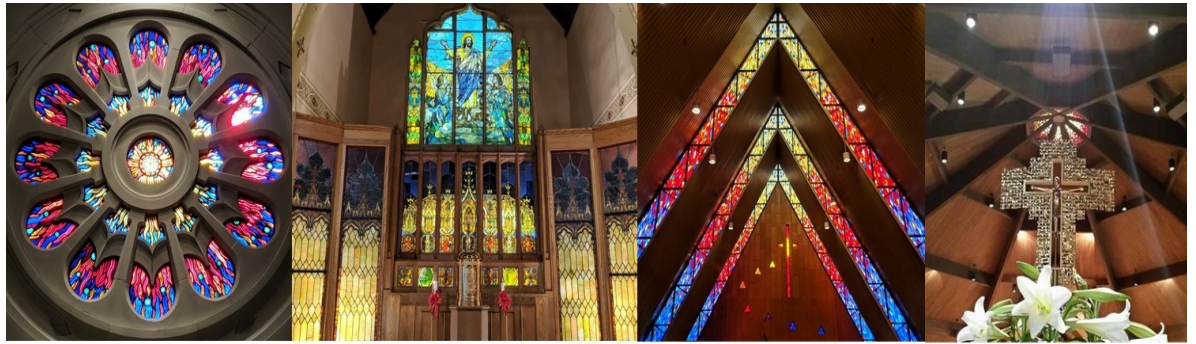
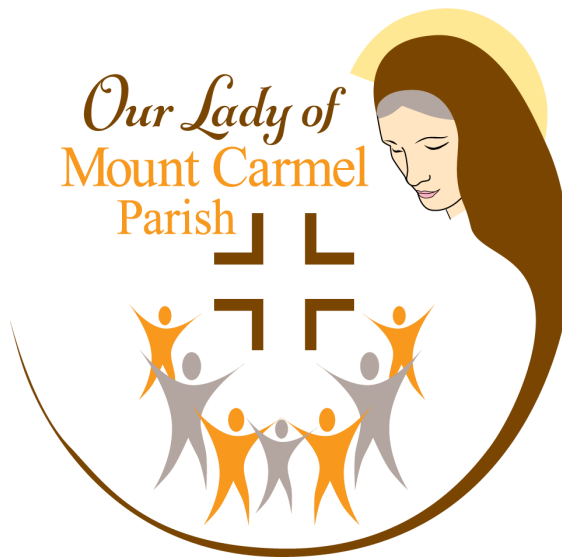


Alleluia!



April 20, 2025 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Welcome!



No matter your past or present status in the Catholic Church . . . Your current family or marital status . . . Your past or current religious affiliation . . . Your personal history, age, background, ethnicity . . . You are invited, accepted and most welcomed at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish. May all who walk through our door know that God loves them.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Center

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

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Saint Athanasius Church

7 Chalfonte Avenue, West View, PA 15229

Incarnation of the Lord Church

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Holy Cross Academy

307 Siebert Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237
412-364-7171

Saint Sebastian Church

311 Siebert Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Saint Teresa of Avila Church

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HE IS RISEN

The Simple Truth of Easter

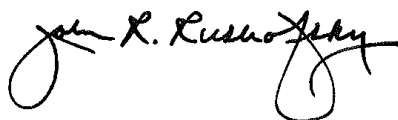


"On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed.

He said to them, "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here.

Behold, the place where they laid him." (*Mark 16:5-6*)

Easter blessings to you and your loved ones!



May our Risen Lord, the sun who never sets, shine brightly in your lives as we join together to celebrate the Paschal Mysteries. Happy Easter!

— **Reverend Joseph Uzar**

Wesołego Alleluja! A blessed Easter to all. May our Risen Lord bless you!

— **Reverend Michael Maranowski**

Easter blessings! Let us join hands and support one another's faith as we journey on together to the heavenly Jerusalem singing "Alleluia!"

