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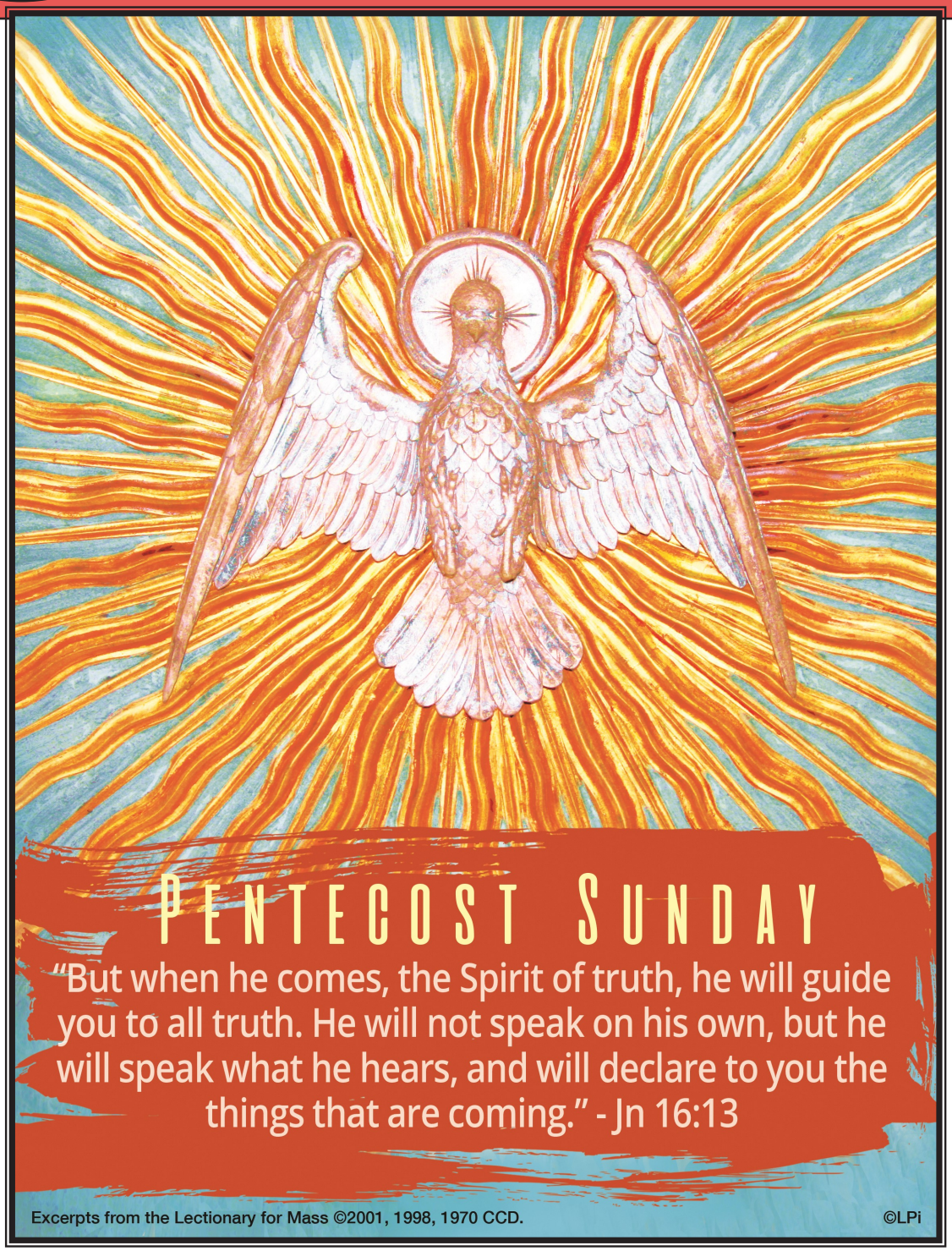

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MASS INTENTIONS

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

SATURDAY — **May 22—Pentecost Sunday**
4:00 pm — † Frank Montemurro (Bill & Cari Katz & Family)

SUNDAY — **May 23—Pentecost Sunday**
9:00 am — Dorothy Kotsenas—100th birthday (Family)
11:00 am — The people of Saint Joseph Parish

MONDAY — **May 24—The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**
8:00 am — The people of Saint Joseph Parish

