



# CHRIST THE KING PARISH

*REDISCOVER • RECONNECT • RECOMMIT*



## 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion?  
... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:28, 33

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### September 7, 2025

# 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—WORSHIP AID

## 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.



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b

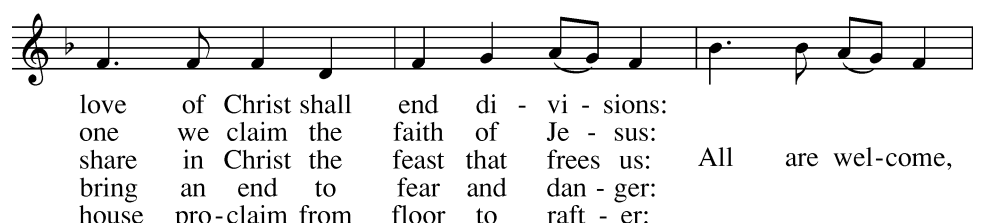
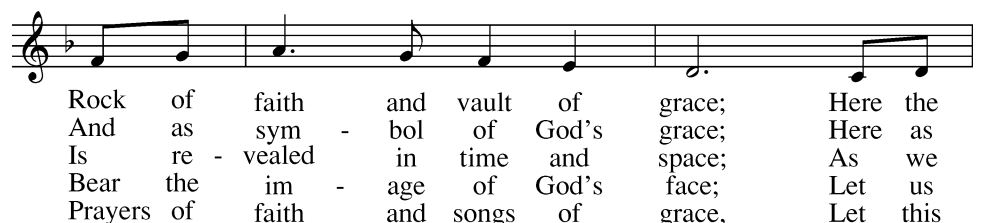
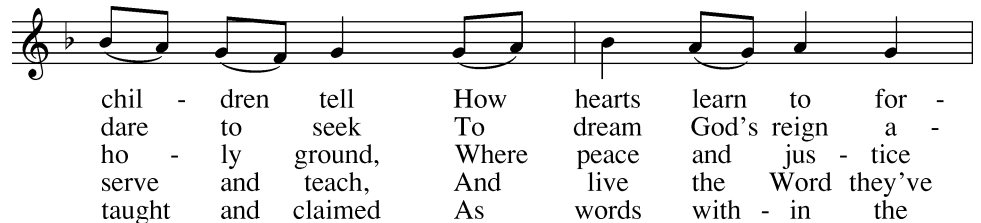
Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the LORD intends? For the deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans. For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns. And scarce do we guess the things on earth, and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty; but when things are in heaven, who can search them out? Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight.

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

### Responsorial Psalm 90:

## All Are Welcome



Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
Tune: TWO OAKS, 9 6 8 6 8 7 10 with refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
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## Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

I, Paul, an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus, urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus, whose father I have become in my imprisonment; I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I should have liked to retain him for myself, so that he might serve me on your behalf in my imprisonment for the gospel, but I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary. Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a brother, beloved especially to me, but even more so to you, as a man and in the Lord. So if you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

## Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.' Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

## The Nicene Creed

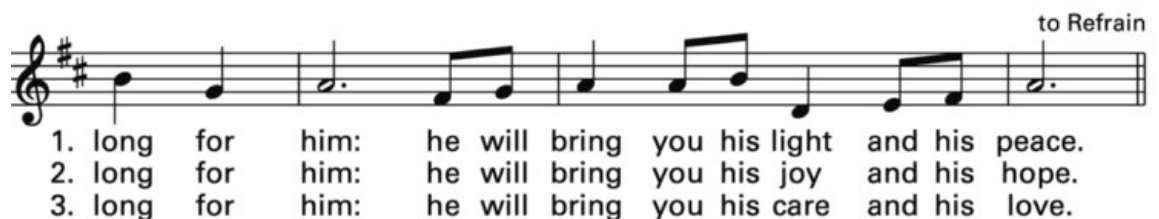
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with 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.

