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Find us at: 527 Bairdford Road, Bairdford
Saint Victor Campus ~ Bairdford, PA
Transfiguration Campus ~ Russellton, PA

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:00pm	Saint Victor Church	
	6:00pm	Transfiguration Church	
Sunday	9:00am	Transfiguration Church	
	11:00am	Saint Victor Church	

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	8:00am	Saint Victor Church
Tuesday	8:00am	Saint Victor Church
Wednesday	8:00am	Saint Victor Church
Thursday	8:00am	Transfiguration Church
Friday	8:00am	Transfiguration Church
Saturday	8:00am	Transfiguration Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:00pm at Saint Victor Church or by appointment

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Submit items to be considered for our parish bulletin to bulletin@ollakes.org.

Deadline for submission is Monday at 4:00pm.

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SACRAMENTS

<u>Baptism</u>: Call the office to schedule. Must attend a Baptism Seminar (preferably **before** the birth of the child) once.

Marriage: Contact parish at least 6 months prior to wedding.

<u>RCIA</u>: Are you 18+ and want to become a Catholic Christian? Call the Admin Center at 724-265-2070 for more info.

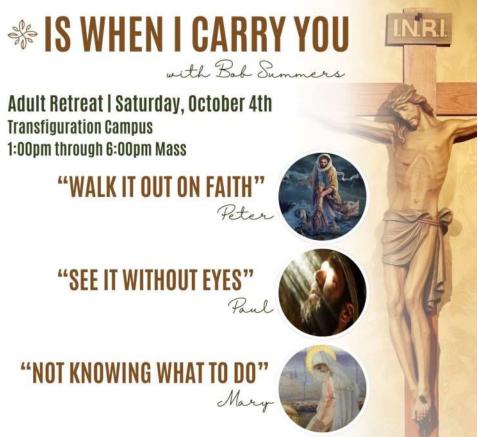
<u>Priesthood / Vocations</u>: Call the Diocesan Vocation Office at 412-456-3123.

<u>Anointing of the Sick / Ministry to the Homebound</u>: Call the office if you have a serious illness or injury and need a special anointing or to receive communion. If someone is in need of Last Rites, or for a sacramental emergency, please contact Father Holland directly on his cell phone at 412-977-6589.

Safe Environment Clearances: Every volunteer role in the parish, even if it does not involve children, requires clearances to be obtained before participating in ministry or volunteering. We are happy to help. Clearance applications can be completed easily on-line at home. Contact Laura Smagala at 724-265-2070x504 or via email at safeoll@ollakes.org with any questions.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline: 1-888-808-1235
PA Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-932-0313
Call 911 immediately if a child is in danger

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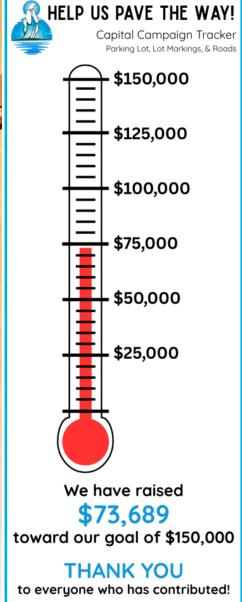
Join Youth Minister Bob Summers for a day of reflection with original songs and reflections on likely the 3 most influential Gospel figures that helped to shape our own journeys with Christ!

Open to everyone over 18: single, married, widowed, divorced, engaged, separated. Snacks and soft drinks will be provided, as well as a light dinner before Mass (allowing a one-hour fast).

Please RSVP by September 29th to Judi at 412-496-8582.

Their Journey Your Journey Our Journey

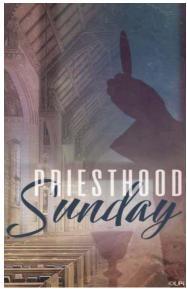
38th Annual Life Chain ~ Sunday, October 5th, from 2:00-3:00pm at Most Blessed Sacrament Church (Natrona Heights). Join with thousands of pro-lifers throughout USA and Canada to pray for the end of abortion. Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful witness of pro-life individuals standing for 60 minutes praying for our nation and for the end of abortion. It is a visible statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death. Bring the family. Please prayerfully consider joining us in one hour of prayer to ask Almighty God for His intervention to unite His church against abortion horrors. If we as Christians do not speak for the unborn who will? Signs and water will be provided. For information call Bob at 724-759-0149 or 724-265-4427.



Priests of Hope: (Jeremiah 29:11) is the theme of a convocation for all priests of the Diocese of Pittsburgh from October 6 to October 9. The convocation is held every three years. It is an important opportunity for priests to join with Bishop Mark Eckman for spiritual renewal, pastoral and professional development, and priestly fraternity. During this time, Father Fred Cain will celebrate Masses within our parish.

