

February 23, 2020 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



**NEIGHBORS
NORTH**
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

New in Christ!

We Are Called



New Creation



Transformed



in Christ



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Wknd. Masses: Sat. Vigil 5 PM, Sun. 8 AM, 10 AM

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Wknd. Masses: Sat. Vigil 4 PM, Sun. 9 AM, 11 AM

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Administrative Perspective

WHAT'S THE REAL DEAL?

We run to the **internet** for information on any topic imaginable, and we **naively expect it to be accurate**. Sometimes it is, but there are times when we are only reading someone's opinion and not fact. How do we know the difference?

In a recent "Questions & Answers" column in the *Pittsburgh Catholic*, Father Charles Bober addressed this issue in a meaningful way. He noted that **whatever website comes up first appears to contain the complete answer on the subject**.

He goes on to say that **many of these sites are written by those who are opposed to the faith**, or even by those who know very little about it. Contradictions between websites unfortunately convince readers that there are no real answers, that Church teachings are up for grabs, and we can believe whatever we want. Clearly, if that were the case, the Church would have no reason to exist.

So what do we do to get **official information about what the Church teaches**? Father Bober has some suggestions. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is a valuable tool that contains almost everything the Church teaches. It is available online and in most of the larger bookstores. There is also the site of the **U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (usccb.org)** that offers reliable information and resources, as well as a link to the *Catechism*.

And don't forget **our own parish(es)** that provide **opportunities for adult education courses** on the Bible and other important topics. Here in Neighbors North Catholic Community we have **several libraries and bookracks** that contain sound Catholic doctrine. This, in fact, is why we don't allow random publications or other materials to be placed in our churches without approval of the pastor; they sometimes contain **erroneous and misleading information**. Thanks to Father Bober for his helpful information!

IN OTHER NEWS: There is a good chance I may be leading a **tour of the Holy Land** sometime in October, 2021, although the exact dates have not been set. I have made this pilgrimage three times and am eager to do it again. Visiting the Holy Land is a profound experience that **changes how you pray and how you read Scripture**. If you are considering being a part of this trip-of-a-lifetime, send me an email to put you on the "interested" list, with no obligation....Meanwhile, **Lent begins on Wednesday of this week**. Ash Wednesday is not a holyday of obligation, but come to Mass anyway!....stay tuned for more news....

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:

"God does not play dice with the universe."

- *Albert Einstein*

"God not only plays dice, he throws them in the corner where you can't see them."

- *Stephen Hawking*

Neighbors North



Parishioners are encouraged to participate in a **Parish Assembly** to learn more about the merger process. Each Assembly will be approximately one hour, with a presentation followed by questions. You can attend the session that fits your schedule.

Please Join Us!!!

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| ◆ Saturday, March 7 | Saint Athanasius–Athanasian Hall | after the 4:00 pm Mass |
| ◆ Sunday, March 8 | Incarnation of the Lord-church hall | after the 8:30 am Mass |
| ◆ Saturday, March 14 | Saint Sebastian–school cafeteria | after the 5:00 pm Mass |
| ◆ Sunday, March 15 | Saint Teresa-Schoppol Hall | after the 11:00 am Mass |

MERGER FAQ

I understand that the merged parish will have a new name. What happens to the names of the church buildings?

Every church must have a **title**, which is typically given when the church building is consecrated/dedicated or blessed. There may be only one title for a church. Ordinarily, the title of a church that has been formally dedicated by the bishop (as distinct from being blessed) cannot change. So our four churches will retain their titles when the parishes merge and the parish receives a new name. Further, in liturgical calendar, the celebration of the title of a church is considered to be a solemnity. The Church permits a parish to observe the solemnity of the title of its church on the Sundays in Ordinary Time when those observances fall during the week.

- ◆ Saint Athanasius–May 2
- ◆ Incarnation–March 25 (*The Incarnation is when the Word became flesh at the time of the Annunciation as opposed to December 25th which observes the Nativity of the Lord.*)
- ◆ Saint Sebastian–January 20
- ◆ Saint Teresa of Avila–October 15

What will happen to the parish offices?

