

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 | TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

MASS SCHEDULE:  
**SUNDAY** 8:00 AM

## SACRED HEART CHURCH

MASS SCHEDULE:  
**SATURDAY** 8:00 AM  
**SUNDAY** 11:00 AM

## MADONNA DEL CASTELLO CHURCH

MASS SCHEDULE:  
**SATURDAY VIGIL** 4:00 PM  
**THURSDAY** 8:00 AM

## ST. COLMAN CHURCH

MASS SCHEDULE:  
**SATURDAY VIGIL** 5:30 PM  
**SUNDAY** 5:30 PM  
**TUESDAY** 8:00 AM  
CONFESSION TIME:  
**SATURDAY** 12:00 NOON - 1:00 PM

## ST. JOHN FISHER CHURCH

MASS SCHEDULE:  
**SATURDAY VIGIL** 4:00 PM  
**WEDNESDAY** 8:00 AM

## ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE CHURCH

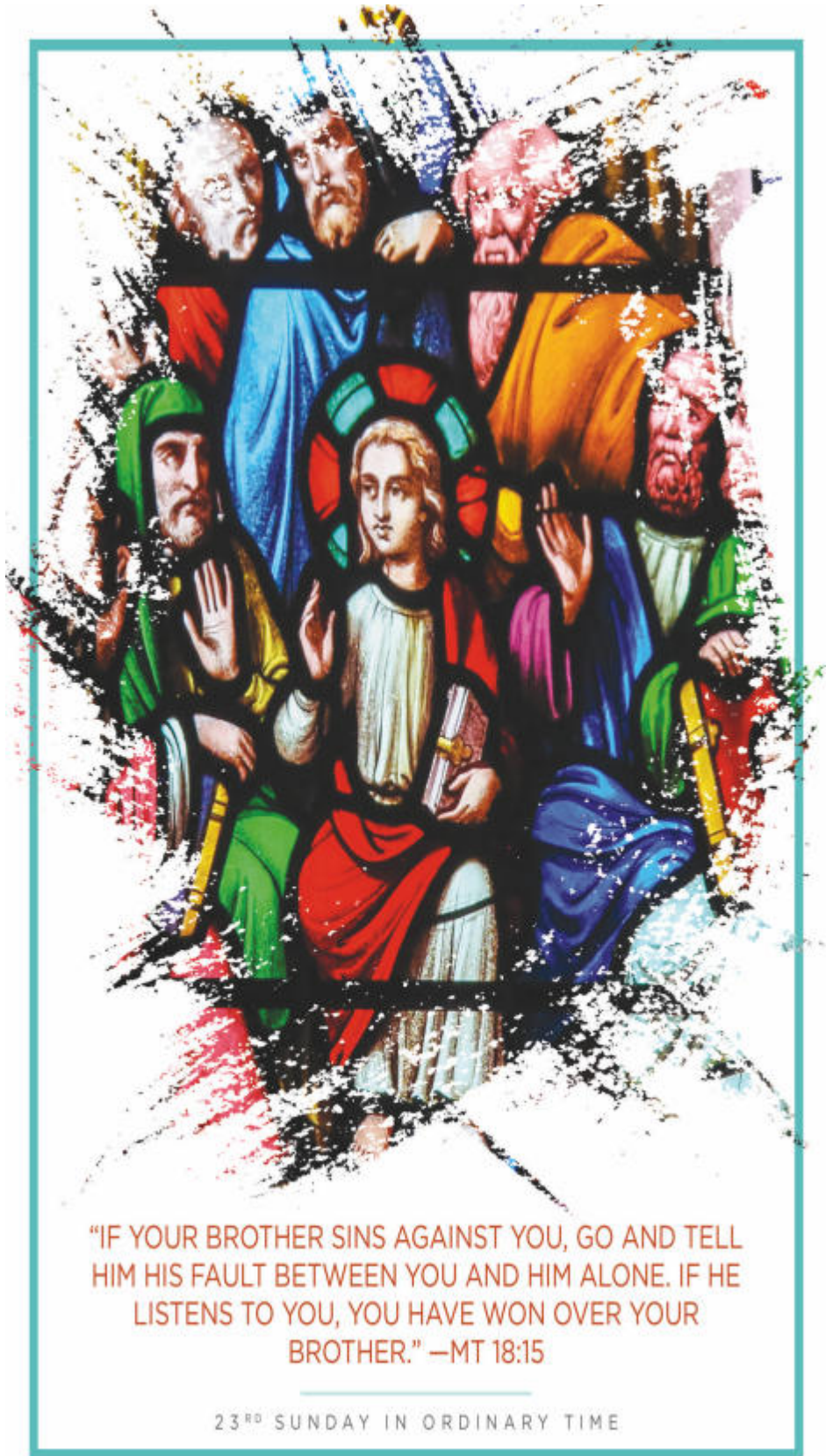
MASS SCHEDULE:  
**SUNDAY** 9:00 AM  
**FRIDAY** 8:00 AM

