Sunday, February 20, 2022 | SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

# SAINT MATTHIAS PARISH

*We are the caring, healing, vibrant Catholic Eucharistic faith community, who celebrate and promote the grace and Divine Mercy of God through prayer and service.*

## 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." - Lk 6:38

**PASTOR:** Rev. James B. Farnan: 724-966-7270
**SENIOR PAROCHIAL VICAR:** Rev. Francis Frazer: 724-627-7568
**DEACONS:** James M. Sheil: 724-998-1105 | Bert Kuhns: 412-691-0890

## CHURCHES

**ST. ANN**
232 E. High St., Waynesburg, PA 15370
Phone: 724-627-7568 ~ Fax: 724-627-3735
Email: saintannchurch@comcast.net
Office Hours: M-F 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Office Manager: Marci Snee
Religious Education: Melissa Kirsch

**ST. HUGH**
408 S. Route 88, Carmichaels, PA 15320
Phone: 724-966-7270
Email: sainthughoffice@gmail.com
Office Hours: M & W 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
Office Manager: Christine Zabrosky
Religious Education: Linette Kerr

**ST. IGNATIUS**
Bobtown Hill Road, Bobtown, PA 15315
Religious Education: Jennifer Dickerson

**ST. MARCELLUS**
1340 Jefferson Rd,
Jefferson, PA 15344

Religious Education County Coordinator: Linette Kerr, email: linettekerr@windstream.net

## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil**
**St. Ann - 4:00 pm**
**St. Hugh - 6:00 pm**

**Sunday**
**St. Ann - 8:30 am**
**St. Hugh - 9:30 am**
**St. Marcellus - 10:30 am**
**St. Ignatius - 11:30 am**

**County website access: www.stmatthiasgreene.org**

## Reconciliation

**Confessions are *held on Saturdays, 11:00 am to 11:30 am - schedule below:***

**FEBRUARY CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

**St. Ann - 1st Saturday / March 5**

**St. Hugh - 2nd Saturday / March 12**

**St. Ignatius - 3rd Saturday / March 19**

**St. Marcellus - 4th Saturday / Feb. 26, Mar. 26**

## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

**By appointment. Prior to your baby's Baptism, you must be a practicing Catholic and attend a pre-baptism class. A Godparent must be a fully initiated, practicing Catholic, age 16 or older.**

## Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

**Arrangements must be made with the Parish Office at least six (6) months in advance. Participation in marriage program is required.**