Parish administration will merge into a single operation. Father Rushofsky's desire is to have all parish offices in a single location by July 1st. Plans are underway to retrofit the school building at Saint

Teresa into a pastoral center. This is where parishioners will come to request a sponsor certificate, to request a Mass intention, to schedule a baptism, etc. Ultimately, there will be a single phone number for the parish. Until parishioners get used to dialing the new number, calls to the former parish numbers will be forwarded to the new office.

What will happen to the various ministries and organizations?

Many ministries and organizations have already merged such as the music ministries. Still others are in the process of coming together. Ultimately, all parish ministries and organizations will unite under the new parish, though for practical reasons there may continue to be multiple opportunities for some activities. For instance, Saint Paul of the Cross could not accommodate all the men from the merged parish on a single weekend. Regardless, all activity will be sponsored by the new parish.

What will happen to the Pastoral and Finance Councils?

The Pastoral Council has already merged and operates as one council for all four parishes in the grouping. This is an interim Council and will continue as such for a while until the new parish has settled in. For reasons of Church law, there are still four separate Finance Councils. After the merger, there will be a single Finance Council to advise the pastor on the temporal affairs of the parish.

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Lent 2020 ✕ Pray Together

Ash Wednesday, February 26

- 8:00 AM Mass—Incarnation of the Lord
- 9:00 AM Mass—St. Sebastian
- 9:00 AM Mass—St. Teresa of Avila
- 12:00 Noon Mass—St. Sebastian
- 4:00 PM Liturgy of the Word—St. Sebastian
- 4:00 PM Liturgy of the Word—St. Athanasius
- 5:00 PM Liturgy of the Word—St. Teresa of Avila
- 6:00 PM Mass—St. Athanasius
- 7:00 PM Mass—St. Teresa of Avila

The distribution of ashes will take place at all nine liturgies. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence.

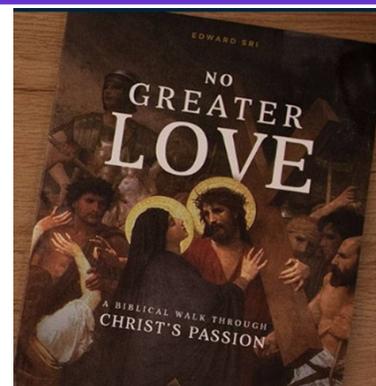
The Stations of the Cross, Friday, February 28

- 2:00 PM—St. Sebastian
- 6:00 PM—St. Athanasius
- 7:00 PM—St. Teresa of Avila

Lent 2020 ✕ Learn Together

No Greater Love – A Biblical Walk Through Christ’s Passion a 5-part series featuring Dr. Edward Sri

- ◆ Wednesdays – March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 8.
(No Bible Study on April 1)
- ◆ Morning Session 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.;
Evening Session 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
- ◆ Schoppol Hall at St. Teresa of Avila Church
- ◆ MUST be registered in advance to attend.



This **Registration form and fee of \$25.00** for participant guide/materials are **due by February 24th**.

Make checks payable to “*St. Teresa of Avila Church.*”

Registration can be mailed to or dropped off at church office — 1000 Avila Court, Pittsburgh, PA 15237

For more information contact: Janet Lindner, Spirit Refill Team Facilitator at 412-367-9001 ext. 584

REGISTRATION FORM — PLEASE PRINT

PARTICIPANT NAME(S): _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Select one session: Morning Session 10-11:30 a.m. Evening Session 7-8:30 p.m.

Please list any seating requests: _____

Interested in being a Facilitator or Helper for this Bible Study? Contact Janet Lindner by February 26th at lindnerjdrph@verizon.net or 412-367-9001 ext. 584. A meeting for facilitators & helpers will be held on Saturday, February 29th at 10:00 a.m. in the St. Teresa Interior Castle Spiritual Library & Coffeehouse.

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Lent 2020 ✕ Serve Together

Almsgiving is a traditional Lenten practice. Our grouping of parishes will be collecting funds during Lent for two foreign missions as part of our Lenten observance. One beneficiary will be **The Center for Social Works in Chimbote, Peru** which consists of a maternity hospital, outpatient clinic, clinical laboratory, pharmacy and a home for abandoned children. The Center also sponsors a home visit program. (In addition, 50% of the free-will offerings collected in connection with the annual Youth Ministry musical also supports the mission in Chimbote.) The other beneficiary will be the **Anna Seethaler Hospital in Oaxaca, Mexico**. The hospital provides complete quality health services with warmth to the poorest people, especially the large indigenous population. 5-gallon jugs will be available at all four church buildings and at the faith formation sites to receive donations. All donated funds will be divided equally between the two missions.