## ST. MAURICE CHURCH

MASS SCHEDULE:  
**SUNDAY** 10:00 AM  
**MONDAY** 7:00 PM  
CONFESSION TIME:  
**MONDAY** 7:30 - 8:00 PM

## WORD OF GOD CHURCH

MASS SCHEDULE:  
**SUNDAY** 10:00 AM  
**MONDAY-FRIDAY LIVESTREAM MASS**  
9:00 AM  
CONFESSION TIME:  
**SATURDAY** 12:00 NOON - 1:00 PM



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**Safe Environment...**It is the policy of the Diocese that all volunteers must complete the Safe Environment process before beginning a ministry or activity in any Parish. Please call 412-271-0809 for more information..

### Diocese of Pittsburgh Crisis Hotline:

1-888-808-1235

### Diocesan Victim Assistance

**Coordinator:** 412-456-3093 (Office)

**PA Child Line:** 1-800-932-0313

*New Parishioners are most welcome!  
Please call the parish office at 412-271-0809.  
We will be happy to assist you!*

# Faithful Chronicles

## By Father Frank D. Almade

*(Bishop Zubik very graciously invited me to preach at last year's annual Labor Day Mass in St. Benedict the Moor Church in the Hill District, prior to the Labor Day parade. This year both the Mass and parade are cancelled because of the coronavirus pandemic. This was my sermon in 2019.)*

Anniversaries not only remind us about our past, they also challenge us to determine what we value in the present.

This Labor Day, the Diocese of Pittsburgh hosts the 60<sup>th</sup> annual Mass celebrating workers and labor unions. It was begun by then-Bishop John Wright on September 7, 1959, right after he was appointed as our eighth bishop. As a kid I can still remember being dragged by my dad, a proud member of the United Steelworkers local 1843 in Hazelwood, to Labor Day Masses at St. Paul Cathedral. At least one Mass was even held in the former Civic Arena, with maybe 10,000 in attendance. In the late 1970s, the Mass was moved to St. Benedict the Moor Church in the Hill District, to serve the many labor leaders, politicians and workers who would walk in the parade.

This year also marks another, sadder, anniversary. One hundred years ago over 350,000 steelworkers went on strike in 16 states. The American Federation of Labor and many smaller unions had struggled to organize the country's steel mills, after the failure of the 1892 Homestead steel strike against the Carnegie Steel Company, where Pinkerton guards killed ten men. Eventually the power of the owners used law enforcement, health departments and banking to pressure workers to end their strike after 15 weeks. Union organizing in steel plants wouldn't become viable again for another 15 years.

A Pennsylvania historical marker acknowledges the Great Steel Strike of 1919 in the parking lot of the USW local 1219 in Braddock. It also notes, "Rev. Adalbert Kazincy, pastor of St. Michael's here, championed the strikers and provided the church as a meeting place." Across the street from the sign is Good Shepherd Catholic Church, which before the merger of seven parishes in Braddock in 1985, was called St. Michael the Archangel. Both the sign and the church are in the shadow of the Edgar Thomson steel mill, now in its 147<sup>th</sup> year of operation, which is part of U.S. Steel's Mon Valley Works.

Father Kazincy was an immigrant from Slovakia, who in 1896 was named pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Church in Braddock. In his pastoral care for his parishioners he came to see the hardships the mills inflicted on men, women and children. Six and seven days of work a week, ten and twelve hours a day, no health benefits and unsafe working conditions for the workers.

