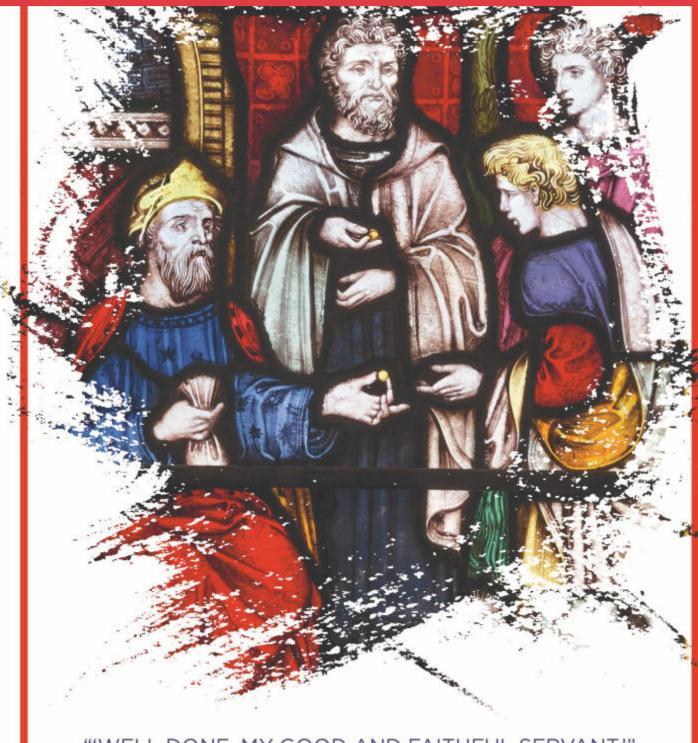
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"'WELL DONE, MY GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT.'"

— MT 25:21

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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!

Diocese Victim Assistance Abuse Hotline: 1-888-808-1235

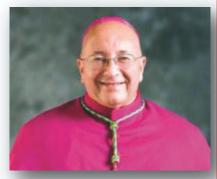
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Evangelization: The Mission of the Catholic Church

A few weeks ago the Most Revered William Waltersheid, auxiliary bishop of Pittsburgh came to our grouping to meet with the parish staff and give a presentation on *Evangelization*. The Bishop discussed with the staff about what evangelization is and the Church's need to evangelize. Commissioned by Christ to "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations..." (cf. Matthew 28:19) evangelization constitutes the essential mission of the Church and is absolutely necessary!



Almost everyone today is in need of evangelization or reevangelization, that is, brought into a personal relationship with the Jesus Christ. For this to happen Bishop Waltersheid gave five tips for how to evangelize:

- 1) Accept the call to evangelize
- 2) Become holy
- 3) Converse from the heart
- 4) Dedicate yourself to holy relationships
- 5) Entreat our Lady for help.

"We have everything we need to proclaim the truth of Christ. So, let's get started! Our Lady, Star of the New Evangelization, pray for us!"

ADVENT SMALL FAITH GROUP

Father Joe and Nino Castellano will facilitate a pilot small faith group during the four weeks of Advent beginning on November 23, 2020. Both Sacred Heart and Saint Raphael have enjoyed the ministry of small faith groups in the past even though parishioners may not remember them or may not have been here when the groups were meeting. The format of the group that Father Joe and Nino will facilitate is as follows:

- Welcome and Opening Prayer
- Teaching on the following Sunday of Advent Liturgical Readings.
- Group Discussion: what these passages means in today's world
- Shared Prayer Time.
- Examin of the Evening. (An examin is a guided meditation led by the group facilitator).
- Closing Prayer

The Pilot Advent Small Faith Group will meet each week on Monday starting at 7:00 PM and lasting until 8:30 PM. This Advent we are sponsoring one faith group.

Only eight members will be accepted. If you wish to register, please contact Nino Castellano at nino@bestpghparish.org. The group will meet in person at Sacred Heart Rectory Library, participants will be required to wear face masks and observe social distancing.



OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Christmas is the birthday of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World. Although many parishioners are now returning to Mass, many other parishioners will still not be able to attend Masses at Christmas. There are predictions that families might be encouraged not to congregate in relatives' homes as we all traditionally do during the holidays.

As Catholics the reason we decorate our homes at Christmas is to announce to everyone that Christ is the Light of the World. Without Christ, there is very little light in the world anywhere.

Even though we are in COVID time we want to make sure your homes, churches and parish campuses reflect the joyful celebration of the Nativity of the Lord at Christmas. We want to decorate this year using more outdoor lights than ever. We don't intend to be extravagant, but we want to let all our neighbors know that Jesus Christ is our Light and hope for the world. We invite you to put at least electric window candles in your windows.

It would be nice that our Grouping would show more lights. If by any chance, you have any extra out-door Christmas lights that you no longer using, maybe you can see if your next door neighbors could use them or you can also consider donating them to either Saint Raphael's or Sacred Heart Churches. We could use them on the shrubbery particularly. If you have electric window candles that you do not use any longer, we will use them for the rectory this year. We want you to fill involved with this project.

In addition, we are going to purchase two large signs for each campus that will invite people to come in and pray in the peaceful atmosphere of our church during any of the weekdays of Advent/ Christmastide. And, of course, the annual Christmas outdoor wreaths will add a beautiful holiday touch to our lovely churches and campuses.

Together, let us help brighten up our neighborhoods this year for the Birthday of Our Savior.



Plan Ahead - Christmas Eve Masses

Bishop Zubik has given permission for parishes to start their **Christmas Eve Mass** schedule at 2:00 PM in the afternoon to keep attendance at any one given Mass within the 50% capacity guidelines. We are considering scheduling a 2:00 PM Mass in our grouping like the arrangements that supermarkets are doing for senior citizens.

Our 2:00 PM Christmas Eve Masses will be intended for senior citizens to attend so the numbers are safe for you to come. More details will be published in the weeks ahead. We are letting you know what we are



thinking. We want many of the senior citizens in our parishes to be able to come to Mass at Christmas and this may be the safest way to do it.

The Schedule will be as follow:

Christmas Eve:

Sacred Heart: 2:00PM, 4:00PM, 10:00PM Saint Raphael: 2:00PM, 4:00PM, Midnight **Christmas Day:**

Sacred Heart: 9:00AM, 11:00AM Saint Raphael: 9:00AM, 11:00AM

WHAT A WONDERFUL SURPRISE

This year of 2020 was supposed to be a full year of grand celebrations in honor of the 150th anniversary of the Seton Hill Sisters of Charity. The Sisters of Charity designated Sacred Heart – Saint Raphael Parish Grouping as one of four sites where they planned to host one of the celebrations. Last Sunday was the date that the Sisters originally scheduled to celebrate a Jubilee Mass with Bishop Zubik presiding at Sacred Heart Church. The Mass was to be followed by a special reunion with many of their former students and friends. Due to the pandemic, this event was cancelled.

We decided to keep the Intention of the Mass in Honor of the 150th Anniversary, offering the Mass in thanksgiving for the Sisters of Charity and praying for their well-being. We decided to simply offer the Mass as we do all the other weekend intentions. The Leadership Team of the Community agreed and appreciate the prayers.

Much to our delight, many of the Sisters of Charity attended the Mass. What a blessing to see them and welcome them to our parish grouping! Obviously, they love our parishioners and consider Sacred Heart Church very special. The congregation of parishioners at the 11:30 Mass last Sunday received the Sisters with open arms. When the Sisters' presence was acknowledged from the pulpit, our people greeted them with a thunderous applause. That was quite a moving experience for everyone at the Mass.