Lent 2020 ✕ Grow Together

A Path toward Healing is a three-part series for those who feel a sense of loss or who have been hurt by what has happened in the Church recently. This is neither a discussion group nor a problem-solving session. Rather, it is a retreat-like experience where participants can, in a safe and confidential environment:

- ◆ Process the pain and grief you may feel from what has happened in the Church;
- ◆ Experience a sense of community borne out of sharing the struggle and the faith of one another;
- ◆ Hear God speak to you personally in your pain and grief; and
- ◆ Be invited to be a healer even in the midst of your own wounds.

Each session lasts two hours and is led by Ms. Mimika Garesche, Director of the diocesan Office of Accompaniment.

Thursday, March 5, 12 & 19, 2020

9:30 am at Athanasian Hall, Saint Athanasius OR 7:00 pm at Schoppol Hall at Saint Teresa of Avila

To register: Contact Mary Jo Robbins, parish social minister,
at 412-364-8999, ext. 8637 or mrobbins@saintsebastianparish.org.

Lent 2020 ✕ Connect Together

Lenten Fish Fry

Beginning Friday, February 28th from 4:30–7:30 p.m. in Schoppol Hall at Saint Teresa of Avila.

Eat In, or for Take Out.

Call 412 367-9001 Ext 506 after 3:00 pm or

Order online from 3:00–6:00 pm. at www.neighborsnorth.org.

Covered Dish Dinner

On Tuesday March 10 at 6:00 p.m. in Athanasian Hall is the Annual Covered Dish Dinner for Christian Mothers and all Women of the parishes. You are asked to bring enough for 6-8 people. Meat, vegetable or dessert of your choice. Our speaker is Regina Boerio, Ph.D. Her subject will be *Healing from Woundedness*. Please call Jackie 412-364-5927 or Dolly at 412-366-4371.

Parish Picnic

Hold the date — Sunday, June 7, 2020 — at the Mayernik Center at Avonworth Community Park, 498 Camp Horne Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15202.

Details to follow.



Liturgy & Music Ministry

MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE

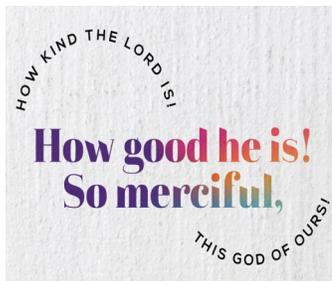


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Music for Sunday, March 1st:

- 10:00 AM at St. Sebastian—Adult Choir
- 10:30 AM at St. Athanasius—Contemporary Choir
- 11:00 AM at St. Teresa of Avila—Spirit Band

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



In the first line of the first reading, we hear God tell Moses, “Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy.” Then in the last line of the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, “Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Jesus challenges us to turn the other cheek and to love our enemies, to be kind and merciful to others, just as he is kind and merciful to us. **It is not easy.** We get angry, we are upset, we want to do or say something to express that pain and rage. As we approach the season of Lent, may the example of our Lord inspire us to respond to hurt and conflict with mercy and forgiveness.

GATHER HYMNAL DEDICATIONS AND MEMORIALS

Suggested Dedications:

* Given by * In Memory of * In Loving Memory of / Given by * In Thanksgiving for * In Celebration of * In Honor of
* In Honor of / Given by

I enclose \$ _____ in payment for _____ hymnals at **St. Athanasius.** (\$20 each or 3 hymnals for \$50). Check payable to St. Athanasius Parish.

I enclose \$ _____ in payment for _____ hymnals at **Incarnation of the Lord.** (\$20 each or 3 hymnals for \$50). Check payable to Incarnation of the Lord Parish.

I enclose \$ _____ in payment for _____ hymnals at **St. Sebastian.** (\$20 each or 3 hymnals for \$50). Check payable to St. Sebastian Parish.