## Anointing of the Sick | Sick Calls

**Please call 724-627-7568 for visits of Communion to the sick, shut-ins, and those confined to hospital.**

## Funerals

**Please call 724-627-7568 for funeral arrangements after regular office hours.**

## Sanctuary Candle

**The Sanctuary Candle burns In Loving Remembrance of or for the Special Intention of:**

**February 13, thru February 26, 2022**

**St. Ann**
**Anthony Mowad by Diane Meek**

**St. Hugh**
**Bill Bencze by Family**

**St. Ignatius**
**Parents, Joe & Catherine Danko and Joe Danko Jr., Patty Danko and Bob Desmet by Denise Desmet**

**St. Marcellus**
**David Wesolowsky by Louise and Jenifer Wesolowsky**

## PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

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| **Saturday, February 19** | | |
| 11:00 am | St. Ann | Good Neighbor Lunch until 12:00 noon |
| **Sunday, February 20** | | |
| 9:30 am | St. Ann | NO CCD (grades 1-8) |
| 10:00 am | St. Ignatius | NO CCD Class (grades 1– 8) |
| 10:15 am | St. Hugh | NO CCD, after Mass (Middle School–grades 6, 7 & 8) |
| 4:00 pm | St. Hugh | RCIA |
| **Monday, February 21** | | |
| 8:25 am | St. Hugh | Rosary before Mass |
| 9:30 am | St. Hugh | Divine Mercy Chaplet following Mass |
| 11:00 am | St. Ann | Good Neighbor Lunch until 12:00 noon |
| 4:30 pm | St. Hugh | NO Elementary CCD - Grades 1-5; NO Jr. Choir |
| **Tuesday, February 22** | | |
| 8:25 am | St. Hugh | Rosary before Mass |
| 9:30 am | St. Hugh | Divine Mercy Chaplet following Mass |
| 11:00 am | St. Ignatius | Bobtown - Sr. Citizens (Social Hall) |
| 6:00 pm | St. Ann | MOSAIC Choir Practice (New members welcome) |
| 6:30 pm | St. Hugh | Adult Choir Practice (New members welcome) |
| **Wednesday, February 23** | | |
| 8:25 am | St. Hugh | Rosary before Mass |
| 9:30 am | St. Hugh | Divine Mercy Chaplet following Mass |
| 6:30pm | St. Marcellus | Parents ONLY Meeting for Empowering God's Children® (see page 9 of bulletin) |
| **Thursday, February 24** | | |
| 8:25 am | St. Hugh | Rosary before Mass |
| 9:30 am | St. Hugh | Divine Mercy Chaplet following Mass |
| 11:00 am | St. Ann | Good Neighbor Lunch until 12 noon |
| 6:00 pm | St. Ann | Social Service League Meeting |
| 6:00 pm | St. Marcellus | ChristLife/Following Christ begins in Social Hall |
| **Friday, February 25** | | |
| 8:25 am | St. Hugh | Rosary before Mass |
| 9:30 am | St. Hugh | Eucharistic Adoration following Mass |
| **Saturday, February 26** | | |
| 11:00 am | St. Ann | Good Neighbor Lunch until 12:00 noon |
| 6:00 pm | St. Marcellus | Mardi Gras Party in Social Hall |
| **Sunday, February 27** | | |
| 9:30 am | St. Ann | CCD (grades 1-8) |
| 10:00 am | St. Ignatius | CCD Class (grades 1– 8) |
| 10:15 am | St. Hugh | CCD, after Mass (Middle School–grades 6, 7 & 8) |
| 4:00 pm | St. Hugh | RCIA |

**THE PRESCHOOL AT ST. ANN**
Information can be found on our website at
**https://stmatthiasgreene.org/the-preschool-at-st-ann**
or call the St. Ann office at 724-627-7568.

## St. Matthias Offertory Collection

Sunday, February 13, 2022
Offertory — $8,928.00
Parish Share — $3,535.00
"Souper Bowl of Caring" donations — $1,810.75

Your financial support is greatly appreciated.

## Diocese of Pittsburgh

**Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator Office: 412-456-3093**
**Diocesan Victim Hotline: 1-888-808-1235**
**PA ChildLine: 1-800-932-0313**
**Call 911 immediately if a child is in danger.**

# MASS INTENTIONS SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY, February 19 - Vigil: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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| 4:00 pm | St. Ann | Barb Benchek by Attilia Shumaker |
| 6:00 pm | St. Hugh | Marion Smith by Family |

**SUNDAY, February 20 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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|---|---|---|
| 8:30 am | St. Ann | Anthony Mowad by Diane Meek |
| 9:30 am | St. Hugh | Albert Wade (10th Anniversary) by wife, Cathy, Jay, Jamie and Family |
| 10:30 am | St. Marcellus | Louise Grillo by Scott, Karen, Katie and Louie |
| 11:30 am | St. Ignatius | For the People of St. Matthias Parish |
| 12:00 pm | St. Ann/Wbg. Univ. | Leonard Udovich by Penny Wasko |

**MONDAY, February 21 - *St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church***

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| 8:00 am | St. Ann | For the ill of the Parish by the Knights of Columbus |
| 9:00 am | St. Hugh | For the People of St. Matthias Parish |

**TUESDAY, February 22 - The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**

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| 9:00 am | St. Hugh | Special Intentions by Janis Matthews |
| 9:00 am | St. Marcellus | Barbara & Dorothy Yeager by Richard Yeager |

**WEDNESDAY, February 23 - St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr**

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| 9:00 am | St. Hugh | Andrew and Garnet Swestyn by Joe and Alma Simon |
| 6:30 pm | St. Ann | Harlan Pust by the Dowling Family |

**THURSDAY, February 24 - Weekday in Ordinary Time**

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| 9:00 am | St. Hugh | Lillian Gessler by Bernie and Gayle |
| 9:00 am | St. Ignatius | Deceased of the Garnek Family by Bo & Jessica Garnek and Family |
| 10:30 am | Wbg. Healthcare | Mary Weinschenker by Linette Kerr |