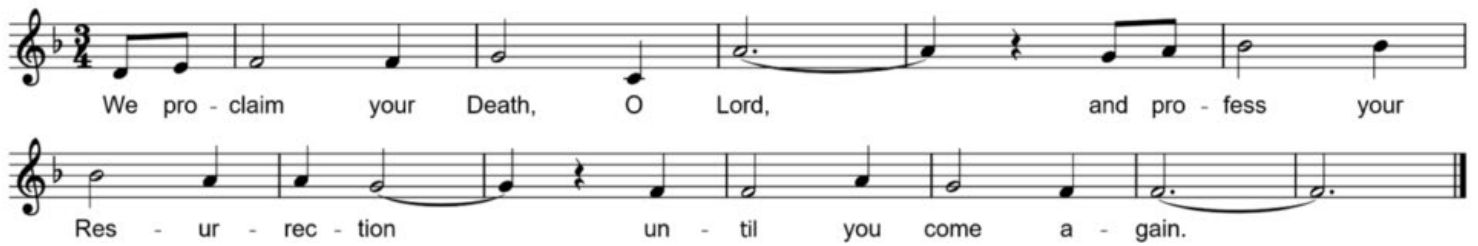
## I HAVE LOVED YOU

Michael Joncas



# WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH

Mass of Renewal  
Curtis Stephan



# ON EAGLE'S WINGS

Michael Joncas

Verse 1

1. You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a - bide in his shad-ow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!" And he will raise you up on  
ea - gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the  
sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

% Refrain

2. The snare of the fowl-er will  
nev - er cap-ture you, and fam - ine will bring you no fear: un - der his wings your  
ref - uge, his faith-ful-ness your shield. 3. You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, nor the  
ar - row that flies by day; though thou - sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not  
come. 4. For to his an - gels he's giv - en a command to guard you in all of your ways;  
up - on their hands they will bear you up lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

⊕ Coda

And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

⊕ Last time to Coda

Verse 2

Verse 3

Verse 4

D.S.

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# UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT

Bob Hurd

**Refrain**

Un-less a grain of wheat fall to the ground and die, it re-mains a  
sin - gle grain. But if it die it will yield a rich har - vest.

**Verses**

1. In his own bod - y, by his own wounds,  
2. Do not draw back now, do not be shy.

he brought your sins to the cross, and suf-fer'd for you;  
Turn not a way from him who paid the price.

pour'd out his life blood up on the tree, pour'd out his life blood  
Come to his ta - ble, sit by his side. There he a - waits you:

**To Refrain**

for the you and for of me.  
the Lord of Life.

Text: Based on John 12:24 and George Herbert's Love Bade Me Welcome, adapted by Bob Hurd.  
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# FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

DIX



Yield a  
fruitful harvest

1. For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry of the skies,  
2. For the beau - ty of each hour Of the day and of the night,  
3. For the joy of hu-man love, Broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,  
4. For your Church, that ev - er-more Lifts its ho - ly hands a - bove,  
5. For Your - self, O Gift Di - vine To our world so free - ly giv'n,

1. For the love which from our birth O - ver and a - round us lies:  
2. Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, Sun and moon, and stars of light:  
3. Friends on earth and friends a - bove; For all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
4. Of-f'ring up on ev - ery shore A pure sac - ri - fice of love:  
5. For that love from which will shine, Peace on earth and joy in heav'n:

1-5. Lord of all, to you we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Text: 77 77 77; *Lyra Eucharistica*, 1864; Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917, alt. Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872;  
adapt. by William H. Monk, 1823-1899.



