



OUR LADY OF THE LAKES PARISH

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

JANUARY 18, 2026 | SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 4:00pm | Saint Victor
Saturday | 6:00pm | 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

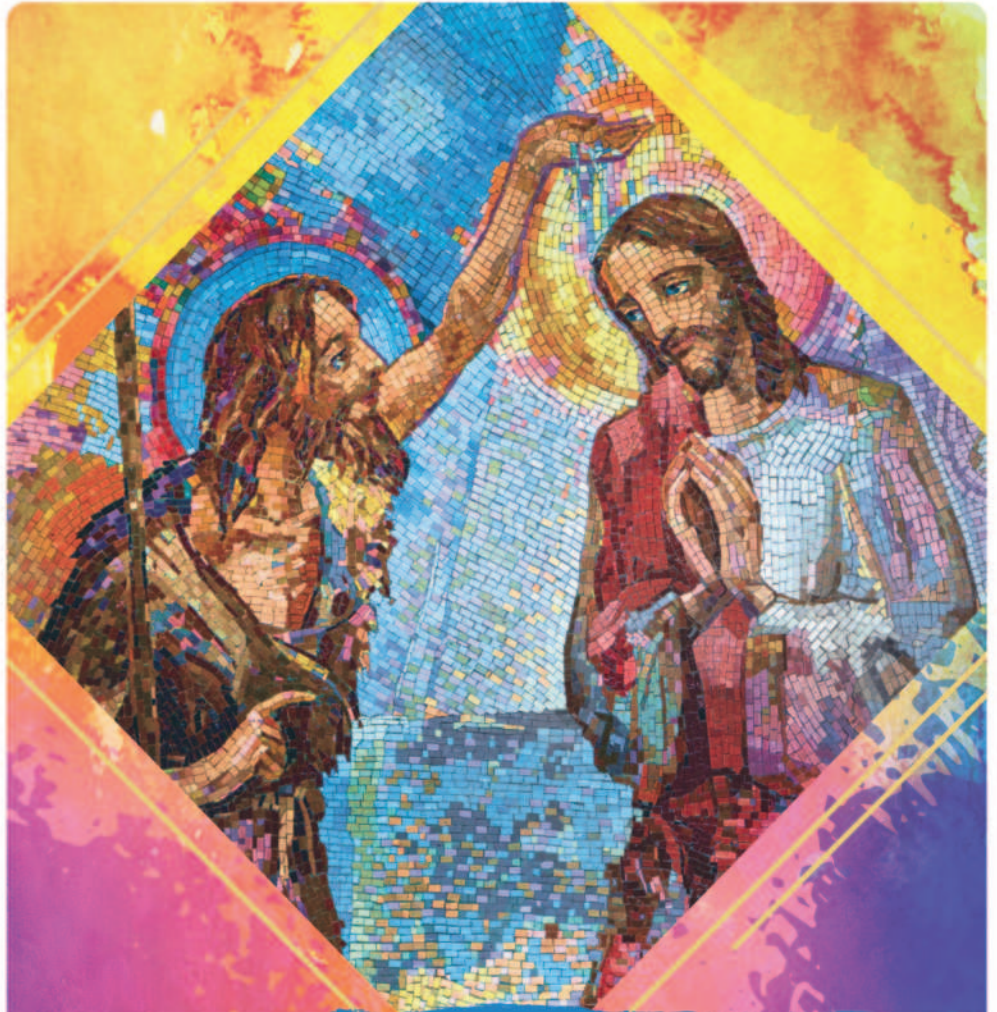
531 Bairdford Road | Bairdford

Transfiguration Church

100 McKrell Road | Russellton

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Thank you!



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away
the sin of the world.” - Jn 1:29

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“To Jesus, Through Mary”

• GET TO KNOW US

OUR CLERGY

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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 | Rosary on first Thursday at 11:00am at Saint Victor. Rosary 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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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 online at home. Contact Laura Smagala at 724-265-2070x504 or 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

AROUND OUR PARISH •



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O LORD JESUS CHRIST,
ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST AND
SOURCE OF ALL GRACE,
MULTIPLY VOCATIONS AMONG US.
THE HARVEST IS GREAT,
THE LABORERS ARE FEW.