**FRIDAY, February 25 - Weekday in Ordinary Time**

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| 8:00 am | St. Ann | John & Dolores Meiers by Family |
| 9:00 am | St. Hugh | Jo Elder by a friend |

**SATURDAY, February 26 - Vigil: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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| 4:00 pm | St. Ann | For the People of St. Matthias Parish |
| 6:00 pm | St. Hugh | Mike and Mary Sagosky by son, Stanley and Gertrude Sagosky and Family |

**SUNDAY, February 27 - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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|---|---|---|
| 8:30 am | St. Ann | Judy Rebholz by Archie and Jeanette Trader |
| 9:30 am | St. Hugh | Robert Polander by Mary Staun and Patty Hair and Family |
| 10:30 am | St. Marcellus | Elizabeth "Betty" Snyder Gielata (sister of Jack Snyder) by Emilia Bertugli |
| 11:30 am | St. Ignatius | Paul Gashie by Linda Collins |
| 12:00 pm | St. Ann/Wbg. Univ. | Robert A. Lang, Sr by Bob & Eileen Lang |

**CHURCHES:**

**St. Ann** (Waynesburg); **St. Hugh** (Carmichaels); **St. Ignatius** (Bobtown); **St. Marcellus** (Jefferson)

## *Altar Flowers*

*This weekend's altar arrangement at St. Ann Church, is given to the glory of God and In Loving Memory of:*

**Anthony Mowad**

by Diane Meek

*Thank you for remembering your loved one with a memorial flower donation.*

## *Save the Date ~ Youth Group*

All students of St. Matthias Parish in Grades 7th thru 12th (& their friends) are invited to

**BOWLING tentatively at 3:15 PM—5:15pm** on **Sunday, March 6**, at **Fairbank Bowling Center**, 570 Fibert-Orient Rd, New Salem, PA 15468.

For questions or to RSVP, contact Linette Kerr by email, linettekerr@windstream.net, or call 724-966-7270.

# FAITH LIFE

## "ASK FR. FARNAN"

### The Limits of the Magisterium

Using the present pontificate as an example: *"…if you are troubled by some statements that Pope Francis has made in his recent interviews, it is not disloyalty, or a lack of Romanita to disagree with the details of some of the interviews which were given off-the-cuff. Naturally, if we disagree with the Holy Father, we do so with the deepest respect and humility, conscious that we may need to be corrected. However, papal interviews do not require either the assent of faith that is given to ex cathedra statements or that internal submission of mind and will that is given to those statements that are part of his non-infallible but authentic magisterium."* —Fr. Tim Finigan, tutor in Sacramental Theology at St John's Seminary, Wonersh; from The Hermeneutic of Community, "Assent and Papal Magisterium", October 6th, 2013.

So what about current affairs? Does the Church have any business addressing these? *"To the Church belongs the right always and everywhere to announce moral principles, including those pertaining to the social order, and to make judgments on any human affairs to the extent that they are required by the fundamental rights of the human person or the salvation of souls."* CCC, n. 2032. And again, *"Christ endowed the Church's shepherds with the charism of infallibility in matters of faith and morals."* CCC, n. 80

What the Church does not have the authority to do is pronounce authoritatively on necessarily the best way to conduct affairs pertaining to the social order. Take the matter of "climate change", for instance. *"Here I would state once more that the Church does not presume to settle scientific questions or to replace politics. But I am concerned to encourage an honest and open debate so that particular interests or ideologies will not prejudice the common good."* —POPE FRANCIS, *Laudato si'*, n. 188

*"The Church has no particular expertise in science… the Church has got no mandate from the Lord to pronounce on scientific matters. We believe in the autonomy of science."* —Cardinal Pell, Religious News Service, July 17th, 2015; relgionnews.com

On the matter of whether one is morally obliged to take a vaccine, here too, the Church can only provide a moral guiding principle. The actual medical decision to take an injection is a matter of personal autonomy that has to take into consideration the risks and benefits. Hence, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF) explicitly states:
*"…all vaccinations recognized as clinically safe and effective can be used in good conscience…At the same time, practical reason makes evident that vaccination is not, as a rule, a moral obligation and that, therefore, it must be voluntary… In the absence of other means to stop or even prevent the epidemic, the common good may recommend vaccination…"* "Note on the morality of using some anti-Covid-19 vaccines", n. 3, 5; vatican.va; a "recommendation" is not the same as an obligation.

