor Minyo Charlene Newman	Robert Lemon Micah Brooks
11:00 AM	Ron Protz	Nancy Bosack Roy Cook Jim Gabriel Lisa Holt Denise Keller	Michael Knecht Seamus Knecht

Sacred Heart 2019 Parish Share Program

Diocesan Assigned Goal: $120,182.00

Amount Received as of 11/24/19: $149,000.13

Sacred Heart Offertory Total for 11/24/19: $5,556.00

Cash/Loose Checks: $1,326.00

Religious Retirement Fund collection: $2,747.00

Other Contributions for 11/24/19: Children's Collection: **$7.00**, Maintenance: **$86.00**, All Saints: **$15.00,** Christmas: **$20.00,** Christmas Flowers: **$35.00**, Immaculate Conception Offertory: **$5.00**, Solemnity of Mary: **$5.00**

Thank you for your generosity!

Saint Raphael Sanctuary Candles

December 9th Paola Liberto
(*Concettina & Vittoria Liberto*)

December 13th Filippo Suppa (*Family*)

Sacred Heart Weekly Parish Schedule

Sunday, December 8th

Religious Education 10:00 - 11:20AM
(*Cafeteria*)

Monday, December 9th

Journey to Bethlehem 7:30 - 9:00PM

Tuesday, December 10th

Haiti Committee 9:00AM - 1:00PM
(Bishop Winter Conference Room)

Wednesday, December 11th

Saint Vincent de Paul 6:00PM - 8:00PM
(*Bishop Winter Conference Room)*

Knights of Columbus 6:30 - 10:00PM
(Auditorium)

The Light is On For You 6:00PM - 9:00PM

Thursday, December 12th

Centering Prayer Group 7:00 - 8:30AM
(*Bishop Winter Conference Room)*

Girl Scout 3:00 - 5:15PM
(Activities Building)

Choir Practice 7:30PM
(Choir Room)

Christmas at Sacred Heart and Saint Raphael

Christmas Eve: Sacred Heart & Saint Raphael: 4:00PM | Sacred Heart : 7:00PM | Sacred Heart : 10:00PM | Saint Raphael: Midnight

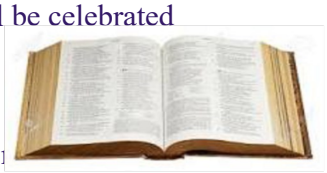
Christmas Day: Saint Raphael: 8:00AM | Sacred Heart : 10:00AM | Saint Raphael: 11:00AM

Join in praying the St. Andrew Christmas Novena each day until Christmas

Hail, and blessed be the hour and moment at which the Son of God was born of a most pure Virgin at a stable at midnight in Bethlehem in the piercing cold. At that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, to hear my prayers and grant my desires.
(Mention your intentions here)
Through Jesus Christ and His most Blessed Mother. Amen.

Sunday, **December 15 at the 9:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church** will be celebrated

Children's Liturgy of the Word



This is for children in grades 1 through 4. After the opening prayer of the Mass, Father will invite the children to come forward to the front of the church. Christina Senchak, Arianna Narduzzi and Christina Narduzzi [our Faith Formatio the children to the Rectory Library. The children will hear the Scripture in simple language. There will be prayer and singing. The children will return to your family in the main church during the Creed.

All children in grades 1 through 4 are very welcome!

A wonderful way for children to "prepare the way of the Lord."

THANK YOU!

Saint Raphael and Sacred Heart parishes have a long history of devoted volunteers. Our new parish will be truly blessed by this tradition. We are pleased that more and more people want to share their talents and gifts with our faith community. In this current time of troubles, it is one of the brightest rays of light to be able to rely on the good will of many people who give of their time and efforts to complete the important jobs that need to be carried out by volunteers.

It seems everyone really enjoyed receiving the grouping-wide mailing. We were pleased to hear from numbers of parishioners how happy they were to show their family members and some of their neighbors all that is happening in our vibrant parish. The mailing took a lot of planning by our office staff Emily Pino, Manon Proulx and Barb Melick and their auxiliary team of volunteers: Peggy Harris, Nancy Bosack, Betty McKibben, Bea Lynch, Regina McManus, Margaret McManus, Candy Venezia, Joleine Kenaan, Mary Reith, Joanne Mauro, Carol Valenty, Marian and Helen Golob, Sandra Heckler, Joe Moncada, Susan Sundaram, Diane Owen, Ninfa Yurcon, Ellen Gunnell, Betty Hannigan, Gretchen Steihl, Pat Resutko, Pat Miller, Maureen Griffith.

