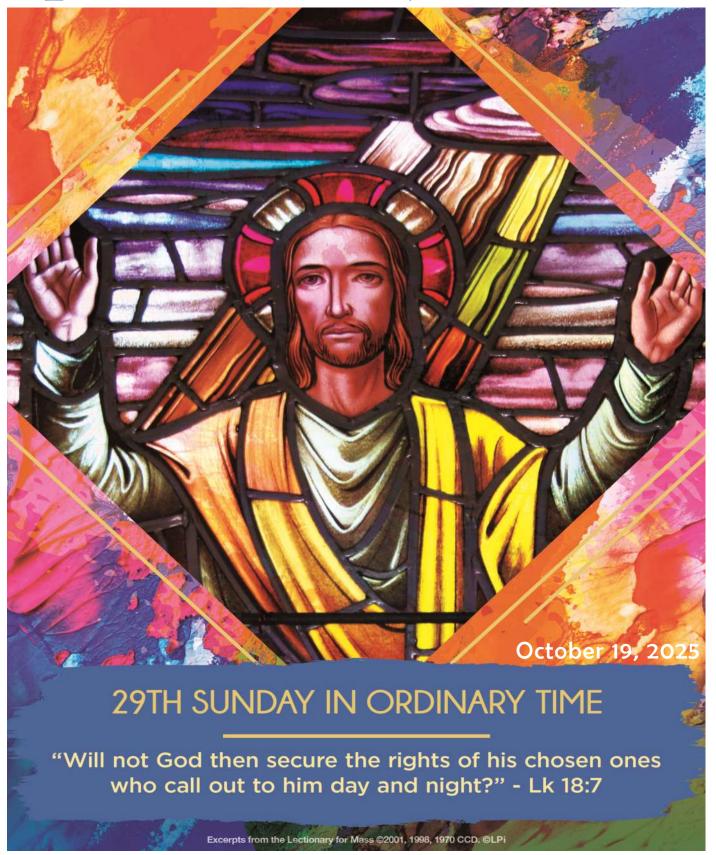


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Find us at: 527 Bairdford Road, Bairdford
Saint Victor Campus ~ Bairdford, PA
Transfiguration Campus ~ Russellton, PA

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.

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

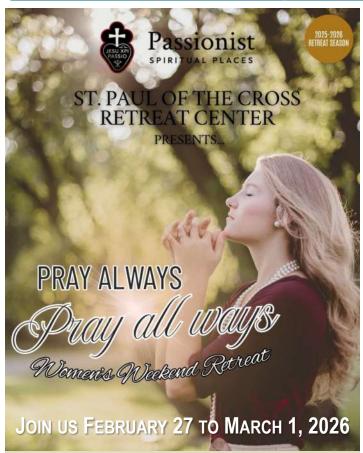
Priesthood / Vocations: Call the Diocesan Vocation Office at 412-456-3123.

Anointing of the Sick / Ministry to the Homebound: 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
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Our Lady of the Lakes Parish



~ Save the Date ~

Our Lady of the Lakes Parish Women's Retreat

Ladies, you are invited to join me February 27-March 1, 2026, on our annual Women's Retreat at St. Paul of the Cross Spiritual Center on the South Side Slopes. The theme is "Pray always – pray all ways."

The center is a peaceful place where our minds, hearts, and souls find refreshment away from the noise and responsibilities of our daily lives. Established by the Passionist order over 100 years ago, we encounter the Lord in a sacred place where thousands of prayers have been lifted by lay women and men seeking spiritual growth.

Please contact Mary Grasha Houpt at 412-979-0891 or samandmary81@gmail.com for information, whether you are an annual retreatant; have never been on a retreat and are curious; or have gone on retreat in the past but not recently.

For additional information about what to expect, go to https://passionistsspiritualplaces.org/st-paul-of-the-cross or pick up a brochure in the back of either church.

The **Transfiguration Tutoring Program** has begun. We are in need of tutors. If you can donate one evening a week to help a student, please call 724-448-3639.

Contemporary Choir Practice ~ The Our Lady of the Lakes Contemporary Choir will practice on Thursday, October 23, from 7:00-8:30pm at Saint Victor Church. The choir will be singing at 11:00am Mass on Sunday, October 26. Please note that the location for the October practice and Mass will be Saint Victor Church. New Members are always welcome! If interested, or if you have any questions, please contact Pete at 724-265-2070 x102 or music@ollakes.org.

Catholic Book Club ~ Get Us Out of Here is a compilation of over 60 detailed interviews with Austrian-born mystic Maria Simma by 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. 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.