BLESS OUR DIOCESE
WITH MANY HOLY AND FERVENT
PRIESTS, DEACONS, & RELIGIOUS.
GRANT A GENEROUS SPIRIT
IN OUR FAMILIES
THAT WE MAY HONOR YOU
IN YOUR CHURCH AS WE SERVE
IN FAITH AND CHARITY
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
FOR THE SALVATION OF SOULS.

AMEN.



**CALLED
BY NAME**

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Do you know someone who would make a great priest?

This January, the Diocese of Pittsburgh will introduce Called By Name, a diocesan vocation initiative that invites parishioners to help encourage young men to consider God's call to the priesthood.

This week, parishioners are asked to prayerfully reflect on the men in their parish, school, or family who demonstrate strong faith, leadership, and a generous spirit of service – qualities that often signal openness to a vocation to the priesthood.

Next weekend, Called By Name response cards will be available in the pews at all Masses. Parishioners may write the name(s) of men they believe God may be calling and return the completed cards in the collection basket.

All submitted names will be shared with the Diocesan Vocations Office. Each man recommended will receive a personal letter of encouragement from Bishop Eckman, along with an invitation to attend the Saint Andrew Dinner on March 1, an informal evening for men to learn more about priestly discernment.

Called By Name is not about pressure or commitment, it is about encouragement, prayer, and helping young men recognize that the Church sees their gifts. Your prayerful suggestion may be the gentle invitation that helps someone listen more closely to God's call.

All parishioners are encouraged to participate through prayer, reflection, and support for vocations within our Church.

RETAKE THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY

It is hard to believe that three years have passed since our diocese first participated in the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey. That initial effort helped our parish to understand where people were in their spiritual lives, providing the foundation for our pastoral plan for evangelization and to better engage all parishioners in deepening their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Bishop Mark Eckman is inviting and encouraging all parishioners to participate in the second administration of the Disciple Maker Index (DMI). Beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 18, and running through March 29, the DMI Survey will be offered again. This is the exact same survey that parishioners took in Lent of 2023. The purpose of this second survey is to help our parish assess the effectiveness of the goals we set three years ago and to identify new opportunities and directions for spiritual growth and deepening faith within our community.

Your Participation is Crucial. We urge every parishioner to take the time to complete this important survey. The results are essential for our planning process, allowing us to gain a clear understanding of our progress and chart the path forward.

By participating, you are helping our parish align its strategies and renew our planning goals to fully embrace Bishop Eckman's vision of growing in faith and charity through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

Please look for more details and information on how to access the survey in the coming weeks.

Special Collection

January 17
&
January 18



Share the Joy



DEPAUL SCHOOL
FOR HEARING & SPEECH

SECOND COLLECTION

On January 17 & 18, there will be a special collection for St. Anthony School Programs and DePaul School for Hearing & Speech. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

• PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 17 - Saint Anthony, Abbot

8:00am | Transfiguration Church

+ Carl Wolf, Sr., by Angelo & Holly Laquatra

4:00pm | Saint Victor Church

+ Lee Owen (father of Anne Revitsky) by Harold & Linda Atkinson

6:00pm | Transfiguration Church

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

Sunday, January 18 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am | Transfiguration Church

+ Johanna Kuhn by Marie Kraig

11:00am | Saint Victor Church

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

Monday, January 19 - Weekday

8:00am | Saint Victor Church

+ Nick Bottini by Annie & Al O'Neil

Tuesday, January 20 - Weekday/Saint Fabian/Saint Sebastian

8:00am | Saint Victor Church

+ Tom Finn by MaryEtta Filotei

Wednesday, January 21 - Saint Agnes

8:00am | Saint Victor Church

+ Stevenson Family by Annette Stevenson

Thursday, January 22 - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:00am | Transfiguration Church

+ Anniversary of Death of Nunzie Vitale by Lorraine Murphy

Friday, January 23 - Weekday/Saint Vincent/Saint Marianne Cope

8:00am | Transfiguration Church

+ Bob & Camilla Pollock by Marlene Grunden

Saturday, January 24 - Saint Francis de Sales

8:00am | Transfiguration Church

+ Deceased Members of Theodore Venesky Family by Bob & Pat Eckenrod

4:00pm | Saint Victor Church

+ Health of Dennis Uncapher by Helen, Tracy, & Annie Catanese-Uncapher

6:00pm | Transfiguration Church

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

Sunday, January 25 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am | Transfiguration Church

