



Saint Matthew Parish

Serving the communities of Etna, Glenshaw, Millvale, and Reserve Twp.

September 12, 2021

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at Holy Spirit



20th Anniversary Prayer of Remembrance

Almighty and Ever-Loving God, we remember September 11, 2001 and pray for those who were affected by the terrible events of that day. We remember, with love and respect, all of those who went tragically to their deaths.

We remember those who still suffer from their injuries of that day twenty years ago and pray for their recovery. We remember the still grieving families and friends and all who lost loved ones.

Gracious Lord, continue to console them in the hope that all who trust in You will find peace and rest in Your Eternal Kingdom. Bless them with Your presence and surround us all with your love.

God of peace, bless all those defending and protecting our country and its ideals of freedom and liberty. May Your kingdom of justice and of peace reign and may the earth be filled with Your glory.

Amen.

SUNDAY MASSES:

(Sat.) 4:00 pm
– St. Bonaventure
(Sat.) 4:00 pm – St. Aloysius
7:30 am – St. Bonaventure
8:30 am – Holy Spirit
9:00 am – All Saints
10:00 am – St. Bonaventure
11:00 am – Holy Spirit
11:30 am – All Saints

BULLETIN INFORMATION:

All information must be submitted in writing and received at the parish office by Friday, 12:00 Noon, ten (10) days prior to publication. Material will be published on a space available basis.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

TUESDAYS:
6:00-7:00 pm
– St. Bonaventure
SATURDAYS:
8:30-9:30 am – All Saints
12:30-1:30 pm – Holy Spirit
3:00-3:45 pm – St. Aloysius

ADORATION SCHEDULE:

St. Bonaventure:
Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Fri:
8:00 am – 10:00 pm
Wed.: 9:00 am – 10:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES:

MONDAYS
6:40 am – St. Bonaventure
8:00 am – Holy Spirit
TUESDAYS
6:40 am – St. Bonaventure
8:00 am – All Saints
WEDNESDAYS
8:00 am – St. Bonaventure
7:00 pm – All Saints
THURSDAYS
6:40 am – St. Bonaventure
8:00 am – All Saints
FRIDAYS
6:40 am – St. Bonaventure
8:00 am – Holy Spirit
SATURDAYS
8:00 am – All Saints

WEEKLY LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

AS-All Saints SB-St. Bonaventure
HS-Holy Spirit SA-St. Aloysius

SUNDAY – September 12– 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (Vigil) SB + Tim “Tiger” Szazynski (Wife Carol)
4:00 pm (Vigil) SA + Marion Kreuger (Family)
7:30 am SB + Helen & Michael Celender (Family)
8:30 am HS + Dorothy Pawlak (Cindy)
9:00 am AS + Henry Orosz (Wife Barbara)
10:00 am SB + Andrew, Pauline & MaryAnn Rak
(Rak & DiYanni Families)
11:00 am HS + Matthew Szramowski (Evelyn Szramowski)
11:30 am AS For the People of the Parish

MONDAY – September 13 -

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

6:40 am SB + Jerry Hannon (Peggy Hannan & Family)
8:00 am HS + Theodore Mazurek
(Fr. Jim Mazurek & Debbie Uram)

TUESDAY – September 14- The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

6:40 am SB + Bill & Mary Kelly (Bonnie & Ken Leckey)
8:00 am AS + Regis Fowler (Carol Ryan)

WEDNESDAY – September 15- Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 am SB + Deceased of Lignoski & Ruggiero Families
(Family)
7:00 pm AS + Barbara Volpe (John Dukovich)

THURSDAY – September 16-

Saints. Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

6:40 am SB + Henry & James Lignowski (Family)
8:00 am AS + Jackie Chavez (Carol Ryan)

FRIDAY – September 17 - Weekday

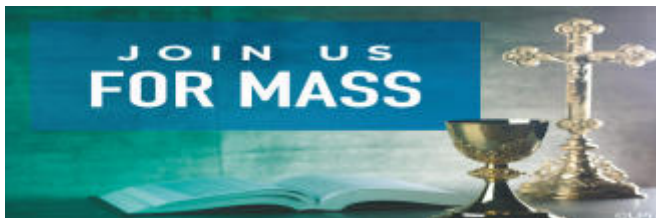
6:40 am SB + Mercedes Tylanda (Family)
8:00 am HS + Dolores Janasik (Fr. Mazurek & Debbie Uram)