# LITURGICAL LIFE

## SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>September 6—23<sup>RD</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
4:00 pm	† Anthony Frost (Betty Frost)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>September 7—23<sup>RD</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:00 am	† Charles Welsh (Family)
11:00 am	† Richard Hughes (Wanda & Family)
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>September 8—The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
8:00 am	† Philip Robison (Sandy Shock)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>September 10—Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00 am	† Concetta Liberto (Connie Riga)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>September 12—Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00 am	† Matthew K M (Aji)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>September 13—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>
4:00 pm	† Angelo Cilenti, Sr. (Jim & Craig)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>September 14—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>
9:00 am	The people of Christ the King Parish
11:00 am	† Shawn R. Neville (Sandy & Jeffrey Witte)

## SAINT MARY CHURCH

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>September 7—23<sup>RD</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
11:30 am	† Donna Edwards (Loving Family)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>September 14—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>
11:30 am	† Pat Markelewicz (Jim & Marlene Stack)

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday—September 7</b>		
Wisdom 9:13-18b	Philemon 9-10, 12-17	Luke 14:25-33
<b>Monday—September 8</b>		
Micah 5:1-4a		Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23
<b>Tuesday—September 9</b>		
Colossians 2:6-15		Luke 6:12-19
<b>Wednesday—September 10</b>		
Colossians 3:1-11		Luke 6:20-26
<b>Thursday—September 11</b>		
Colossians 3:12-17		Luke 6:27-38
<b>Friday—September 12</b>		
1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14		Luke 6:39-42
<b>Saturday—September 13</b>		
1 Timothy 1:15-17		Luke 6:43-49
<b>Sunday—September 14</b>		
Numbers 21:4b-9	Philippians 2:6-11	John 3:13-17

## SAINT SCHOLASTICA CHURCH

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>September 6—23<sup>RD</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
2:00 pm	Wedding of Claire Kintner & James Miller
5:00 pm	† Sal Somma (Somma / McGivney Family)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>September 7—23<sup>RD</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:30 am	† Jonathan Marsico (Tish Marsico)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>September 9—Saint Peter Claver</b>
10:00 am	† Nora & Jim Durkin (Mary Walsh Durkin)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>September 10—Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
10:00 am	† Joseph Guzik (Robert & Janice Wasson)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>September 11—Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
10:00 am	† Robert Pasqual (Frank & Vic Nicholson)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>September 13—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>
5:00 pm	† Peter Koppel (May Koppel)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>September 14—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>
9:30 am	† Mary Cray Sheedy (Maureen O'Brien)

## SAINT EDWARD CHURCH

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>September 7—23<sup>RD</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00 am	The people of Christ the King Parish
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>September 12—Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:00 am	† Joseph Novak (Dr. & Mrs. George Wehrle)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>September 14—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>
8:00 am	† Albert Biernesser (Marie & Family)

## MADONNA OF JERUSALEM CHURCH

<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>September 9—Saint Peter Claver</b>
9:00 am	† Roncace & Gatto Families (Arlene Borowski)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>September 11—Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:00 am	† Judy Heim & Christian Heim (Robert Heim)

### REST IN PEACE

Joann Kolson • August 24, 2025

Dorothy Wolf • August 27, 2025

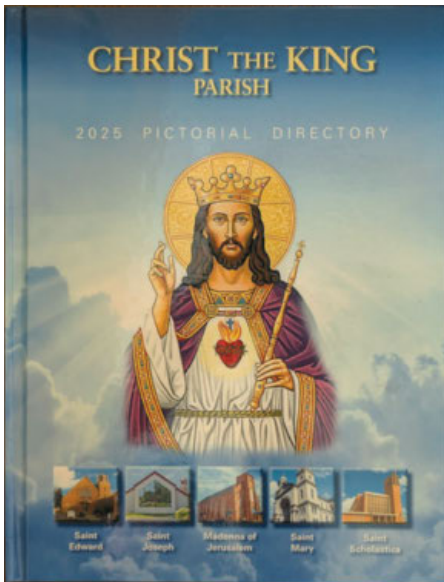
Josephine Ferraro • September 1, 2025

### TABERNACLE VIGIL CANDLE

#### Week of September 7

St. Edward Church:	In Memory of Our Anniversary
St. Scholastica Church:	For the Well-Being of Students & Staff of CDTCA (Tish Marsico)

# A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR



**Editor's Note:** The completed **2025 Parish Pictorial Directory** arrived on August 8, 2025. We have been distributing it every weekend since. There are 509 individual photos in the directory; 405 of the directories have been picked up. Hopefully the remaining 104 will soon find their owners.