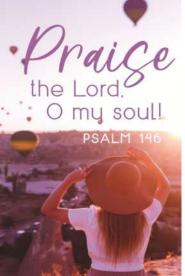
Candle Delivery ~ The Women's Guild would like to thank everyone who supported our Candle Fundraiser. Candles will be available for pickup on the weekend of October 4th and 5th after all Masses. Please stop at the back of the church where you placed your order and bring your receipt. We know you will enjoy the lovely smell these candles will bring to your home. God bless.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	Saint Vincent de Paul		
8:00am	Edward Cain by Helen, Tracy, & Annie Catanese-Uncapher	Transfiguration Church	
4:00pm	Dennis King by the Women's Guild	Saint Victor Church	
6:00pm	Greg Janicki by Pam Tedesco	Transfiguration Church	
Sunday, September 28 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary		th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9:00am	Living & Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Lakes Parish	Transfiguration Church	
11:00am	1st Anniversary of Death of Tom Finn by the Finn Family	St. Victor Church	
Monday, S	Monday, September 29 Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels		
8:00am	Helen Cavanaugh by Carol McPherson	St. Victor Church	
Tuesday, S	September 30	Saint Jerome	
8:00am	Dennis King by Michael Zaffuto & Joanne Jeckavitch	St. Victor Church	
Wednesday, October 1 Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus			
8:00am	Tom Finn by Annie & Al O'Neil	St. Victor Church	
Thursday, October 2 The Holy Guardian Angels			
8:00am	Greg Kunkel by Ellie Yanchik	Transfiguration Church	
Friday, Oc	tober 3	Weekday	
8:00am	Dante J. Tabacchi by Family	Transfiguration Church	
Saturday,	October 4	Saint Francis of Assisi	
8:00am	Walter E. & Sandra Weton by Family	Transfiguration Church	
4:00pm	Don & Mary Jane Marotta	Saint Victor Church	
6:00pm	Living & Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Lakes Parish	Transfiguration Church	
Sunday, October 5 Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time			
9:00am	Living & Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Lakes Ladies of C	harity Transfiguration Church	
11:00am	Bill Rovnak by the Rovnak Family	St. Victor Church	



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

PRAY FOR OUR SICK ~ Christine Ahlin, Eileen Ahlin, Christine Bechtold, Robert Bodnar, Diane Colizza, Joseph Colizza, Nicholas Damon, Priscilla Demosky, Steve Demosky, John Dickun, Bob Eckenrod, Amy Ellwood, Mary Rose Farr, the Fletcher Family, Pam Gaurich, Dian Geyer, Jason Godek, Helen Goodhart, Betsy Graf, Hannah Grunden, Joseph M. Grunden, Carol Hill, Mary Ann Hudak, Nancy Hughes, Calvin Ingle, Lincoln Ingle, Linda Kapinskis, Gary Kelly, Valerie Komoroski, Donna Lauterbach, Dominic Lettrich, Alexander Lloyd, Renee Lukehart, Robert Madar, Daniel Maines, Judy McBride, William McKinley, Carol Meador, Dan Momberger, Janet Mondron, Jackie Mueller, Melanie Murray, Tom Nagy, Mary Jo O'Rourke, John Rakar, Jesse Rodgers, Silvano Rossini, Joe Smagala, Martin Stephan, Jack Sumrok, Geoffrey Thor, Joseph Thor, David Veschi, Katie Wessel, Veronica Whitico, Margaret Wilson, the recipients of our Prayer Shawl Ministry, and all those who prefer to remain anonymous.



Active Parish Membership Means:

- Registration (18+ required) in the parish for a sufficient period of time and use of the offertory envelope system or electronic giving in support of the parish
- ♣ Faithful attendance at Mass on Sundays & Holy Days
- Volunteer and participate in parish activities

Parish News & Notes

This Week at Our Lady of the Lakes Parish

Location Key:

TRC - Transfiguration Campus

STV - Saint Victor Campus

Saturday, September 27

Birthright Red Rose Collection, after all Masses - STV & TRC Churches

Sunday, September 28

Contemporary Choir Mass, 9:00am - TRC Church Birthright Red Rose Collection, after all Masses - TRC & STV Churches Saint Michael Novena, after 9:00am Mass - TRC Church STV CCD (K-5), 9:15-10:45am - STV Classrooms TRC CCD (K-8), 10:15-11:45am - TRC Classrooms OCIA Meeting, 6:00pm - STV Rectory

Monday, September 29

STV CCD (6-8), 7:00-8:15pm - STV Classrooms

Tuesday, September 30

Patriotic Rosary, 6:30pm - TRC Church

Wednesday, October 1

Eucharistic Adoration, 2:00pm - STV Church Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 3:00pm - STV Church

Thursday, October 2

Outdoor Rosary, 11:00am - TRC Campus Parish Bingo, 7:00pm - STV Activity Building

Friday, October 3

Saturday, October 4

Adult Retreat, 1:00-7:00pm - TRC Campus Mass of Intention for 8th Graders, 4:00pm - STV Church

Sunday, October 5

Saint Michael Novena, after 9:00am Mass - TRC Church STV CCD (K-5), 9:15-10:45am - STV Classrooms TRC CCD (K-8), 10:15-11:45am - TRC Classrooms OCIA Meeting, 6:00pm - STV Rectory

The Rosary is prayed before morning Masses (Monday through Saturday) at 7:30am. All are most welcome!