SATURDAY – September 18 - Weekday

8:00 am AS + Jean Barney (Francis & Laura Mossesso)
4:00 pm (Vigil) SB For the People of the Parish
4:00 pm (Vigil) SA Barbara & Jim Haller
(50th Wedding Anniversary)

SUNDAY – September 19 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am SB + Kirk Duve (Family)
8:30 am HS + Michael Hoehn (Mom)
9:00 am AS + Marie “Mimi” Scheirer (Sciullo Family)
10:00 am SB + Phillip DiRenzo (Carmella & Family)
11:00 am HS + Concetta Brown (Husband John & Family)
11:30 am AS + Larry Kasperowski (Richard & Margaret)



Please pray for those who have died,
especially those from our parish:

**Rose Labash, Laverne McCormick, Richard Wagner,
Maureen Scheide, Monica Horner, Charles Botta, Jr.,
Mark R. Canzian**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of
all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.



SUNDAY 9/12/21
Rummage House Sale (SA) 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

MONDAY 9/13/21
Eucharistic Adoration (SBC Chapel) 8:00 am-10:00 pm
CFF Classes (SB School) 6:30-8:00 pm

TUESDAY 9/14/21
Eucharistic Adoration (SBC Chapel) 8:00 am-10:00 pm
Patriotic Rosary (SBC) 12:00 Noon
Confessions (SBC) 6:00-7:00 pm
Bible Study (AS Activities Bldg.) 1:30-3:30 and 7:00-9:00 pm

WEDNESDAY 9/15/21
Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena (SBC) 8:30 am
Eucharistic Adoration (SBC Chapel) 9:00 am-10:00 pm
RCIA (SBC Newmeyer) Track A 6:00-7:30 pm
RCIA (SBC Newmeyer) Track B 7:30-9:00 pm

THURSDAY 9/16/21
Eucharistic Adoration (SBC Chapel) 8:00 am-10:00 pm
Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena (ASC) 8:30 am

FRIDAY 9/17/21
Eucharistic Adoration (SBC Chapel) 8:00 am-10:00 pm

SATURDAY 9/18/21
CFF Classes (SB School) 9:00-10:30 am
Confessions (ASC) 8:30-9:30 am
Confessions (HSC) 12:30-1:30 pm
Confessions (SAC) 3:00-3:45 pm



Sanctuary Candles

For the Week of Sept 11 to Sept 17

HS - Dorothy Pawlak (Cynthia & John)
SA - Niederst, Johns & Doyle Families
(Suzy Johns)
AS - Matt Shegina (Daughters Rose & Terry)

Sanctuary Flowers

AS - Helen & John Samber (Borowski Family)



Congratulations to **Nathan Willi & Alexis Steinberg** who were recently married in Bozeman, Montana. May their future together be filled with all good things.

From the Desk of the Pastor

This Tuesday our special Scripture study of the Gospel of Matthew with Fr. John Marcucci continues. This week's two topics are "Matthew the Tax Collector" and "The Five Discourses". It will be at AS in the Activities Building. Parking is available in the asphalt lot by the building and across Church Alley in the cement lot. The afternoon session is from 1:30-3:30 pm and a repeated evening session from 7-9 pm. There are two sessions to come!

Help is still needed for the SMP booth at Millvale Days THIS WEEK, 16-18 September. You can contact Carol at CHaubach@SaintMatthewPgh.org or ext. 380 to volunteer. Hope to see you there!

We also need your delicious baked goods for the SMP Bake Sale at Millvale Days. Any deliciousness you can offer will be appreciated by the patrons, I'm sure! If you have questions or need help delivering, be in contact with April at 412-822-7025.

Don't forget that there is a cash raffle associated with Millvale Days. Prizes worth \$6,000.00 will be awarded! Tickets are available in the churches and offices. Drawing is 18 September at 9:00 pm.

Of course, our "Celebrate St. Matthew" fest reaches its high point with the Solemnity of St. Matthew being celebrated NEXT SUNDAY, 19 September. All the Masses that weekend will honor him. Following the 11:30 am Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will occur. Jonah will lead an hour of praise and worship from 3-4 pm. Food trucks will be on site from 4-6 pm. At 6:00 pm, we will have Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction with Fr. Adam Potter as our presider.

Finally, I have to say that Wednesday, September 1st was one of the hardest days of my life. As I was driving to SB for Mass at 8 as well as a Funeral Mass at 10, Mount Royal was bad by the plaza. I became occupied with my important priestly duties while having no clue what was happening in Millvale and especially Etna. Sure, many phone calls and texts were happening. However, those didn't help allay any fears. My brain was racing. Would I be able to get back to the AS Rectory? Would there BE an AS Rectory? So much was changing so quickly, I had no control over anything, and cried all through the 8 am Mass! A tough day indeed!