We want to thank Saint Raphael's for hosting the inspiring Thanksgiving morning Mass. The sanctuary was decorated so beautifully, thanks to Roy Cook's creative touch. Thanks to the greeters who reached out and made everyone feel welcome. Everyone that was able to attend agreed it was a wonderful sight to see Saint Raphael's nearly two thirds full. Mass is always an experience of grace but even more so when the church is almost filled with people who are there because they really want to be present. The social that followed Thanksgiving morning Mass was great. The cafeteria was full as well. Thanks to everyone that brought breakfast breads and to all the members of the St. Raphael Fellowship Committee that set up everything for the buffet. Special thanks to the teenagers from Saint Raphael and Sacred Heart parishes to join and welcome people and serving them as well. These teenagers were asked to do this only a week before the social and they graciously responded. Very special thanks to Joe Bonifate Jr. and his team for their help: John Evans, Joseph Evans, Matthew Evans, Dylan Ilov, Jake Rose, Max Rose, Austin Yurkiewcz.

Both parishes are proud to have Scouts in our community. The Scouts were responsible for pasting the ***On Mission for the Church Alive*** prayers in our hymnals and more recently to replace all the *Missalettes* in the pews of Saint Raphael Church. We want to commend all our young parishioners who are involved in scouting. Many leaders in our nation and local community started by becoming a scout. Thanks for being future leaders.

Thanks to everyone that represented our grouping at Amen to Action. Four thousand volunteers worked together to package over a million meals for Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank to distribute to area food pantries and kitchens. It was a fantastic event on Black Friday! Our grouping was well represented. Not only did we charter the bus but many others went by car. Thanks to Jack Shaw for organizing the bus transportation.

Do you know that volunteers come to clean our churches every week to prepare them for our weekend Masses? Guests to our churches always comment on how well we take care of the interior of our churches. Thanks to Greg Caridi, Barbara Swderskio, Mary McCormick, Diane Schieb, Frances (Chickie) Charmello, Regina McManus, Margaret McManus, Bea Lynch, Nan Pischke, Maria D'Amico, Maria Scolieri, Kathy Lajzo, Sandra Heckler for a job extremely well done!

Thank you to the amazing team who does the Tour of Sacred Heart Church: Nancy Burrows, Ann Massey, Dina Creighton, Patty Just, Helen Keegan, Mary Muldowney, Pat Miller, Gretchen Steihl, Susan Sundaram, Dory Dominguez, Diane Owen, Kathy Klocek, John Reinsel and Ninfa Yurcon.

It is truly amazing how generous our parishioners are. Both parishes are conducting Christmas drives. We want to thank Carol Valenty and the Ladies of Charity at Saint Raphael's for organizing the Giving Tree. Gifts are distributed to Vincentian de Marillac nursing home, Parishioners in Nursing Homes, shut-ins and the Vagabonds. We also want to thank Ellen Kline for coordinating the Angel Tree at Sacred Heart. The Angel Tree gifts go to Vincentian de Marillac nursing home. There are so many ways people from our faith communities help others. This is what it means to be disciples of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Thanks especially to Carol and Ellen for leading the way in these Christmas projects.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

The Diocese requires a 6-month preparation period; a pre-marriage course is also required for each couple.
Sacred Heart: Call the parish office to speak with a priest.
St. Raphael: Call the parish office to speak with a priest.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

By Appointment. *Please call Barb Melick at 412-661-3100 to make arrangements.*
A **baptism preparation program** is required for parents who are presenting their first child for baptism.
For information on this monthly program, please contact Barb Melick at 412-661-3100.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sacred Heart: Saturday 3:30- 4:30PM or by appointment.
Saint Raphael: Wednesday 6:00-7:00PM; Saturday 3:15-3:45PM or by appointment.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Interested in becoming a Catholic? RCIA is a process of discernment and formation.
Please call Father John Sweeney at 412-661-3100

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

For those seriously ill, preparing for surgery, or the elderly. Please call Fr. Steven Palsa - Parish Chaplain 412-720-3554

Please pray for our recently deceased and their beloved families
Owen J. Mulvaney Sr.
Julia (Dunn) Nucera

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS
ELENA MARARA & LUCAS BALTHAZAR
MONICA CORCHADO
MARIA, MIGUEL & LEONARDO BESHALSHE
JAMES MILHOLLAND

SAFE ENVIRONMENT REMINDER

Anyone who volunteers in the school or with the parish ministries is **REQUIRED** by the diocese to be compliant with all Safe Environment clearances. If you have not registered on the Diocesan database you may do so by visiting www.diopitt.org and following the links. Thank you for your service to the parish!