— **Reverend Leroy DiPietro**

My dear brothers and sisters as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, may the joy and hope of Easter fill your hearts and guide your lives. Let us rejoice in the victory of Christ over death, knowing that His love and grace are with us always. Gretchen and I wish you all a blessed and joyful Easter season.

— **Deacon Cliff and Gretchen Homer**

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen! Resurrection speaks of new beginnings and second chances. Welcome to the journey! Happy Easter to you and yours.

— **Deacon Bob and Nancy Koslosky**

"Wishing all of us ever deeper encounters with Christ, of the Good News of a forgiving God, whose healing love never fails and never ends, and that must be shared! Happy Easter!!!"

— **Deacon Gary and Diane Comer**

Alleluia, He is risen. Happy Easter. May the joy of the Resurrection be with you and sustain you all the days of your life . . . especially, the hard days.

— **Deacon David Witter**

ALLELUIA



Our Lady of Mount Carmel



Parish Announcements

Sanctuary Lamps

Saint Athanasius

Bill Pollak

Requested by Bernie Duda

Saint Sebastian

Richard and Ruth Graf

Requested by

Megan Stiehler

Saint Teresa of Avila

John Wersing

*Requested by Joan Wersing
(Wife)*

Confidential Parish

Prayer Line

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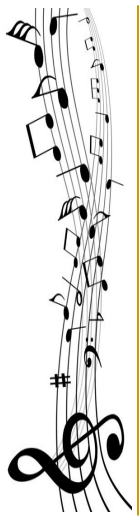
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Assistance Hotline

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

April 20, 2025



Music for Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

**Acclamations & Responses: Gather # 207, 370, 371, 202, 216*

Gathering Hymn: **Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**—Gather # 540

Responsorial Psalm: **This Is the Day**—Gather # 82

Easter Sequence: **Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today**—Breaking Bread # 172

Renewal of Baptismal Promises/Sprinkling: **River of Glory**—Breaking Bread # 639

Preparation of the Altar: **Earth, Earth, Awake**—Gather # 531

Communion Hymns: **Worthy Is the Lamb**—Breaking Bread # 596

The Risen Christ—Song Sheet (inside Breaking Bread cover)

Hallelujah Is Our Song—Breaking Bread # 175

Sending Forth: **Christ the Lord Is Risen Today**—Gather # 523

Today's Readings

First Reading: *Acts 10:34a, 37-43*

Peter speaks, saying that (Jesus) commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead.

Second Reading: *Colossians 3:1-4*

Saint Paul says, "If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth . . . When Christ your life appears, then you will appear with him in glory."

Gospel Reading: *John 20:1-9*

Mary of Magdala finds Jesus' tomb empty and runs to get Simon Peter and the other disciple.

Scan the code below to
access today's readings
on your phone or mobile
device.





Our Lady of Mount Carmel



Devotions and More

Get the full schedule at
www.mountcarmelpgh.org.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Morning Rosary

Following 8:30 a.m. Mass
Saint Athanasius Church

Monday through Friday

Afternoon Rosary

Following Noon Mass
Saint Sebastian Church Chapel

Tuesday

Miraculous Medal Novena

Following 8:30 a.m. Mass
Saint Athanasius Church

Wednesday

Bible Study with Father Leroy

7:00 p.m.
Saint Athanasius Rectory

Tuesday, April 22

LIFTED

Speaker: Deacon Bill Palamara
7:00 p.m., Saint Sebastian Church

Wednesday, April 30

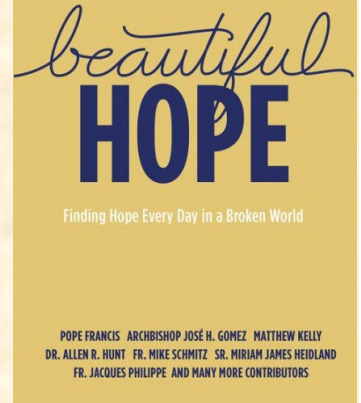
Centering Prayer

10:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Room
Parish Center

Knights of Columbus to Distribute Books at Masses This Weekend

This year is a Jubilee Year recognizing Catholics as Pilgrims of Hope.