Collection Report

Week of September 7, 2025

Offertory Collection

Weekly Goal	\$ 9,000
This Week	\$ 9,749
Budget Year to Date	\$ 90,000
Actual Year to Date	\$ 80,095
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (9,905)

Parish Assessments*

Weekly Goal	\$ 2,470
This Week	\$ 2,128
Budget Year to Date	\$ 24,700
Actual Year to Date	\$ 10,983
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (13,717)

THANKS FOR YOUR DONATION ...



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Sanctuary Lamp is lit beginning September 28th

Transfiguration Church

"Saint Francis of Assisi" by the Weton Family

Patriotic Rosary ~ Please join us to pray for our country on Tuesday, September 30th, at 6:00pm at Transfiguration Church. We hope to see you there!

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 4 4:00pm at St. Victor Church Lector: Vicki Mlinarcik EMHC: Lindsay Strishock

Altar Servers: Stephen & Taylor Strishock

Saturday, October 4 6:00pm at Transfiguration Church Lector: Pat Murphy EMHC: Helen Goodhart

Altar Servers: Alex Godinez

Sunday, October 5 9:00am at Transfiguration Church EMHC: Joyce Scott

Lectors: CCD students Altar Servers: Andrew Piccolino

Sunday, October 5 11:00am at St. Victor Church Lectors: CCD students EMHC: Rob Zaremski

Altar Servers: Johanna Adams; Philomena Salera



Join us for a Holy Hour of Healing

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Prayers and Hymns of Praise Readings from Sacred Scripture Individual Eucharistic Blessings for Healing Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Physical ~ Spiritual ~ Mental ~ Emotional

All who are in need of any healing are invited to join us at 7:00 PM on Monday, October 13 at St. Victor Church for a special Holy Hour of Healing.

Come spend time with Jesus the Divine Healer

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Thank you to any individual or group who provided our CCD program with supplies, gift cards or monetary donations. We truly appreciate it and know it will be a great help this year!

~ MaryEtta and Kelsey





Outdoor Rosary ~ Please join us in prayer outside of our TRC Campus on Thursday, October 2, at 11:00am. After the Holy Mass, the Rosary is the next most important prayer we can offer. Hope to see you there!

Our first-graders made crosses while learning to make the Sign of the Cross.



Catholic Book Club ~ Maria Simma is a mystic who was born in Sonntag, Austria, to poor peasant farmers in 1915. They were humble Catholic country folk with a simple yet very devout faith in God. Beginning in 1940, Maria began to be visited by souls in purgatory. It is important to note that Maria never sought these visits. She never called upon them or "channeled"

them in any way. The holy souls told her that it is God, in His great mercy, who gave them permission to come to her to obtain sacrifices and prayers that their time in purgatory might be lessened. The holy souls appeared to Maria for 64 years until her death in 2004 and repeatedly told her that the greatest thing we can do to help is to have Masses offered for them. The holy Rosary and the Stations of the Cross are also very beneficial.

According to Maria, the greatest "complaint" of the souls in Purgatory is how they are almost completely forgotten by their family and loved ones and rightly complain that they receive no spiritual help from those who they themselves helped so much during life. How few prayers are ever offered up for them, even at their funerals. Yet prayer is precisely what they need the most! During her visits with the holy souls, they revealed much to Maria about their lives, and the world around us as seen through God's eyes. This book is a compilation of over 60 detailed interviews that took place over a two-year period with the author, Nicky Eltz. It will give you a glimpse into purgatory and heaven and reveal much about our faith and how it relates to the world around us. Most importantly, it will inspire your faith and increase your devotion to the holy souls in purgatory. This is truly a must-read book.

Join us on Sunday, October 26, at 4:00pm in the TRC meeting room for a lively discussion on this book that came to us highly recommended by Father Jim.

Broken Mary: The Kevin Matthews Story (Rated PG-13) ~ Showing one day only, Tuesday, October 7th, at the Mills Movie Theater. It's Chicago in the 1980s and '90s, and Kevin Matthews has it all as one of the nation's most recognized on-air radio personalities. He's partying with celebrities, rubbing shoulders with famous athletes, and the world is at his fingertips. Then everything changes – he's diagnosed with a debilitating illness, and the spotlight gradually slips away. At the height of his anguish, he stumbles upon a broken statue of the Virgin Mary, and his life takes an unexpected turn. In this moment of spiritual awakening, Kevin finds his true purpose, discovering what matters most. Calling himself "Mary's Roadie," he offers his fans something deeper: inspiration and hope.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

Sunday, October 19, 2025, 2:30 PM at Saint Paul Cathedral

Are you celebrating your 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2025?