As people say, 'hindsight is 20/20'. My hindsight says there's still so much to learn about our properties! Where are shut off valves? Main circuit breakers? Where are the drains and is there a way to prevent back-flow? What's the 'plan of attack' in the case of a natural disaster? That reflection led to further thoughts of what to do if Mass or Faith Formation needs to be evacuated.

In looking to the future, I need your help! I am putting together a team that creates the plan and proper chain of command. If you have some expertise in that, let me know. I need you!

For the final word, here's what happened: The AS rectory laundry room had about 2 inches of water that receded on its own, as did the 5 inches of water on the Wilson St. side of the AS church basement. On the Dewey St. side of the basement, there was at least 20 inches of water. I am grateful to the restoration company, FireDex, and more so, the Etna and Undercliff VFDs who worked incredibly hard to pump out the basement. I have a new-found respect for our VFDs! See you at the Eucharistic Table! **Fr. Jim Gretz**

Parish Staff Members and Phone Extensions

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FINANCES

ALL contribution checks should be made payable to

“St. Matthew Parish”

Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021

(* and **bold** denotes Diocesan Collection)

Offertory	\$20,766	Votive Candles	\$774
Parish Share	4,015	Rental of School	50
Parish Improvements	1,596	Rental of Hall	500
Community Charity Fund	1,104	Word Among Us	45
Assumption	96	Funerals	750
*Peter's Pence	5	CFF Registration	165
*Catholic Univ	45	Market Day	28
*Bishop's Ed.	77	Harvest Moon	1,185
TOTAL Collections	\$27,704	TOTAL Other	\$3,497
GRAND TOTAL		\$31,201	
Parish Share Goal:	\$206,407	Parish Share Donated to Date:	\$147,165

Weekend Attendance (Sept 4-Sept 5):

4:00 pm (SAC) - 117	9:00 am (ASC) - 117
4:00 pm (SBC) - 244	10:00 am (SBC) - 258
7:30 am (SBC) - 153	11:00 am (HSC) - 86
8:30 am (HSC) - 102	11:30 am (ASC) - 102

Special Collection

The devastation from the earthquake, followed by a tropical storm has caused immense damage to Haiti. Reports indicate that over 2,000 people have died and thousands of homes have been destroyed. This devastation further impacts the Haitian community as they are still rebuilding following the major earthquake of 2010.

In response to this important appeal, we are having a special collection September 18 & 19 to support the efforts of the Bishops' Emergency Disaster Fund. Thank you for your consideration as we seek to assist our sisters and brothers in need.

REMINDER - Harvest Moon Raffle - Please remember to return all of your tickets as soon as possible. Thank you for your support!



CASH RAFFLE REMINDER - Please return all Cash Raffle Tickets as soon as possible by depositing them in the collection basket or dropping them off at the parish office.



SMP Volunteers needed in a variety of capacities to



assist with the St. Matthew Parish 2022 Year-long lottery. Contact Rose McKee at 412-719-8191 for more information.

Faith Formation For Children & People With Disabilities

St. Matthew Parish will be offering an adult Bible study and Children's Faith Formation classes for people with disabilities this fall. The Bible study will meet on a bi-weekly basis on Wednesday evenings at Newmeyer Hall. The children's classes, for any child with special needs (2nd-8th), will be held weekly on Saturday mornings in the St. Bonaventure School bldg. In a special way, we want to reach out to anyone (children and adults with disabilities), who has not yet received the Sacraments. We are also in need of volunteers and looking for catechists with special ed. training for the children's classes. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Louis Bosco, Director of Religious Education at 412-923-3413 or at lbosco@saintmatthewpgh.org.

COME TO KNOW JESUS THROUGH HIS CHURCH



"I am the way, the truth, and the life," says Jesus; "no one comes to the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). Do you feel called to come to Jesus? RCIA helps non-Catholics learn more about Jesus and his Church.

What does the Catholic Church believe about Jesus and why? How does being Catholic bring us closer to him? Come join us on Wednesday nights from (6:00 - 7:30 pm.) in Newmeyer Hall, beneath St. Bonaventure Church. Catholics who want to grow in their understanding of the Faith are welcome to join us as well! For more information contact Louis Bosco, Director of Religious Education, at 412-923-3413 or at lbosco@saintmatthewpgh.org.