In 1919 when the strike began "Father K" allowed union organizers into his church to – yes, pray – as well as organize and teach and feed and support workers. The banks tried to foreclose the mortgage on his church. His

bishop at the time tried to stop his pastoral care to these workers, most of whom were immigrants from eastern Europe. The legislature dragged him into hearings and possible criminal accusations. But Father K held firm in his concern for steel workers and their families, before, during and after the 1919 strike. He remained pastor in Braddock until his death in 1947.

In one of those personal ironies only God can create, I am a successor to Father K. If only I could be one tenth of the priest he was.

The third anniversary for this year is a seminal document of the Catholic bishops of the United States, called "The bishops' program for social reconstruction." It was ghostwritten by a young priest from Minnesota, John A. Ryan, who would go on to be an advisor on labor issues to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt during the Great Depression.

This 1919 document was far ahead of its time.

One section of the document was entitled "abolition and control of monopolies." The bishops wrote, "Human beings cannot be trusted with the immense opportunities for oppression and extortion that go with the possession of monopoly power."

To oppose monopolies, the bishops encouraged employee ownership. The bishops affirmed the principle of the universal destination of goods, that is, that the goods of God's earth are for all, not just the one-tenth of one percent. Worker participation in management and ownership can enhance productivity, increase profitability and provide greater job security.

The 1919 bishops' program wholeheartedly backed unions and the union movement. Years before the national Labor Relations Act, the bishops' program asserted the right of labor to organize and deal with employers through representatives. Here the bishops were completely in line with Pope Leo XIII's groundbreaking 1891 social encyclical "Rerum Novarum." All popes since then down to Pope Francis continue to affirm and protect the rights of workers and the value of unions.

A fourth issue the 1919 bishops' program supported was universal health care. Health care is a right of all persons, and needs to be brought about by government and society, employing the principle of subsidiarity.

These anniversaries challenge us today. Is it possible for church leaders and union leaders to work more closely together, especially in advocating for the rights of immigrants and asylum-seekers? Is it possible for our country to truly embrace and enact universal health care for all its citizens? Can workers in the so-called gig economy get a living and family wage with proper benefits during the largest bull market in our country's history? Can union membership increase, in the face of powerful monopolies? What anniversaries will our children remember?



# Mass Intentions

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Offered By
<b>Sat. September 5</b> <i>Vigil Mass</i>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	Madonna del Castello Church	†John & Agnes Dougherty	Family
	<b>4:00 PM</b>	St. John Fisher Church	1) †Stephen & Lucille Cowell 2) †Margaret Rettger	1) Ron Cowell & Family 2) Family
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	St. Colman Church	†Michael Leech	Bill & Arlene
<b>Sunday, September 6</b> <i>Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	Good Shepherd Church	†Erik J. Valentine	Family
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	St. Jude the Apostle Church	†Vincent Patella	Patella Family
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	St. Maurice Church	†Jim Thompson & Betty Miggin	Betty Ann Thompson
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	Word of God Church	†Richard “Doc” Lucarelli	Wife, Jennie & Family
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	Sacred Heart Church	†Rosemarie Fazio	Daughter, Paulette
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	St. Colman Church	1) †Felix Lorenz 2) †John Corbett	1) Ann & Family 2) Tish, Jeff & Family
<b>Mon. September 7</b> <i>Weekday (Labor Day)</i>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	Word of God Church	1) †Rita Salles 2) †The Holy Souls in Purgatory	1) Dr. & Mrs. Holzinger 2) Nadine Uziel
<b>Tues. September 8</b> <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	St. Colman Church	† Mary & Joseph Shirer	Family
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	Word of God Church	†Ken Kennedy & Family	Rose
<b>Wed. September 9</b> <i>Saint Peter Claver, Priest</i>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	St. John Fisher Church	1) †The Gilboy & Mallik Families 2) †Paul Joseph Crisanti	1) Rose Marie Mallik 2) Crisanti Family
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	Word of God Church	†Ellamae Thomas	Joseph Markowski
<b>Thurs. September 10</b> <i>Weekday</i>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	Madonna del Castello Church	†John Badar	Wife, Margaret
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	Word of God Church	†Bob Och	Eileen
<b>Fri. September 11</b> <i>Weekday</i>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	St. Jude the Apostle Church	†Dennis Caputo	Betty Sekanic
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	Word of God Church	†Madeline Romell	Family
<b>Sat. September 12</b> <i>The Passion of Saint John the Baptist</i>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	Sacred Heart Church	†Margaret Kearney	Mike Connelly
<b>Sat. September 12</b> <i>Vigil Mass</i>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	Madonna del Castello Church	1) †Babe & Armand Capasso 2) †Lori DiLorenzo	1) Daughters 2) DiLorenzo Family
	<b>4:00 PM</b>	St. John Fisher Church	1) †Michael Crossey 2) †Ellen Robinson	1) Sister 2) Sonny Bobula
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	St. Colman Church	1) †Mario Lavella 2) †Patrick Smith	1) Family 2) Mary Aland
<b>Sunday, September 13</b> <i>Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	Good Shepherd Church	Health & Blessings of Mary and Joe Giulianelli	Mike & Eleanor Vasko
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	St. Jude the Apostle Church	†Sylvia Fragomeni	Bill & Marge Meighan
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	St. Maurice Church	†Marianne Gasior	Sandy & Ed Best
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	Word of God Church	†Charles O’Leary	Family
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	Sacred Heart Church	†William Mikolics	Wife, Bernadette
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	St. Colman Church	†Kathi Probo	Friends & Family