Our Easter gift to you is a book entitled "Beautiful Hope." It presents reflections to encourage hope offered by various contributors, including Pope Francis, Bishop Donald Wuerl, Father Jacques Philippe, and Father Mike Schmitz.



Members of the Knights of Columbus will hand out the books this weekend after each Mass. Please accept this Easter gift for your family.

The Wild Goose Video Series to Be Presented Beginning May 2nd

Did you know that the Holy Spirit is sometimes called a "Wild Goose?" The video series *The Wild Goose* is a work of the Holy Spirit intending to awaken our hearts to God's love and transforming power. *The Wild Goose* is presented by Father Dave Pivonka, TOR, who currently serves as president of Franciscan University of Steubenville. We will offer five episodes between Easter and Pentecost in Athanasian Hall, located in the lower level at Saint Athanasius Church.

We will meet on five Fridays beginning May 2nd with a choice of two viewing times (10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.) Each will be followed by small group discussions. **Learn more at mountcarmelpgh.org.**



Gardening Help Needed!

Two garden adopters retired, and we have a critical need for more help.

- . Both garden areas have access to water and are on flat ground.
- . Weeding is needed on a regular basis.
- . Work on your own schedule.

Please call Dianne at 412-366-7869

to discuss and meet to tour the area.
Your help is greatly appreciated.



A Stellar Weekend for Our CYO Spring Musical

Earlier this month, our parish CYO presented *City of Man*, an original stage musical based on the Acts of the Apostles. As in the past, the show proved to be a joyous experience for all in attendance, from the sold-out Opening Cabaret to the four weekend performances that followed. It is always encouraging to realize the level of talent that exists among the young people in our parish. Thanks to all who helped make this wonderful show a huge success! The Opening Cabaret photos below were provided by Nancy Koslosky. To view more photos, visit mountcarmelpgh.org/connect/photoalbums.





LIFTED!

AN EVENING OF PRAISE, WORSHIP AND MUSIC



The Good News Band

TUESDAY, APRIL 22ND

7:00 p.m.

Saint Sebastian Church

SPEAKER

Deacon Bill Palamara

MUSIC

Our Lady of
Mount Carmel Parish
Good News Band



Deacon Bill Palamara



www.mountcarmelpgh.org/lifted

Urging All Parishioners to Get Involved in Parish Life

Our Pastoral Council and Evangelistic Team here at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish are urging all parishioners to get involved in the daily life of our parish. With dozens of ministries and organizations, there is a plethora of opportunities for you to share your time, talents and experiences as a volunteer in at least on extracurricular activity, if you're not already doing so. Whether your interests are liturgical, prayer-based, social, service-oriented, or any one of several other areas, we invite you to commit whatever time you can as a volunteer. You'll meet interesting people, make new friends and play a role in making

our parish a vibrant and exciting faith community. How can you find the right opportunity? Just visit our parish and browse our list at **mountcarmelpgh.org/ministries-1**.

GET INVOLVED IN THE LIFE OF OUR PARISH!



WITH DOZENS OF ACTIVE, VIBRANT MINISTRIES IN OUR PARISH, THERE'S ONE THAT NEEDS YOUR TIME, TALENTS AND CREATIVITY. WE NEED YOU TO GET INVOLVED! BROWSE OUR LIST AT MOUNTCARMELPGH.ORG.



Questions? Contact the leader of the ministry(ies) that interest you. We look forward to your involvement and promise you that any time you invest will be time well spent.



Our Lady of Mount Carmel



Welcome to Our Newest Staff Member: Sara Markl!

We are thrilled to welcome the newest member of the parish staff. Sara Markl is our new Education and Community Center Director. She joins our parish family following a 12-year tenure at Vincentian (senior living), where she most recently served as Community Life Manager. She has also worked as a missionary and a piano teacher, and earned a B.A. degree in Religion/Religious Studies from the Franciscan University of Steubenville.

