

# St. Maurice Parish

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## LITURGIES

Saturday Evening 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM; 10:00 AM; 12:00 Noon

Monday 9:00 AM; 7:00 PM (with Novena)

Tuesday - Friday 7:00 AM; 9:00 AM

Saturday 9:00 AM

## SACRAMENTS

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

**INFANT BAPTISM:** *Seminar* - First Sunday of every month at 1:00 PM in the Parish Center. Call the Parish Center Office to pre-register. *Sacrament* - Administered third Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM. Call the Parish Center Office to register.

**SPONSOR CERTIFICATES FOR BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION:** Anyone needing a sponsor certificate must be registered in the Parish for at least 3 months, have all of their Sacraments (if married, be a Catholic Marriage), attend Mass regularly and support the Church.

**INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA PROCESS):** Contact the Parish Center Office.

**MARRIAGE:** Contact the Pastor at least six months in advance.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** By appointment or on scheduled Sundays.

**COMMUNION CALLS:** If you are unable to attend Mass, contact the Parish Center Office to arrange for Communion to be brought to your home.

**REGISTRATION:** New parishioners are welcome. Call the Parish Center Office to register.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday - Friday 9:00 AM -12:00 PM; 1:00 PM -4:30 PM **BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Monday 2:00 PM

**KEANE HALL KITCHEN:** 412-723-1200

**DIOCESE SEXUAL ABUSE VICTIM ASSISTANCE HOTLINE:** 1-888-808-1235

September 17, 2017

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**September 17, 2017**

**Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.**

*Sirach 28:2*



A Call To Re-ignite The Fervor  
Of Our Faith  
By Praying, Serving & Learning



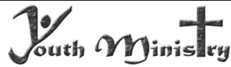
**School News**

**VERA BRADLEY BINGO:** East Catholic School PTG will host its annual Vera Bradley

Bingo fundraiser at the East Catholic School Cafeteria (Keane Hall), 2001 Ardmore Blvd., Forest Hills, to raise money for the Library, Robotic and Fine Arts Clubs. This event annually raises over \$2000. Twenty Vera Bradley prizes valued between \$40 and \$250 will be awarded as prizes to Bingo winners. There will also be a Chinese auction with Vera Bradley items. The event will be held on Sunday, October 15. Doors open at 1:00 PM; games begins at 1:45 PM. Tickets are \$20 in advance/ \$25 at the door; 20 bingo games are included. Lunch items will be available for purchase. To purchase tickets, call Dawn Reitter at 412-352-3550 or dawnreit88@gmail.com.

**EAST CATHOLIC SCHOOL TO HOST "SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN STORY TIME"**

**FOR PRESCHOOLERS:** The opening of East Catholic School Story Time for the 2017-2018 school year will be on Thursday, October 26, from 7:00-8:00 PM in Keane Hall (School Cafeteria). East Catholic School will host the "Perfect for Preschoolers" "Halloween Around the Camp Fire Story Time." All children from 2-1/2 years old through Kindergarten are invited to dress in their Halloween costume and come to Story Time featuring Not-So-Scary-Stories, a silly craft and spooky snack. We invite all children along with their parent or guardian to attend. Registration is required by calling the East Catholic Office 412-351-5403 during school hours (8:30 AM until 2:00 PM). Last day for registration is Monday, October 23.



Programming for youth in  
Middle School (Grades 7-8),  
High School (Grades 9-12)

Please contact Jo Ann McLaughlin-Klemencic:  
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**Youth Ministry Fall 2017 Event Calendar**

The Youth Ministry event calendar will be available by the end of September. Copies will be available at the Welcome Desk, as well as on the website: [www.stmauriceparish.org/youth](http://www.stmauriceparish.org/youth).

**MS & HS: Sunday, October 2, 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, Youth Breakfast Club, Lawrence Room**

Students in grades 7 through 12 are invited to join us for the first Youth Breakfast Club of the year, a fun time of food and community with a reflection on that Sunday's Gospel! We might even have a surprise little guest who comes to meet everyone that day, so please join us.