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PARISH SUPPORT

Offertory	\$24,122.00
2020 Parish Share Balance	\$198,865.25
Collected & Remitted for August 2020	\$10,734.00
Remaining Balance	\$188,131.25

***Thank you for your continued generosity!***

### ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH OFFICE OPEN

Monday-Friday—8:30 am-4:30 pm  
2001 Ardmore Blvd.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15221  
412-271-0809

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS are available at all Sunday Masses. To receive a gluten-free host, go to the line where the priest is distributing communion, and indicate to him the hosts being held by the Altar Server. At weekday Masses, please stop in the sacristy before Mass and make your request.

#### Prayer Lines

**412-277-0693—412-871-3245—  
412-804-8858**

#### BULLETIN DEADLINE

All bulletin articles must be submitted in writing or by email to [stjudetheapostle@verizon.net](mailto:stjudetheapostle@verizon.net) by 10:00 am on Friday.



### BAPTISMS

Baptisms are again being scheduled in our churches. The current directives including social distancing and everyone wearing a mask (except young children). No more than 25 people are permitted while we are in the green phase. The elderly and health compromised are encouraged to stay home. They can still serve as a Godparent while a proxy would stand in for them at the ceremony. Please contact the parish office for more information.

### BISHOP'S EDUCATION FUND

There will be a collection for the Bishop's Education Fund on September 12/13. This fund provides affordable and accessible Catholic education to any student who wants to receive it. Thank you for your generosity!

### MEMORIAL OFFERINGS—TABERNACLE LAMPS

In memory of *Richard & Grace Cherry* by William & Elizabeth Rogers; in memory of *Mike Gannon* by Nadine; in memory of *Albert & Helen Smith* by Anthony & Linda Russo

### PARISH SHARE DONATIONS

In memory of Theresa *DiPalma* by 1) the Trimble Family; 2) Betty & Bill Wilson



**Would you love to share your faith with the little ones of our Parish?** Has God called you to participate in a new ministry now that your kids are older or your work obligations have changed? If so, we would love to invite you to be a Catechist for Religious Education. A catechist is a teacher of our faith. The GDC says that, "A catechist is a person who has experienced the love of God." (General Directory for Catechesis, 138). If you are a person who has experienced the love of God and you would like to share that love of God with others, please pray and consider joining our catechist group. We have several grade levels (both Sunday morning and Tuesday evening) that we need catechists to fill this year and we hope that God is calling you to fill them. If you'd like more information on being a catechist or you'd like to say "YES" right now, please contact Cheryl Kirkland at 412-351-6710 or [ckirkland@saintmauriceparish.org](mailto:ckirkland@saintmauriceparish.org). Thanks!



### LABOR DAY, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2020

There will be one Mass at Word of God Church at 9:00 am.

The Parish Office will be closed and will reopen on Tuesday, September 8. We wish our parish families a safe and blessed holiday!

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** Caroline Curry and Joseph Meinert who recently passed to the Lord. May their souls rest in peace. Amen.

## Thoughts to Reflect on and Share:

"How can your heart possibly be hardened when you have been blessed to hear His voice."

