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DECEMBER 28, 2025 | THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

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

Weekday Masses

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

Confession

Saturday | 3:00pm | Saint Victor
Other | By Appointment

CONNECT WITH US

Administrative Office

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Saint Victor Church

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THE HOLY FAMILY

He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth,
so that what had been spoken through the
prophets might be fulfilled. - Mt 2:23

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“To Jesus, Through Mary”

• GET TO KNOW US

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JOIN OUR PARISH

Register Today

Register online or contact the parish office to become a parishioner. We look forward to welcoming you and your family!

Active Parish Membership Means

- Registration (18+ required) in the parish 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

ADORATION

Weekly | Every Wednesday at 2:00pm at Saint Victor Church finishing at 3:00pm with the praying of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

First Friday | Following 8:00am Mass on the first Friday of each month at Transfiguration Church

Monthly Holy Hour | On the second Monday of the month at 7:00pm at Transfiguration Church

ROSARY

Weekdays | Before morning Masses (Monday to Saturday) at 7:30am

First Saturday | Following the 8:00am Mass on the first Saturday of each month at Transfiguration Church

Monthly Rosaries | Outdoor Rosary on first Thursday at 11:00am at Saint Victor. Rosary Rally on third Saturday at 12:00pm at Transfiguration. Patriotic Rosary on last Wednesday at 6:30pm at Transfiguration.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Contact the office to schedule. Parents must attend a Baptism Seminar (preferably before the birth of the child) once.

MARRIAGE

Contact the office at least 6 months prior to wedding.

OCIA

Are you 18+ and want to become a Catholic Christian? Call the office for more information.

PRIESTHOOD/VOCATIONS

Find out more at pghpriest.com or contact the Diocesan Vocations Office at 412-456-3123.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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, contact Father Holland directly on his cell phone at 412-977-6589.**



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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 online at home. Contact Laura Smagala at 724-265-2070x504 or safeoll@ollakes.org with any questions.

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Call 911 immediately if a child is in danger

AROUND OUR PARISH •



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, December 31st

4:00pm

Saint Victor Church

Thursday, January 1st

9:00am

Transfiguration Church

11:00am

Saint Victor Church

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Wishing you all a Happy New Year full of God's blessings!

Parish offices will be closed through Thursday, January 1st. Our offices will reopen on Friday, January 2nd, from 9:00am to noon.



CHOIR PRACTICES

Contemporary Choir Practice

- Monday, December 29, from 7:00-8:30pm at Transfiguration Church
- For the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, January 4

New members are always welcome to join our choir! If you have any questions, please contact Pete at music@ollakes.org or 724-265-2070 x102

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES

Please mark your calendar for the following changes to events in late December and early January:

Adoration & Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Will be moved to Tuesday on December 30th at 2:00pm at Saint Victor Church.

December Patriotic Rosary

Tuesday, December 30 | 6:30pm | Transfiguration Church

January Outdoor Rosary

Friday, January 2 | 11:00am | Saint Victor Campus

END-OF-YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for your financial support of our parish now and all year long!

Making a charitable donation at year-end can result in extra tax savings for you.

Remember, though, that for your donation to provide tax savings this year, it must arrive in our office before December 31st to be processed.



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Thank you to everyone who helped in preparations for this Feast Day, and to all those who joined us for Mass, as well as delicious handmade tamales and Mexican hot chocolate!

2026 CATHOLIC CALENDARS

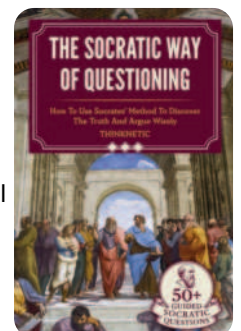
Get ready for the New Year

2026 calendars are available at the back of each church, compliments of Adam Siemianowski and Siwicki-Yanicko Funeral Homes. We appreciate their generosity for purchasing these calendars for our parishioners.