+ Kenneth Fisher by Pam Tedesco

11:00am | Saint Victor Church

+ Natalie Earls by Nancy Kirschner



WEEKLY READINGS

Week of January 18-25

Sunday

Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Monday

1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday

1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday

1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday

Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



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 Mombberger, 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, January 17

12:00pm - Rosary, Transfiguration Church

Sunday, January 18

6:00pm - OCIA Meeting, Saint Victor Rectory

Monday, January 19

Tuesday, January 20

Wednesday, January 21

2:00pm - Eucharistic Adoration, Saint Victor Church
 3:00pm - Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Saint Victor Church
 6:00pm - Ladies of Charity Meeting, Transfiguration Meeting Room
 7:00pm - Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, Transfiguration Meeting Room

Thursday, January 22

7:00pm - Parish Bingo, Saint Victor Activity Building

Friday, January 23

Saturday, January 24

Sunday, January 25

6:00pm - OCIA Meeting, Saint Victor Rectory



**LITURGICAL MINISTRY
SCHEDULE**

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 24 | 4:00pm
 Lector: Vicki Mlinarcik
 EMHC: Lindsay Strishock
 Altar Servers: Stephen & Taylor Strishock

Saturday, January 24 | 6:00pm
 Lector: Ken Murphy
 EMHC: Pat Connell
 Altar Servers: Joanne Draskovich

Sunday, January 25 | 9:00am
 Lector: Christina Loper
 EMHC: Shelia Hanlon
 Altar Servers: Philip Didomenico; Collin Rodgers

Sunday, January 25 | 11:00am
 Lector: Ray O'Rourke
 EMHC: Bonnie Gormly
 Altar Servers: Philomena Salera; Giovanni Zottola

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Christmas Day and Week Of December 28, 2025

Thank you for your donation!

Offertory Collection

Weekly Goal	\$9,000
This Week	\$20,364
Actual Year to Date	\$224,511
Budget Year to Date	\$234,000
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$9,489)

Parish Assessments

Weekly Goal	\$2,470
This Week	\$657
Actual Year to Date	\$28,383
Budget Year to Date	\$64,220
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$35,837)

• PARISH NEWS & NOTES



BAPTISM

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

Elliot Joseph Acheson

Child of Zachary & Mallory Acheson



NEW MUSIC FOR MASS SETTINGS

Starting this weekend, we will sing the Mass Settings for the **Heritage Mass**. These are the song numbers in our Journeysongs Missal:

- 226 Glory to God
- 227 Holy Holy
- 228 We Proclaim Your Death
- 231 Amen
- 232 Lamb of God

We have YouTube links on the website for the new settings.

FISH FRY PLANNING MEETING

Mark your calendar!

It takes lots of volunteers to make our parish fish fry a success! Please plan to join us on January 28th, at 6:00pm, in the Saint Victor Activity Building for a planning meeting.

GARDEN GROUP MEETING

We hope to see you there!

If you are interested in helping to beautify our parish grounds, please join us on Thursday, January 29th, at 4:30pm in the TRC Meeting Room, for a planning meeting. Nothing special is required, but if you have some suggestions for perennial plants, please bring that information to the meeting. Please RSVP to 412-496-8582.

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Your Parish needs YOU!

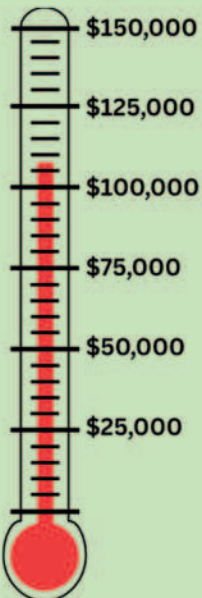
We are still accepting sign-ups! Prayerfully consider if you should help in this service to the Lord. Contact Joe at jsmagala@ollakes.org for more info.