SMP would like to give a special thank you to the Etna and Undercliff Fire Departments for all of their assistance on Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021 during the rain and flooding that occurred in Etna and to All Saints church. Your quick response was truly appreciated.



Thank You St. Matthew Parish! The Baby Bottle Campaign Raised \$7,017! Your generosity is truly appreciated!

ST. MATTHEW PARISH

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE LAST FISCAL YEAR July 1 through June 30

	2020-2021
OPERATING INCOME:	
Weekly Collections (not including PSP)	\$1,108,836.59
Donations/Bequests/Sacraments/Bulletin Rebate	136,700.11
General Fundraising	56,943.30
Investment Income (Savings Account)	3,213.76
Religious Education Program (CFF)	17,255.00
Rental Property-SAC Administration Building	3,600.00
Rental Property-HSC Convent	46,952.00
Rental Property-Halls	1,325.00
Rental Property-Lyceum/Gym	44,396.00
Rental Property-Schools	22,320.00
Other Operating Income	168,774.42
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$1,610,316.18
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Liturgical Expense	\$169,742.59
Administration/Office Expense	360,029.69
Church Bldg., & Operation & Maintenance Expense of Parish	311,355.39
Rectory Building Expense	50,502.53
Property & Liability Insurance	155,048.88
Religious Education Building/Program Expense	170,347.54
Youth Ministry Program Expense	54,779.02
Social Activities / Other Expense	259.32
Activities Bldg./Lyceum Building/104 Meadow Rd. Expense	23,672.56
Faith Direct Online Giving Fees	10,115.40
Diocesan School Subsidy (Elementary School Contribution)	223,344.93
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$1,529,197.85
NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$81,118.33 (a)

(a) The Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit) only reflects current year profit/loss. It does not take into account what the Parish has in savings from prior years. For an updated financial picture, please see below.

CURRENT FINANCES AT A GLANCE, as of 7/31/21:

Current Checking Account Balance:	\$143,192.31
Current Extraordinary Expenses Owed:	\$ 0.00
Current Amount after expenses paid:	<u>\$143,192.31</u>
On Mission for the Church Alive Capital Campaign:	\$ 44,594.02
Diocesan Savings Account:	\$337,489.36

The report reflects the merger of the finances of the four former Parishes into one end-of-the-year report. I am quite happy with the report. As the year began right after the pandemic lockdown, I would say you all have done a really great job in supporting the parish! Thank you for your efforts.

In the meantime, I encourage your continual support of the parish. Continuing on a positive financial trend can help bring more programs to the parish.



**St. Matthew Parish Rummage House
St. Aloysius Church
TODAY!!!!!!
Hours 10:00 am-2:00 pm**

We will have a Half Off sale in our Linen Room. Check out the great bargains on Blankets, Bedspreads, Sheets, Curtains, and Towels.

Take out food will be available. Menu includes Meatloaf Dinner (meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy & green beans), Hot Sausage Sandwich, Stuffed Shells, Macaroni Salad, Beef Barley Soup, Cookies, Cakes, and Pies. If you have any questions, please contact Suzy Johns at 412-821-2404.

CALLING ALL BAKERS!



Help us welcome Fall with a baked good donation for the St Matthew Booth at "Millvale Days" **Sept. 16th through 18th.** We will collect baked goods Wednesday thru Friday Sept. 15th thru 17th from 9:00 am to Noon at SBC. Wednesday after 7:00 pm Mass at AS. Thursday after 8:00 am Mass at AS. Friday, after 8:00 am Mass at HS. Saturday after 8:00 am Mass at AS. Please help St Matthew to have a successful Bake Sale! If you have a donation and are unable to bring your item, please call April at 412-822-7025 to schedule pick-up.

SMP Christian Mothers is having a trip to Rivers Casino on Monday, October 11, 2021. Cost is \$25.00. You get \$20.00 back in free play and \$5.00 in food. One bus leaves from SBC at 9:45 am from upper parking lot, then goes to AS back parking lot. One bus leaves SA at 10:00 am from back parking lot then goes to Banco Bank in Troy Hill for pick-up. All buses leave the casino at 3:30 pm. Must have ID to get your free play. Please contact Carol Fulton at 412-931-8469 with any questions



Due to the number of weddings during the month of October at Holy Spirit, Saturday confessions for the entire month of October will be moved from 12:30-1:30 to **11:00 am to Noon.** Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

SMP Facebook Page

Did you know St. Matthew Parish is on Facebook? Be sure to follow us at www.facebook.com/SaintMatthewpgh for updates, livestreamed Masses, events, and other important parish information.