TUESDAY — **May 25—Weekday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 am — The people of Saint Joseph Parish

WEDNESDAY — **May 26—Saint Philip Neri**
8:00 am — The people of Saint Joseph Parish

THURSDAY — **May 27—Weekday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 am — † Maryann Stegman (The Stegman Family)

FRIDAY — **May 28—Weekday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 am — The people of Saint Joseph Parish

SATURDAY — **May 29—The Most Holy Trinity**
4:00 pm — † Rocco Volpe, Sr. (Family)

SUNDAY — **May 30—The Most Holy Trinity**
9:00 am — † Teresa Counihan (The Cain Family)
11:00 am — † Denise M. Lendl (Mr. & Mrs. David S. Fera)

SAINT JUAN DIEGO PARISH

SATURDAY — **May 22—Pentecost Sunday**
Saint Mary Church
2:00 pm — Wedding of Michael Heisel & Stephanie Garee
Madonna Church
4:30 pm — † Frank C. & Sadie T. Panza (Loving Family)

SUNDAY — **May 23—Pentecost Sunday**
Saint Mary Church
11:30 am — † Mutt & Margie Gerardi (Children)

MONDAY — **May 24—The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**
Madonna Church
9:00 am — † Mary Tomanio (Friend, Josie)

TUESDAY — **May 25—Weekday in Ordinary Time**
Madonna Church
9:00 am — † The Fowler & Dunlop Families (Richard & Linda Fowler)

WEDNESDAY — **May 26—Saint Philip Neri**
Madonna Church
9:00 am — † The Scott & Subasic Families (Family)

SATURDAY — **May 29—The Most Holy Trinity**
Madonna Church
4:30 pm — † Joe Rudzki (Wife, Theresa, & Family)

SUNDAY — **May 30—The Most Holy Trinity**
Saint Mary Church
11:30 am — † Lawrence Trozzo (Carolyn Schepis)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Saint Scholastica: Shea Elizabeth O'Brien • May 15, 2021
Jules Patton O'Brien • May 15, 2021
Ty O'Brien • May 15, 2021

SAINT PADRE PIO PARISH

SUNDAY — **May 23—Pentecost Sunday**
Saint Francis of Assisi Church
8:00 am — † Frances Perz (George & Rosanna Mackey)
Saint Edward Church
10:00 am — † Joe Thomas (Wife & Family)

THURSDAY — **May 27—Weekday in Ordinary Time**
Saint Edward Church
9:00 am — The people of Saint Padre Pio Parish

FRIDAY — **May 28—Weekday in Ordinary Time**
Saint Edward Church
9:00 am — † Julia Marie Janoski (Sister, Til)

SATURDAY — **May 29—Weekday in Ordinary Time**
Saint Edward Church
9:00 am — † Frank Dlugonski (Theresa Gratkowski)

SUNDAY — **May 30—The Most Holy Trinity**
Saint Francis of Assisi Church
8:00 am — † Byron Gee (Ruth)
Saint Edward Church
10:00 am — † Maggie Farrell (Family)

SAINT SCHOLASTICA PARISH

SATURDAY — **May 22—Pentecost Sunday**
5:00 pm — † Tom Devlin (The Donnelly Family)

SUNDAY — **May 23—Pentecost Sunday**
9:30 am — † Helen Kennedy (Family)
12:00 Noon — † Raymond Jurewicz (Peggy Santelli)

MONDAY — **May 24—The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**
10:00 am — † Gertrude Panza (Kathleen McAndrews)

TUESDAY — **May 25—Weekday in Ordinary Time**
10:00 am — † Irene Marsico Kelhofer (Tish Marsico)

WEDNESDAY — **May 26—Saint Philip Neri**
10:00 am — † Fr. Regis Alberth (Kathleen McAndrews)

THURSDAY — **May 27—Weekday in Ordinary Time**
10:00 am — † Natalie Certo (Jo Certo)

FRIDAY — **May 28—Weekday in Ordinary Time**
10:00 am — † Al Vitaro (David & the Scanlon Family)

SATURDAY — **May 29—The Most Holy Trinity**
5:00 pm — † Louis Certo (Jo Certo)

SUNDAY — **May 30—The Most Holy Trinity**
9:30 am — † Sam DiGregory (Mother, Jean)
12:00 Noon — † Lillian Darrigo (The Hopkinson Family)