Hence, when Pope Francis gave a television interview stating: *"I believe that morally everyone must take the vaccine. It is the moral choice because it is about your life but also the lives of others. I do not understand why some say that this could be a dangerous vaccine. If the doctors are presenting this to you as a thing that will go well and doesn't have any special dangers, why not take it? There is a suicidal denialism that I would not know how to explain, but today, people must take the vaccine."*
—POPE FRANCIS, interview for Italy's TG5 news program, January 19th, 2021; ncronline.com

The Holy Father was voicing a personal opinion that is not binding on the faithful, as he steps outside of his ordinary magisterium. He is neither a doctor nor a scientist with the authority to declare (especially at the beginning of the drug rollout) that these injections are without "special dangers" or that the lethality of the virus was such that one was obliged. On the contrary, the data has proven him wrong. Here is a clear case whereby the true Magisterium does not apply. If Pope Francis gives a weather forecast or supports one political solution over another, one is not necessarily bound to his personal opinion. Another example was Francis' endorsement of the Paris climate accord.

*"Dear friends, time is running out! …A carbon pricing policy is essential if humanity wants to use the resources of creation wisely… the effects on the climate will be catastrophic if we exceed the 1.5ºC threshold outlined in the Paris Agreement goals."* —POPE FRANCIS, June 14th, 2019; Brietbart.com

Is a carbon tax the best solution? What about spraying the atmosphere with particulates, as some scientists are proposing? And is a catastrophe actually upon us (according to Greta Thunberg, the world will implode in about six years.) Despite what the media tells you, there is not a consensus. Many climate experts and renowned scientists absolutely refute both the climate and pandemic position that the Pope has embraced. Based on their expertise, they are fully within their rights to respectfully disagree with the Pope.

It must be said that popes can and do make mistakes. Infallibility is reserved ex cathedra ("from the seat" of Peter). No popes in the history of the Church have ever made ex cathedra errors — a testament to Christ's promise: *"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth."* (John 16:13) Following the true Magisterium, then, does not mean assenting to every word out of a bishop or pope's mouth but only that which lies within their authority.

# FAITH LIFE

## SAVE THE DATES

Ash Wednesday, March 2
Feast of St. Joseph: Saturday, March 19
The Annunciation of the Lord: Friday, March 25
Laetare Sunday, March 27
Palm Sunday, April 10
Triduum: April 14-16
Easter Sunday, April 17
Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24
Feast of St. Matthias: Saturday, May 14
Ascension Thursday, May 26
Pentecost Sunday, June 5
Trinity Sunday, June 12
Corpus Christi Sunday, June 19
Feast of St. John the Baptist: June 24 &
Fr. Jim's 22nd Anniversary of Ordination

## ALERT!
## EMAIL AND TEXT SCAMMERS

**St. Matthias parishioners please be aware that Fr. James (Jim) Farnan will never email or text you asking for money or gift cards of any kind.**

## THE ST. HUGH OFFICE

New email address: **sainthughoffice@gmail.com**
The office phone number remains the same: 724-966-7270.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
## CCD - Confirmation - 1st Communion

### CCD CLASSES ARE NOW IN SESSION AT ALL SITES

See CCD weekly schedules on bulletin page 2 on *Parish Events Calendar*.

**Presidents' Day Weekend — NO CCD Classes**
Sunday and Monday, February 20 & 21
All CCD sites — St. Ann, St. Hugh , St. Ignatius

CCD classes will resume on Sunday and Monday, Feb. 27 & 28.

For more CCD information visit our website:
www.stmatthiasgreene.org > Religious Education.
Or contact Linette Kerr at linettekerr@windstream.net.

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### CONFIRMATION NEWS

- **PARENT MEETING: Monday, February 28th at 7:00 pm in the St/ Marcellus Social Hall.**
- Each Candidate must be present with a parent or sponsor or other responsible adult( grandparent, etc.).
- Plans and needs for your child's reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be discussed at this meeting.
- *Parents: Please email linettekerr@windstream.net ASAP if you wish to attend this meeting online by ZOOM.*

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### 1ST COMMUNION / 1ST RECONCILIATION NEWS

**The First Reconciliation schedule is as follows:**

- **St. Ignatius** - Sunday, March 6, before 11:30 Mass
- **St. Hugh** - Monday, March 7, after CCD at 5:40 pm
- **St. Ann** - Wednesday, March 9, after 6:30 pm Mass
  (Please attend Mass with your child on this day)
- If you child misses the above group 1st Reconciliation, you must take your child to a regular Saturday confession in March at 11:00 am. (St. Ann, March 5; St. Hugh, March 12; St. Ignatius, March 19; St. Marcellus, March 26 — Reconciliation dates are published on page 2 of the bulletin.)

