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Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, & 11:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses:

Monday - Saturday • 8:00 a.m. Monday - Wednesday - Friday • Noon

Sacrament of Penance:

Confessions Saturday 11:00 a.m. to Noon or by appointment

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For arrangements call 412-276-1011 x 210

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: Call Fr. Dave or Fr. Robin to

Sacrament of Marriage:

during illness, etc)

must be made with one of the priests at least six months before the proposed date

Sacrament of

Penance:

Confessions from 11:00 a.m. appointment.

Age & Illness

If you have a who has become seriously ill, homebound, or is in a long-term 412-276-1011 x221

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 13

4:00 p.m. MARTIN FALLERONI, SR. by Family

7:30 a.m. ROY F. GREEK by Family

9:30 a.m. **COLLEEN McGrath** by Jean Kozy

11:30 a.m. ANTONI AND OLGA STARZYNSKI by Krystyna

Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church Monday, December 14

Third Sunday of Advent

Advent Weekday

Advent Weekday

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17A Ps 25 Teach me you ways, O Lord. Mt 21: 23-27

8:00 a.m. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

12:00 p.m. JOSEPH IRELAND by Richard and Helen Fallon

Tuesday, December 15

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 Ps 34 The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Mt 21:28-32 8:00 a.m. CLAIRE PUSHAK by Mrs. Helen Yarnot and Son

Wednesday, December 16 Advent Weekday

Is 45:6C-8, 18, 21C-25Let the clouds rain down on the Just One, and the earth bring forth a Savior. Lk 7:18B-23

RICHARD W. BLACK by the Lazor and Black Families 8:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m. WILLIAM CHISLER by Daughter

Thursday, December 17

Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72 Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever. Mt 1:1-17

8:00 a.m. MARY BOKULICH by Sue Formosa

Friday, December 18 Advent Weekday

Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72 Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever. Mt 1:18-25

8:00 a.m. MARY SNYDER by Jay and Linda LaRocka

12:00 p.m. WILLIAM J. DALY by Family

Sunday, December 20

7:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 19 Advent Weekday

Igs 13:2-7, 24-25A Ps 71 My mouth shall be filled with your praise, and I will sing your glory! Lk 1:5-25

8:00 a.m. NORBERT AND MARY JANE WITWICKI by Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

ROY AND SARAH RACO by the Shimatzki and Raco Families

4:00 p.m. MARY JANE KELLY by Linda Okopal

Mi 5:1-4A Ps 80 Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45

9:30 a.m. VERA AND BUZ FUNARO by Natalie and Robynne

FRANK R. CAPEZIO by Wife and Children 11:30 a.m.

If you live in Carnegie or one of the nearby townships or boroughs, we'd like to know! Register as a member of the parish or get on our communication lists. Or you live farther away but visit us regularly, please consider registering as an interested non-member. Contact Fr. Dave or the parish office. You can also register online at www.seascarnegie.org/join-our-parish.

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? Perhaps you're not Christian, not Catholic, or just curious. Our staff is here for you! Contact Fr. Dave Poecking or Dee Fitzsimmons to learn more. Adults interested in becoming Christian, adult Christians interested in becoming Catholic, and adult Catholics in need of First Communion or Confirmation, please call Fr. Dave or Dee for information about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)



"All the good works in the world are not equal to the holy sacrifice of the Mass because they are the works of men; but the Mass is the work of God....the Mass is the sacrifice of God for man." Those are the words of Saint Jean Vianney, the 19th-century French priest who is the patron saint of all priests. At the heart of Catholic worship is the Mass. Never

take the liturgy for granted. Think of ways to help you and your fellow parishioners experience the life-changing power of the Mass.

To read more, check out "On Mission for The Church Alive!" on page 5 of this week's Pittsburgh Catholic and visit www.OnMissionChurchAlive.org. or click on "The Church Alive" on our homepage. www.SEAScarnegie.org

PARISH WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

6:30 p.m. Children's Penance Service —Church See page 11 7:00 p.m. Bingo at Bishop Canevin High School —Cafeteria

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

6:30 a.m. Men's Faith Sharing Group —Maximilian Kolbe Room

9:00 a.m. St. John Paul II Co-op Home-school Group —Bayley Building Classrooms

2:00 p.m. Afternoon Faith Sharing Group —Maximilian Kolbe Room

7:00 p.m. Contemporary Choir Rehearsal —Church

7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus 2nd Degree Rehearsal —St. Luke Hall

Wednesday, December 16

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Angel Tree Distribution —Holy Family Hall

1:00 p.m. Honus Wagner Apartments Mass

7:00 p.m. Men's Faith Sharing Group —Maximilian Kolbe Room

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

10:00 a.m.
PIP Prayer Ministry — Holy Family Hall
7:00 p.m.
Parish Choir Rehearsal — St. Cecilia Room
Knights of Columbus Meeting — St. Luke Hall

Friday, December 18

Christian Mothers and Guild Set-up for Cookie Sale —St. Luke Hall

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

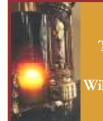
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

4:00 p.m. Carnegie Community Choir Concert — See page 15





This Sunday's
Tabernacle Lamp burns
In Memory of
William J. & William T. Daly
By Winifred Daly

<u>FINANCIAL</u> STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection December 6

Regular Collection: \$13,188

Parish Share Gifts: \$2,417

Capital Campaign: \$1,518

Education Fund \$878

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Please remember SEAS in your will!