- Deacon Herb

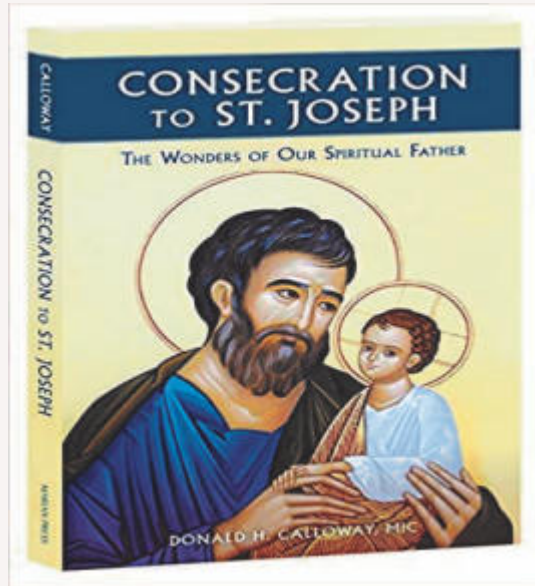


You can follow Deacon Herb on Facebook.

## ELECTRONIC GIVING

If you contribute to our Parish electronically, please remember to change the church's name on your account to **St. Joseph the Worker Parish**. Thank you!

**Consecration to St. Joseph with Fr. Mohler**  
Spend time growing closer to our patron and spiritual father beginning September 30



Now that we have come together as St. Joseph the Worker Parish, there is no better time to participate in the recently released **Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of our Spiritual Father** by Fr. Donald H. Calloway, a Marian Father of the Immaculate Conception (MIC).

**The format:** Online meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 7 PM beginning on Sept. 30. On this date, each participant also begins the 20-30 minutes of daily reading and prayer from the book that lasts for 33-days. This all continues until our consecration on All Saints Day, which falls on Sunday this year. There will be an opportunity to make the consecration together in person following the 10 AM Mass at St. Maurice that day or online that evening at 7 PM. Please email me at [frmohler@outlook.com](mailto:frmohler@outlook.com) to join the Wednesday discussion group. I will e-mail a link for how to connect and participate shortly before we begin the meetings.

**The book:** Everyone will need a copy of the book to participate. If you would like to purchase a copy through the parish that you can pick up in the office please call at 412-271-0809 or email me at [frmohler@outlook.com](mailto:frmohler@outlook.com) by Monday Sept. 14 for pick-up the week of Sept. 23-30. The cost will be \$15. You may also purchase your own copy from many bookstores or you can support the Marian Fathers directly and find other great materials by visiting their website at [www.shopmercy.org/](http://www.shopmercy.org/) or calling them at 1-800-462-7426.



## CHOIRS RETURN (VIRTUALLY SPEAKING)

During the summer of 2020, more than 70 singers and musicians have shared their talents in our virtual choir videos, which have been viewed more than ten thousand times on our parish YouTube channel: [www.YouTube.com/c/SJWPitt](http://www.YouTube.com/c/SJWPitt). Health and safety concerns mean we can't rehearse and sing together in the same space this fall, but that won't stop the SJW Music Ministry. Taking full advantage of available technology, we are forming two new St. Joseph Virtual Choirs:

- A four-part traditional choir for singers with experience singing in parts, and
- A unison/two part contemporary music ensemble for singers of all ages who enjoy singing, but are not (yet) comfortable singing in harmonies.

Both choirs will rehearse weekly using the online meeting site, *Zoom*. After rehearsal, choir members will submit individual videos to director Norm Chapman, who will combine them to create Virtual Choir videos for inclusion in our Sunday Mass Live Stream. The videos will also be seen and heard on big screen TVs in some of our churches and on our YouTube channel, ministering to viewers all over the world. By using technology, our choirs will enhance our weekly worship experience, and enrich the spiritual lives of St. Joseph the Worker parishioners and all who view our videos.

Rehearsals will begin the week after Labor Day. The Contemporary Choir will rehearse on Tuesdays from 7:15-8:15 pm, and the Traditional Choir will rehearse on Wednesdays from 7:15-8:15 pm.

Singers and musicians may register for one (or both) of our Virtual Choirs. To register, or for questions, please email Norm at [SJWPittMusic@gmail.com](mailto:SJWPittMusic@gmail.com). You'll receive a reply email with details, and a participant kit with music and instructions.