TABERNACLE VIGIL CANDLE

Week of May 23

Saint Joseph: † Rocco Volpe, Sr. (Family)
Saint Scholastica: For Confirmation and Communion Candidates and their Families (Kathleen McAndrews)

REST IN PEACE

Saint Scholastica: Joseph Pesavento • May 12, 2021

Worship Schedule

DAILY MASSES WEEK OF MAY 24

8:00 am	Saint Joseph Church *Monday through Friday*	Fr. Mike Decewicz
9:00 am	Madonna of Jerusalem Church *Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday*	Fr. Dale DeNinno
	Saint Edward Church *Thursday, Friday, Saturday*	
10:00 am	Saint Scholastica Church *Monday through Friday*	Fr. Bill Siple

SATURDAY VIGIL MASSES—MAY 29

4:00 pm	Saint Joseph Church	Fr. Dale DeNinno
4:30 pm	Madonna of Jerusalem Church	Fr. Bill Siple
5:00 pm	Saint Scholastica Church	Fr. Mike Decewicz

SUNDAY MASSES—MAY 30

8:00 am	Saint Francis of Assisi Church	Fr. Mike Decewicz
9:00 am	Saint Joseph Church	Fr. Dale DeNinno
9:30 am	Saint Scholastica Church	Fr. Bill Siple
10:00 am	Saint Edward Church	Fr. Mike Decewicz
11:00 am	Saint Joseph Church	Fr. Dale DeNinno
11:00 am	Saint John Cantius Church	Fr. Lee (Korean Mass)
11:30 am	Saint Mary Church	Fr. Bill Siple
12:00 noon	Saint Scholastica Church	Fr. Mike Decewicz

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday

9:30-10:00 am	Saint Edward Church
11:30-12:00 noon	Saint Joseph Church
3:30-4:00 pm	Madonna of Jerusalem Church

Every Thursday

6:30-7:00 pm	Saint Scholastica Church

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday—May 23
Acts 2:1-11 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 John 20:19-23

Monday—May 24
Genesis 3:19-15, 20 John 19:25-34

Tuesday—May 25
Sirach 35:1-12 Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday—May 26
Sirach 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17 Mark 10:32-45

Thursday—May 27
Sirach 42:15-25 Mark 10:46-52

Friday—May 28
Sirach 44:1, 9-13 Mark 11:11-26

Saturday—May 29
Sirach 51:12cd-20 Mark 11:27-33

Sunday—May 30
Deut 4:32-34, 39-40 Romans 8:14-17 Matthew 28:16-20

SACRAMENTS and MORE

Baptisms: Celebrated during any of the weekend liturgies or after the last Sunday liturgy (11:00am at Saint Joseph, 11:30am at Saint Mary, 12:00pm at Saint Scholastica). First time parents must complete a baptism preparation class. Contact the parish office of the appropriate church for details.

Weddings: Celebrated at 2:00pm on Saturdays. Contact the parish office of the appropriate church at least six months before the desired date.

Funerals: Offered at 10:00am, Monday through Saturday.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the appropriate parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: See the bulletin schedule for times and locations.

Mass Intentions: Offered at each Mass for deceased loved ones or for other special intentions. Please call the parish office to schedule.

Family Faith Formation: Offered for grades K-8 on Sunday afternoons and Wednesday evenings at Saint Joseph Church, September through April. Contact the Faith Formation Office at 412-963-8885 for details or to register.

Volunteer Opportunities: All parishioners are encouraged to contribute their time and talents to the church. We have opportunities to serve at Mass as lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, ushers, music ministers and altar servers. Please contact the parish office for information on all our volunteer opportunities. All staff and volunteers in the Diocese of Pittsburgh are required to obtain clearances and training to comply with the Safe Environment Policy. See diopitt.org/compliance or contact the parish office for details.

Membership: To register at one of the Lower Allegheny Valley Catholic parishes, update your contact information, or let us know if you or a family member is homebound or has moved to a nursing home, please use the form at the end of this bulletin or contact the appropriate parish office.