ADVISORY COUNCILS

The Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh expects each parish to have a Pastoral Council and a Finance Council. The **Pastoral Council** helps the pastor create, manage, and evaluate a "pastoral plan"—something like a secular institution's "strategic plan." Pastoral councilors help by listening to the parish and pastor, praying and studying, and sustaining an extended dialogue with the pastor concerning the needs of the parish and the direction provided by him, the Bishop, and the Holy Spirit.

SEAS Parish has recently enjoyed the services of a Pastoral Council now retiring, and a new Council to be seated in January. The new councilors will be commissioned at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 17. Meanwhile, please join me in thanking all the retiring members, whose work over the past several years has yielded profound impact on me and on the parish.

The **Finance Council** helps the pastor provide for the temporal welfare of the parish by advising him in matters of revenue and expense, security and loss control, maintenance and management. Because of changes in the diocesan accounting system, we've been delayed in producing SEAS Parish's annual financial report, but the Finance Council and I expect to have one for you by the end of the month. Pat Riley now joins the Finance Council, bringing our total to seven.

Outgoing Pastoral Councilors	Incoming Pastoral Councilors	Finance Councilors						
Vince Bellini	Jake Bosiljevac	Mark DeAndrea						
Cheryl Kania	Leslie Dominick	Bob Greek						
Marianne Kisak	Russell Giancola	Jeff Hinds						
Joan Reale	Richard Hancock	Erin Kisak						
Joe White	Marianne Kisak	John O'Keefe						
Carol Riley	Leeann McGrogan	Jeff Palastro						
Jeff Hinds	Carol Riley	Pat Riley						
Theresa Mox	Gerry Skvarca							
Ruth Weiford	Joe Yurchak							
Gerry Skvarca	Katie Yurchak							

Please also remember other special events:

- <u>Confessions:</u> Advent Penance Service (for children) Monday, December 14, at 6:30 p.m. Children & their families will have the opportunity for individual confession & absolution.
- Carnegie Community Choir Christmas Concert Sunday, December 20, at 4:00 p.m.
- <u>Confessions:</u> Advent Penance Service (for adults) Monday, December 21, at 7:00 p.m. Bishop William Winter & several priests will be available for individual confession & absolution.

—Fr. Dave

YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS AND FAMILIES CAROLING



Next Sunday we'll meet at 12:30, right after Mass, to go caroling at Marian Manor! (We'll eat some pizza first to help us sing better.) Come along to have fun and share some Advent joy. Bring the whole family!

NOT A MEMBER OF SEAS? JOIN THE PARISH!

It takes less than two minutes! Get started at www.seascarnegie.org or call 412-276-1011

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Many thanks to the families of our Parish Religious Education Program who participated in the Holy Day Anticipated Mass last Monday. A big thanks, too, to the other parishioners who were present and brought their patience and understanding as we tried to coordinate all of our "ministries in-training." A big "shout out" to Fr. Dave, Nick Will, Sandy Phillips, and our wonderful catechists for all of the extra help that was needed to celebrate this particular Liturgy. And finally, a very special thanks to the students who participated as readers, choir, ushers, and servers. It is wonderful to see you in these roles and we hope you (and your classmates) are inspired to continue to serve God with your talents throughout your life!

As mentioned in the Pastor's Page, our Advent Prayer and Penance Service is this Monday, December 14. All students of the Parish are invited! Parents are welcome to participate, too! It begins at 6:30 p.m. Each grade level in the Religious Education program will return to their classroom upon completion of the Prayer Service (grades 1, 2, 3) or after their class has completed their individual confessions. Dismissal will be as usual at 8:00 p.m. from the classrooms.

Students who do not attend our Religious Education Classes are also welcome to attend this event! Including teens! Pamphlets will be available for those who may need a little extra help going to confession! The Act of Contrition will be said at the communal Prayer Service prior to individual confession, so students will not be required to say it during confession.