Come to honor this tremendous

milestone and to thank
God for the gift of your
marriage at the Golden
Wedding Anniversary Mass.

Reception to follow.

To register yourself and your spouse, please visit **diopitt.org/GWA25** or scan the QR code.







Community News

BINGO! on October 6th at Holy Sepulcher Campus (1304 E. Cruickshank Rd). Doors open at 6:00pm. Bingo starts at 7:00pm. 10 regular games and 3 specials. Snacks/drinks available! 18 or older to play. Hosted by Knights of Columbus.

St. Peregrine Cancer Support Group ~ The Saints Martha and Mary St. Peregrine Group will meet on Sunday, October 19, from 1:30-3:00pm at St. Catherine of Sweden Church (2554 Wildwood Road, Allison Park) in Room 222. This compassionate support group is open to all who are diagnosed, cancer patients in treatment, survivors, family members and friends. New members are always welcome! If you have any questions, contact John at inicga@msn.com or Sue at 412-551-7218 or sse5727@consolidated.net.

In-person Grandparent Class ~ Hosted by AHN Wexford Hospital (12351 Perry Highway) on October 22nd from 6:00-8:30pm. In this class, you will learn the benefits of being a grandparent, and how to support your children as they become parents. Topics will include current labor & delivery practices, what's new with baby care, and current health & safety recommendations. You will have guided hands-on practice with a baby doll. Registration is \$25 for two participants. Register by October 21st. To register or for more information, please call 878-231-5302.

Addiction Recovery Ministry, in conjunction with Awaken Pittsburgh, presents a Mindfulness Session for people in recovery on Saturday, October 11, at 9:00am, for a discussion and guided mediation session. Topics include what is mindfulness, why does mindfulness matter, and how do you train mindfulness with meditation. The lesson will conclude with advice for incorporating a regular meditation process into your everyday life. The session is free and will be held at 201 9th Street, Sharpsburg. To register, please contact Rosemarie at 412-378-9290 or rhaasarm@gmail.com. Come spend an hour with us in calm and community.

A.R.M. is sponsoring a free spiritual retreat for women in recovery on Saturday, October 18, starting at 9:00 am in the John Paul I Center. Registration is open to the first 20 ladies who contact Rosemarie at 412-378-9290 or rhaasarm@gmail.com.

Expansion of RAD Pass Program ~ Allegheny County Residents can get into places like the museum, zoo, Heinz History Center & much more for free. You need an Allegheny County library card to receive a RAD Pass. This opportunity used to be seasonal & now is 365 days of enjoyment. Once you have a library card, go to RAD Pass on the web. There will be a calendar of dates available. This is a wonderful opportunity to access many cultural events & venues.

St. Ambrose Academy (SAA) is hiring a 2nd Grade Teacher, CGS Catechists, and Substitutes! SAA meets on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:45am-2:35pm at the former Assumption School in Bellevue.

We offer flexibility in scheduling with the option to teach for one or two classes, a half day, and/or up to two whole days depending on your availability. If you have interest, please contact us at admin@saintambroseacademy.org to find out more or to set up an interview. You can also visit www.saintambroseacademy.org to learn more about Saint Ambrose Academy All positions are paid, including CGS.

Anxiety: How We Can Manage It Practically and Spiritually

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving. make your requests known to God" - Philippians 4:6

Anxiety is part of life, but it doesn't have to dominate it.

Join us for a special Mental Health Awareness Month event focused on understanding and managing anxiety through both practical tools and spiritual insight.

Featuring Dr. William Hahn

Licensed Psychologist & Catholic Deacon Assistant Clinical Professor, Medical College of Duquesne University

Wednesday, October 8th 6:30 - 8:00 PM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Social Hall at St. Ursula Campus 3945 Kirk Ave | Allison Park PA 15101

Dr. Hahn will guide us in prayerfully recognizing symptoms of anxiety and offer practical strategies to support our mental and spiritual wellbeing.



SAVE THE DATES FROM SAINT JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL

Blessing of the Memorial Garden for Domenico Schiano di Cola - 5 PM Monday, September 29

Saint Joseph High School Courtyard near Pacific Avenue at Montana Ave.

Saturday, October 18 Open House - Tour SJHS & Meet Faculty Sunday, November 2

I Give Catholic Day!

Purse Bash - Patterson Hall, Guardian Angels Parish, MBS Site

Doors open at 12 PM. Purse Raffles begin at 1 PM

Vendors for Vendor Fair are needed!

Tuesday, December 2

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