# FAITH LIFE

## CHRIST LIFE - CATHOLIC MINISTRY FOR EVANGELIZATION

**Following Christ**
**is the second part of the *ChristLife* evangelization process.**

It is designed to help people who have completed the Discovering Christ course to grow in friendship and union with God. This course guides people in how to live as a Catholic disciple of Jesus Christ in today's world based on basic disciplines and truths that have been practiced by Christians from the time of the early Church.

Dinner will be provided by the Knights of Columbus prior to the start of each study.
Please register early so that we can plan for dinner and course materials.

***SAVE THE DATES BELOW!***

**LOCATION: St. Marcellus Social Hall at 6:00 – 8:30 PM**

**DATES: 7 Thursdays - February 24; March 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31; and April 7, 2022.**

**RETREAT: Saturday, March 26, 2022, at St. Ignatius, from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM**

**PLEASE REGISTER BEFORE February 22nd:**

**To register visit our parish website www.stmatthiasgreene.org; or call Mike Guritz at 724-317-8699.**

Registration forms may also be found in the back of all our churches.
Complete the form and place it in the offertory collection basket.

## ADDICTION RECOVERY MINISTRY

Six Steps to SANITY is a faith-based ministry that offers support and tools to families dealing with a loved one's substance use disorder in a safe and confidential environment.

Addiction Recovery Ministry is sponsoring a 12-week session beginning on Tuesday, February 22, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the hall of St. Francis of Assisi Church, 2599 Freeport Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238.

Using a study guide workbook based on the best-selling book, "Setting Boundaries with Your Adult Children," by Allison Bottke, families will learn how enabling and codependency contributes to addiction.

Registration in advance is required and to register or for more information, please contact Deacon Tim Noca at 412-793-4511 ext. 213 or tnoca@diopitt.org.

Addiction Recovery Ministry will celebrate an anointing Mass on Sunday, February 27, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church (address above) for those suffering from substance use disorder and those in recovery. All are welcome.

*A courtesy announcement for:*
**Flenniken Public Library**
*Presents*

**MARDI GRAS NIGHT**

**February 26, 2022**
**6:00 - 9:00 PM**

**Carmichaels-Cumberland Vol. Firehall**
**Ticket Price: $30.00**

**Dinner Provided**
**Alcoholic beverages available for purchase**
**Gift Baskets - 50/50 - and more!**

**FOR TICKETS OR MORE INFORMATION:**
**724-966-5263**

## FAITH LIFE

# Rev. Farnan's Faith Formation

**St. Matthias Parish**

Rev. James Farnan will be presenting the book, *The Lamb's Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth*, by bestselling author Scott Hahn. *The Lamb's Supper* will help readers see the Mass with new eyes, pray the liturgy with a renewed heart, and enter into the Mass more fully, enthusiastically, and intelligently than ever before. In this course will examine the deep roots of the Mass in the biblical history of sacrifice - a history that culminates with the Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist. Using the Book of Revelation, you will see how, in the Liturgy of the Eucharist, you are lifted up to a real participation with the angels and saints in the heavenly liturgy. Finally, the class will contemplate how in the Mass we renew our covenant with God - the new covenant made in the blood of Jesus which makes us children of God and heirs of the divine promises found in the Bible.

The course will be total of 4 sessions and Rev. Farnan will present at 2 different locations. Please pick one:

AM Session – **Mondays, March 14 thru April 4**, following 9am Mass (approx. 9:30am to 10:30am)
Location: St. Hugh Social Hall, 408 S Route 88, Carmichaels, PA 15320

PM Session – **Wednesdays, March 16 thru April 6**, following 6:30pm Mass (approx. 7:00pm to 8:00pm)

## REGISTRATION FORM

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Street _____ City/St/Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

**Please check one:** _____**AM Session** (Mondays at St. Hugh) **or** _____**PM Session** (Wednesdays at St. Ann)

*Free Will Donation (suggestion: $23 for book): Please make checks payable to St. Matthias Parish – Religious Education.*

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE - February 28, 2022, to St. Matthias Parish,**
**St. Hugh Church, Attn: Linette Kerr, 408 S Route 88, Carmichaels, PA 15320**
OR email linettekerr@windstream.net.