We will host the Seton Hill Sisters of Charity again when the pandemic is under control and it is safe to do so. We will make it more special than ever for these wonderful friends. Our teachers, our friends, our heroes, our courageous leaders, our Sisters! Ad multos annos!

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Please plan to give to those who have given a lifetime. The Retirement Fund for religious helps religious communities care for senior members – today and tomorrow.

The Need

Across the United States hundreds of religious communities lack financial resources sufficient to meet the retirement and healthcare of aging members.

Lack of Funds

Many elder religious worked for years for small stipends, leaving a large gap in retirement savings. At the same time, fewer religious are serving in compensated ministry.

Rising Costs

Like many Americans, religious communities face the monumental challenge of funding eldercare.

Changing Demographics

Today, retired religious outnumber wage-earners by nearly three to one.

Parishioners of Saint Raphael and Sacred Heart; let us do our part once again to show all the religious who were there for us, our love and appreciation for them by donating to this year's Retirement Fund for Religious. An envelope for your convenience is provided as part of your bi-monthly packets or the Faith Direct system.

Thank you for your generosity.



WORSHIP COMMISSION

The parish Worship Commission is in place an met for the first time last week. The Commission is made up of J.R. Daniels, Nancy Burrows, Deacon Bill Hahn, Darlene Kiniry, Grant Kristo, Mary Lou McLaughlin, Lauren O'Donoughue, Cristina Outeirinho, Rebecca Panza, Sister Mary Elizabeth Schrei and Susan Shaw. Among the topics discussed were vibrancy in the liturgy, a worthy celebration for the beginning of our newly established parish in January, decorating and volunteers, and merging parish ministries.

Letter from a great great nephew...

Dear Father Mele,

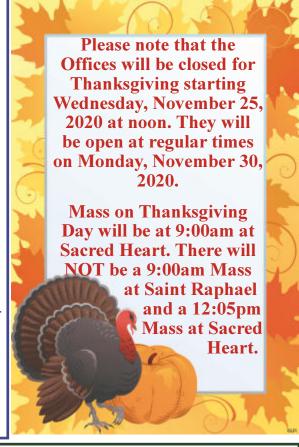
It was an extraordinary day for me personally (as well as my wife Laura and son Michael) to visit the exquisite Church of the Sacred Heart in Pittsburgh. My Great Grandparents John A. Coakley (younger brother of Father Thomas Coakley) were benefactors of Father Thomas Coakley's visionary goal to build a church which celebrated God's faith-filled world community. To witness the meticulous detailed gothic-style windows - including the rose windows, frescos, wooden sculptures of the Apostles. I was awestruck by my uncle's dedication and the community's support for his vision. Seeing his image in the priestly stain glass in the rear window reminded me of the legendary story of his humility and love of being a community priest. His famous sermons and his admiration for the extraordinary efforts of ordinary, yet heroic people. I think about his courage then and now in today's world where people are



coming out of themselves to do great and selfless acts of kindness. As a former journalist and now an English and Social Studied public-school Teacher, I am grateful for the grace of God to be an instrument of his peace. On behalf of my family and all the Coakley's, thank you to you and the parish community for carrying on the legacy of Father Thomas Coakley. I am certain he is smiling down on all of you.

Best always, Rice

Rich Diefenbach



St Raphael GIVING TREE and Sacred Heart ANGEL TREE



This year because of the Covid virus the Ladies of Charity have had to change the way we do the Giving tree. We will have collections requesting money for gift cards and Spiritual Bouquets beginning November 1 and ending December 6. There will be baskets marked Giving Tree and Angel Tree at the entrance of both churches. We request that you use an envelope with your name (optional) and phone number on it in the event that there is an increase in Covid and we have to cancel the giving tree this

year. We will be serving approximately 150 people . You may mail offerings to:

For the Giving Tree: St. Raphael, 1154 Chislett St. Pittsburgh PA 15206, Attention: GIVING TREE. Please make checks payable to Ladies of Charity. Returns due December 6, 2020.