Sara is now on site at our Community Center and looks forward to interacting with our parishioners and program participants. Please say hello and give her a warm welcome when you meet her. She can be reached at either 412-585-5575 or smarkl@mountcarmelpgh.org.

Employment: Positions Open in Our Parish

Cook (Part-time)

Cooking meals while adhering to dietary and nutritional restrictions.

Coordinator for Youth and Young Adult Evangelization (Full-time)

Responsible for organizing and implementing programs that support the formation of adolescents and young adults of the parish.

Learn more and apply at
mountcarmelpgh.org/employment.
Questions?
aferguson@mountcarmelpgh.org.



Respect Life Committee 2025 Flower Sale

**Flats of Flowers, Hanging Baskets and Vegetables
Support our Parish's Pro-Life Efforts!**

Saturday, May 10th

8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Saint Athanasius Parking Lot

Questions?

Contact JoAnn Trant

412-400-9023



Sunday, June 1 from 1pm - 5pm at the Mayernik Center, Avonworth Park

Join us for food, fellowship, and fun at our annual parish picnic including a delicious catered lunch, beer, music, and games.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED, REGISTER BY MAY 23, 2025.

Adults - \$5 each

Children 18 and under are free



Register online by scanning the QR
Code or visit mountcarmelpgh.org.

BRING A DISH TO SHARE.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages, and beer are provided. Please bring a shareable dish (8-10 people) as assigned below:

A-K: Bring a Dessert

L-Z: Bring a Salad or Side Dish

RIDE OUR FREE SHUTTLE!

Van shuttle service will run to and from Saint Teresa of Avila parking lot to the Mayernik Center from 12-2pm and 4-6pm. Parking is *very limited* at the park. Vehicles will be turned away once lots are full, so please consider riding the shuttle.

Register online or complete and return the RSVP form below by May 23 to the OLMC Parish Center or collection basket.

First and Last Name (please print): _____

of Adults attending: _____ at \$5 each = \$ _____ Total

We plan kids games! How many kids are you bringing? Ages 3-6: _____ Ages 7-12: _____



Our Lady of Mount Carmel



Pastoral Plan

Mission: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, with roots dating back more than 150 years, is a vibrant Catholic family of *word, sacrament, prayer, and service*.

Vision: Centered in Jesus Christ and with Mary as our example and patron, *we deepen our faith and holiness, live and proclaim the good news in all our actions, and bring help and hope to all.*

Priorities

1. Grow as a faith community that radiates God's love by being welcoming, warm and inclusive of all people.
2. Lead parishioners to a personal relationship with Jesus.
3. Create a culture that fosters the identification and effective use of each parishioner's talents (Charisms) to answer our unique call to holiness, ministry, and engagement within the Faith Community.

Important Information

Masses

Saturday, 4:00 p.m., St. Teresa of Avila
Saturday, 5:00 p.m., St. Athanasius
Saturday, 6:00 p.m. St. Sebastian
Sunday, 8:00 a.m., Incarnation of the Lord
Sunday, 9:00 a.m., St. Athanasius
Sunday, 10:00 a.m., St. Sebastian
Sunday, 11:00 a.m., St. Teresa of Avila
Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m., St. Athanasius
Monday–Friday, 12:00 Noon, St. Sebastian

Mass Intentions

To schedule a Mass at any of our four churches, contact Julie Stiehler at 412-367-9001 or jstiehler@mountcarmelpgh.org.

7-Day Sanctuary Lights

Dedications for the Sanctuary Light are available each week for \$20 at each of our four churches. To reserve a date contact Julie Stiehler at 412-367-9001 or jstiehler@mountcarmelpgh.org.

Confessions

Mondays, 12:30 p.m., St. Sebastian Church
Saturdays, 11:00 a.m.–Noon, St. Athanasius
Third Wednesday of month, 7:00-7:45 p.m., St. Teresa of Avila Church during Holy Hour
Also, by appointment

Open for Private Prayer (Monday-Friday)

St. Athanasius, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
St. Sebastian, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
St. Teresa of Avila, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Registering in the Parish

Call Nancy Koslosky at 412-367-9001, ext. 8536, or email her at nkoslosky@mountcarmelpgh.org.