Youth Ministry Dance



The SMP Youth Ministry Team and the Knights of Columbus are hosting a dance for young people with special needs.

WHERE: St. Bonaventure Church, 2001 Mt. Royal Blvd. Glenshaw, PA. 15116. **WHEN:** Saturday October 9th, 2021. Mass at 4:00 pm, Dance from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm in Newmeyer Hall beneath church. Music provided by DJ Rick Wirth from the Knights of Columbus. **COST:** Free. Pizza, Drinks and Snacks will be provided. **RSVP** by September 15, 2021 to Theresa Puharic (412) 580-1872 or by email at puharic4@comcast.net.



September Pro Life Rosary Saint Matthew Parish TODAY!!!!

September 12th

Saint Bonaventure - After 4:00 pm Mass- Frank Cannetti/ MaryAnn Petrakovich/ Bob Yeske/ Claire Roberts/ Linda and Nicole Lichtenfel. After 7:30 am Mass- Charlene Logan/Kathy Bucsek/ John Mikulan. After 10:00 am Mass- John McNavage/ Neelie Simmons/ Kathy Kirk/ Dave McLaughlin.

Saint Aloysius- After 4:00 pm Mass- Bernadette Schiffhauer.

Holy Spirit- Before 8:30 am Mass- Robert Kruszewski. Before 11:00 am Mass- Karen Ferrari.

All Saints- After 9:00 am Mass- Tom Rengers/ Emma Jean Kraus. After 11:30 am Mass- Carol Ryan.

We are in need of rosary leaders, if you would like to help at your Mass, please contact:

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jcmcnavage@gmail.com

Frank Cannetti- 412-818-6062
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Neelie Simmons- 412-612-0701
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Retrouvaille - Hope for Marriages and for Families

Retrouvaille of Pittsburgh is here with our mission of hope offering couples in distress a welcoming and loving space where they can, with God's help, heal and restore their marriages. Our next weekend program will be held October 8-10, 2021. Don't let this opportunity slip away. Reserve your spot today! For confidential information call or email: 412-277-3434 or 3041R@HelpOurMarriage.org.

Opening Song**To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King**

1. To Je - sus Christ, our sov - 'reign King, Who
 2. Your reign ex - tend, O King be - nign, To
 3. To you and to your Church, great King, We

is the world's sal - va - tion, All praise and hom - age
 ev - 'ry land and na - tion; For in your king - dom,
 pledge our hearts' ob - la - tion Un - til be - fore your

do we bring And thanks and ad - o - ra - tion.
 Lord di - vine, A - lone we find sal - va - tion.
 throne we sing In end - less ju - bi - la - tion.

Christ Je - sus, Vic - tor! Christ Je - sus, Ru - ler!

Christ Je - sus, Lord and Re - deem - er!

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Tune: ICH GLAUB AN GOTT, 8 7 8 7 with refrain; *Mainz Gesangbuch*, 1870; harm. by Richard Proulx, 1937-2010**PSALM 116: 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B**

R. I will walk be - fore the Lord, in the land of the liv - ing.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA NO. IV

R. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Closing Song

Lift High the Cross

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till
all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where the Mas-ter trod, our
2. Led on their way by this tri-um-phant sign, the
3. Each new-born fol-l'wer of the Cru-ci-fied bears
4. O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree, your
5. So shall our song of tri-umph ev-er be: praise

King vic-to-rious, Christ, the Son of God.
hosts of God in con-quer-ing ranks com-bine.
on the brow the seal of him who died.
death has bought us life e-ter-nal-ly.
to the Cru-ci-fied for vic-to-ry!

Text: 1. Christiana, c.18; George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912, and Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956, al.
Tune: CRUCIFER, 10 10 will, refrain; Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947
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Golden Wedding Anniversary



Each year the diocese recognizes the crowning achievement of those couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with a Mass presided by Bishop Zubik at St. Paul Cathedral, followed by a cookie reception. The Golden Anniversary Mass for all couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2021 will be held on October 10, 2021 at 2:30 pm. To RSVP, submit the following information to Anna at ext. 362: Husband's name, Wife's name, Couple's mailing address, Couple's phone number. The deadline to RSVP is September 20. Participants will receive a personal invitation with instructions after the parish submits the names of those who will attend.