Parish Support

Collection for	Ascension:	May 15 & 16:	CRS:
Saint Joseph Parish: *Needed each week:*	$1,227	$7,286 *$10,500*	$1,874
Saint Juan Diego Parish: *Needed each week:*	$794	$6,134 *$7,550*	$423
Saint Padre Pio Parish: *Needed each week:*	$154	$3,348 *$6,950*	$385
Saint Scholastica Parish: *Needed each week:*	$625	$4,189 *$7,950*	$1,012

A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

I am scheduled to meet with Bishop Zubik this Wednesday, May 26th, at which time he will present me with the document announcing the official merger of the parishes of Saint Joseph, Saint Juan Diego, Saint Padre Pio and Saint Scholastica. At that same meeting he will inform me of the name chosen for the "new parish" as well as the names of the clergy who will serve. All of this information will be shared with parishioners during each of the Masses on the weekend of May 29-30.

Once all of this news is announced we can proceed with the plans for a "new parish" celebration which will be held on Thursday evening, July 1, 2021. In order to allow for sufficient parking and to utilize the technology available for live streaming, this event will be held in Saint Joseph Church. It will begin at 7:00 o'clock with Evening Prayer of the Church in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. A social for everyone in attendance will follow in the downstairs hall and the outdoor pavilion. Start praying now for good weather!

Spreading the word and sharing the news about the merger of the Lower Allegheny Valley grouping of parishes was the topic of lively discussion at the recent meeting of the Parish Staff and Pastoral Council. We want to utilize every means available to us, including **YARD SIGNS and T-SHIRTS**. Both will have a simple design with the parish logo and new name on the front of the T-Shirt and the words **rediscover, reconnect, recommit** on the back. The Yard Signs will have the logo, parish name and the three words on both sides. In order to cover the cost of both the T-Shirts and the Yard Signs, interested parishioners will be asked to make a donation.

Our hope is that every parishioner will be on-board with this idea and willingly wear the T-Shirt and proudly display a sign in your yard and/or front window of your home or apartment. We want everyone to know who we are in our rediscovery, reconnection and recommitment as Christians in our Catholic tradition. Like Jesus who sent out his disciples to tell the Good News, so it will be our task to share the word that there is something new in the Lower Allegheny Valley and it is good.

With today's Feast of Pentecost I hope that you will be on the look-out for examples of the Holy Spirit at work in your life. Look, too, for an experience of those seven-fold gifts of the Spirit that we memorized so many years ago: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord. They are real and they are evident, even when we may not be paying attention.

I see the Holy Spirit at work in the Lower Allegheny Valley grouping of parishes as we move ever closer to the official merger of Saint Joseph, Saint Juan Diego, Saint Padre Pio and Saint Scholastica. Most assuredly, it can only be the Spirit who is prompting us, guiding us, and inspiring us to move into unchartered waters with the trust that all will be right and blessed by God.

Regardless of the church in which we choose to pray or if we are comfortable in moving from one church to the other in order to worship at the Altar of God, we are already ONE BODY IN CHRIST.

Father Dale DeNinno

Our Prayer for the LAV Parish Community

Heavenly Father,
our hearts are open to you
as we discover the mystery of your love
at work in our lives.
Help us to **rediscover** each day
the power of that same love
through the sacred gift of our Catholic faith.

Jesus our Lord,
in baptism we connect our lives with you
as disciples.
Help us to **reconnect** each day
and allow our faith life
to be nourished by your Word and Sacrament
through the prayer
of our weekly attendance at Mass.

Holy Spirit,
breathe into us faith, hope and love
as we commit ourselves
to a new and bold Pentecost.
Help us to **recommit** each day
through our energy and resources
to the life of our parish community.

Give us the grace
to **rediscover,**
to **reconnect**
and to **recommit**
to all that is good and holy.
You are God forever and ever.
Amen.

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAV Parish News

Coming Back to Mass: Following the advice of local, state and federal guidelines as provided by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Bishop Zubik has directed that our churches may be open at 100% capacity, beginning on May 31ST. In addition, effective immediately, wearing masks indoors is no longer required in church for those who have been fully vaccinated. Please God, keep us healthy and safe as we return to worship and the celebration of Mass.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Celebration of First Holy Communion for the second grade children coming to the altar of God for the first time will be on Saturday, May 29TH at either 10:00 am in Saint Scholastica Church or 1:00 pm in Saint Joseph Church; or on Sunday, May 30TH at 1:00 pm in Saint Joseph Church.

A Prayer for Peace of Mind and Heart

Eternal, Holy God,
I come to you burdened
with worries, fears, doubts and troubles.
Calm and quiet me with peace of mind.
Empty me of the anxiety that disturbs me,
of the concerns that weary my spirit,
and weigh heavy on my heart.