Prayer Line

Call Patti Smith at 412.766.3723 or Nancy Detrude at 412.931.0577 for confidential prayer requests.

Scheduling a Baptism

Call Gina Harms at 412-367-9001, ext. 8410, or email her at gharms@mountcarmelpgh.org.

Religious Education

Please direct all questions about religious education and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd to Will Reaves, Faith Formation, at wreaves@mountcarmelpgh.org.

Confirmation

In our parish, Confirmation takes place in the spring. For more information contact Will Reaves, Faith Formation Department, at wreaves@mountcarmelpgh.org.

Becoming a Baptism or Confirmation Sponsor

Please direct all inquiries to Nancy Koslosky at 412-367-9001, ext. 8536 or nkoslosky@mountcarmelpgh.org.

Obtaining a Baptismal Certificate

These requests may be directed to the Diocesan Archives and Records Center at 412-456-3158.

Scheduling the Sacrament of Matrimony

To begin planning and scheduling the sacrament of marriage in one of our churches, contact Deacon Cliff Homer at chomer@mountcarmelpgh.org.

Obtaining Volunteer Clearances

Contact Ann Ferguson at ext. 8503 or aferguson@mountcarmelpgh.org.

Rosaries and Devotions

A full list of devotions scheduled each month is available at www.mountcarmelpgh.org/devotions.

Liturgical Ministries

For information about serving as a Minister of Hospitality, Reader or other Mass participant, contact Judy Dulemba at jdulemba@mountcarmelpgh.org.

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



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Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Monday April 21 Monday within the Octave of Easter	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Margaret Kosco †	Gina & Mike Harms
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Ronald Wittig †	Flo Wittig
	12:30 PM	St. Sebastian	Confessions following the 12 PM Mass	
Tuesday April 22 Tuesday within the Octave of Easter	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	George Hein †	Flo Wittig
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Deceased of Ferrara & Caracciolo Families †	Anna Mae & Lou Caracciolo
Wednesday April 23 Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Martin Stahura †	Bud & Nancy Boehm
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Romualdo, Palma & Joe Talotta †	Family
Thursday April 24 Thursday within the Octave of Easter	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Mark Joseph Gruber †	Sister: Mary Carol Horvath
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Charles S. Sullivan †	Wife: Cora
Friday April 25 Friday within the Octave of Easter	8:30AM	St. Athanasius	Louise Sutton †	OLMC Ladies of Charity
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Joseph G. Sargent †	Maria & George Shaheen
Saturday April 26 Saturday within the Octave of Easter	11 AM	St. Athanasius	Confessions	
	4 PM Vigil Mass	St. Teresa of Avila	All First Communicants and their Families	
	5 PM Vigil Mass	St. Athanasius	The People of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish	
	6 PM Vigil Mass	St. Sebastian	Richard & Ruth Graf †	Megan Stiehler
Sunday April 27 Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)	8 AM	Incarnation of the Lord	Dan Haeefe †	Wife & Family
	9 AM	St. Athanasius	40th Wedding Anniversary of Don & Peggy Anderson	Don & Peggy Anderson
	10 AM	St. Sebastian	Herman Rushofsky †	Reverend John Rushofsky
	11 AM	St. Teresa of Avila	All First Communicants and their Families	

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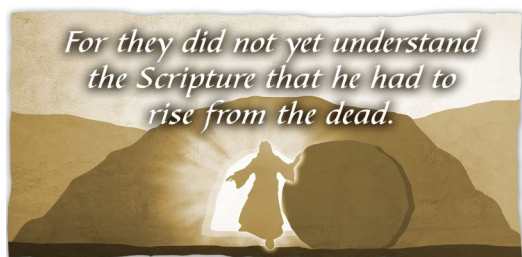
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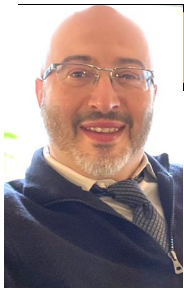
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*For they did not yet understand
the Scripture that he had to
rise from the dead.*