**The hymnals at St. Teresa of Avila are now full. We can no longer accept hymnal dedications at St. Teresa, but you may place dedications or memorials at any of the other three churches. Thank you.*

Hymnal Acknowledgement:

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

You may return this form to any of the four rectory offices or place in the collection basket. Thank you for your support!



MaryJo Robbins

Parish Social Ministry



40 Days for Life

The Spring 40 Days for Life begins on Ash Wednesday and runs through Palm Sunday. We are blessed to have a strong Pro-Life commitment here at Neighbors North. During the 40 Days for Life, you will have 2 opportunities to participate at the prayer vigils outside of Planned Parenthood. On Monday, March 16, a group will be attending the noon Mass at Saint Sebastian church, and then going to Planned Parenthood for the prayer vigil from 1:00-2:30. Another group is going on Sunday, March 29 from 11:00-1:00pm. All are welcome! Please contact Dianne (412-366-7869) for the March 16 date, or Sue (412-657-0845 or susanmcgrath526@comcast.net) for the March 29 date.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: Part of the lie of abortion is the idea that after having had an abortion, a woman simply returns to life as normal. Often, this could not be further from the truth. Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekends are designed for those struggling with spiritual and emotional pain after an abortion. These weekends are open to couples, mothers, fathers, grandparents and siblings of aborted children, as well as persons who have been involved in the abortion industry. **The weekend offers healing in a confidential environment.** The retreat team includes a retreat facilitator, a licensed therapist, a Catholic priest and others who have found healing through the retreat process.

The next retreat weekend is May 15-17 at the Ark and the Dove Center. For more information contact the retreat facilitator, Toni Jester at 412-352-5348 or toniafj1@comcast.net.

Camp Erin: Good Samaritan Hospice sponsors Camp Erin, an overnight weekend camp for children and teens, ages 6-17, who are grieving the death of someone significant to them. This year the camp is June 12-14 at YMCA Camp Kon-O-Wee Spencer near Zelienople. There is no cost. For more information, or an application, visit camperinpittsburgh.org or call 724-869-6102.

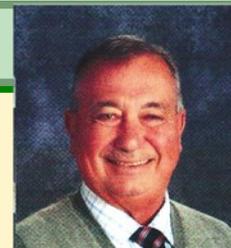
Vincentian Home: Volunteers are needed to assist at Vincentian Home. They are seeking Eucharistic Ministers, people to help transport residents to their chapel for Mass, and others who can be a friendly visitor/companion. If you are interested, please contact Sister Linda, Pastoral Manager at 412-366-6983.

Food Pantry Needs: Juice, peaches, pears, applesauce, oatmeal, corn, canned pasta sauce, cereal, Chef Boyardee, dishwashing soap, paper products (especially bathroom tissue) and detergent. You can drop off food in the food collection bin in the back of St. Sebastian or St. Athanasius Church. Please do not leave food that is past the expiration date. Thank You!

McKnight Meals on Wheels: Volunteers are needed to assist with packing the meals to be delivered from the McKnight Meals on Wheels, located in Berkeley Hills Lutheran Church. Volunteers work any day, but assistance is especially needed on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 7:00am until 9:30 am. MOW serve 140-150 people daily in our community. If you are able to assist, please contact Chef Bob Montgomery at 412-487-4088.



Faith Formation



The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time *February 23, 2020*

Have you ever pondered your day-time dreams, fantasies or imaginings? A good power-nap has much to tell us of our truths and desires. It is absolutely central to God's relating with us that we find parts of our true selves to which God's grace of holiness tenders us. God's love is already where we are, whether we know it, feel it, understand it, or not.

Leviticus centers attention upon how worship is to be lived, before the actual sacrificial activities. God is "holy" and those who will be in communion, or in close relationship with God, will live the laws and customs of the people. God illustrated time and again the mission of the Jewish people is to be holy and separate from other things that might destroy it. The precise liturgical details are important, but living justly and tenderly within the Jewish community is also detailed and necessary. In a sense, God is saying "do as I do." God's holiness is displayed as loving, not bearing hatred, though there might be times for reproof. God is not vengeful, so do not take revenge nor hold grudges. Holiness is revealed through loving actions, as with God, as with the People of God.

Perfection is what God is, imperfection is what we are. Does Matthew have Jesus end this first part of the **Sermon on the Mount** with a stern, depressing spiritual impossibility?

