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Welcome				Welcome to St. Anthony's Chapel
Welcome				My name is Steve and it's my pleasure to be your tour guide today, can I have a show of hands...how many have been here before?
Welcome				Are you from the Pittsburgh area?
Welcome				We believe within these 4 walls resides the largest collection of relics available for public viewing in the world
Welcome				Over 5000 relics are housed under one roof..only the Vatican has more relics than St. Anthonys Chapel
Protocol				At this point I would like to remind you that you are in a place of worship and not a museum
Protocol				The red candle in the sanctuary reminds us that we are in the presence of God
Protocol				And the Tabernacle contains the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the form of the Holy Eucharist
Protocol				If you have a pagers or cell phone...please place them on mute or vibrate...if you receive a call out of respect for our lord, saints and fellow worshipers, please take the calls outside the chapel
Protocol				A final note before I start, although photography is permitted on special occassion we kindly ask that you please refrain from any photograph on tours... we have this book St. Anthony's Chapel available in our religious article gift shop can be found acro
Logistics				Additionally, a museum, above the gift shop houses personal belongings, photographs of Fr. Mollinger including canes, crutches and leg braces left after healings
Logistics				The parish of the Most Holy Name of Jesus is across the street and down one block
Logistics				The rectory for the parish is directly adjacent to the chapel
Logistics				Rest room accommodations can be found near the back of the chapel just beyond the Holy Water on my right your left
Intro				This afternoon I would like to share with you the life story of Fr. Mollinger, his collection of relics, his dreams and aspirations and show you how one person can dedicate there life to their spiritual beliefs and the focus on helping others and accompli
Intro				The story will continue with the love of a small Pittsburgh community Troy Hill and their collective efforts and determination to save and preserve the dream of their beloved priest
Intro				and the story will conclude with our roles in keeping the dream alive
Family	April	19	1828	A small boy named Suitbert was born into a wealthy family in the Kingdom of Netherlands, Kampenhout
Family				Suitbert was sixth of eight children born to Francois and Dorothea Mollinger
Family				Father Francois (Protestant) second lieutenant in the cavalry and a gentlemen of landed estates
Family				Mother Dorothea (Catholic) was of the house of Hallenburg, a family of royal blood line
Family				All children were raised in the Catholic faith by their devout mother
Family			1838	Sadly at the age of 10 his Father died and his uncle assited in his childhood development
Education			1844	When Suitbert was 16 he traveler Europe with his uncle shortly there after he made a decision to become a doctor
Education				He enrolled into one of the finest medical schools in Naples, Italy...he continued medical education on into Rome and Genoa
Education				After returning home Suitbert then made a life altering decision to complement his skills of physical healing with that of spiritual healing and become a priest
Education			1852	At the age of 24 he enrolled in a seminary in Ghent and started his preparation for priesthood
Education				While at the seminary, he was approached by an American bishop in search of missionary volunteers in the US (only 360 yrs. after Columbus & 321 years after Our Lady of Guadalupe 1531)
Education			1854	Suitbert was one of the few that accepted and landed in New York in 1854 and continued his studies in St. Vincent's Latrobe and in Cleveland, Ohio
Religious			1859	Incardinated into the diocese of Erie assigned to Brookville, Jefferson County
Religious			1865	Diocese of Pittsburgh at the end of the American Civil War and the assassination of President Lincoln
Religious	July	4	1868	Pastor of Most Holy Name of Jesus on Troy Hill age 40
Religious				The parish had two small rooms one was used as school room and the other as living quarters
Religious				Hired school master with his own money to educate the children of Troy Hill
Hobby				The other room was his living quarters and which was being consumed by his collection of relics at this time he had about 2k relics
Hobby				At this point I'd like to recap....Fr. Mollinger was from a wealthy family, a doctor held in high esteem throughout Europe, known in the religious community as priest and a collector of relics...and the times were right.
Hobby				Europe was under great political and religious turmoil
Hobby				In Italy there were attempts to unify the Papal states via the Italian resurgence and Garibaldi wars
Hobby				In Germany, German nationalism manifested itself in an attempt to unify through the Danish, Austrian & Franco Prussian Wars.