\*Please note that, since participation will be "virtual," all singers and instrumentalists must have computer access and a method of recording videos. Please contact Norm for details or to discuss the many technological options available.



## CLEAN-UP DAY AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Volunteers are needed for a special clean-up day at Good Shepherd Church in Braddock on Saturday, September 12 beginning at 9:00 am. Bring buckets, mops, rags, and (if you can) cleaning supplies (Murphy's Oil Soap, floor cleaner, etc.). Our primary focus will be floors, pews, statues and other wood surfaces. Please prepare to wear a mask while cleaning. We will social distance and take precautions as we work. Many hands make light work!



**MEALS FOR FRIENDS**, a non-profit, locally based organization, prepares and delivers nutritious, appealing comfort food meals to those seniors and disabled citizens in need who live in Wilkins Township and immediately surrounding neighborhoods. Call 412-824-2400 or email [mealsforfriendswilkins3@gmail.com](mailto:mealsforfriendswilkins3@gmail.com) if you are interested and would like more information. Meals for Friends has limited openings at this time.



## INTERIM MASS SCHEDULE

### **Weekday Masses**

Monday	7:00 pm	St. Maurice Church
Tuesday	8:00 am	St. Colman Church
Wednesday	8:00 am	St. John Fisher Church
Thursday	8:00 am	Madonna del Castello Church
Friday	8:00 am	St. Jude the Apostle Church
Saturday	8:00 am	Sacred Heart Church
Mon.—Fri.	9:00 am	Word of God Church (Livestream Mass)*

### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday	4:00 pm	St. John Fisher Church
	4:00 pm	Madonna del Castello Church
	5:30 pm	St. Colman Church
Sunday	8:00 am	Good Shepherd Church
	9:00 am	St. Jude the Apostle Church
	10:00 am	Word of God Church (Livestream Mass)*
	10:00 am	St. Maurice Church
	11:00 am	Sacred Heart Church
	5:30 pm	St. Colman Church

\*Livestream Masses are open to the public

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE

ST. MAURICE CHURCH CHAPEL  
MONDAYS 7:30—8:00 PM

WORD OF GOD CHURCH SANCTUARY  
SATURDAYS 12 NOON—1:00 PM

ST. COLMAN CHURCH SANCTUARY  
SATURDAYS 12 NOON—1:00 PM

## **PARISH LIBRARY/GIFT SHOP NEWS**

Interim Summer Schedule will continue at the beginning of September: **Wednesdays and Fridays only, following the 9:00 am Daily Mass at Word of God Church until 11:00 am.** Safety and health guidelines for COVID-19 must be followed in the Parish Center (located on McClure Avenue in Swissvale). Everyone must wear a mask and practice proper physical distancing. Hand sanitizer will be provided. Questions about library materials can be directed to Karen Goldbach at goldbachkm@verizon.net or 412-371-2909.



## **SWISSVALE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**

**NONPERISHABLE** food and donations can be dropped off 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Administration Center of St. Joseph the Worker at 2001 Ardmore Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15221. Make checks payable to “Swissvale Cares” and memo “Food Pantry”. The Food Pantry is located at 2028 Noble Street. **Food distribution** will be Thursday, September 17 from 9:00 am – 12 Noon. **Produce distribution** will be Tuesday, September 29 from 9:30 am – 11:30 am. We are extremely grateful for all of those who have contributed financially it would not be possible without your support. Volunteers are welcome!



## Sacraments:

### Baptism

Prior to having your child baptized, both parents must attend a pre-baptismal seminar. Please contact the parish office at 412-271-0809 to register.

### Penance

Monday: 7:30—8:00 PM  
St. Maurice Church Chapel

Saturday: 12:00—1:00 PM  
Word of God Church Sanctuary

Saturday: 12:00—1:00 PM  
St. Colman Church Sanctuary

### Marriage

By appointment. Anyone who wishes to marry should contact the pastor at least six months prior to the desired date.

### Anointing of the Sick

Available for those who are chronically ill. Please contact the parish office at 412-271-0809.

### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

This is the process to become Catholic or for Catholics to receive the rest of their Sacraments of Initiation. Please call (412) 271-0809 for more information.

### Holy Communion for Shut-Ins

Please contact the parish office at (412) 271-0809.