The Jewish people knew themselves to be special and distinctly separate from the "pagans." Jesus' followers are to live more intently the spirit of the Law which, he, Jesus incarnates. In short, Jesus is telling his disciples, once again, that they are to be "light" and "salt" in as truest ways as possible. There is exaggeration and hyperbole meant to attract attention and to be remembered by these people of the oral tradition. For us, who follow him now, we are to remember who we are and act accordingly.



God's love invites us to wholeness ...

Breaking Open the Word: Matthew 5:38-48

We are called to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect. Matthew uses the Greek word 'telos' which is probably better translated as "complete." We are not to be perfect as in doing everything correctly, that is, as in being absolutely morally correct. We are to be perfect as in striving to reach the completeness we are called to in the Kingdom of Heaven. Attempting to love our enemies is part of striving for that completeness.

Listen to the Word: When you hear the word enemy, what or who do you immediately think fits your definition? How do you turn the other cheek or do you? Why or why not? What does that mean to you? How complete is your love for that enemy? Do you have reservations?

Look into your Life:

Children: What can you do at home or at school to show that you follow Jesus' Commandments?

Youth: Do you think Jesus was serious when he said to love your enemies? Why or why not?

Adults: Have you ever told someone to do something for his/her own well-being? Do you accept God's laws in the same spirit of love and concern?

Family Activities: Have each family member share a time that his/her weapon of choice against evil was "good." How was "good" used to conquer evil? How is Jesus' life an example of good conquering evil? How is loving one another similar to God's character? Discuss the community of love and community found in the Triune God: Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. How is that community an example for all relationships? Have family members relate how difficult it is to love everyone and why it is still important to do so. Does forgiveness ever fit into the equation?



Faith Formation



Saint Teresa of Avila Religious Education students and families are invited to attend the **Ash Wednesday Liturgy of the Word Service**. We are incorporating the Tuesday & Wednesday's religious education programs with Saint Teresa's Ash Wednesday Liturgy of the Word Service. This is the faith formation for the students, this week. See you in church! **"Repent and believe in the Gospel!"**

Sacramental Preparation



First
Reconciliation
And
First Eucharist

Saint Sebastian's First Reconciliation is Saturday, February 29, 2020. There are two celebrations of the sacrament. Families whose surnames begin with A-L, please come to Saint Sebastian Church at 11:00 AM. Families whose surnames begin with M-Z, please come to Saint Sebastian Church at 1:00 PM. There are six priests scheduled to hear confessions for the children and the parents. Children learn faith through their lived experience of family faith. Parents know you are welcome to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Also, the children's First Reconciliation candle will be light and burned throughout the week. The flickering flames are a constant reminder of God's grace of love and mercy which was bestowed on these children. Please keep these children in your prayers as they journey to the Table of the Lord!

Saint Sebastian's First Eucharist Retreat is Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. All children who are receiving their first communion at Saint Sebastian Parish are to participate in this retreat. The children will rotate through various stations: banner making, movie time & constructive recreation with a theme. Lunch is provided: cheese pizza, beverage and rice Krispy treats for dessert. They will practice, "How to properly receive the host." All children will leave with a family party favor?! Any ideas?



The Sacrament of Confirmation
will be celebrated
Friday, May 15, 2020
at St. Sebastian 7:00 p.m. for all four parishes.
Bishop Zubik is the celebrant