TURNING POINT USA AT OUR LADY OF THE LAKES PARISH

Dialogue/Debate/Decide

Join Father Jim for an initial meeting on January 7, 2026, at 7:00pm in the Transfiguration Church meeting room. Please email interest to admin@ollakes.org. We will begin with a small and easy read: *The Socratic Way of Questioning*. This book is available at Amazon. Find a YouTube example of Charlie Kirk's discuss/debate/decide at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WV29RIM25n8>.



• PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 27 – Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

8:00am | Transfiguration Church

+ Greg Kunkel by Ann Marie, George, Paula, & Jeannine Silvy

4:00pm | Saint Victor Church

+ Birth Remembrance for Jim Kotchey by Family

6:00pm | Transfiguration Church

+ Tom Finn by MaryEtta Filotei

Sunday, December 28 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

9:00am | Transfiguration Church

+ Living & Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Lakes Parish

11:00am | Saint Victor Church

+ Reverend Father Robert J. Ahlin by Dave & Karen Michler

Monday, December 29 – Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord/Saint

Thomas Becket

8:00am | Saint Victor Church

+ Anniversary of the Death of David Stevenson by Annette

Tuesday, December 30 – Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:00am | Saint Victor Church

+ Recipients of the Prayer Shawl Ministry by the Ladies of Charity

Wednesday, December 31 – Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Please note that there is no 8:00am Mass on December 31st. The 4:00pm Mass this day will fulfill your obligation for the Holy Day on January 1st.

4:00pm | Saint Victor Church

+ Frances Marie (Proco) Harkcom by Connie. George, & Norene Valerio

Thursday, January 1 – The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord/Solemnity of Mary.

Mother of God

9:00am | Transfiguration Church

+ Anniversary of Death of Elizabeth J. Juliano-Pesanski by Cole & Amy Moretti

11:00am | Saint Victor Church

+ Living & Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Lakes Parish

Friday, January 2 – Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

8:00am | Transfiguration Church

+ Mary Holland by Father Jim

Saturday, January 3 – Christmas Weekday/The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:00am | Transfiguration Church

+ Sister Mary Victor Powers by Judi Damon

4:00pm | Saint Victor Church

+ Eleanor McGinnis by Dave & Karen Michler

6:00pm | Transfiguration Church

+ Living & Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Lakes Parish

Sunday, January 4 – The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00am | Transfiguration Church

+ Stephen Jacobs by Michael & Tara Whitico

11:00am | Saint Victor Church

+ Joseph Vita by the Schramm Family



WEEKLY READINGS

Week of Dec 28 – Jan 4

Sunday

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Thursday

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Friday

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Saturday

1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Next Sunday

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

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, Jean Horak, Mary Ann Hudak, Nancy Hughes, Calvin Ingle, Lincoln Ingle, Linda Kapinskis, Gary Kelly, Valerie Komoroski, Roxanne Krueger, Donna Lauterbach, Dominic Lettrich, Alexander Lloyd, Renee Lukehart, Robert Madar, Daniel Maines, Mary Ann Maudhuit, Judy McBride, William McKinley, Carol Meador, Dan Momberger, Janet Mondron, Jackie Mueller, Melanie Murray, Tom Nagy, Katherine 'Kit' Nichols, Mary Jo O'Rourke, John Rakar, Jesse Rodgers, Silvano Rossini, Teddy Smith, Martin Stephan, Jack Sumrok, Geoffrey Thor, Beverly Verheyen, David Veschi, Katie Wessel, Veronica Whitico, Margaret Wilson, the recipients of our Prayer Shawl Ministry, and all those who prefer to remain anonymous.