At our request, the company who assembled the

directory for Christ the King Parish (Universal Church Directories) did an overrun of 100 copies. If you are interested in having a **2025 Parish Pictorial Directory**, even though your photo is not in it, you are welcome to have one for a \$10 donation. You may get your directory in the vestibule of church after Mass or at the administrative office of the parish located at Saint Joseph Church.

The Pastor's Letter printed below is the one that appears on the first page of the directory.

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My dear parishioners,

For many, the Lower Allegheny Valley grouping of parishes has a familiar sound to it. It first came into use in October of 2018 when the former parishes of Saint Joseph, Saint Juan Diego, Saint Scholastica, and Saint Padre Pio initiated a new way of being a Catholic faith community.

Then, following many meetings, careful consultation, prayerful discernment, and the decree of Bishop David A. Zubik, we came together on July 1, 2021 as **Christ the King Parish**. Today we worship in the churches of Saint Scholastica in Aspinwall, Saint Edward in Blawnox, Saint Joseph in O'Hara, Madonna of Jerusalem and Saint Mary in Sharpsburg.

It is an expansive territory with over 6,500 parishioners, identifying Christ the King Parish as their spiritual home, all committed to forever learning the message of Saint Paul to the Ephesian community: ***"I, then, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and***

***gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all"*** (Ephesians 4: 1 -6).

As the prayer on the back cover of this 2025 Parish Pictorial Directory informs us, we are a people striving to **REDISCOVER, RECONNECT and RECOMMIT** to all that is good and holy. While living in different places and praying in various churches, we are all daughters and sons of God, brothers and sisters in Christ, equally inspired and continually guided by the Holy Spirit.

Thus, fortified by faith, hope and love, we move into the future as the one people of God and the united members of Christ the King Parish. Now, as we "get-to-know-one-another," I hope that it will be enhanced and hastened by this pictorial directory which will help us to attach names with familiar faces.

May God bless all that we do in the name of Jesus Christ our King.

*Father Dale DeNinno*

Pastor  
Christ the King Parish

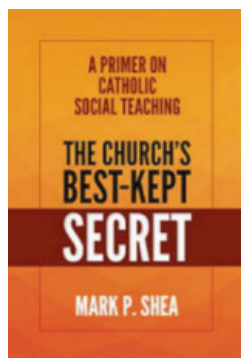
The number of people in attendance at Saturday/Sunday Mass during the summer weeks often dips due to time away for vacation and other travel plans. It's a healthy thing to change the routine of life and get away for relaxation and play. Hopefully, many parishioners of Christ the King Parish were able to do so.

Now that the school year has resumed and the hottest days of summer are behind us, everyone is encouraged to **rediscover, reconnect and recommit to all that is good and holy** in an active participation in the Holy Eucharist at the weekly celebration of Mass. No excuses, no reason for missing. A spiritual routine of prayer before the Lord in the presence of the faith community is definitely good for the soul. And it is especially important for our young people, who need to learn the importance of going to Mass every week. They will learn that best from the good example of their parents.

# NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The annual Bishop's Education Fund collection** will be taken up on the weekend of September 13-14. Since the fund was established in 1995, more than \$26.8 million has been raised. In the past 30 years, approximately \$27 million in assistance has been given to over 55,000 children from nearly every parish in the diocese. Many students in our Diocese want a Catholic school education, but a number of those students can only do so with financial assistance. The Bishop's Education Fund makes such assistance available.