SUPER SATURDAY
Saturday March 7, 2020
St. Teresa at St. Athanasius
9:30—2:00



CONFIRMATION PRACTICE
Wednesday May 13, 2020
St. Sebastian 5:30 –6:30

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Liturgy Schedule



Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Monday February 24 <i>Weekday</i>	7 AM	St. Athanasius	Peggy McMann †	Husband & Family
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Helen C. Walsh †	Helene Kotarsik
	12:30 PM	St. Sebastian	Confessions following the 12 PM Mass	
Tuesday February 25 <i>Weekday</i>	8 AM	Incarnation of the Lord	Holy Face of Jesus	Anonymous
	8:30 AM	Incarnation of the Lord	Confessions following the 8 AM Mass	
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Ann Driscoll †	Mary Jo Valenson
Wednesday February 26 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	8 AM	Incarnation of the Lord	Geraldine T. & John P. Brill †	Thomas L. Sibenik
	9 AM	St. Sebastian	Ralph Roos & Roos Family †	Lois & Family
	9 AM	St. Teresa of Avila	Deceased of Edward Coll Family †	Kathy Coll
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Deacon Charles L. O'Keefe †	McBurney Family
	4 PM	St. Athanasius	Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes	
	4 PM	St. Sebastian	Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes	
	5 PM	St. Teresa of Avila	Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes	
	6 PM	St. Athanasius	Margaret C. Alberth †	Helen & Bill Alberth
	7 PM	St. Teresa of Avila	Gertrude Schatzel †	NNCC Ladies of Charity
Thursday February 27 <i>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</i>	7 AM	St. Athanasius	In Honor of the Holy Face of Jesus	Anonymous
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Joshua Travis †	Co-workers at Holy Cross Academy
Friday February 28 <i>Friday after Ash Wednesday</i>	7 AM	St. Teresa of Avila	Olga Blanco de Collazo †	Juliana Schnerr & Eric Collazo
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Sarah T. Rollins †	Maureen Koziowiecinski
Saturday February 29 <i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i>	8 AM	St. Athanasius	Ed & Helen Kim †	Ray McCann
	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Confessions following the 8 AM Mass	
	11 AM	St. Teresa of Avila	Confessions	
	4 PM Vigil Mass	St. Athanasius	Deceased of Perti & DelDin Families †	Family
	4 PM Vigil Mass	St. Teresa of Avila	Andy Crofoot †	Bob Franco
	5 PM Vigil Mass	St. Sebastian	William B. McKenna III †	Ruth McKenna & Family
Sunday March 1 First Sunday of Lent	8 AM	St. Sebastian	Robert Niederbergeer †	Clergy & Staff of St. Sebastian Parish
	8:30 AM	Incarnation of the Lord	Thomas Gawlas †	Burke Family
	9 AM	St. Teresa of Avila	Michael Richey †	Reverend John Rushofsky
	10 AM	St. Sebastian	Virginia Norberg †	Manuel Family
	10:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Reverend William Cheetham †	Family
	11 AM	St. Teresa of Avila	For the People of the Parishes	



Youth Ministry



Katie Dorman kdorman@saintsebastianparish.org



Youth Group News:

Ignite Middle School Group:

2/25: Youth Group 6:30 - 8:00

Check email for volunteer details

Impact High School Group:

2/23 Rehearsal 12:00 - 8:00 - HCA Gym

2/26: Rehearsal 6:30 - 9:00 - Schoppol Hall

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CYO Presents

CITY OF MAN 2020



A musical revue in two Acts

March 27: 7:30 pm

March 28: 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm

March 29: 2:00 pm

*Holy Cross Academy Getty Hall
307 Seibert Rd, Pittsburgh PA, 15237*

(412) 364-8999

No tickets, only a free will offering

Seats: first come first served



Saint Athanasius



St Athanasius Church and West View Hub
are teaming up to present...

WEST VIEW PARK

DANCELAND



Memories

Come Dance the Night Away!

Oldies Dance

St. Athanasius Hall

Tickets Sold in Advance: \$25

For tickets, stop by the West View Hub, the St A's
Parish Center or the Community Center. You can
also buy your tickets online at WestViewHub.org

Saturday,
March

14

7 PM

St. Athanasius Festival & Flea Market!

Save the Dates:

Flea Market Collecting Saturdays
– Ashford entrance – 10 am to 12 pm – **March 7 & April 4 & May 2**
Please no T.V's, computers clothing, large gym equipment or furniture & no upholstered furniture

May 30 – day of service

June 15 – set up big tent by garage

June 20 – Flea Market

June 22 to June 24 – Festival set up

June 25 to 27 – Festival & Flea Market – with nightly dinners

June 28 – Flea Market pack up

June 29 – Take packed up Flea Market items to Goodwill (day) & Festival take down (evening)



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Please pray for those who have died, especially **Ruth Rump and Ruth McDonald**. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

GREEN THUMBS NEEDED

Now is the time to start your seeds, plant your Spider plant babies, and any potted plants you have in mind for the Plant Stand.

Any and all plants are welcome!