SMP St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) serves needy residents in



the geographical area of our 4 parishes: Etna, Millvale, Reserve, and Shaler Townships. We do not give money to people. Rather, we help pay rent for families facing eviction, delinquent utility bills for those facing water, gas and electric shutoffs, and other emergency needs, which are unable to be paid through no fault of the needy family. We also provide vouchers for clothing, household goods and furniture obtained through the SVdP thrift stores. For the first 6 months of 2021, our dedicated SVdP team, which includes our Spiritual Director Deacon Chuck Rhoads, has assisted 37 families. We thank our parishioners who generously support our ministry by contributing to the Poor Box at our churches.

Message from the Most Rev. David A. Zubik, Bishop of Pittsburgh



"It has recently come to my attention that the University of Pittsburgh Medical School has for some time been using the bodies of aborted babies for medical research. This information is a matter of grave concern. From the perspective of the Church, this is a gross violation of human rights. This practice epitomizes the exploitation of human beings, valued not for their intrinsic worth but as parts for gain. Opposition to these medical experiments on helpless babies should transcend every political affiliation and every faith tradition.

"While some might defend the practice of using aborted fetal tissue in science as bringing about good, with this practice the most fundamental ethical norm undergirding all efforts for human betterment - the dignity, sanctity and infinite worth of all human beings - is being violated. The foundation of a just and free society is the recognition that every human being has value and is the bearer of rights, regardless of strength, ability or origin. This foundational belief must also and always be the very inspiration for scientific advancement and the compass guiding science to true progress.

"The medical community, together with the scientific and academic communities, must honor the pledge to 'First, do no harm.'"

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Prayers for the Sick:

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Looking to add someone to the prayer list? Please contact Kathy at kkoerbel@saintmatthewpgh.org or call ext. 403. Due to privacy issues, we can only accept requests from the individual or immediate family. Thanks for your cooperation.



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These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a \$10 discount.

Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441 or text the word "circle" to 797979.

Flu Immunization Clinic:

Sunday, September 26 - AS Activity Bldg. from 9:30-11:00 am.

Saturday, October 2 - SA Social Hall from 4:30-6:30 pm.

Sunday, October 3- SB Newmeyer Hall from 8:00-10:00 am.

Sunday, October 10 - HS School Cafeteria from 9:00-11:00 am.

Each attendee must bring the following:

Completed questionnaire/consent form
Insurance Card

****Flu immunizations are completely covered by insurance**.**

PARISH LIFE

BAPTISM: Prior registration is necessary. A formation session for parents is also required. All paperwork needs to be on hand prior to scheduling. Call Carol at ext. 380.

RECONCILIATION: See the front cover page for times in our grouping. Other times are available by appointment.

FIRST COMMUNION: First Holy Communion is usually celebrated in the Spring. Children candidates are expected to be enrolled in the parish faith formation program. Contact Louis at ext. 413 for details and registration.

HOME BOUND: Upon request, Holy Communion can be brought to the home by the Priest, Deacon, or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. Contact Elaine at ext. 419.

CONFIRMATION: The parish celebrates confirmation in the fall of 9th Grade. Contact Jonah at ext. 415 for details and registration. Any adult (over 18) should contact Louis at ext. 413 for details and registration.

MARRIAGE: Potential couples wishing to be married in the Catholic Church must contact the Priest or Deacon at least six months before the desired date. No date can be guaranteed until the couple has met with one of the parish clergy team. Please start with contacting the Priest or Deacon you wish to witness your marriage.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: This sacrament is administered by a Priest and is preferred when the recipient is aware of its healing power. Communal Anointing of the Sick Masses are offered during the year - in the fall and in the spring in one of our churches.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is open to any adult interested in becoming a Roman Catholic Christian through a program of formation and prayer. Call Louis at ext. 413 for details and registration.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: New parishioners are always welcome! Register online at www.saintmatthewpgh.org or call Carol at ext. 380 for a census form.

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES LAW

Any individuals, paid or volunteer, who come into contact with children in the course of his or her work are considered mandated reporters of child abuse. Mandated reporters having reasonable cause to believe that a child has been subjected to child abuse, or acts of child abuse, shall report immediately to the following agencies:

- If you suspect a child is in imminent danger from abuse, **please call 911 immediately.**
- Children and Youth Services: **412-473-2000**
- Abuse Hotline: **800-932-0313**

Anyone making a report is immune from civil or criminal liability provided a report is made in good faith.

DIOCESAN TOLL-FREE NUMBER FOR ABUSE RESPONSE:

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