Ted Rybka

Worship



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

On Easter Sunday, we hear some of Jesus' earliest disciples testify to the unprecedented event they had witnessed. Saint Peter addresses an assembly of Gentiles, teaching them about Jesus and how God raised him from the dead. Saint Paul preaches about the effect Christ's resurrection has had on his life. In the Gospel, Saint Mary Magdalene, the first to see the empty tomb, frantically announces the news to two of Jesus' closest disciples. None of his disciples yet understood that Jesus had to rise from the dead, but the disciple whom Jesus loved believed at once. Let us consider how we ourselves testify to the Resurrection. **Alleluia!**

The Way of Light (Via Lucis)

We pray the fourteen Stations of the Cross during the Lenten season, but we pray the fourteen Stations of Light during the Easter season:

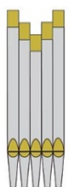
- I. Jesus Rises from the Dead
- II. The Disciples Discover the Empty Tomb
- III. The Risen Lord Appears to Mary Magdalene
- IV. The Risen Lord Appears on the Road to Emmaus
- V. The Risen Lord is Recognized in the Breaking of the Bread
- VI. The Risen Lord Appears to the Community of Disciples
- VII. The Risen Lord Breathes Peace and Gives the Power to Forgive
- VIII. The Risen Lord Strengthens the Faith of Thomas
- IX. The Risen Lord Eats with the Disciples on the Shore of Tiberius
- X. The Risen Lord Forgives Peter and Entrusts Him to Feed His Sheep
- XI. The Risen Lord Sends the Disciples into the World
- XII. The Risen Lord Ascends into Heaven
- XIII. Mary and the Disciples Keep Vigil in the Upper Room for the Spirit's Advent
- XIV. The Risen Lord Sends the Holy Spirit



Stations of Light this Monday

We will pray the Stations of Light, also known as Stations of the Resurrection, at Saint Teresa of Avila Church this **Easter Monday, April 21st, at 6:30 p.m.** with special music led by our Adult Choir, Spirit Band, and Instrumentalists.

The story does not end with the Stations of the Cross. Join us for the Stations of Light and walk together as children of the light. Alleluia!



Music Ministry Schedule for Next Weekend, April 26th & 27th:

Handbell Choir—10:00 a.m. Mass at Saint Sebastian Church

Adult Choir/Instrumentalists—11:00 a.m. Mass at Saint Teresa of Avila Church



Parish Social Ministry



Sister Karen
Brink, OSB

**“For Christ plays in ten thousand places,
lovely in limbs not his to the Father
through the features of men’s faces.” G.M.Hopkins, SJ**

SUICIDE LOSS

You are invited to participate in the Suicide Loss series. The course involves videos presented by individuals who have experienced death by suicide of a loved one, discussion and prayer.

Thursday, April 24, *Posttraumatic Growth after Suicide*

Thursday, May 1, *The Journey from Suicide Loss to Assimilation*

All Sessions will be held in the spiritual library on the St. Teresa of Avila campus from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. For further information call the social ministry office.

SUICIDE HOTLINE 988

FOOD INSECURITY AND OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL FOOD PANTRY

The parish food pantry is in particular need of the following items: pancake syrup, pears, boxed potatoes, pancake mix, jelly, carrots, spaghetti and sauce, oatmeal, juices, paper products, bath soap, detergent, all sizes, and shampoo.

Your gracious gifts will be a blessing to our neighbors in need!

There are bins in the narthex of each church and outside Haber Hall.

LIVING IN, WITH, AND THROUGH GRIEF

Beginning Thursday, May 8, 2025, a series on experience with grief will be held in Spiritual Library from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Discussion will center around topics related to grief including finding meaning after loss, finding hope and meaning in grief, and the adventures of grief. Sessions will include prayer, videos, and discussion.