Hobby				Many churches and monastery's were attacked...religious persecuted and martyred...and relics were being destroyed

Hobby				Fr. Mollinger was known as collector was contacted by many to protect and transport the relics to the US....feeding his collection
Chapel				Initially dreamed of building a cathedral to house his collection
Chapel				Approached the congregation of the parish to share cost for the construction
Chapel				These were difficult times for the residents of Troy Hill, they had little means and rejected Father Mollingers proposition
Chapel		1880		Father Mollinger decided to proceed with the construction of the chapel personally financed for 300k
Chapel	June	13	1883	Chapel dedicated on feast of St. Anthony
Chapel				The chapel as we see it today is the result of two construction efforts...the Roman Arch today divides Shrine of the Saints from the
Chapel				Way of the Cross...the Original chapel extend to the Roman arch
Chapel				Below the Roman arch were doors leading into a courtyard
Chapel				The original doors later moved to the Chapel addition
Chapel				Inscription written in Latin on the central arch reads "Here Lie the Saints in Peace"
Chapel				Built as a private devotional chapel and home for his collection of relics
Healer				Typically treated 150-300 individuals daily for physical, spiritual and emotional healing
Healer				Received no payment for his services
Healer				Man of very strong faith, who firmly believed that miracles should be performed in our day as they were in apostolic times
Healer				World renown as a healer...treating people with both natural and supernatural methods
Healer				Typically blessed the afflicted with a relic, required them to visit the chapel for three days of prayer
Healer				and if non-catholic required them to abstain from meat on Friday's
Healer				On St. Anthony's Feast Day 6 or 7 thousand people would visit the chapel
Chapel Add			1890	While visiting Europe, Father Mollinger purchased the life-size Stations of the Cross
Chapel Add				These priceless Stations were carved from wood by artists at the Royal Ecclesiastical Art Establishment of Mayer & Co. Munich
Chapel Add				This purchase made it immediately necessary to enlarge the chapel
Chapel Add				
Chapel Add				During construction of the chapel expansion the Stations of the Cross remained crated in the backyard of the rectory for several years
Chapel Add				Built to house near-life-size stations of the cross
Chapel Add				18 stain glass windows adorn the chapel addition / please note the original chapel contained no windows
Chapel Add				The stain glass windows are imported from Europe and exhibit the finest materials and exquisite workmanship
Chapel Add				The windows above the stations contain 11 apostles, St. Paul, St. Stephen and St. Lawrence
Chapel Add				
Chapel Add				The windows above the entrance depict the BVM as Queen of Heaven, to her right St. Joseph, and to the left and right are two doctors
Chapel Add				of the church Saint Anthony and Saint Catherine of Siena
Chapel Add				The organ in the loft contains 764 pipes and was originally hand pumped
Chapel Add				3 Bells in the two bell towers and they are named after the three major saints of the Franciscan order Anthony, Frances, Clare
Chapel Add	June	13	1892	Once again, the Chapel addition dedicated on feast of St. Anthony, sadly on the day of dedication Fr. Mollinger collapsed
Death	June	15	1892	Father Mollinger died age 64
Death				Although a will had been witnessed by members of the parish no will was found
Death				His family acquired a lawyer in the states and were identified as the rightful heirs of all his possessions
Death				Heirs removed the black onyx altar, crystal chandelier, gold candelabras
Death				And 75k in cash that was placed in an account for chapel maintenance after his death
Death				People of Troy Hill asked the Bishop Phelan to intercede
Death				Deal was struck with the Mollinger family to purchase the Chapel 30K
Saving				Following the death of Father Mollinger the healer sought by the pilgrims was gone and so were the crowds
Saving				Over time the chapel was neglected and fell into a state of serious disrepair
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Saving				By the early 1970's the chapel roof was leaking, plaster crumbling, inside was black from soot and termites were found in one of the stations
Saving				There was now talk of raising or the tearing down of the chapel
Saving			1972	People of Troy Hill responded, and in 1972 they formed St. Anthony's Chapel Restoration Fund Committee
Saving				Monies needed to be on-hand all forms of fund raising began, church fairs, dinners, raffles, children with lemonade stands even the selling
Saving				of roof slates (we still have roof slates available for purchase in the religious article gift shop
Saving				Restoration was completed in three phases
Saving				Phase I was the replacement of the roof
Saving				Phase II was exterior repair and bell tower fortification

Saving			Phase III was interior repair
Saving	Nov	27	1977 Restoration complete Bishop Leonard held mass and disbanded the Restoration Fund Committee
Saving			1982 Chapel Committee was reactivated by Fr. Mueller with the sole purpose to collect funds to maintain the shrine.