*~ Please email Linette Kerr ASAP if you wish to participate online by ZOOM.*

For more information (schedule) or to register online,
visit: www.stmatthiasgreene.org > Religious Education > Adult Bible Study.

# FAITH LIFE

The Greene County Catholic Ladies Guild has the opportunity to acquire a fabulous Trex bench (pictured) at no cost. We hope to accomplish obtaining at least 500 lbs. of plastic bags in a six month period to gain this prize. All parishioners are urged to contribute any of the plastic items listed below to meet this goal.

## *WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED?*

- **Pallet wrap and stretch film**
- **Grocery bags**
- **Bread bags (no crumbs)**
- **Case overlap**
- **Dry cleaning bags**
- **Newspaper sleeves**
- **Ice bags**
- **Wood pellet bags**
- **Ziplock and other re-closable food storage bags**
- **Produce bags**
- **Mulch bags**
- **Salt bags**
- **Cereal bags**

Donations can be placed in collection boxes located at each church. They will then be consolidated into a main bag which we will deliver to Trex. If you are interested in having a main collection bag of your own, the Guild can provide one. All bags must be clean (no crumbs or debris), dry and free of paper labels. Main collection bags should ultimately weigh between 8 and 10 lbs. before turning into the Guild.

**To see information about the bench, you can visit:**

**www.trexfurniture.com.**

**Thanks to all who can help. The bench will be placed in the St. Ann Preschool Playground.**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS for all CCD locations

Dear Parent/Guardians of CCD Students (grades 1 through 8):

The Diocese of Pittsburgh has adopted the Empowering God's Children® program. They say it is an age-appropriate comprehensive program through which educators (teachers, catechists and youth ministers) and parents can give children and youth the tools they need to protect themselves and what to do if someone tries to violate their boundaries.

This program, Empowering God's Children®, replaces the "Personal Safety Curriculum" of Catholic Vision of Love (CVOL ) provided by the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Our Parish is required to teach these Empowering God's Children® lessons to all of our CCD students in grades 1 through 8.

As of January 2022, the Diocese of Pittsburgh is requiring all parishes to teach your children (before fall of 2022) Lesson 1 Physical Boundaries: Safe and Unsafe Touching Rules. In this lesson, students learn simple rules about what to do and how to react when someone's touch is confusing, scary, or makes the child or young person feel uncomfortable. Young people start to deal with the real risks they face when they are out in the world and on their own, and they begin to learn where to draw boundary lines in relationships. *In Lesson 1, there are "Instructions for Lesson Leaders" for adults/parents only and the "Instructions for Students" sections/worksheets are for children.*

Each year, the program provides a theme that introduces and builds on the basic concepts of the Teaching Boundaries and Safety Guide. The material is developmentally appropriate for each age group and includes content and activities that reinforce the message. Within each lesson plan is the ability to tailor the activities and messaging to meet the needs of the children and youth at all levels.

Please read the materials mailed or provided to you at CCD on the Empowering God's Children® program overview and lesson plan for your child's grade. This information is also available online at www.stmatthiasgreene.org under Religious Education > Empowering God's Children®.

If you have any more questions after reviewing the enclosed Empowering God's Children® materials, please attend the Parent Meeting below or contact Linette Kerr, Religious Education County Coordinator, by phone at the church office 724-966-7270 or by email at linettekerr@windstream.net.