For the Angel Tree: Sacred Heart, 310 Shady Ave. Pittsburgh PA 15206, Attention: St Vincent de Paul / Jack Shaw. Please make checks payable to St Vincent de Paul. As always thank you for your generosity.

IS AN ALL BOYS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOR ME?

Central Catholic High School is hosting several remote and in-person events for prospective student and their families in the coming weeks. Families of current 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys are invited to learn more about Central Catholic by visiting our Prospective Students webpage at www.centralcatholicHS.com/ProspectiveStudents.

Families can register for in-person tours and a virtual open house, take a virtual tour of campus and connect with current Central Catholic parents.

Central Catholic is also accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year. Eighth grade boys who wish to be considered for admission should complete the Application for Admission at www.centralcatholicHS.com/apply. Placement Testing information will be forwarded to students after the Application for Admission is submitted. Please contact the Admissions Office at 412-621-7505 with questions.

A REFLECTION BY ST. OSCAR ROMERO

As we face several more challenging months of dealing with the pandemic, we can feel that God is nowhere to be found and it is difficult for us to pray. Perhaps the following words will help.

"God is not failing us when we don't feel his presence. Let's not say: 'God doesn't do what I pray for so much, and therefore I don't pray anymore.' God exists, and he exists even more, the farther you feel from him. God is closer to you when you think he is farther away and doesn't hear you. When you feel the anguished desire for God to come near because you don't feel him present, then God is very close to your anguish.

When are we going to understand that God not only gives happiness but also

tests our faithfulness in moments of affliction? It is then that prayer and religion have most merit: when one is faithful in spite of not feeling the Lord's presence. Let us learn from that cry of Christ that God is always our Father and never forsakes us, and that we are closer to him than we think."

Saint Oscar Romero was canonized on 14 October 2018 at Saint Peter's Square, Vatican City by Pope Francis



The priests of our parish grouping as well as Jack Shaw, Director of Outreach are interested in keeping our elderly and homebound parishioners connected to our parish community during the on-going conditions of the pandemic. If you know of a parishioner or neighbor that might enjoy or need a phone call from one of our priests, please do not hesitate to let the parish office know. This is extremely important. Some of our elderly and homebound parishioners could be feeling isolated and lonely. Hearing from one of our priests or parishioners might help lift their spirits. Your kind assistance in this matter is deeply appreciated.



Oscar Romero



Have you ever thought about becoming Catholic?

Does someone you know desire to become a member of the Church? Do you know any adults who still need to receive Baptism, Confirmation, or First Communion?

Please join and encourage others to inquire about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. This ministry offers small group and individual formation in the Catholic Faith to prepare people to receive the Sacraments if Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Please email Father John Sweeney at frjohn@bestpghparish.org for more information.

COMING BACK TO THE PEACE OF CONFESSION

It has been a long time since most parishioners have been able to come to the Sacrament of Penance. Please consider coming back to the grace of Reconciliation. Your priests are doing everything possible to make the Sacrament available to you. We even have permission to celebrate this Sacrament of healing and peace with you on Sunday if it is more convenient to do that under the COVID circumstances.

Remember these gifts are part of this beautiful Sacrament waiting for you:

- Christ, through the priest, is there to carefully listen to you.
- The Confessor does not problem solve or give advice unless you request it. He is there simply to administer the healing grace of Jesus.
- The priest is trained not to diminish the significance of whatever you are sharing with him. He understands the pain certain sins have caused for you and wants you to be set free from all guilt or especially shame.
- Through the Confessor, Christ wants to be fully present to you and listens in the moment without judgment. The Lord is kind and merciful.
- Each of our priests are praying for you. They value you and are grateful you are coming to Confession because we know you are making yourself vulnerable enough to share your pain. We all need to do this right now because we are all living in a time that requires us to share our hurts and disappointments with some we can truly trust.