If you have questions, contact the Religious Education Office: education@seascarnegie.org or 412-276-1011 x 222.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The preparations for Christmas include buying or making gifts for those whom we love. You can give no better gift than the gift that God has given to us: his Son, Jesus. Why not invite someone who is not Catholic to attend Mass with you at Christmas. And if that someone would be interested in further information about the Catholic Faith, please let them know about the RCIA. The weekly sessions are now being held on Tuesday evenings, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Maximilian Kolbe Room. New members are always welcome.

PIP THIS COMING THURSDAY, 12/17

This can be an extra stressful time of year, adding the expectations of the holidays onto our already long list of frustrations, concerns, and issues.

Our Partners In Prayer prayer ministers will be waiting for you in Holy Family Hall from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. this Thursday to pray with you, and for you and your needs. They've had a number of encounters where they've been "well-used" by God to connect people with Him, so that they can then lay their burdens at His feet, and come away refreshed and hopeful. Could you benefit from this kind of help? The power of prayer is awaiting you!



SEAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

<u>Enjoy</u> Coupon Books – The time is right to purchase that special Christmas gift for "someone special". Give an *Enjoy* Coupon Book this year. It contains coupons for restaurants, museums, sporting events, dry cleaning, movie theaters and much, much more. Contact:

Bob Greek Terry Cummings Jim Miller 412 787-2537 412 279-6735 412 276-8093 Still only \$30 per book! The books may also be purchased at the Parish Office, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Congratulations to Daryl Golinski, the winner of the Knights of Columbus St. Nicholas day drawing. The winning number was 521. Thanks to all who purchased and sold tickets in support of the Knights.

The next drawing will be on Shrove Tuesday, February 9, 2016. Tickets will go on sale after the holidays.



BUY A HAPPY AD in the Christmas bulletin! These ads will be placed on the inside cover in black and white. Each grid is \$25. Add some clip art for an additional \$5. Add a photo for an additional \$10. There are rules and restrictions that we must follow, but other than that...have some fun this holiday while supporting the parish! The Deadline is tomorrow, December 14. Email your requests (or questions) to:

bulletin@seascarnegie.org.

All ads must be paid in full on or before December 21.



HEARTS SPEAK TO HEARTS

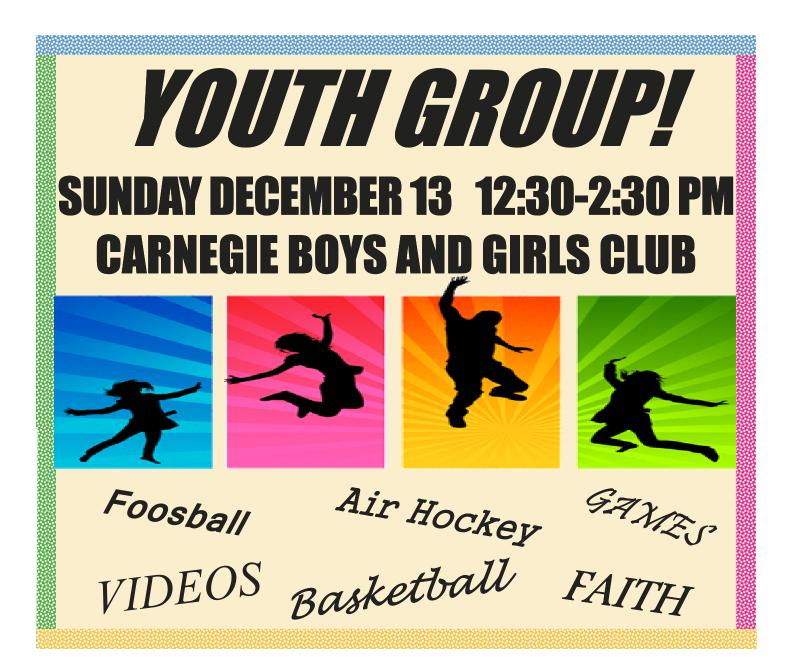
Our friend Kevin Cotter continues with the 6th of his "10 Things Pope Francis Wants You To Know...":

We Must Encounter People to Evangelize

Be servants of communion and of the culture of encounter! I would like you to be almost obsessed about this. Be so without being presumptuous, imposing "our truths," but rather be guided by the humble yet joyful certainty of those who have been found, touched and transformed by the Truth who is Christ, ever to be proclaimed.—Homily, World Youth Day, July 27, 2013

Here we are, journeying through Advent, 2015; can you believe that it is already Gaudete Sunday, the 3rd Sunday of Advent? Today we light the rose-colored candle and begin to move from penitence and hope to joyous anticipation: It's almost time! He's almost here!

Let us be guided in our 'encountering' efforts as Advent teaches us...'by the humble yet joyful certainty'...that Christ is coming...into our midst, and into our hearts, to find us, touch us, transform us! Let us be ready to sing aloud to all of those who need to hear it: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near." (Phil 4: 4-5 ~ Entrance Antiphon for the 3rd Sunday of Advent) Let us also begin to think of who we might want to invite to Christmas Mass...someone who needs to be reminded that, in spite of how things may look to them, the Lord really IS near!