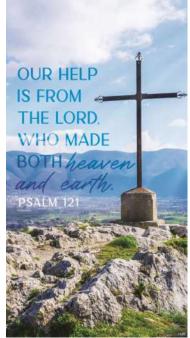
Holiday Evergreen Sale ~ We are once again taking orders for Christmas wreaths and evergreens from Sherwood Forest Farms. Orders are due no later than November 2nd. Order forms and product catalogs are in the back of both churches. Delivery will be the week of December 1st. Call Annie at 412-298-2041 for more info.

Mark your Calendar for November 8 ~ Saint Anthony Chapel, located on Troy Hill, is home to the largest collection of Christian relics in the world outside of the Vatican. Please join the OCIA (formerly RCIA) group on our field trip to St. Anthony's Chapel on November 8th. We will meet in the St. Anthony Chapel entrance at noon. Contact Laura Smagala at 724-713-1453 if you're interested in attending so that we can let the docent know how many people to expect. Also, we can arrange carpools if you'd like to attend but don't wish to drive yourself there.

Veterans Day Mass ~ There will be a special Mass for Veterans on Sunday, November 9th, at the 9:00am Mass at Transfiguration Church. Reception will follow in the TRC Meeting Room. Please join us for refreshments. If you gave us your veteran's information in a previous year, you **do not** have to submit it again. If you are submitting a **new** person, please call the parish office at 724-265-2070 to give us the veteran's name, branch of service, rank, and dates served. Help us to honor and celebrate these brave men and women who gave so much for our freedom.

Thanks to all who participated in Life Chain on Sunday, October 5th. Your prayers and witness to the sacredness of human life is a blessing to all of us. Please continue to pray and speak up for these little ones who can't speak for themselves. May God bless all of you.

Our Lady of the Lakes Parish





Saturday,	October 18	Saint Luke
8:00am	Gregory Kunkle by Bobby & Mary Ellen Kunkle	Transfiguration Church
4:00pm	Ed Copelin by Helen, Tracy, & Annie Catanese-Uncapher	Saint Victor Church
6:00pm	Living & Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Lakes Parish	Transfiguration Church
Sunday, October 19 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
9:00am	Remembrance of the Madine Family by Helen Cavanaugh	Transfiguration Church
11:00am	Anniversary of Death of Stella & Andy Tutak	
	by Pat & Andy Pauls, and Howard Tutak	St. Victor Church
Monday, October 20 Weekday/Saint Paul of the Cross		
8:00am	Health of Natalie Earls by Helen, Tracy, & Annie Catanese-Un	ncapher St. Victor Church
Tuesday, (October 21	Weekday
8:00am	Jerry & Richard St. Denis by Cheryl Finn	St. Victor Church
Wednesda	y, October 22	Weekday/Saint John Paul II
8:00am	Birth Remembrance for Gloria Augustine by George & Norence	e Valerio St. Victor Church
Thursday,	October 23 We	eekday/Saint John of Capistrano
8:00am	Linda Grondwalski by Vicky & Joe Minarik	Transfiguration Church
Friday, October 24 Saint Anthony Mary Claret		Saint Anthony Mary Claret
8:00am	Anniversary of Death of Anthony Filotei by MaryEtta	Transfiguration Church
Saturday,	October 25	Weekday
8:00am	Edward Cain by the Women's Guild	Transfiguration Church
4:00pm	Janet Schlosnagle by the Young & Restless Club	Saint Victor Church
6:00pm	Julius & Helen Kleya by Ken & Mary Ellen Murphy	Transfiguration Church
Sunday, October 26 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
9:00am	Birth Remembrance for Nick Damon by Judi Damon	Transfiguration Church
11:00am	Living & Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Lakes Parish	St. Victor Church

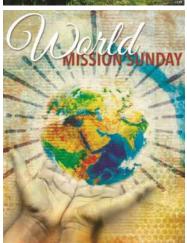
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Active Parish Membership Means:

- 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
- 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, October 18

Monthly Rosary, 12:00pm - TRC Church

Sunday, October 19

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, October 20

Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00pm - TRC Meeting Room STV CCD (6-8), 7:00-8:15pm - STV Classrooms

Tuesday, October 21

Wednesday, October 22

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

Thursday, October 23

Contemporary Choir Practice, 7:00-8:30pm - STV Church Parish Bingo, 7:00pm - STV Activity Building

Friday, October 24

Saturday, October 25

Sunday, October 26

STV CCD (K-5), 9:15-10:45am - STV Classrooms Living Rosary, after 9:00am Mass - TRC Church TRC CCD (K-8), 10:15-11:45am - TRC Classrooms Contemporary Choir Mass, 11:00am - STV Church Catholic Book Club, 4:00pm - TRC Meeting Room 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 28, 2025

Offertory Collection

Weekly Goal	\$ 9,000
This Week	\$ 7,513
Budget Year to Date	\$ 117,000
Actual Year to Date	\$ 102,039
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (14.961)