**Parents ONLY Meeting ~ Wed, Feb. 23, at 6:30pm in St. Marcellus Social Hall,** 1340 Jefferson Rd, Jefferson PA 15344.

*Please email linettekerr@windstream.net ASAP if you wish to attend this meeting online by ZOOM.*

**Tentative date for CCD students at St. Ann: Sunday, March 13, in St. Ann Social Hall**
Lesson 1 for Grades 6,7,8 at 9:30am,
Lesson 1 for Grades 3,4,5 at 10:00am,
Lesson 1 for Grades 1 & 2 at 10:30am.
***Parents with children in multiple sessions: please wait in Bell Room. *Parents with one child: please wait in the church for his/her dismissal.*

**Tentative date for CCD students at St. Ignatius: Sunday, April 3, in St. Ignatius Social Hall**
Lesson 1 for Grades 6,7,8 at 10:00am,
Lesson 1 for Grades 3,4,5 at 10:30am,
Lesson 1 for Grades 1 & 2 at 11:00am.

**Tentative schedule for CCD students at St. Hugh: Lessons in St. Hugh Social Hall:**
Lesson 1 for Grades 6,7,8 on Sunday, April 24, after 9:30am Mass (approx. 10:30am).
Lesson 1 for Grades 3,4,5 at 4:30pm on Monday, May 2,
Lesson 1 for Grades 1 & 2 at 5:00pm on Monday, May 2.
***Parents with children in multiple sessions: may wait in the church. *Parents with one child: please wait in the parking lot for his/her dismissal.*

~ There is an option for teaching Empowering God's Children® to your child at home.

Thank you again for your cooperation.

## *St. Matthias Prayer Requests for 2021*

Ester Adriano
Angie Aguilara
Erika Almond
Evan Almond
Mildred Bair
Rev. John Bauer
Kate Beale
George Bellish
Kim Belmont
Patty Bennett
John Bokin
Daniel Bradmon
Fr. Don Breier
Bill Brock
Nancy Brown
Patty Brozik
Todd Burns
Lloyd Burroughs
Shirley Burroughs
Jorge Caraballo
Butch Cassiday
Bob Cerjanec
Charlene Chulick
Carol Clish
Andrew Corfont
Mary Ann Cox
Andrew Cubic
JoAnne Dayton
Rosanne Defibaugh
Bruce DeHaas
Lexi DeHaas
Daneille Desrosiers
Denise Dillow
Betty Dillinger

John Dobrunick
Mark Dolan
Bob Doman
Dennis Doriguzzi
Helene Dulaney
Dianne Dulick
Kathy Durr
Charles Elko
Cassie Fascetti
Cindy Fascetti
Al Fleming
Angela Fontana
Raymond Frazer
Ted Froats
Alan Frye
Carol Fumanek
Dennis Furmanek
Patricia Galloway
Lacy Garcia
Barbara Gera
Alysia Ginsburg
Sheryl Giovanelli
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Jonella Williamson
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*We pray for all those who are ill or infirm, asking the Lord for his consoling grace to heal those in need. We also remember all those in personal care/nursing homes.*

## *Pray for those in the Military*

Mychael Barzanti, (US Air Force, Guam); Joshua Boyle, SSGT (US Army, Fort Knox, KY); Jessica Breuer (US Air Force, Korea), Andrew Buchtan, (US Army Specialist, Houston, TX) Sam Cuss, (US Navy Petty Officer Third Class, Oceania, VA); Wendy Dickerson (US Navy, Jacksonville, FL); Anna Farnan (US Navy); Elizabeth Farnan (US Navy); Joseph Farnan (US Navy); Michael Farnan (USMC); Petty Officer 1st Class Elizabeth Fedora Gillum (Andrews Air Force Base); Capt. Aaron Lazuka D.D.S. (US Army, El Paso, TX); Justin Maddich (Air Force) Germany; Emily Phillips (USMC) & Brandon Phillips (US Army); Lieutenant Colonel Luke Vitolo (Air Force,, Doha, Qatar); Lieutenant Colonel John Vitolo (Air Force, Colorado Springs, CO); Lance Corporal Ryan Woods (USMC, 29 Palms, CA).

### FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

**Merciful God,
We entrust to your unfailing
and tender care, those who are ill or in pain,
knowing that whenever danger threatens,
your everlasting arms are
there to hold us safe.**

**Rest your healing hand upon them,
and restore them to health and strength;
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
Amen.**

### Military and Veterans Prayer

**Heavenly Father, thank you that you defend your people with your mighty hand. Please hear my prayer as I lift up our military and veterans before you now. They work tirelessly to defend our country. Bless and protect them Lord and use their work for the good of our nation and your glory. May they know your presence with them at this time. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with them always.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**