## Parking Lot Healing Mass

Wed. Sept. 9th at 7 PM

St. Mary's, 2510 Middle Road, Glenshaw, PA



**What is a Healing Mass?** Every Mass is an opportunity to offer all of our physical, emotional, and spiritual sufferings to the Lord and to lift up in prayer those who are in need. What's different is that the Fraternity of Priests at the end of Mass will reveal specific healings God has disclosed during their recent prayer time together. Many people have been touched by these evenings and experienced various types of healing personally or for their loved ones through Christ.

**How is a parking lot Healing Mass different?** Everyone stays in their car throughout the Mass while the priests have Mass on a covered stage and the audio is provided through your car radio. The Priests will go out to distribute the Eucharist after people exit their cars. Everyone returns to their cars as the priests gather back on stage to reveal the words of knowledge and extend their hands in prayer over everyone together rather than individually.

Sponsored by the Pittsburgh-Greensburg Fraternity of Priests.



***Is the Holy Spirit calling you to join the Catholic faith?***

***Do your children receive Communion, but you are not able to because you are another religion?***

***Have you been baptized but haven't received your Confirmation?***

## ***JOIN US!***

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Team will work with you to prepare you to enter the Catholic Church. The Inquiry Period is happening now and our sessions will begin in October.

Please contact **Cheryl Kirkland** at **412-351-6710** for more information.

***"Whether you turn to the right or to the left,  
your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying,  
'This is the way; walk in it.'"***

***Isaiah 30: 21***



# THE GIFTS OF THE SACRAMENTS: HOLY ORDERS WITH FR. MOHLER

Through baptism all Christians are configured to Christ and become members of the Church as a priestly people (see CCC 1591). But Jesus also called men to be set apart as priests to lead and minister to His people and in His name. “Holy Orders is the sacrament through which the mission entrusted by Christ to his apostles continues to be exercised in the Church until the end of time” (CCC 1536). “The ordained ministers exercise their service for the People of God by teaching, divine worship, and pastoral governance” (CCC 1592).

Priesthood and fatherhood are central to the call of Holy Orders. A priest is an authorized mediator who offers sacrifice to God on behalf of others and returns blessings from God. Fatherhood is not merely a biological reality but a call to guide, protect, and support those under his care. We see this lived out throughout salvation history, from the patriarchs who offered God sacrifices on behalf of their families (see Gen. 8:21, 12:8), to later when God called the men of the tribe of Levi to serve as the priests for Israel’s collective worship (Ex. 32:29). Jesus likewise chose 12 men to serve as the new priests and fathers in His Church and this is why men alone can receive the sacrament of Holy Orders. The sins of priests violate this fatherly call, yet it does not prevent the grace of God from working in the sacraments. The authority given to the ordained is meant to be used to model the sacrificial love of Christ in humble servant leadership.

## The Three Ranks of Holy Orders

From the New Testament there already exists a vision of different offices to lead in the name of Christ: as bishop/overseer (Acts 20:28), presbyter/priest/elder (Acts 14:23) and deacon/servant (Acts 6:1-6). Each one’s ultimate importance comes not just from their ministry, but in how it conforms the recipient to Christ and allows them to make Him known. Thus this sacrament gives a permanent indelible mark to the one ordained that cannot be lost or taken away, like in Baptism and Confirmation. Bishops possess the fullness of Holy Orders and the priesthood as true successors of the apostles. They are selected by the Pope and normally become pastors or shepherds of a particular diocese to lead the people of God in that region. Each bishop also must select and ordain the men who will serve under him as priests and deacons in the local church. Priests share in the priestly office that is bestowed on them and are given authority to act in the person of Christ to bring the sacraments to the people of God, most especially through the Eucharistic sacrifice from which “their whole priestly ministry draws its strength” (CCC 1566). Deacons are ordained to a unique life of service in the Church, where they too receive the permanent character of Holy Orders and yet are ordained “not unto the priesthood but unto the ministry” (CCC 1569). This makes them a bridge between the laity and the priesthood as they minister under the bishop and with his priests, in the service of the liturgy, the Gospel and in works of charity (CCC 1588).