**Beginning this month the Creation Care Team will be meeting** on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Saint Scholastica social hall. Our next meeting will be September 16. Please join us! If you would like more information, please email us at [cct@christthekingpgh.org](mailto:cct@christthekingpgh.org) or call Barbara Drennen at 412-478-1446.



**The Church's Best-Kept Secret** is a short primer which lays out the basics of Catholic social teaching in an accessible way. Writing in everyday language for the non-scholar, Mark Shea concisely describes the roots of Catholic social teaching in Scripture and Tradition and gives simple, practical examples of how it works in ordinary life. Our online study of Shea's book will meet via Zoom on six Thursday evenings,

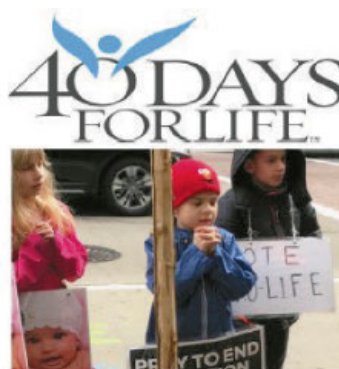
September 18 to October 23, from 7:30 to 8:45. Whether you are conservative or liberal in politics and economics, this book is likely to challenge your thinking. Register via Flocknote at <https://ctkpgh.flocknote.com/signup/224512>, or use the QR code. Note that you will be responsible for obtaining your own copy of the book, which is available online as a paperback, e-book, or audiobook from Audible. The price varies. There is no cost for the sessions themselves. Join us and get in on the secret!



**Adult Initiation Update:** In the ancient church, only fully initiated members of the community remained for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Catechumens—essentially new members in training—were sent out from the assembly after the Liturgy of the Word. This practice of dismissing the catechumens continues in the revived catechumenate of the present day. Teesta Dasgupta, our current catechumen, will be sent out after the homily at selected Masses with the blessing and prayers of the congregation so that she can join a member of our Adult Initiation team in reflecting on the Scriptures that she has just heard. Please pray for Teesta as she prepares for baptism.

**Tennis Shoe Recycling:** The Fox Chapel Garden Club is collecting used sneakers and putting them to good use via the NIKE Reuse-A-Shoe program. Look for collection boxes in the church entrances now through September 25. Your old sneakers will be recycled and used to build tennis courts, playgrounds, and running tracks. Gently used sneakers will be donated to Second Harvest and The Free Store. Cleats cannot be accepted.

**Christ the King Respect Life: Baby Cemetery Prayers** - Join us today, September 7, at 3:30 pm. We meet at the bottom of the hill below the cemetery office. In the event of rain go to the mausoleum. *The PA March for Life* will be on Monday, September 22, in Harrisburg. A bus will leave from Saint Scholastica at 6 am and return about 6:30 pm. All ages and families are welcome. For information and to register, email Cathy at [respectlife@christthekingpgh.org](mailto:respectlife@christthekingpgh.org). *40 Days for Life Vigil* is from September 24-November 2. Plan on going to pray for the babies and their moms. We will have two parish shifts TBA or you can go whenever fits your schedule. Go to [40daysforlifepittsburgh.com](http://40daysforlifepittsburgh.com) to check the schedule. *Holy Hours for Life*—Find information at [holy-hours-for-life.com](http://holy-hours-for-life.com) or call Ann McCauley 412-580-1908. Commit to praying an hour a week for an end to abortion. *Our Next meeting* is September 18 at Saint Scholastica.



**From September 24 through November 2, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life**—40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned

Parenthood, 933 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Nikki Bruni, [nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com](mailto:nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com).

The Kick-off Mass will be held at Divine Mercy Parish, Epiphany Church, on Tuesday, September 23, at 6:00 pm followed by a candle-lit Eucharistic Procession to Planned Parenthood. All are welcome to participate! There will be a Diaper Drive to benefit local pregnancy centers. Please bring diapers to the front of the church before Mass.



# NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHRIST THE KING PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY ANNUAL COLOR WARS

SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>  
5-7 PM

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

MIDDLE SCHOOL-BRING A DESSERT  
HIGH SCHOOL-BRING A SIDE DISH



The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8.

Saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed."

Birthday celebrations bring happiness to the celebrant as well as to family and friends. Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Each time we celebrate her birth, we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world at large.

### Family Faith Formation registration for 2025-26 is open!

We are offering TWO Options for Family Faith Formation Sessions this year: one where the students

break into separate classrooms by grade, and one where the whole family stays together to learn the lesson. You can find descriptions and dates for these two options as well as registration information on our website at [ChristtheKingpgh.org/faith-formation](http://ChristtheKingpgh.org/faith-formation).

Parents of children who will be receiving First Communion or Confirmation this year, please be sure to sign up for the additional sacramental preparation program at [ChristtheKingpgh.org/sacramental-preparation](http://ChristtheKingpgh.org/sacramental-preparation).

**Our 2025-2026 year will begin on Catechetical Sunday, September 21, 2025.** All families are invited to join us for Mass at 11:00 am in Saint Joseph Church. After Mass, families will join in fellowship and pick up materials downstairs in the social hall.



Christ the Divine Teacher Catholic Academy

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Website: [www.cdtca.org](http://www.cdtca.org)

Sean Murray, Principal

**CDTCA is seeking certified substitute teachers** to support our K-8 classrooms on an as-needed basis. Grade levels and dates may vary. If you're interested in joining our dedicated

team, please contact the school office at 412-781-7927 or email Mr. Sean Murray, Principal, at [sean.murray@cdtca.org](mailto:sean.murray@cdtca.org). Join us in making a difference in students' lives!

# SOCIAL OUTREACH



**Members of our community** who are in need of short-term assistance can contact the CTK Saint Vincent de Paul Society at 412-254-4446 or [svdp@ChristtheKingpgh.org](mailto:svdp@ChristtheKingpgh.org).

**Our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry** welcomes recurring donations of non-perishable food items along with toiletries and paper products, which may be placed in the bins found in our church vestibules or brought in-person Tuesday mornings to Saint Mary Church in Sharpsburg (6th St. and Altmayer Way). Particular items needed include peanut butter, jelly, cereal, pasta sauce, and paper products. Volunteers are always needed and most welcome. You are invited to join us as we improve our community—come see how we sustain more than 100 families with food every month. We are also looking for volunteers to do home visits to assess need. Training will be provided. Call 412-781-2866 for details. Please follow us on Facebook at Sharpsburg Food Pantry and on the web at [sharpsburgfoodpantry.org](http://sharpsburgfoodpantry.org).

**Christ the King Parish provides 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. We are always looking for new volunteers to help by donating a portion of the meal. For details on how you can participate in this ministry, go to [ChristtheKingpgh.org/shelter-meals](http://ChristtheKingpgh.org/shelter-meals).

**The Aspinwall Homeless Ministry** supports numerous homeless individuals and needy families throughout our region and they are always happy to accept donations of non-perishable food. They are particularly in need of cookies, canned vegetables, pudding cups, large bags of chips and other snacks, macaroni and cheese, Ritz crackers, Spam, canned red or black beans, tuna and chicken (foil packets or cans with pull tabs), and powdered or shelf-stable milk.

Please leave donations in plastic bags in the gray bins at the Saint Scholastica Church entrance. Donations of Giant Eagle gift cards are also welcome. They can be brought to the Saint Scholastica Church office.

## ADDICTION RECOVERY MINISTRY

John Paul I Center • 201 9th Street, Sharpsburg, PA 15215  
412-378-9290 • [rhaasarm@gmail.com](mailto:rhaasarm@gmail.com)  
[addictionrecoveryministrypittsburgh.org](http://addictionrecoveryministrypittsburgh.org)  
Facebook & YouTube: Addiction Recovery Ministry Pittsburgh

**A.R.M. is sponsoring a Resource Fair** on Saturday, September 20, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm which will feature speakers, recovery resources, and food. All are welcome.

