

From the Desk of Father Jeff



Married Couples Event:

It is a great joy to witness the love and commitment of so many married couples in our parish. The Sacrament of Matrimony is a profound reflection of Christ's love for His Church, and we are called to nurture and strengthen this beautiful covenant throughout our lives.

With this in mind, I invite all married couples to a special evening of fellowship and spiritual renewal on Saturday, October 4th. This dinner is exclusively for you, a time to step away from the daily routine and reconnect with your spouse, guided by the wisdom of our faith. The evening will feature three talks designed to inspire and enrich your married life: "Reigniting Married Love," "Redesigning Respect for Your Spouse," and "Creating a Masterpiece on Your Own Personal Canvas - God Planned for You."

This is more than just a dinner; it is an opportunity to deepen your union and grow in holiness together. May we come together as a Catholic community to celebrate the sacred vocation of marriage and receive the grace to continue building a life of love, mutual respect, and faith.

Please see page 7 of this bulletin for more information and for the QR code to register.

Donuts are Back!

I invite you to join us for Donuts and Fellowship most Sundays in LeGras Hall immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity to slow down, enjoy a simple treat, and connect with hundreds of our fellow parishioners each week. Whether you've been with us for years or are new to the parish, this is a chance to make new friends, catch up with old ones, and support each other in our shared journey of faith.

To help make this a vibrant and sustainable part of our parish life, we are looking for families and local businesses to help sponsor this weekly gathering. Your sponsorship would help cover the costs and ensure that this time of fellowship can continue to flourish. If you or your business is interested in sponsoring a Sunday, please contact the parish office or contact Tracey Buckley at tbuckley@scbpgh.org.

Supporting our First Responders:

Seeing and hearing about the many challenges our country faces today, we all should have such a deep sense of gratitude for the brave men and women who serve and protect our communities every day. Our first responders—active and retired police officers, firefighters, correction officers, emergency dispatchers and EMS personnel, and all those who risk their lives for the well-being of others—are a testament to the selfless love that Christ calls us to embody.

On Wednesday, October 1st, at 7:00 PM, our parish will host a special Blue Mass to honor and pray for these courageous individuals. A Blue Mass is a Catholic tradition that dates back to the 1930s, offering a moment to express our thanks and to ask for God's continued protection over those who stand in harm's way. The Mass gets its name from the color of the uniforms traditionally worn by law enforcement, but we will be honoring all first responders, regardless of their specific role.

This Mass is an opportunity for our entire parish family to come together and show our profound appreciation. It is a time to thank them for their dedication, their sacrifice, and their unwavering commitment to serving our community. We will pray for their safety, for their families, and for the wisdom and strength they need to carry out their difficult duties.

I invite all of you to join us for this beautiful and meaningful liturgy. Whether you are a first responder, have a family member who serves, or simply want to offer your support, your presence will be a powerful sign of our community's love and gratitude. Let us unite as the Body of Christ to pray for those who serve us, entrusting them to the care of our Blessed Mother, who watches over us all.

There will, of course, be a cookie reception afterwards in LeGras. Please join us!

Coffee With Fr. Jon begins September 25th!

Join us for our first edition of "Coffee with Fr. Jon" this upcoming Thursday at 1pm in LeGras Conference Room! More details on page 4. This will take place once a month and you won't want to miss it!