**Do Unto Others** – The servant in today's Gospel did not treat others as he expected to be treated. While his master was generous and sacrificed what was owed to him by the servant, the servant was greedy and would not sacrifice for his fellow servant. Sacrifice can be difficult for us, but we know that to be generous is to live like Jesus. *On Mission for The Church Alive!* may require sacrifice from us as our parishes are transformed to best serve the faithful, but it will also provide new and wonderful ways for us to be generous with our gifts and talents for the good of our sisters and brothers and the Church. When we become nervous about the changes that will occur we cannot forget to trust that God will be generous in bestowing His peace upon us and in strengthening our faith in Him. Visit [onmissionchurchalive.org](http://onmissionchurchalive.org) to learn more about it and to stay informed.



**SERVICE & OUTREACH COMMITTEE:**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!: ReStore**

**Volunteer Opportunity: The next volunteer**

**Saturday at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore is September 30.** The volunteer times are 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM or 1:00–4:00 PM. The ReStore is located at 1913 Monongahela Avenue in Swissvale, near the Post Office.

Volunteers need to be 14 and older, and parents can sign up as well. This is particularly a great opportunity and ministry for men, and we would like to encourage more to join us!

Please contact Patti Brooks if you are interested in volunteering: [psb61949@yahoo.com](mailto:psb61949@yahoo.com) or 412-371-6768.



**FORGIVENESS:** Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again. Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: “Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?”

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As Saint Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord. Jesus’ parable in today’s Gospel reminds us of God’s compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.



## ***MESSAGES FROM FR. KEN***

**Two shocking news stories:** This past week I read two news stories which shocked me but ultimately didn’t surprise me. One dealt with the fact that in the United States white Christians are now a minority. The other dealt with the questioning of a judicial nominee, Notre Dame Law School Professor Amy Coney Barrett, by U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein who was troubled by the fact that Catholic “dogma lives loudly within” her. The face of Christianity in our culture is changing, however, the anti-Catholic sentiment that has been a part of our nation’s history is not.

The article about white Christians was interesting to me for its reporting on the idea that only the “liberal” sects of Christianity were in decline. Most of us know that all denominations of Christianity are currently in a state of decline in the US. It is not simply those liberal denominations which are in trouble. We must understand that all of Christianity is facing a crisis. I believe this is due to so many of the non-Catholic Christian traditions changing their teachings and dogma. Add in the lax practice/observance of the faith by so many Catholics and the problem is clear. It is, oddly enough, the problem Pontius Pilate had: “What is truth” (Jn 18:38b).

In my opinion, the idea that truth is open for interpretation is the downfall of Christianity. How can one faith (Christianity) hold so many conflicting ideas about the truth? As I recently preached, the truth is the truth. That’s true. We, as Catholics, teach, believe and hold that the deposit of faith (the truth as handed down by God) is present within the Church and is protected by Tradition (note the capital T) and the teaching magisterium. Yes, we have the truth. However, our current culture attacks truth and brings it down to sheer opinion. We are then told to respect the opinion of others—even above respecting the truth. When we fall victim to this line of thinking we become lost in a sea of ever changing ideas. Within that cultural sea of changing ideologies, oddly enough, one thing does become an anchor. That anchor is to view any absolute as dangerous. Thus we no longer have absolutes in dogma, faith, marriage, sexuality, or even gender.

Unfortunately, this ugly truth wielded its head during a recent U.S. judicial nomination hearing. Senator Feinstein, and a few of her colleagues, attacked a nominee, who is a practicing Catholic, because...well let me use the senator’s words... “when you read your speeches, the conclusion one draws is that the dogma lives loudly within you. And that’s of concern...” Is Catholic dogma (which is the truth) a concern for our nation? I hope not!

The dogma lives loudly within you is actually a beautiful compliment. It means I know the truth, hold to it, and others see it being witnessed within my life. I pray that these words will someday be spoken of me. May we all hold onto the truth even if it means we become the minority and/or face public ridicule. After all, that is the way of Christ!