**In collaboration with the Diocese of Pittsburgh, A.R.M. is hosting a session of iThirst**, a program that focuses on spirituality in the prevention, treatment, and aftercare of those suffering from substance use disorders and their families. This certification training will begin on Monday, September 15. For more information, please go to <https://www.addictionrecoveryministrypittsburgh.org>.

**A.R.M. helps those suffering from addiction and homelessness monthly with 150 brown-bag lunches.** If you wish to donate food, please contact Rosemarie at 412-378-9290 for more information.

**Let's have fun for a good cause!** Will you be the hunter - or one of the hunted? Join us Sunday, October 26, at 2:00pm for a Vampire-themed murder mystery dinner, just in time for Halloween! Cost is \$60 per person. Please call 412-378-9290 for reservations.



### Blessing for the Fallen of 9-11

God of mercy,  
in your word of Scripture,  
you instruct us to

“Do to others as you would have them  
do to you.”

Give us today the courage to assist  
those around us who may need our assistance.  
Give us patience when we become impatient.

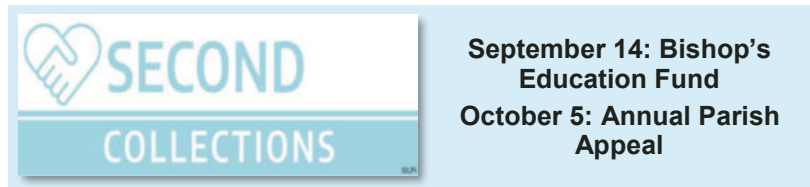
Remind us to pray for all those  
who perished on this day.

Give us a heart  
thankful for those who gave their lives  
as first responders, as did the men and women  
who ran into danger to be of aid.

We ask all this in the name of the One  
who first responded to our need for a savior,  
Jesus the Christ.  
Amen.

# PARISH INFORMATION

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Tuesday, September 9	1:00pm	Women's Bible Study	Saint Scholastica Social Hall
Thursday, September 11	7:00pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting	Saint Joseph, St. Joseph Hall
Friday, September 12	6:00am	TMIY Men's Group	Saint Scholastica Social Hall
Monday, September 15	6:30pm	St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting	Food Pantry, Saint Mary Church Basement



## Around the Diocese . . .

**“Welcoming the Stranger”:** The Cardinal’s Great Hall at the Diocesan Pastoral Center was full on August 21 as Catholics from around the diocese gathered to review the insights of Catholic social doctrine on immigration and how those insights can be enacted in this time of mass deportation. Jacob Williamson, the new diocesan Director of Social Concerns, gave a quick overview of Catholic social teaching, with particular emphasis upon the obligation to uphold the dignity of the human person. He recalled five principles that the bishops of the United States and Mexico have outlined in relation to immigration: 1) the right of people to find opportunities in their homeland; 2) the right to migrate if such opportunities are lacking; 3) the right of a state to control its borders; 4) the duty to protect refugees and people seeking asylum; and 5) the duty to respect the human dignity and human rights of undocumented migrants. Jaime Martinez of Casa San José, a community resource center for Pittsburgh area Latinos founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Baden, spoke about the current deportation efforts and their effects on our communities. Martinez coordinates a Rapid Response Network. Hundreds of volunteers are being trained to join teams that witness and verify immigration enforcement, share facts and alert the community, and accompany and support the detained, whose human and legal rights are often violated. If you are interested in being trained to join a rapid response team, contact Martinez at [jaime@casasanjose.org](mailto:jaime@casasanjose.org). If you see enforcement activity occurring, you can call the Rapid Response hotline at 412-736-7167.