All practices will be from 6:00-7:00pm on Tuesday evenings. See the schedule below for location details.

- February 10th at Transfiguration Church
- February 17th at Saint Victor Church
- February 24th at Transfiguration Church
- March 3rd at Saint Victor Church
- March 10th at Transfiguration Church
- March 17th at Saint Victor Church

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TRACKER

Parking Lots, Lot Markings, & Roads



We have raised
\$107,024
toward our goal of
\$150,000

THANK YOU
to everyone who has
contributed!

Click the link on our website to donate online, or pick up a green envelope in the back of either church to drop your donation in the collection basket.

YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT

There are several ways to request your 2025 financial report:

- Fill out this paper form and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the office.
- Complete the online form at www.ollakes.org
- Email your request to finance@ollakes.org
- Call the office at 724-265-2070x203

Provide your email address to receive an electronic copy via email.

Name: _____

Envelope number: _____

If you would prefer an electronic copy of your report, please provide your email address:

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT •

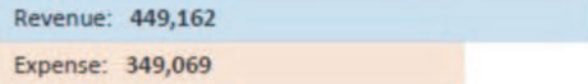
854001 - Our Lady of the Lakes
(Quarter-2 2025/2026 Year to Date)

OPERATING REVENUE:	
Offertory Collections	261,397
Donations & Bequests	9,816
Fundraising	39,258
Campaign Income	73,960
Other Income	64,731
	449,162
OPERATING EXPENSE:	
Administration	146,630
Operations & Maintenance	84,750
Liturgical & Rectory	66,408
Religious Ed & C.A.R.E.S.	32,859
Property & Liability Insurance	14,943
Social/ Outreach/ Other	3,479
	349,069
OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	100,093
NON-OPERATING ITEMS:	
Extraordinary Maintenance Expense	(71,354)
Net Third Party Collections	9,668
	(61,686)

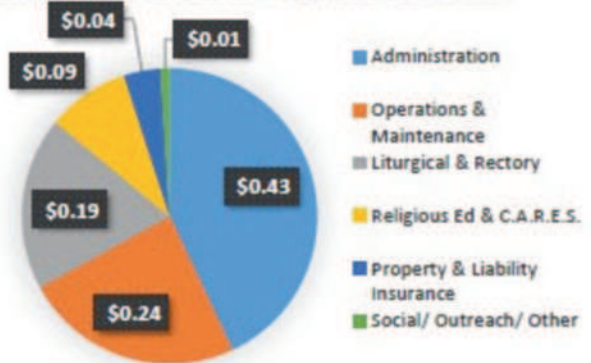
FEATURED ASSETS and LIABILITIES at 12/31/2025

ASSETS:	
Unrestricted Funds:	
Cash	271,421
Deposit & Loan Operating Savings	358,598
	630,019
Restricted Funds:	
Deposit & Loan Restricted Savings	-
Deposit & Loan Restricted Campaign	-
Parish Endowment Investment	-
Other Investments	-
	-
LIABILITIES:	
Insurance Past Due	-
Deposit & Loan Borrowing Debt	-
Other Payables	-
	-

Revenue vs. Expense for 7-1-2025 thru 12-31-2025



How each Expense Dollar Supports the Parish



Line items include but are not limited to:
Offertory Collections: Offertory, Parish Appeal
Campaign Income: Capital Imp., Debt Reduction, etc.
Other Income: Interest Income, Hall Rentals, Votive
Administration: Staff, Supplies, Management Fee
Operations & Maintenance: Staff, Church Utilities, Upkeep, Taxes, Supplies
Religious Ed & C.A.R.E.S.: Staff, Supplies, CCD, Adult Ed, RCIA, Catholic Assistance for Regional Elem Schools
Liturgical & Rectory: Staff, Worship, Rectory Upkeep
Social/Outreach/Other: Youth, Community, Net Rental Property, Preschool
Extraordinary Maintenance Expense: > \$4,000
Net 3rd Party Collections: e.g. Holy Land, Peter's Pence