Questions - contact
Nan Kowalski
412-931-5879



Incarnation of the Lord



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Incarnation of the Lord's Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered on the first Sunday of the month. Our next scheduled Liturgy of the Word is Sunday, March 1, 2020 @ the 8:30 AM Mass.



Let the children come!

How does **CLOW** unfold at Mass? After the Collect is prayed and right before the first reading starts, the children are called forward to gather in the center aisle. The priest or the deacon gives them a blessing and the children and adult ministers exit the main body of the church to a pre-arranged gathering space. The ministers "break open" the Scripture on a child's level so they can understand the readings and relate them to the children's everyday lives. After the creed and the prayers of the faithful, the children rejoin their families in the church proper.

If you are interested in launching this vital ministry for our children, please feel free to contact Bette Weger, 412-364-8999 or email her at bweger@saintsebastianparish.org. The children truly experience the love of God in their everyday lives. May the Holy Spirit open your hearts to this ministry! Thank You.

All articles for the bulletin can be sent to communications@saintsebastianparish.org

The 2020 Mass book is now open. Mass request forms along with the \$10.00 per Mass stipend can be placed in the collection basket at Mass, mailed in, or hand delivered to the parish office. Mass request forms are available in the narthex and the parish office. Checks should be made payable to Incarnation of the Lord Parish.

**Weekly Adoration
Sundays at
Incarnation from
2:00 - 4:00PM. The
Chaplet of Divine
Mercy and Rosary
start at 3:00PM**



Community Center



CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Mon. 10:00	Pickle Ball
Mon. 11:00	Senior Exercise
Tues. 9:00	Mah Jongg
Tues. 12:30	Organ Lessons
Tues. 7:30 pm	Yolates
Wed. 10:00	Open Art. Studio
Wed. 10:00	Pickle Ball
Wed. 10:00	Needle Threaders
Wed. 11:00	Senior Exercise
Wed. 7:00 pm	Pickle Ball
Thurs. 10:00	Little Angels Play
Thurs. 10:00	Needle Threaders
Thurs. 12:15	Duplicate Bridge
Thurs. 12:30	Tai Chi
Thurs. 2:00	Color Me
Thurs. 6:00 pm	Zumba
7:00 pm	Yoga
Fri. 10:00	Pickle Ball

PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE

Tuesday 2:00 Starting March 3
All materials will be provided.
Please, RSVP 412-931-6633

LITTLE ANGELS PLAY GROUP

Thursdays 10:00 to Noon Come and play in our well-equipped playroom and run in the gym. Have fun with other children.





Saint Sebastian



EVENTS AND SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK:

Sunday, February 23, 2020

8:30AM: Religious Education 
12:00PM: Musical Rehearsal 

Monday, February 24, 2020

7:00PM: Endow 
7:00PM: Financial Peace University 

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

5:00PM: Religious Education 
6:30PM: Middle School Youth Group 

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

1:00PM: Bereavement Support 
6:30PM: Musical Rehearsal 
9:00PM: Women's Volleyball 

Thursday, February 27, 2020

3:00PM: Divine Mercy 
7:00PM: Endow 
7:00PM: OCD Support 

Friday, February 28, 2020

Saturday, February 29, 2020

7:30AM: Men's Fellowship 

Sunday 2/23

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18;
Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8,
10, 12-13; 1 Cor
3:16-23; Mt 5:38-
48

Monday 2/24

Jas 3:13-18; Ps
19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk
9:14-29

Tuesday 2/25

Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7
-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a,
23; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday 2/26

Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3
-4, 5-6ab, 12-13,
14 and 17; 2 Cor
5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6,
16-18

Thursday 2/27

Dt 30:15-20; Ps
1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6;
Lk 9:22-25

Friday 2/28

Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3
-4, 5-6ab, 18-19;
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday 2/29

Is 58:9b-14; Ps
86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Lk 5:27-32

Sunday 3/1

Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Ps
51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13,
17; Rom 5:12-19
or Rom 5:12, 17-
19; Mt 4:1-11

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - COME AND ADORE OUR LORD

Eucharistic Adoration takes place in the St. Sebastian Chapel on the first and third Sundays of every month. Exposition begins at 11:15



a.m. with closing at 2:30 p.m.

Prayer pamphlets are available. Did you know that the Diocese of Pittsburgh has begun a year of Eucharistic Adoration in 2020? Please come and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament as often as you can.