2021 Parish Calendars

We will soon make available our 2021 parish calendars for your home or workplace. These calendars are provided by McCabe Bros. Funeral Homes. We are grateful to the McCabe family for their generosity each year!

Due to the timing of when the calendars had to go to print, we used the term "campus" and not church when referring to both locations within our parish grouping. We will be established as a new parish in January of 2021 while maintaining two vibrant campuses that goes beyond two church buildings. We are waiting for



Bishop Zubik to learn of the new name of our parish. That announcement will be made by the end of November. We avoided referring to the church buildings at this point to help convey the vibrancy or both communities within our new parish. All our buildings will remain in use in one way or another as our parish is becoming more vibrant at each campus.

A parish is more than its buildings. It is all about our people and all that we do for the Kingdom of God together at both wonderful locations by way of our ministries and outreach to the neighborhoods that surround us.

Thanks for your understanding in this matter. Calendars will be available over the Thanksgiving weekend at both campuses.



Keys were found after the evening Mass at Saint Raphael's on all Souls Day. Please call Saint Raphael's Office to see for the information if they are yours.

Addiction Recovery Ministry in Pittsburgh

On Tuesday, November 17, Father Michael will offer a reflection and enrichment on Matthew 12:25-28, "Gratitude," beginning at 7:00 pm in Madonna of Jerusalem Church, 201 9th Street, Sharpsburg, PA 15215. All are welcome to attend.

Freedom in Christ One Day Conference

Live teachings by Father Boniface Hicks, OSB based on UNBOUND, by Neal Lozano Saturday November 21, 2020 - 8:45 am - 5:30 pm St. Frances Cabrini Social Hall

115 Trinity Drive, Aliquippa, PA. 15001

Space is limited so register now. For more information,



contact Rose Patente at 412-551-**MULINI** 0101 or email at deliverance, freedom, belonging UnboundPittsburgh@gmail.com

Please, let us know if you know someone who would love to receive the bulletin by mail.



Calling All Young Adults

The Sacred Heart & St. Raphael Young Adult group invites you to join us as we grow in community and faith. Go to bestpghparish.org/young-adults to find information on upcoming events, join our email list, and connect with us on social media.

Fig Tree at Saint Raphael

We would like to thank **Joe Coniglio** who, faithfully, every year, is taking care of our fig tree at Saint Raphael. Your precious work is very much appreciated. Thank you!



Prayer for Justice

Grant us, Lord God, a vision of your world as your love would have it: a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor; a world where the riches of creation are shared, and everyone can enjoy them; a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect; a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love. Please give us the inspiration and courage to build it. Amen.

"Until the great mass of the people shall be filled with the sense of responsibility for each other's welfare, social justice can never be attained."

-Helen Keller

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OUR APOLOGY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE

To all our parishioners using Faith Direct, we are sorry that many of you are receiving bi-monthly packets again. This is partly due to an on-going problem with the supplier of the envelopes but also more recently because our separate parish systems are in the process of being merged in preparation for being established as a new parish with only one system in the future.

This unfortunate problem is happening not only within our parish grouping but elsewhere in other parishes in the diocese. Please accept our apology for any confusion or inconvenience this has caused. Thank you to all who notified our office about this problem.

We want to assure everyone affected by this situation that our parishes are not being charged for the unnecessary envelope packets. If you are enrolled in Faith Direct, thank you for your support. Simply discard the envelopes you received by mistake. Hopefully, this error will be corrected by the time the next packets would be mailed out.



GLUTEN FREE HOSTS

We know how important receiving the Eucharist is to our parishioners. Gluten Free hosts are still available to anyone

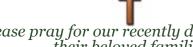
who has need for them. Please see the priest or deacon in the sacristy before Mass to let them know you would like to receive a gluten free host.

Please note that Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be at 9:00am



There will NOT be a 9:00am Mass at Saint Raphael and a 12:05pm Mass at Sacred Heart.

at Sacred Heart.