- > Offertory Collections include the Collections for Parish Assessments (previously stated as a separate line item)
- > Administration Expense includes the Diocesan Management Expense (previously stated as a separate line item) which accounts for 27% (39,618) of the total expense of \$146,630
- > Religious Ed & C.A.R.E.S includes the 'Elementary Education Subsidy' (previously stated as a separate line item) which accounts for 68.5% (\$22,479) of the total expense of \$32,859
- > Extraordinary Maintenance Expense includes work done to stabilize the rectory at the Transfiguration campus and to continue the parking lot rehabilitation project *

**\$71,354 is included in the Extraordinary Maintenance Expense to cover the completion of the TRC parking lot, and to begin the work at the STV campus. We have used funds from various sources to continue moving the project forward in hopes of the Capital Campaign replenishing these funds.*

Estimated Project Cost: \$169,000
 Previous Total Paid From Parish Savings: \$70,000 | Current Total Paid From Parish Savings: \$141,354
 Total Current Contributions: \$106,620 (Grant Funds: \$5,000, Capital Campaign Contributions: \$101,620)
 Total Paid To Contractor From Parish Savings: \$141,354 | Total Parish Savings Recovery: \$106,620 | Remaining Need: \$62,380

• CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS



Thank you to everyone who has donated an offering for the Altar Decorations
"In Memory/Honor of" a loved one during this Christmas Season.

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Deceased members of the Laurenza and Dudash families
Frank J. Vybiral, Frank W. Vybiral, Louise Vybiral, Lori Vybiral
Martha Madar
Makuta & Hodges Families
Regis P. Massack; Carlo & Jennie Bertuzzi; Woodrow & Anna Whitlatch; Dolores Marynarczyk; Patricia Flynn, Stanley Venesky
Jerry and Ann Massack, John and Ann Bizyak
McAtee & Whitecomb Families
Michael McPherson; James Krupa; Stephen & Margaret Krupa
John & Helen Shurina; Patricia Proco, Donna Mennow
Frank & Mary Pawloski, John & Veronica Minarik, Anthony & Walda Pawloski, Alexander & Sophie Maliszewski
Andy & Pat Mlinarcik, Nicky & Vicky Harrington, Debbie Melone
Mary Rose Monarko
Moretti Family, Pesanski Family

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Mrs. Dorothy Zonarich

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O'Neil Family, Coloutti Family, Pellicciani Family
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Joseph & Anna Poriath, Kurian & Mary Naxithookil
Judy Turner
Olga Smith, Ray Smith, Marie Prevot, Emil Prevot
Diane Rodgers, Matt Rodgers, deceased of Brudnok/ Strain Family & Rodgers/Pennachia Family
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Theodore Venesky, Julie Venesky
Dave Speer
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Judith Swanderski; Charles & Julia (Bindas) Swanderski; All Beloved Deceased of the Swanderski & Bindas Families
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Patricia Unterholzner
Lewis Zonarich; George Valerio; Lori Genovese; Richard Gross
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Jeff Wojciechowski
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Don & Joann Taylor, Don & Mary Jane Marotta
Joseph Yourish, Jr.; Elizabeth Yourish; Joseph Yourish, Sr.
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• PARISH NEWS & NOTES



Knights help our parish in many acts of service, including setting up and taking down the outdoor nativity scenes at each campus.

LADIES OF CHARITY THANK YOU

2025 Year in Review

On behalf of the Ladies of Charity, we extend our deepest gratitude for your support this past year. Your contributions enabled us to fulfill our mission to serve residents of our community and beyond. Below is a list of projects we were able to complete:

- Monetary donations were made to the CCD Program, Light of Life Mission, Hank's Helpers, and local families who were experiencing medical and financial distress
- Purchased produce every month for the West Deer Food Bank
- Provided two local families with Thanksgiving dinner
- Donated food to the West Deer Backpack Program
- Donated groceries to West Deer Manor during their extended power outage
- Donated baskets for the Fish Fry
- Donated desserts for the Polka Mass
- Created Jared Boxes for juvenile oncology patients
- Purchased 37 youth winter coats and snow pants for the Free Store
- Made blankets for foster children with the help of the residents of West Deer Manor
- Held a Christmas luncheon for the residents of West Deer Manor
- Filled over 25 requests for Prayer Shawls

Your selfless act of giving allows us to continue with these projects. We deeply value your commitment to our organization, and we wish you the best for a happy, healthy and blessed new year.