Loosen my grip on the disappointments
and grievances I hold onto so tightly.
Release me from the pain
of past hurts, of present anger, of future fears.

Sometimes it's too much for me Lord -too many
demands and problems,
too much sadness, suffering and stress.

Renew me spiritually and emotionally.
Give me new strength, hope and confidence.
Prepare me to meet the constant struggles
of daily life
with a deeper faith and trust in you.

Let your love set me free ...
for peace, for joy, for grace, for life, for others ...
forever. Amen.

Virtual Parish Assembly: The diocese has required that parish groupings present information relevant to the merger of parishes. A thorough and creative virtual parish assembly has been prepared and is available for your viewing at: LAVCatholic.org. It is 43 minutes in length and is well worth your time. With music, pictorial imagery and the spoken word, you are given the opportunity **to rediscover … to reconnect … and to recommit** to all that it will mean for four parishes to come together as ONE.

Celebrating Memorial Day: You are invited to begin your celebration of this civil holiday on Monday morning, May 31ST, by attending Mass in Madonna of Jerusalem Church in Sharpsburg, beginning at 10:00 am. In the sacred remembrance of what Christ did for us in his life, death and resurrection, so we remember in prayer all those men and women who gave their lives in service to our country. This is the only Mass that will be offered on the day in the churches of the Lower Allegheny Valley.

A Prayer for Protection In Time of Pandemic

O Mary, you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you,
health of the sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.
O loving Mother, you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.
Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.
In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

Saint Anthony of Padua Novena of Prayer: This devotion of the Church began on Tuesday, April 13TH, and will continue for nine Tuesdays in Madonna of Jerusalem Church in Sharpsburg. The prayers and reverencing of the relic of Saint Anthony will follow the regularly scheduled 9:00 am morning Mass. All are invited to come and pray in asking the intercession of this much beloved saint of the Church. The novena will conclude on Tuesday, June 8TH.

New Beginnings Bible study: At important times, we *rediscover* the stories in our sacred Scriptures, *reconnect* with our past and with each other, and *recommit* to the mission the Lord has given us. As we prepare for the formation of our new parish, join us to consider Scripture passages related to new beginnings. We will meet online via Zoom on three Wednesday evenings: June 9, 16, and 23, from 7:30 to 8:45 pm. If you would like to participate, please contact Andrew Bechman by e-mail at: andybechman@saintscholastica.com. You can order the text online as a booklet or as an eBook. The study is meant to be reflective, but low-key and relaxed. There is no expectation that you do "homework" ahead of time unless you wish to. We hope you can join us!

Mission Cooperation Sunday is on June 5th & 6th in 2021. Normally, a missionary comes to visit the parish and speak during homily time at Mass. Because of Covid-19 restrictions this year, there will be no in-person talks. The mission group of the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill have two provinces. One province is located in the United States and the other in South Korea with two missions in Ecuador and China. The Motherhouse is located in Greensburg Pennsylvania and our founder is Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first American-born Saint. In thanksgiving for 50 years in Korea, that province decided to send four sisters to a poor area in South America. They went to Pedro Carbo to assume the responsibilities of a clinic and school for children with disabilities, and now we have six sisters ministering there. Most of all, the people in our mission territories need your prayers and financial support. Please realize that while the appeal is not in person, the need is greater than ever. The poor have been hit especially hard by the pandemic. So now more than ever be as generous as possible. Thank you.

Around the Diocese . . .

The new, online version of the *Pittsburgh Catholic* offers some of the stories, columns and updates you loved in the printed newspaper alongside fresh, new content to connect you to your faith. Printable issues are available to download from the site for readers who do not have Internet access. Check out www.pittsburghcatholic.org to read the latest articles and register for email updates.

The Catholic Cemeteries Association is seeking telemarketers. Phone experience would be helpful, but not necessary. Work from home OR in the office located on Babcock Blvd. 20 hours per week. Must be available some evenings. Please send your resume to: lscotty@ccapgh.org

Widowed, Divorced, Separated? The loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation is a traumatic experience. The Beginning Experience© Pittsburgh Lay Apostolate will host a 1-day Saturday seminar, Coping with Life Alone—In the Beginning Program, intended to help widowed, divorced, or separated men and women work through their grief and begin to move forward with hope on their life journey. Please plan to join us Saturday, July 10, from 8:45am–4:00pm. Fee is $30.00 (lunch included). Location: Martina Spiritual Renewal Center, 5244 Clarwin Avenue, West View, PA 15229. Register by July 1 at www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com or make a confidential call to Rob at 412-584-5575 or Mary at 412-523-2405 to learn more about this healing ministry.