Our Role			By the 1980's the chapel was opened to pilgrims on a regular basis
Our Role			Some to admire it's beauty, some curiosity seekers, others venerating saints, others seeking spiritual or physical healings,
Our Role			others offering thanks of graces received...so I would like you to think what brought you here today...if you seek you shall find
Our Role			The chapel has no congregation and it is solely support by people like you
Book			In this book called "Saints & Blesseds" we have cataloged an alphabetical listing of all the relics in the chapel
Book			A plan view or birds-eye-view of the chapel and all the reliquary cases
Book			A drawing of each cabinet case
Book			A listing of relics by case
Book			A feast day listing of saints from both the new and old liturgical calendar
Relics			The word relic means "remains"
Relics			A relic is housed in a reliquary
Relics			Reliquaries come in various shapes and sizes...from that of locket...to a golden sarcophagus
Relics			Reliquaries can house a single or hundreds of relics
Relics			Reliquaries can house a bone fragment, lock of hair, skull, vile of blood or the entire skeletal remains
Relics			The veneration of relics is based on the concept of "beneficent contagion" ken-tay-gin
Relics			according to which a person's virtue, holiness, or protective healing powers, do not die with him or her but continue to reside in the
Relics			body and can be tapped by any believer who in some way makes contact with the remains of or objects associated with the person
Definition			How many want to become a saint?
Definition			Definition of a Saint: One officially recognized as being entitled to public veneration and capable of interceding for people on earth
Definition			Definition of venerate: to regard with respect
Definition			Definition of intercede: to argue on another's behalf or to act as a go between
Relics			1st class relic Items directly associated with the events of Christ's life (manger, cross, crown of thorns) or the physical remains of a saint
Relics			hair, bone or blood
Relics			2nd class relic item that the saint wore (a sock, shirt, a glove or a crucifix, rosary or book)
Relics			A 3rd class relic is typically a piece of cloth that has touched a 1st class relic
Relics			Had many friends and business acquaintances in Europe
Relics			Many monasteries pass relics to Father Mollinger for safe keeping
Relics			The majority of the relics were venerated for Centuries in Italy and Germany
Relics			Gold foil reliquary contains over 500 relics most significant is the thread from the Blessed Mothers Veil
Relics			etc. The stipend offered to a priest for the celebration of Mass for a particular intention is not simony. The sin is named after Simon Magus (Acts 8:9-24)
Tour			
LTransept			This reliquary case houses 16 relics I would like to point out piece of cloth from BVM, stone from the Holy Sepulcher, staff St. Joseph
LTransept			Three magi
LTransept			This largest reliquary in the chapel contains 700 relics
LTransept			Note the shape of the reliquary is that of a sanctuary
LTransept	860		Slavic bishops Cyril and Methodious, went as missionaries into Ukraine dedicated to the ideal of expressing in a people's native language instead of Greek or Latin
LTransept			The center of the large cross contains a particle of the true cross, the beam and transverse portion of the cross contain relics that pertain to our blessed redeemer such as a splinter-like particles from the Holy Manger, Crown of Thorns, Column of Flagel
LTransept			80 canonized popes
LTransept			Statues were made in Paris
Principal			And this particular statue is that of St. Elizabeth of Hungary (Princess)
Principal			The large walnut case in front of the sanctuary we believe was derived from the golden sanctuary in the left transept
Principal			At the top and base of the 4 pillars are housed the relics of royalty
Principal			Bottom left to right next to the statue of St. Eliz. is St. Stephen 1st Christian King of Hungary, St. Louis 9 King of France, Emperor Henry II of Germ, King Edward of England

Principal		Top left to right, Margaret, King Wenceslaus patron St. to Czech Rep. & Slovakia, King Sigismund of Burgundy, Prince Casimir of Poland
Principal	383	X bones 2 left and 2 right are the bones of St. Ursula virgin martyr - martyred in Cologne Germany by Attila the Hun
Principal		Agatha, Victoria, Agnes & Cecilia are the names of saints retained in the Eucharistic Prayer for the Holy Mass