KNIGHTS NEWS (EPISODE 1)

Knights Council 5501 notches number 61

Men, please read the following and be ready to say "Yes" when we ask YOU to join our Council next month.

Since its beginning on January 19, 1964, Knights of Columbus Council 5501 has served the parishioners of Our Lady of the Lakes Parish and its preceding parishes of St. Victor (Bairdford) and Transfiguration (Russellton) as well the Diocese of Pittsburgh and our neighboring communities. Initially chartered in Bakerstown, Council 5501 attracted Catholic men from St. Victor and Transfiguration Parishes as well as many surrounding areas. In the years since its beginning, men of Council 5501 have left to form K of C Councils within their home parishes, notably at Holy Sepulcher (now St. Mark the Evangelist), St. Mary of the Assumption (now Our Lady of Perpetual Help) and St. Catherine of Sweden (now Sts. Martha and Mary).

Council is guided by the principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity stated in 1882 by the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Blessed Michael McGivney. Council's Mission Statement "We are a group of Catholic men committed to praying and working together in a fraternal spirit, to help those in need, to the best of our abilities" is reminded to us each month with our newsletter.

What do we do and what have we accomplished in our Council's 61 years of service to our parish, community, and diocese?

In 1959, then Bishop Wright of the Diocese of Pittsburgh challenged the Knights of Columbus Councils in the Pittsburgh Diocese to raise funds for the education of intellectually challenged children via the St. Anthony School and McGuire Homes. Now known as the Bishop's Project, through the generous donations of those who we serve, our parishioners, our West Deer neighbors, and friends in surrounding communities, Council 5501 has contributed nearly \$78,000 to that cause in past years and has added \$2500 during the 2025/26 campaign year. Thank you friends and neighbors for all of your continued generosity and support.

More than a decade ago, Council 5501 established an annual Altar Server Award to recognize and thank our young men and women who faithfully serve at our parish Masses throughout their high school years. This Council award is unique among councils of the Pittsburgh Diocese.

Our Council is always looking for Catholic men to join us. Becoming a brother Knight is now easier than it has ever been. If you would like to be a brother who prays with us and shares in the work, laughs, and enjoyment we receive through our activities, respond to our request to you in February to join Council 5501.

Look for Episode #2 in next week's bulletin.

VETERAN BENEFITS SESSIONS

Representative Shaffer will be hosting Veteran Benefit Sessions with an American Legion Officer on January 21st, from 10:00am–2:00pm, in his office (4411 Gibsonia Road, Suite 2, Gibsonia 15044). Please call 724-939-6265 for an appointment.

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

Hosted by Allegheny Valley Hospital, Natrona Heights, on Wednesday, January 28th, from 7:00–8:30pm in the Charles W. Young Conference Center. To register, please call 724-226-7150.

BIRTHRIGHT SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Birthright is seeking volunteers to provide compassion, dignity, and practical help to moms and their babies. As a volunteer, you can make a meaningful difference by offering your time, a listening ear, and encouragement. Opportunities range from client support and mentoring to administrative help, education, and outreach—there is a place for every heart and skill. No prior experience is necessary. We provide thorough training and ongoing support to ensure you feel confident and prepared. Whether you're able to serve a two hour shift weekly or occasionally, your presence can have a lasting impact. Please contact the office at 412-621-1988 or email us at hope@birthrightpittsburgh.org.

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BLESSED TRINITY ACADEMY

Open House on February 1st

BTA welcomes all prospective families with children in preschool through 8th grade on Sunday, February 1st, from 12:00–2:00pm. This is a great opportunity to explore Catholic education! Pre-registration required. To register, visit www.tinyurl.com/BTAOpen2026. Contact us at admissions@btacademy.net with any questions.

SUPER BOWL PARTY

Addiction Recovery Ministry is holding a sober, family-friendly Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 8, at 5:30 pm in the John Paul I Center (201 9th Street, Sharpsburg). Snacks and drinks will be provided. Please bring an appetizer or dessert. The game room and library will be available for use during the game. For more information, please call Rosemarie at 412-378-9290.

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