**An ecumenical and interfaith prayer vigil** takes place each Friday from 8:00 am to 10:00 am at the ICE office, 3000 Sidney St on Pittsburgh’s South Side. Participants come to pray and to support our migrant neighbors. If you wish to take part, consider bringing a respectful sign. The office is near the Hot Metal Bridge and South Side Works, at the end of the 75 Ellsworth bus route. The event is sponsored by Pax Christi of Pittsburgh, the Sisters of Saint Joseph, and Casa San José. Questions? Contact Andrew Bechman at [akbechman@gmail.com](mailto:akbechman@gmail.com).

**It’s a LUAU PICNIC!** Single adults over the age of 21 are cordially invited to join ASPIRE (Adult Single People: Inspiring, Relating, Evolving) Ministry for a Luau Picnic on Friday evening, September 12 at 6:30 pm in the Outdoor Pavilion at Saints John & Paul campus of Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish, 2586 Wexford Bayne Road, Sewickley, PA 15143. The event will include a light meal, games, and an evening of fun and fellowship! Wear your best Hawaiian attire! Reverend Joe Freedy will offer a presentation entitled, “The Big Picture and Your Role In It.” All single adults (e.g., single, widowed, divorced) are welcome! Please register at: <https://saintluke.net/aspire-events>.

**The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass** will be held at St. Paul Cathedral at 2:30 pm on Sunday, October 19. The diocese will honor all couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with a Mass and reception in the lower level of the Cathedral immediately following. Register online at [diopitt.org/gwa25](http://diopitt.org/gwa25).



# PARISH INFORMATION



## DAILY MASSES—WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8

8:00 am Saint Joseph Church Fr. Dale DeNinno

*Monday, Wednesday, Friday*

9:00 am Madonna Church Fr. Bill Siple

*Tuesday and Thursday*

9:00 am Saint Edward Church Fr. Bill Siple

*Friday*

10:00 am Saint Scholastica Church Fr. Dale DeNinno

*Tuesday and Thursday*

10:00 am Saint Scholastica Church Fr. Bill Siple

*Wednesday*

## SATURDAY VIGIL MASSES—SEPTEMBER 13

4:00 pm Saint Joseph Church Fr. Bill Siple

5:00 pm Saint Scholastica Church Fr. Dale DeNinno

## SUNDAY MASSES—SEPTEMBER 14

8:00 am Saint Edward Church Fr. Dale DeNinno

9:00 am Saint Joseph Church Fr. Bill Siple

9:30 am Saint Scholastica Church Fr. Dale DeNinno

11:00 am Saint Joseph Church Fr. Bill Siple

11:30 am Saint Mary Church Fr. Dale DeNinno

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

*Every Thursday*

6:30-7:00 pm Saint Scholastica Church

*Every Friday*

9:30-10:00 am Saint Edward Church

*Every Saturday*

11:30-Noon Saint Joseph Church

## HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION

Thursday, October 2, 6:30 pm Saint Scholastica Church



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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.

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To **register as a member** of Christ the King Parish, please call the parish office or go to [ChristtheKingpgh.org/join-our-parish](http://ChristtheKingpgh.org/join-our-parish).

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To schedule a **Mass Intention or Tabernacle candle**, please call the parish office or download the form at [ChristtheKingpgh.org/mass-intentions](http://ChristtheKingpgh.org/mass-intentions).

We believe that **faith formation** is a lifelong journey. Go to [ChristtheKingpgh.org/grow](http://ChristtheKingpgh.org/grow) for information on family and adult faith formation as well as our youth ministry program.

**Get involved in parish life!** Go to [ChristtheKingpgh.org/share](http://ChristtheKingpgh.org/share) to find out about liturgical ministries, parish organizations, and 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.

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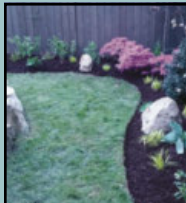
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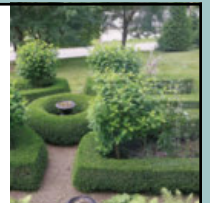
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