Principal		Large chapel like reliquaries contain the skull, skeletal and vial of blood
Principal		Innocent, Valerian, Marcellus, Marcelcinus, Paulina, Marcian
Principal		Two large juke boxes are liturgical calendar reliquaries...the year jan -june on the left and july - dec on the right each chevron contains a relic
Principal		Embedded into the top of the altar is a piece wood from the table of the last supper (first mass celebrated by Jesus)
Principal		Behind the tabernacle is a golden case with the relics of saints whose names occur in the canon of the mass
Principal		Under the statues of the Sacred Heart and Our Lady are the skulls of the martyred companions of St. Ursula
Principal	1457	St. Stephana was taught by stigmatic Blessed Matthew Carrieri of the Dominican Order and she became his spiritual heiress, no formal theological training but could discuss mystical theology at the most profound level, stigmatic, read hearts & minds, gift of prophesy, continuous fast
Principal	107	
Principal		St. Ignatius, converted by Apostle John, consecrated Bishop of Antioch by St. Peter, fed to lions last day of games Rome Dec. 20
Principal	97	
Principal	829-901	St. Timothy, first Bishop of Ephesus, friend & confidant of St. Paul, stoned to death when opposed a pagan festival in honor of Diana
Principal	453-520	St. Apollinaris, Bishop of Valence, France, forced into exile, recalled when cloak cured King Sigismund of mysterious ailment
Principal	316	St. Blaise, Bishop of Sebastea, Armenia, beheaded by gov. for his faith during Licinius persecutions, blessing of throats saved boy choking on fish bone
Principal	69-155	St. Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, disciple of John, arrested persecutions of emperor Marcus Aurelius, ordered to be burned at stake...failed...speared to death.
Principal		Embedded in the Altar is a piece of wood of the Sacred Mensa whereon the Last Supper was celebrated
Principal		Under the principal altar is a golden sarcophagus with the entire body of St. Demetrius obtained by Father on a 1880 trip to Rome
Principal		The lid of the sarcophagus is a likeness of St. Demetrius lying in repose and holding a palm branch identifying him as a martyr
Principal		Each of his bones are wrapped in white silk and bejeweled
Principal		Early legends about Demetrius credit him with a military career. He was extremely popular in the Middle Ages he was patron of the Crusades
RTransept	304	Justina was said to have been a young woman who took private vows of chastity and was killed during the persecutions of Diocletian. She is a patron saint of Padua
RTransept		young woman setting a cross on the head of the devil while holding a lily in her hand; young woman with a crown
RTransept		and a sword in her breast; young woman with a unicorn
RRear	305	St. Alban, soldier, first Christian martyr of Great Britain kill at Homhurst Hill, England, for sheltering a persecuted priest.
RRear		changed clothes with the priest allowing him to escape was caught and forced to renounce his new faith
RRear		Converted the executioner and priest when he learned that Alban had been arrested turned himself in
RRear	320	St. Theodore was a general and chief commander appointed by Emperor Licinius in central Turkey
RRear		The emperor heard of his Christian life and activities approached St. Theodore, asked to publicly sacrifice to the Roman Gods, took the gold and silver statues home
RRear		At midnight he broke the statue into pieces and gave to the poor, Maxentius one of Licinius key men spotted the statue in the streets and arrested Theodore
RRear		Stripped naked, whipped severely, scraped with bricks and burnt with candles, left in prison with food, then nailed to cross and freed by angel of the Lord then beheaded
Closing		Many loving hands have kept this Chapel a place of warmth, healing and spiritual peace
Closing		The Chapel dedicated to St. Anthony, the wonder worker of Padua, erected in his honor may it become
Closing		a refuge and haven for everyone seeking to know God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and to serve
Closing		Him through the intercession of His Saints!
Closing		It was my pleasure to spend this time with you, on behalf of St. Anthony's Chapel and the Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish of Troy Hill
Closing		I want to thank you and have a pleasant day