ADORATION AT SAINT RAPHAEL

Every Wednesday
You are invited to come and pray the rosary at 6:30pm with the following schedule:
9:00AM to 7:00PM All Day Adoration
6:30PM Rosary
7:00PM Mass

ADORATION AT SACRED HEART

First Friday of the Month
8:45AM to 11:45AM
First Sunday of the Month
6:30PM to 7:30PM

Music at Mass

Kyrie: W-317
Gloria: W-320
Alleluia: W-326
Sanctus: W-353
Mysterium Fidei: W-356
Great Amen: W-355
Agnus Dei: W-384

7321 Butler Streeet (same location as last year)
It's that time of year again!
Jancey Street Trees will open on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Visit their website www.janceystreettrees.weebly.com for more information and hours.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

On **Wednesday, December 11, 2019** from 6:00PM to 9:00PM, rediscover the healing power of God's love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation at all parishes throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Advent family Masses

We would love for your family to participate in the Advent family Masses! Please email christy.gualtieri@gmail.com.

MASS SCHEDULE

SAINT RAPHAEL CHURCH
1154 CHISLETT ST.
PITTSBURGH, PA 15206

Saturday, December 7 - Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
3:15PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00PM(Vigil) For the People

Sunday, December 8 - Second Sunday of Advent
9:00AM Lawrence, James and Samuel Mastromatteo (*Mary Frances Mastrometteo*)
11:00AM Rosa P. and Francesco Barbieri (*Son, Ralph Barbieri*)

Monday, December 9 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00AM Domenico Tavella, Jr. (*Brother, Anthony Tavella and family*)
9:00AM Marion Ritter (*June & Bob Freker)*
1:30PM **Villa** James Davidson, Jr *(Renee Davidson)*

Tuesday, December 10 - Our Lady of Loreto
9:00AM Shirley Young (*Devine Family)*

Wednesday, December 11 – Saint Damascus I, Pope
7:00AM For the People
6:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
7:00PM Peter King (*Nancy Cefalu)*

Thursday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe
9:00AM Filippo & Maria Suppa (*Family*)

Friday, December 13 – Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
7:00AM In Honor of St. Padre Pio (*Maria Tavella*)
9:00AM In Honor of St. Lucy (*Candida Castellano*)

Saturday, December 14 - Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
3:15PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00PM(Vigil) Frank Serrao (*Maria and Family*)

Sunday, December 15 - Third Sunday of Advent
9:00AM For the People
11:00AM Domenico & Annunziata Labate And Domenico Febbraro (*Elizabeth Febbraro*)

MASS INTENTIONS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE VILLA. PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH CENTER.

SACRED HEART CHURCH
310 SHADY AVE.
PITTSBURGH, PA 15206

Saturday, December 7 - Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
8:30AM Supia, Ribarchek, Gutilla & Dregosh Families
3:30PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30PM (Vigil)Living & Deceased members of Coraluppi and Tonzig Families (*Luisa Coraluppi*)

Sunday, December 8 - Second Sunday of Advent
9:00AM For the people
11:30AM Francesco & Antonietta Pisani (*Rita Costa*)
7:45PM Victoria Magmone (*Lorraine Magmone*)

Monday, December 9 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
12:05PM George & Anne Checque

Tuesday, December 10 - Our Lady of Loreto
7:00AM For the People
12:05PM Edward Petrasek's Birthday (*Maxine Petrasek*)

Wednesday, December 11 – Saint Damascus I, Pope
12:05PM Melissa McCague (*James McCague*)

Thursday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe
7:00AM Julia Nucera (*Mary Corey*)
12:05PM George & Mary Stanley and Carl & Julia Frances

Friday, December 13 – Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
8:30AM McAuliffe, Rogers, Haskins and Wagner Families
12:05PM For the People

Saturday, December 14 - Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
3:30PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30PM (Vigil)For the People

Sunday, December 15 - Third Sunday of Advent
9:00AM Michael G. & Mary A. Fader, Joseph & Joanne Targuinio (*Mike Fader*)
11:30AM Kathleen Panza (*Family*)
7:45PM Msgr. Francis J. Keane (*De Caritate*)

Mass Schedule at the Villa
Vincentian De Marillac
5300 Stanton Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Monday and Wednesday at 1:30PM
Tuesday at 10:30AM
Thursday and Friday at 11:00AM

Readings for the week of December 8, 2019
Sunday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/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: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
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