Ole 5K Benefit Race

Interested in a Spring Benefit 5k race? TASH is hosting a family-oriented Ole 5K benefit race on April 4, 2020 in North Park! All proceeds will go to TASH, Inc, founded by Fr. Scott Seethaler. TASH supports La Clinica del Pueblo, a nonprofit hospital, and other charity partners that serve those in need in Oaxaca, Mexico. For more information, please visit our Website at ole5k.com or contact Pete Noll at pete.noll@tashinc.org

 = Church

 = Chapel

 = Rectory Conference

 = Haber: Mueller

 = Haber: Residence

 = School: Gym

 = School: Cafeteria

 = School: Burke

 = School: Youth

 = Off-site

Safety and Security

From time to time medical emergencies occur in church. Alert the closest usher to you so that medical assistance is rendered ASAP.



Saint Teresa of Avila



You are invited to join with the Spirit Refill Team of Neighbors North Catholic Community at St. Teresa of Avila Church as we continue our journey in faith.

Friday, March 13, 2020

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

in St. Teresa of Avila Church

followed by Recitation of the

“Rosary of the Wounds”

With prayers written by Fr. Christopher Mannerino



Militia of the Immaculata Village Meeting



St. Teresa of Avila's next **Militia of the Immaculata Village** meeting will be on **Monday, March 2, 2020 @ 7 p.m. in** the Daily Mass Chapel. New members are always welcome. "Old" members are always welcoming! Our aim is to lead souls to Jesus through Mary. For more information see the website at <https://sites.google.com/view/kolbe/home>. Any questions? Please contact Rich & Virginia O'Donnell at pittsburgh.kolbe.fan@gmail.com

CENACLE: Tuesday, February 25, 9:00 a.m., Daily Mass Chapel

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Friday, March 6, 2020
Following the 7:00 a.m. Mass
Daily Mass Chapel

First Sunday Rosary:
March 30, 1p.m.,
Daily Mass Chapel

SAVE THE DATE! ALL ARE WELCOME!
St Teresa of Avila Parish **Women's** Retreat at
St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center
April 24-26,2020



Holy Cross Academy



Mrs. Osekowski
Principal

The third grade students did an amazing job on an Ecosystem Project for science class. The students researched an assigned ecosystem of the world. They then wrote a report, created a visual display, and gave an oral presentation to their classmates. Their projects included information on the animals and plants and the adaptations they have to survive in that ecosystem along with where in the world that ecosystem is located and what the climate is like. To show the characteristics of the ecosystem, many students created dioramas. Some students made posters and one student made a mobile. Everyone was enthusiastic about this project and the other students in the school enjoyed looking at the visual displays.



Our social studies unit is focusing on the Revolutionary War, the Declaration of Independence, and the writing of the Constitution. We are looking at our current events and seeing how this same Constitution is still alive and working in our country. Movies from Discovery Education, funded by the PTG, bring these topics alive to the students and help them to learn through multimedia.

We are at the end of a unit in reading so this week we are spending time in literature circles. Each small group reads a different chapter book, has individual jobs that must be completed, and then presents their findings to the others in their group setting. It's much like a "book club" for 8 and 9 year olds. The jobs include summarizer, discussion leader, word wizard, illustrator, and real life connector.



Math lessons are focused on multiplication and division facts and their fact families. Practice with strategies to solve equations and word problems continue each day.



With Lent just around the corner, the students will begin to think about Lent as a time of preparation for Easter. As we prepare for Easter we will remember we belong to God through Baptism, we live now by grace, and we live forever with God because Jesus died and rose to bring us God's life.

Days in third grade are busy for everyone as we are learning, growing, and building our faith community in our classrooms and in our school.

3rd Grade

Girl Scout Cookies for Sale! Brownie Troop #46630 from Holy Cross Academy will be selling girl scout cookies in the Saint Sebastian Narthex Saturday, February 29th at the 5pm Mass and Sunday, March 1st at the 10am Mass. Cookies are \$5 per box and include: Lemon-Ups, Trefoils, Do-Si-Dos, Samoas, Tagalongs, Thin Mints, S'mores and Toffee-Tastic. Cash only please. Thank you in advance for your support!