Membership Form

Check One:

- ☐ St. Joseph Parish
- ☐ St. Juan Diego Parish
- ☐ St. Padre Pio Parish
- ☐ St. Scholastica Parish

Name: _____

Address: _____

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City: _____ Zip: _____

Check One:

- ☐ New Registration
- ☐ Change of Address
- ☐ Moving out of Parish
- ☐ Requesting Envelopes

Phone: _____ Email: _____

SOCIAL OUTREACH

Members of our community who are in need of short-term assistance can contact the LAV Saint Vincent de Paul Society at 412-254-4446 or loweralleghenyvalleysvdp@gmail.com.

The Aspinwall Homeless Ministry is not currently accepting donations of clothing. However, they are very much in need of non-perishable food items such as powdered, canned or shelf-stable milk; soup (both condensed and ready to serve, especially containing beef); canned or dried beans and jelly or jam. Please leave donations in plastic bags in the gray bins at the Saint Scholastica church entrance. Donations of Giant Eagle gift cards are gratefully accepted. They can be brought to the Saint Scholastica parish office.

Collection bins for local Food Pantries are located in the following Church entrances:

Saint Edward Church and Saint Francis Church are collecting cereal and soup.

Saint Joseph Church is collecting non-perishable items. Please leave donations in the drawer in the vestibule.

Saint Scholastica Church is collecting hot and cold cereals, breakfast bars and canned or powdered milk. Please put donations in the red collection bin.

Clothing Donations: The St. Vincent DePaul Society is accepting donations at the clothing collection bin in the back parking lot of Saint Francis Church.

The LAV parishes provide a hot meal for the women's shelter at Bethlehem Haven on the first Sunday of each month and the men's shelter at Community House on the fourth Saturday of each month. For details on how you can participate in this ministry, go to lavcatholic.org/homeless-ministry.

ADDICTION RECOVERY MINISTRY NEWS

412-218-5410 • rhaasarm@gmail.com
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Facebook: Addiction Recovery Ministry Pittsburgh

Items needed for the Light of Life lunches are 49 lunches in a box (tuna salad, chicken salad), 78 fruit cups, 150 boxes of raisins, 52 drinks (either juice boxes or individual powder packets), and 31 packs of gum.

Please drop donations at the John Paul I Center or contact Rosemarie at 412-784-8700. Thank you!

Many thanks to Saints John and Paul Parish in Sewickley for their generous gift of $1,000 to A.R.M. This gift allows us to continue our ministry to those suffering with substance abuse and their loved ones

Mass Request Form for 2021

The four parishes of the LAV will now be scheduling Mass Intentions for July 1 through December 31, 2021. Please limit your initial requests to three to allow all parishioners the opportunity to schedule a Mass.

1. Return this form to the appropriate parish office with the $10 stipend for each Mass attached.
2. If your first or second choice of date and time is not available, you will be given the closest day.
3. Masses are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Your Name _____

Telephone _____

Church Requested _____

FIRST MASS INTENTION

Name _____ Deceased? (Y /N)

Requested by _____

Date and Time of Mass

1ST Choice _____

2ND Choice _____

SECOND MASS INTENTION

Name _____ Deceased? (Y /N)

Requested by _____

Date and Time of Mass

1ST Choice _____

2ND Choice _____

THIRD MASS INTENTION

Name _____ Deceased? (Y /N)

Requested by _____

Date and Time of Mass

1ST Choice _____

2ND Choice _____

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Parish Office Use Only

#_____ *Amount Paid* _____ *Date* _____

The 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 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,

[*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.

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Brothers and sisters:

No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Gospel: John 20:19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Come, Holy Ghost

1. Come Holy Ghost, Creator Blest,
And in our hearts take up Thy rest;
Come with Thy grace and heav'nly aid,
To fill the hearts which Thou has made,
To fill the hearts which Thou has made.

2. O Comfort Blest to Thee we cry,
Thou heav'nly Gift of God most high;
Thou fount of life and fire of love,
And sweet anointing from above,
And sweet anointing from above.