You might like to check out Bishop Barron’s homily from this past weekend entitled Judgment and Love (easily accessible online). I would also recommend looking up Word on Fire on the internet and viewing some of their great videos on truth versus relativism. For more information about the senate hearing and the anti-Catholic views expressed see the Washington Examiner September 7 issue, *Diane Feinstein renews her decades-long crusade against Catholic judges*.



**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF:** will be taken in the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh this weekend, September 16/17, to assist the victims of Hurricane Harvey. Donations will go to Catholic Charities USA to provide shelter, clean water, food and medical care. Checks should be made out to “Diocese of Pittsburgh” with “Hurricane Harvey” in the memo line.

# Mass Intentions For The Week



**Saturday - (16th) Sts. Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**

5:00 PM - Dolores Wach (Barry & Michele Prior)

**Sunday - (17th) Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM - People of St. Maurice

10:00 AM - Mike & Mary Folin (Leo & Pat)

12:00 PM - Sylvia Michaels (Terry & Dee Michaels)

**Monday - (18th) Weekday**

9:00 AM - William & Mary Vogel (Rose Vogel)

7:00 PM - Dec. Mem. Almash & Gillooly Families  
(Tom & Joyce Gillooly)

**Tuesday - (19th) Weekday**

7:00 AM - Frank Kassalen (Sheila & Isaac Garcia)

9:00 AM - Elmer Skantar ((Ethel & Elmer Holzinger)

**Wednesday - (20th) Saints, Companions, & Martyrs**

7:00 AM - Fred & Mathilda Seddon (Family)

9:00 AM - Bennett Family (Pat & Leo Clougherty)

**Thursday - (21st) St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist**

7:00 AM - Robert W. Kacinko (Family)

9:00 AM - Ruth Jordon (Hensler Family)

**Friday - (22nd) Weekday**

7:00 AM - Clara Pearce (Neidig Family)

9:00 AM - William & Florence Weyels  
(Joyce & Gerry)

**Saturday - (23rd) St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**

9:00 AM - Darlene Dinkfelt (Lynn - sister)

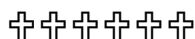
5:00 PM - Helen Winters (Ray & Mary Irene Mrazik)

**Sunday - (24th) Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM - People of St. Maurice

10:00 AM - Theodore Hale (Courtright Family)

12:00 PM - Angela Colella (Kosar Family)



Pray

for the

Deceased

**Alice Moreau**, beloved parishioner. May her soul be without pain and rest in peace in God's loving and most holy hands. We express our condolences to the family members and friends of the deceased.

Coffee & Donuts



**DONUT SUNDAY:** will be held in Keane Hall next week, Sunday, September 24, after Mass. Please join us for coffee, juice and donuts.

Prayer Line 412-277-0693 or 412-871-3245

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30 — 28:9).

**Psalm** — The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion (Psalm 103).

**Second Reading** — Whether we live, or whether we die, we do so for the Lord (Romans 14:7-9).

**Gospel** — Forgive one another from your heart (Matthew 18:21-35).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6;  
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18;  
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

The Offertory Collection for last week **\$10,371.50**



**FALL MUM SALE RESULTS:** The Fall Mum Sale by the Service & Outreach Committee to benefit our Sister Parish, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, raised **\$2,678** in profits and donations! Thanks to all parishioners who supported this project and to Frankstown Gardens for their generous support.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Sunday, September 17, 2017

10:00 AM - Catechetical Sunday - Church

1:00 PM - Baptisms - Church

### Monday, September 18, 2017

7:00 PM - PTG Board Meeting - Coyle Room

### Tuesday, September 19, 2017

7:30 PM - Knights of Columbus - Lawrence Room

### Thursday, September 21, 2017

7:00 PM - Bible Study - Parish Center

### Saturday, September 23, 2017

5:00 PM - St. Maurice Feast Day Mass - Church

6:00 PM - Welcome Dinner - Keane Hall

### Sunday, September 24, 2017

Donut Sunday

8:00 AM - St. Maurice Feast Day Mass - Church

8:30 AM - 1<sup>st</sup> Religious Ed. Class - Keane Hall

10:00 AM - St. Maurice Feast Day Mass - Church

11:00 AM - Pivotal Players - Lawrence Room

12:00 PM - St. Maurice Feast Day Mass - Church

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**Religious Education**  
Registration Now Open  
2017-18