OPLATKI - GOING FAST! LIMITED QUANTITY LEFT!

Oplatki is now available after all weekend Masses or at the Parish Office, Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., for \$3/package. Oplatki, pronounced *o-pwaht-kee*, is a Christmas tradition that originated in Poland. The word *Oplatki* means "Angel Bread". There are 3 white wafers and 1 pink wafer, imprinted with beautiful Christmas images, in each package. The white are to be used by the humans in the family and the pink are for the family pet(s).

People from all nationalities have come to love this tradition. Just before the Christmas Eve meal, the entire family gathers to share the oplatki. Usually the eldest member will begin by breaking off a piece of the wafer and giving it to another family member along with a wish for good health, happiness, etc., whatever good blessing they desire for that person to receive. This continues from person to person until all have received a blessing and a piece of the wafer. You then can do the same with the family pet(s). Take a piece of the pink wafer for

each pet and give it to them along with a blessing. Pets are remembered because of the animals that were present in the stable to greet the "Christ Child" on the "First Holy Night".

So pick up a package, or two, for your family/friends and share this popular tradition with them.



Basket Raffle

Saturday, December 19

Noon—6:00 p.m.

Cookies, cookies, and more cookies!

Plus a fabulous basket raffle!

Check out the baskets and buy your tickets before and after all Masses this weekend!

Calling all bakers: We need your homemade Christmas Cookies! Please take your yummy treats to St. Luke Hall on Friday, December 18. No need to wrap them in a specific way for the sale, the Christian Mothers & Guild will do that for you; they will create packages of various sizes with several varieties.

Tell your friends! Remind your family! Notify your co-workers!
You do not want to miss this cookie sale!

Basket Raffle winners to be pulled on Dec. 19. Winners need not be present

GHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Honor your loved ones, living or deceased with flowers around the altar on Christmas. With a \$12 donation, we will purchase flowers and list each name in the Christmas bulletin.

	Please PRINT Information (one letter per box) Name of person you wish to honor:																							
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Name & phone number of contact:													_											

Please place this form, along with your \$12 donation per request, in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers"

Make check payable to SEAS Parish. DO NOT place form in collection basket!

Return to: SEAS Parish, 330 Third Avenue, Carnegie, PA, 15106, by December 16



St. Ferdinand Parish

—ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Thursday, December 31, 2015, 7:30 p.m. to Friday, January 1, 2016, 12:30 a.m. at Marriott - Pittsburgh North, Route 228, Cranberry Township, PA- Tickets must be purchased in advance: \$75/person thru December 20 - \$80/person December 21 thru December 29. Reserved seating available – ages 18 & over are welcome - Call 724-776-9177, ext. 313 weekdays -or- 724-779-3986 weekends. Ticket includes: 5-hour event with hors d'oeuvres, 3-course dinner, champagne or sparkling juice toast, 2 free drink tickets, discounted drink prices, and DJ entertainment. Dinner choices: Prime Rib of Beef or Chicken Romano or Vegetarian Purse. Dinner Spring greens salad, green beans, red includes: potatoes, breads, NY Cheesecake w/strawberries, water/coffee/tea. (Marriott offers discounted room reservations at \$99.95 (plus tax) for a deluxe room with late checkout. Room reservations must be made via Marriott; call 724-772-3700.

CHRISTMAS DISCERNMENT RETREAT -- Fr. Joe Freedy along with Frs. Welding, Vaskov, and Noel will be leading a retreat for men who desire a deeper relationship with Christ, are seeking to know their vocation, and are interested in learning more about discerning a vocation to the Priesthood. Weekend will include daily Mass, Adoration, opportunities for Confession, conferences, solid brotherhood, as well as a talk and discussion with Bishop Zubik. Friday Evening, December 18th - Sunday Morning, December 20th. No Cost. Gilmary Retreat Center. Must be 18 or older. For more information or to register please visit www.pghpriest.com.

WEEKEND RETREAT for Post-Abortion Healing Rachel's Vineyard, a weekend retreat designed to heal the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion, will be held January 22-24, 2016, at the Spiritan Center in Bethel Park. In a confidential and supportive atmosphere, Rachel's Vineyard demonstrates God's love, forgiveness, and compassion to women (and men) struggling with abortion's aftermath. Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Pittsburgh co-sponsor this retreat. To register or for more information, call Toni Jester at 412-352-5348

or email toniafil@comcast.net.

It's that time of year again...the annual
Christmas Angel Program
at The Beechwood
(f.k.a. Carnegie Towers)

They are reaching out to
local organizations
to "adopt" a child or family
for the Holiday Season.
Help make a child smile this
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for more information
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