For further information, contact the social ministry office.

IT'S SPRING...So it must be time for the BUNDLE DRIVE!

Saturday, April 26, 2025 9:00 am-Noon

Saint Sebastian Campus...Upper parking lot

Pack up clean clothing for all sizes and ages

And household linens, including blankets, sheets and towels.

All donations go to the Saint Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores.

UPCOMING GATHERINGS

LADIES OF CHARITY, Monday, April 21, 2025, 6:30 PM, Schoppol Hall,

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE MEETING, Wednesday, April 23, 7:00 pm, Community Center

...Care to get involved?...

LOOKING FOR “LEFTOVERS” ON GIFT CARDS...

More information to follow!



Community Center



Adjacent to Saint Athanasius -

7 Chalfonte Ave, West View

412-585-5575 / communitycenter@mountcarmelpgh.org

COME EXERCISE WITH US

Pickle Ball: Mon-Sat. AM, PM, & Evening

Volates—Tues 6:45 PM

Beginners' Pickle Ball Clinic—Mon 9:00 AM (call to schedule)

Yoga—Thurs 7:00 PM

Zumba—Tues 6:00 PM

Tai Chi—Tues/Thurs 11:30 AM

Senior Exercise Video - Mon & Wed 11:00 AM

Balance & Stability

Beginner Line Dancing—Wed 7:00 PM

Senior Strength

Most Classes offer the 1st Visit as a FREE "Try & See"

Spring Lectures continue

Tuesdays 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. in Rm 104

Apr. 22 - The Underground RR of Pgh *Carol Kunz*

Mondays 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in Rm 104

Apr. 28 - Plant Balms

May 12 - Flower Preservation

May 19 - Cake Decorating w/Flowers

Mondays

with:

*Gil Pielin &
Jane Aresto*

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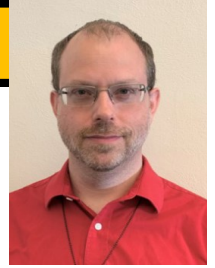
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Will Reaves

In order for science to work, the following things have to be true: 1) There must be an independent physical world, which 2) obeys regular “laws” that 3) our senses can reliably observe and 4) our minds can properly understand. All four of these propositions have been denied by human beings throughout history. For example, classical Buddhism claims personal existence (and in some schools, the whole of the physical world) is an illusion. Pagan and animist religions think that natural phenomena are the results of gods or spirits.

But a Christian worldview can accept all four of these principles. We do not anthropomorphize creation (so we can believe propositions 1 and 2), yet we also believe human beings are rational creatures, made in the image and likeness of God (so we can believe propositions 3 and 4). It is not an accident that science as we know it arose in Christian Europe.

Ironically, the scientism we have been critiquing also undermines the foundations of science. Scientism rejects the idea that anything is verifiable outside the realm of scientific study. If it is not empirically testable in the physical world, it’s not science. But the philosophical underpinnings of science (the four points we started with) cannot be demonstrated by science; they must be assumed, and thus can never be proven by the scientific method.

What’s more, a materialist account of the brain directly undermines the idea of humans possessing minds; the mind is not reducible to mere brain function, and attempts to make it so wind up eliminating free will, rationality, and even personal existence as we understand it. For us to do science—really, for there to be an “us” at all—there must be something besides the merely material. Scientism ultimately refutes itself.

Challenge: Spend some time reflecting on the Christian inheritance you have received. How many beliefs even in our secular times arise from Christian teaching?

First Communion Masses Start Next Week!

Our second graders are preparing to celebrate their First Communions starting next weekend! We are excited for all they have accomplished over this year and look forward to them reaching this new milestone in their journey of faith! Here are the Masses where they will receive the sacrament:

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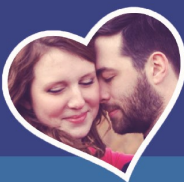
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