Parish Assessments*

Weekly Goal	\$ 2,470
This Week	\$ 987
Budget Year to Date	\$ 32,110
Actual Year to Date	\$ 13,656
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (18,454)

THANKS FOR YOUR DONATION



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Our Lady of the Lakes Parish

Sanctuary Lamp is lit beginning October 19th

Transfiguration Church

"Virginia Vidic" by daughter, Mary Lou

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 254:00pm at St. Victor ChurchLector: Pat ConnellEMHC: Ann Porter

Altar Servers: Alex Godinez

Saturday, October 25 6:00pm at Transfiguration Church
Lector: Ken Murphy EMHC: Joanne Draskovich

Altar Servers: Makenzie Cypher

Sunday, October 26 9:00am at Transfiguration Church

Lectors: Judi Damon EMHC: Shelia Hanlon

Altar Servers: Carson & Elaina Dietrich

Sunday, October 26 11:00am at St. Victor Church

Lectors: Mary Grasha-Houpt EMHC: Rob Zaremski

Altar Servers: Philomena Salera; Francesco Zottola

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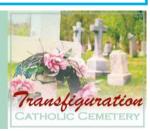
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

All are invited!

Join our TRC CCD students after the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, October 26th, to pray a Living Rosary as we close out October, the month of the Holy Rosary.



TRC CCD students practicing the prayers for the Living Rosary later this month.



Community News

BINGO! on October 20th 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.

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.

Alzheimer Caregiver's Support Group ~ Hosted by Allegheny Valley Hospital (Natrona Heights) on Wednesday, October 22, from 7:00-8:30pm in the Charles W. Young Conference Center. To register, please call 724-226-7150.

Saint Joseph High School Purse Bash ~ Held on Sunday, November 2, in Patterson Hall at Guardian Angels Parish, Most Blessed Sacrament Site. Doors open at noon. Purse raffles begin at 1:10pm. Tickets are \$25 and include a light lunch and a chance to win 10 purses. Winners need not be present. Other raffles include Pick of the Table, 50/50, and basket raffles. Get tickets at www.SaintJosephHS.com or contact Amy at ahaugh@saintjosephhs.com or 724-226-7872. Proceeds will be used to update cafeteria equipment and support Catholic education!

Magnificat Prayer Breakfast for Women ~ Join us on Saturday, Nov. 15, from 9:00am-noon, at the Diocese of Pittsburgh Pastoral Center-O'Connor Hall (2900 Noblestown Road, Pgh 15205). In addition to a delicious breakfast, praise, and fellowship, the featured speaker will be Fr. Daniel J. Roberts, a recently ordained priest, who previously had a long career as an actor in Los Angeles. Registration is \$35 and includes music by Living Praise, speaker, and breakfast. Register online or download mail-in registration at https://www.magnificatpittsburgh.org/.

Have a question about Medicare Plans? Avoid the crowds. Meet one-on-one with July Graca, licensed insurance agent, to discuss at Palmer's Drug Store (738 Little Deer Creek Road, Russellton), on Thursdays from 10:00am-2:00pm through December 4. RSVP by calling 412-585-6062 or stop by.

Walk-in flu shots,

health screenings

refreshments

Noon -3PM

Kid Friendly activities,

Sunday October 26 th

For More Information

palmersmed@gmail.com

Location: Our Lady of the Lakes Activity Building 527 Bairdford Road, Bairdford, PA, 15006

Calling All Single Catholics, age 21 and OVER ~ Looking for a new way to meet people and have some fun? Check out the Catholic Singles Club of Pittsburgh. They offer a variety of different activities including dinners, spiritual enrichment, cultural events, community service, sports leagues, trips, and more. For more info, visit www.cacpittsburgh.org, or contact us at CACPghMembership@gmail.com or 412-341-4070, option 1. Give yourself an early Christmas present and join today. We think you'll be glad you did.

Pilgrimage to Fatima, Avila, Loyola and Lourdes ~ Join Fr. Bradley Greer and Fr. Timothy Huffman, from the Diocese of Steubenville, on a pilgrimage to Fatima, Avila, Loyola and Lourdes. Highlights include the Eucharistic Miracle of Santarem, Shrines of Fatima and Lourdes, the Chapel of Conversion where St. Ignatius of Loyola had his conversion, the Convent of St Teresa of Avila and more! September 10-20, 2026. \$5346/per person based on double occupancy. Price includes round trip airfare from Pittsburgh (other departure cities available). For more information, please visit www.QoHTours.com or call us at 1-800-213-4295.

St. Ambrose Academy (SAA) is hiring! SAA meets on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:45am-2:35pm at the former Assumption School in Bellevue. We offer flexibility in scheduling. If you have interest in one or multiple positions at our school, 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.



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