Celibacy is a gift that has been practiced from the very beginnings of the Church as a means by which a Christian can more directly unite himself to Christ and service in His Church “for the sake of the kingdom of heaven” (Mt. 19:12). This makes it fitting that celibacy has a place as part of the sacrament. For example, only celibate men are chosen from the priesthood to become bishops. In the Western Church, only celibate men, who have first been ordained deacons (known as transitional deacons) are ordained priests in taking on the service of the Church as their bride. Men who are already married can be ordained as deacons (called permanent deacons) in the West, or as either deacons or priests in the Eastern churches.

## Rite of Ordination

“The essential rite of the sacrament of Holy Orders for all three degrees consists in the bishop’s imposition of hands on the head of the ordinand and in the bishop’s specific consecratory prayer asking God for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and his gifts proper to the ministry to which the candidate is being ordained” (CCC 1573). Bishops alone can ordain men who are chosen for these offices, while multiple bishops gather to ordain new bishops after they have been selected by the Pope. Various rites appropriate to each ministry are used in the different ordination rites, including an anointing of the hands with the holy chrism to those men who are consecrated as priests.

Both of my ordinations, first as a deacon and then as a priest, were powerful liturgies where I encountered the Lord’s invitation into a sacred ministry which is much bigger than myself. I am continually humbled by the call to Holy Orders and ask for your prayers for me, all other clergy, and the men who are discerning a call into this powerful ministry.

For more read the Letter to the Hebrews and Catechism (CCC) sections # 1536-1600 or e-mail me at [frmohler@outlook.com](mailto:frmohler@outlook.com).



## Congregational Hymns and Responses for the Mass - September 6, 2020

*The faithful are required to wear their face masks at all times during the Mass. You may remove the mask only to receive Holy Communion. We will not receive the collection at the regular time of the Offertory. Instead, baskets will be located near the Ministers of the Eucharist and you are invited to place your offering into the baskets as you approach to receive communion. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding during this difficult time.*

### THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

#### Gathering Hymn For the Fruits of this Creation

1. For the fruits of this creation, Thanks be to God;  
For these gifts to ev'ry nation, Thanks be to God;  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
Silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth's safe keeping,  
Thanks be to God.
2. In the just reward of labor, God's will is done;  
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done;  
In our worldwide task of caring  
For the hungry and despairing,  
In the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.

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#### Sign of the Cross

#### Greeting

#### Penitential Rite

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

*And, striking their breast, they say:*

through my fault,  
through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

#### Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-9

#### Psalm 63

**If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.**

#### Second Reading

Romans 13:8-10

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia



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#### Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

#### Homily

#### Profession of Faith

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the  
Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation he came down  
from heaven,  
*At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.*  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin  
Mary, and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,

and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### Prayers of the Faithful

*Please respond: Lord, Hear Our Prayer*

### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

#### Preparation of the Altar

#### The Eucharistic Prayer

**Holy, Holy, Holy** Mass of St Frances Cabrini



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#### Memorial Acclamation



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#### Amen



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### Closing Hymn

*(Sung as the priest prepares to distribute communion to the faithful)*

**O Lord, I am not worthy**

**NON DIGNUS**

O Lord, I am not worthy,  
That thou should'st come to me;  
But speak the word of comfort,  
My spirit healed shall be.

### Communion Hymns

*(Sung during the distribution of Holy Communion to the faithful. Please take your belongings with you, and follow the instructions of the ushers. The faithful are asked to depart quietly after receiving Holy Communion, following the guidance of the ushers. Thank you.)*

#### Come to Me

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Come to me all who labor and are heavy burdened,  
And I shall give you rest.  
Take up my yoke and learn from me,  
For I am meek and humble of heart,  
And you'll find rest for your souls.  
Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

1. You, God, are my shepherd,  
I shall never be in need.  
Fresh and green are the meadows  
where you give me rest.

2. Beside peaceful waters  
you restore my true self;  
there you lead me to walk  
in the path of new life.

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#### Or:

#### The Eyes and Hands of Christ

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**Where two or three are gathered in my name,  
love will be found, life will abound.  
By name we are called, from water we are sent:  
to become the eyes and hands of Christ.**

1. One we become, no longer strangers.  
No longer empty or frail.  
Filled with the Spirit, ev'ry hunger satisfied.  
Christ is the center of our lives.

2. One in the Spirit, one in the Lord.  
One in the breaking of the bread.  
Life-giving witness of our dying and new life,  
held by the promise in our hands.

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