Each of us believes in Jesus because *someone else* shared the Good News with us, perhaps a parent, grandparent or friend. At St. Maurice, we seek to *partner* with families in the important task of sharing the Good News of Christ with our children. **St. Maurice Religious Ed. is now accepting applications for the students for the 2017-2018 school year.** Any child in Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade not currently attending a Catholic school is invited to join our program. Our classes meet on Sunday morning (starting September 24) at 8:30 AM-9:45 AM and fulfill the Diocese of Pittsburgh's guidelines for the religious education of children. We also offer Home Schooling options for families. Registration information has been e-mailed to current families. **If you have never registered with us before or would like more information on our Program, please contact Mrs. Kirkland at 412-351-6710.**

### CALENDAR:

- 9/17 - Catechetical Sunday honoring our Parish catechists, 10:00 AM Mass
- 9/17 - Catechist Meeting, 6:30 PM in the Parish Center
- 9/24 - 8:30 AM, First Religious Ed. class with a mandatory Parent Meeting to follow at 8:40 AM, Keane Hall

**LIVING AS  
MISSIONARY  
DISCIPLES**  
2017  
CATECHETICAL  
SUNDAY

"*Living As Missionary Disciples*" is the theme for this Catechetical Year of the Church. We will honor all of the invaluable catechists of our Parish today, September 17, at the 10:00 AM Mass. A catechist is a person who teaches and shares their faith with others. At St. Maurice, we are blessed to have many catechists from RCIA, Religious Education, Baptism Prep, Youth Group, Pre-Cana and East Catholic School. Please keep all of our catechists in your continued prayers as they share their faith with others.

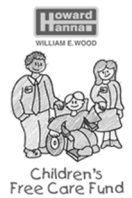
**ADULT EDUCATION:** Pivotal Players - Have you been to Rome? Seen the Pieta? The Sistine chapel? To Florence and seen the David statue? Or have wanted to? Bishop Barron has wonderful insights regarding Michelangelo's work and how they make the artist a Pivotal Player in Catholicism. The series begins on Sunday, September 24, after the 10:00 AM Mass in the Parish Center.



**BIBLE STUDY:** The new session will begin October 5. The Gospel of John will be studied. The Ignatius Catholic Study Guide, which costs \$12, is used. Interested participants should leave their name and telephone number with the Parish Center Office (412-271-0809) by September 26, so that a book may be ordered.



**RCIA RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** Who is it for? All those who wish to join the Catholic Church. Have you been baptized but not received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation? Have never been baptized? There is also a separate group for young people ages 8 to 15. Please call the Parish Center Office for more information. A team member will be in touch with you.



**SAVE THE DATE:** Join us in our efforts to raise money for the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh! We are looking forward to our "Chow Chow" event featured at a new location this year. Each year our team comes together to raise money for children in need. All proceeds go to our local Children's Hospital of UPMC. Hosted by The Howard Hanna East Suburban Office, this year it will be held on October 26 from 6:00-9:00 PM at the Roman Bistro, 2104 Ardmore Blvd. If you have any questions or have any donations, please contact the office at 412-271-7600 or follow on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HowardHannaPittsburghEastSuburban/>.



**MORNING OF RELECTION:** begins Tuesday, October 3, following the 9:00 AM Mass. It will be held in the Lawrence Room of the Parish Center. The book for this year is *My Life with the Saints* by James Martin, SJ. The saints stories in the book "enable readers to discover how the saints guide us throughout our earthly journeys and how they help each of us find holiness in our own lives." It can be ordered directly from Amazon. A limited number of copies for purchase will be in the Parish Center Office.