UPCOMING EVENTS •



**This Week at
Our Lady of the Lakes Parish**

Saturday, December 27

Sunday, December 28

Monday, December 29

Parish Offices Closed

Tuesday, December 30

Parish Offices Closed

2:00pm – Eucharistic Adoration, Saint Victor Church

3:00pm – Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Saint Victor Church

6:30pm – Patriotic Rosary, Transfiguration Church

Wednesday, December 31

No morning Mass

Parish Offices Closed

4:00pm – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Holy Day Vigil Mass, Saint Victor Church

Thursday, January 1

Parish Offices Closed

9:00am – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Holy Day Mass, Transfiguration Church

11:00am – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Holy Day Mass, Saint Victor Church

NO Parish Bingo

Friday, January 2

11:00am – Outdoor Rosary, Saint Victor Church

Saturday, January 3

Sunday, January 4

6:00pm – OCIA Meeting, Saint Victor Rectory



**LITURGICAL MINISTRY
SCHEDULE**

**Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God**

Wednesday, December 31 | 4:00pm

Lector: Ken Murphy

EMHC: Joanne Draskovich

Altar Servers: Francesco & Giovanni Zottola

Thursday, January 1 | 9:00am

Lector: Judi Damon

EMHC: Helen Goodheart

Altar Servers: Carson & Elaina Dietrich

Thursday, January 1 | 11:00am

Lector: Phyllis Bagaley

EMHC: Pat Connell

Altar Servers: William Geraci, Andrew Piccolino

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 3 | 4:00pm

Lector: Karen Michler

EMHC: Ann Porter

Altar Servers: Alex Godinez

Saturday, January 3 | 6:00pm

Lector: Vicki Mlinarcik

EMHC: Ken Murphy

Altar Servers: Joann Draskovich

Sunday, January 4 | 9:00am

Lector: Erica Steele

EMHC: Judi Damon

Altar Servers: Makenzie Cypher

Sunday, January 4 | 11:00am

Lector: Joe DeAngelo

EMHC: Rob Zaremski

Altar Servers: Francesco Zottola

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Week Of December 7, 2025

Thank you for your donation!

Offertory Collection

Weekly Goal	\$9,000
This Week	\$10,974
Actual Year to Date	\$182,697
Budget Year to Date	\$207,000
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$24,303)

Parish Assessments

Weekly Goal	\$2,470
This Week	\$1,365
Actual Year to Date	\$24,381
Budget Year to Date	\$56,810
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$32,429)

• PARISH NEWS & NOTES



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Students at Transfiguration celebrated at their annual "Happy Birthday, Jesus" party, complete with birthday cake for all!



IN OUR HEARTS

Rest in Peace

We remember those who have passed from this life, especially:

Roberta J. Tucker

Mary E. Lavrich

Please remember our recently deceased and their families in your prayers.

BAPTISM

We welcome and offer blessings on the family of this recently baptized child:

Cole Killian Hinterliter

Child of Ross & Bridgette Hinterliter



SANCTUARY LAMP

Week of December 28th

Transfiguration Church

"Michael David Cevario & Anthony Vidic, Junior"

by Mary Lou Vidic

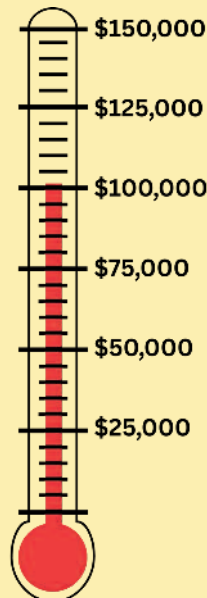


PRAYER SHAWLS

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toward our goal of \$150,000

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COMMUNITY NEWS •

PERCES OPEN HOUSES

Discover the difference a Catholic education can make!



The 7 Catholic schools within the Pittsburgh East Regional Catholic Elementary School region will be hosting enrollment open houses for preschool through 8th grade on January 24th and 25th. Scan the QR code to discover the Catholic school near you! Tour our schools, meet our teachers, and experience the welcoming community that makes Catholic schools so special.

MASS AND MINGLE

ASPIRE (Adult Single People: Inspiring, Relating, Evolving)

Bishop Emeritus David A. Zubik will celebrate Mass at Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish on Friday, January 9, at 6:30pm in Sts. John & Paul Church (2586 Wexford Bayne Road, Sewickley 15143) followed by a light reception to share fellowship, faith, and friendship in the Upper Cardinal DiNardo Center (CDC). All single adults over the age of 21 (single, widowed, divorced) are welcome! Please register at: saintluke.net/aspire-events. Please plan to attend and bring along a friend or two! Hope to meet you there!



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