Please pray for our recently deceased and their beloved families **Audrey Hunter**

Anthony Mainiero will celebrate his 100th birthday on Friday, November 20, 2020.

Happy Birthday Anthony!

We are blessed to have you in our grouping



Welcome to our New Parishioners

Mark, Leanna, John and Lois Ballog

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

The Diocese requires a 6-month preparation period; a pre-marriage course is also required for each couple.

To **schedule a wedding**, please email

weddings@bestpghparish.org or call Margie at 412-661-3100 on Wednesdays between 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(25 people maximum, one baptism at the time)

For information or appointment, please call Barb Melick at 412-661-3100 ext 110.

Note that a **baptism preparation program** is required for parents who are presenting their first child for baptism.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

For those seriously ill, preparing for surgery, or the elderly.

Please call Fr. Steven Palsa - Parish Chaplain at 412-720-3554

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm.

Priests and penitents are asked to wear a mask. Priest is 6 feet away from the penitent.

St. Raphael: Up front and center near the communion rail the following are in place:

A Screen and a chair for the priest

A floor marking for a person wanting face to face confession [no chair]

A floor marking for a person wanting to be anonymous People waiting would stay behind the glass doors at the vestibule with 6 foot spacing

Sacred Heart: Sacred Heart Confessionals with open doors.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 - WEEKDAY

4:00PM SR For the People

4:30PM SH In Memory of Nicholas David Zipparo by Francesca Marfia

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 - THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM SR Domenico and Anunziata Labate by Caterina Marcello and Family

9:00AM SH Dellfina Cardillo by Family

11:00AM SR Genevieve & Ed Michalski by Jan & Frank

11:30AM SH Jack Tierney by Frank Serrao

7:45PM SH For all deceased clergy & religious who served our parishes

Monday, November 16 - Saint Margaret of Scotland, Saint Gertrude, Virgin

9:00AM SR Elizabeth Didiano by Daughter, Rosa Fusca

12:05PM SH Rosaria Costa by Rosa Fusca

TUESDAY, Nov. 17 - Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

9:00AM SR Matt Szramowski by Debbie Devine 12:05PM SH Lawrence Cebulski by Kevin Koehler

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 - THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILI-CAS OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES;

SAINT ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE, VIRGIN

12:05PM SH Ann Tauro by Theresa Scolieri

7:00PM SR Pasquale & Čaterina Tavella by Daughter, Tere-

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19 - WEEKDAY

9:00AM SR Anthony Moreno by Caterina Marcello 12:05PM SH Dora Dominguez 100th Birthday by Family

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20 - WEEKDAY

9:00AM SR Delfina Casuscelli by Mr. & Mrs. Domenic Michienzi

12:05PM SH Michael Curran by Mannion Family

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21 - PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

4:00PM SR Edward & Josephine McManus by Family

4:30PM SH For the People

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

9:00AM SR Gregory Schumacher by Wife, Kathy 9:00AM SH Health and well-being of Maura Moran by

Mannion Family
11:00AM SR Antonio & Maria Marcello by Joanna Marcello

11:30AM SH In Memory of Leon and Angie Moshier by the Moshier Family

7:45PM SH For the Discovery of a vaccine for COVID-19

Sanctuary Candles - November 15 - November 21

Saint Raphael Dick and Eddie Kelly by the Kelly Family



John Joseph Migliozzi & Danielle Millett I Timothy Benny DeKleva & Maxine Rosina Aponte III Steven Revitsky & Caitlin O'Brien Rice III

Please pray for these wonderful couples as they prepare for a happy life together.

Readings for the week of November 15, 2020

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf.

1a]/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Rev 2:17]/Lk

18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [Rev 3:21]/

Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Lk 19:11-28 Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [Rev

5:10]/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131

[103a]/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps

144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 20:27-40



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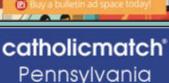
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