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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

November 12, 2017

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 12, 2017

Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Matthew 25:13



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



School News

WALKING TOURS: Is your child ready to start Preschool or Kindergarten? Please join us at East Catholic School for a tour and see firsthand what we have to offer from pre-K through 8th grade. Registration is required for the walking tours. Call the school office at 412-351-5403 to register for a tour today!

Current scheduled tours:

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 @ 9:30 AM

Thursday, December 7, 2017 @ 9:30 AM

Wednesday, January 10, 2018 @ 9:30 AM

Catholic Schools Week Open House:

Sunday, January 28, 2018 from 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

No registration is required for open house.

Youth Ministry

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

Please contact Jo Ann McLaughlin-Klemencic: stmauriceparish-youth@comcast.net; 412-271-6606 @StMaurice_YM; www.stmauriceparish.org/youth

MS & HS: Thursday, November 16, at 6:45 PM-9:00 PM in Keane Hall. Join us for a fun time to dance and serve treats to our guests at the Disabilities Dance.

Parishioners of All Ages: Friday, November 24, 8:45 AM-12:30 PM. Join hundreds of people of faith at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center to pack 1 million meals. Register at AmenToAction.org.



DONUT SUNDAY: will be held in Keane Hall next week, Sunday,

November 19, after Mass. Please join us for coffee, juice and donuts.



THE LADIES OF CHARITY: wish to thank everyone who donated to the recent Sweatshirt Drive for the inmates at the Allegheny County jail. As we remember one of the corporal works of mercy, "Clothe the Naked," our contribution will help to clothe inmates as they return to society during the cold winter months ahead.



SECOND COLLECTION: next weekend, November 18/19, will be for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Thank you for your generosity.



The November 17 issue of the Pittsburgh Catholic will be mailed to homes, courtesy of the parish.

EAST CATHOLIC SCHOOL NIGHT AT THE RACES-FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17: at the Hall at the Word of God Parish Center, 7436 McClure Ave., Swissvale, PA. Doors open at 6:45 PM. Dinner catered by Veltre's will begin at 7:00 PM, and races will start at 7:45 PM. Tickets are \$20 and includes dinner and a horse. Also included with ticket is beer, pop, and water. Additional horses are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Even if you are not able to make the event you can still buy horses for a chance to win cash prizes. Also other chances to win prizes (age 21 and older only). If you or your business would like to sponsor a race please let us know. For tickets please call Joelle Matthews, 412-860-8548, Mary Pat Valentino, 412-247-5513, or Anne Flaherty, 412-266-4527.



THE ADULT ED. COMMITTEE: invites you to join us for Becoming Confidently Catholic, Saturday November 18, following the 5:00 PM Mass, at 6:30 PM in the Lawrence Room. The topic will be "Four Final Things and Strengthening Our Hope," a look at Death, Heaven, Hell, and Judgment and why we shouldn't be afraid of them. Our guest speaker will be Fr. Larry Adams, Administrator of St. Ursula's in Allison Park. The evening will include a presentation, time to ask your questions, and social discussion. Snacks will be provided, but please bring your own beverage of choice. Hope to see you there!



WISDOM: We consider wisdom today. The first reading from the book of Wisdom presents this precious gift as a feminine spirit, a very desirable virtue sought by many and graciously present to all who seek her. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable to illustrate wisdom in a practical, measurable way. The wise will conserve their resources, use them prudently, and mark the passing of time. The foolish, on the other hand, not planning ahead, will be in the dark. Both of these readings tell us how accessible wisdom is to all who simply and honestly seek it.

Paul's words to the Thessalonians are not about wisdom, but describe one result of true wisdom: To the wise person of faith even death holds no terror. Our faith in Jesus' resurrection tells us we will all one day rise to new life in Christ.



MESSAGES FROM FR. KEN

Purple on All Souls Day: I had a few questions about why I wore purple on All Souls Day (one even from a priest). Often this celebration, like a funeral liturgy, is celebrated wearing white. As you know, the use of colored vestments conveys a significant meaning in the liturgical celebration. White, when used for funerals, symbolizes the resurrection of our Lord, when He triumphed over sin and death, sorrow and darkness. It also denotes rejoicing and purity of the soul—thus the reason All Saints Mass was celebrated in white. Purple, however, is a sign of preparation. Thus, as we offered the All Souls Mass for those preparing/purifying themselves for entry into heaven, I chose the liturgical color of purple. This is based upon the understanding that the Mass was offered for those souls in purgatory.

The Reality of Purgatory: The custom of praying for the dead is rooted in the very nature of heaven. Revelation 21:27 states, “nothing unclean will enter it.” The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven (1030). They do this in purgatory. The Church identifies the souls in purgatory as “our brethren ... who having died are still being purified” (*Lumen Gentium*, No. 51). They continue to be important members of the Church, of the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ according to the belief in the communion of saints. We are able to assist the faithful departed by our prayers, just as they can also help us by their prayers (CCC 958). The Catholic Church has taught this for centuries. We commend the souls in purgatory to God’s mercy and pray for them.

November is dedicated to prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory; let us remember to keep them in our prayers out of love. Let us remember that prayers can be extremely powerful in assisting the souls of our loved ones in their journey to attaining eternal life and peace. Be mindful as well that we can help them by also by offering a Mass in their name, by giving alms, by indulgences or other works of penance done for their benefit (CCC 1032). A partial indulgence, applicable only to the souls in purgatory, can be obtained when the Eternal Rest (Requiem aeternam) is prayed.

For more information I recommend researching [Catholic Activity: Praying for the Dead and Gaining Indulgences During November](#). Information for this article was taken from Catholicstand.com’s Praying for the Souls of the Dead: A Catholic Tradition by Nada Mazzei • October 24, AD2016.



MASS FOR SPIRITED BABIES AND YOUNG CHILDREN: Celebrating Mass with your family is a wonderful gift, but often can be exhausting and stressful with little ones. Nonetheless, Christ wants us to let the children come! So, come babies, come children, and come parents to join us at the 9:00 AM Mass on Saturday, November 18. Have your lively little ones participate in celebrating the Mass as they raise their voices to heaven! This is an opportunity to help familiarize your children with a Mass that is of shorter duration and in a more intimate setting. After Mass, there will be refreshments in the Davin Room for the parents and their young children to begin to grow in community with one another. Please contact Jo Ann McLaughlin-Klemencic at the Parish Center Office with questions.



BOOK OF LIFE: Remembering our Beloved Dead (new procedure): The Book of Life is one way our parish remembers our beloved dead in the month of November. These four books, filled with pages from parish families over the years, will be on display this November near the Tabernacle so that all may pray for the dead in the presence of our Lord. As in the past, you are welcome to add new pages. Paper and instructions to do so are available at the Welcome Desk. When you have completed your family page, please return it to the Welcome Desk; it will be added to the book for next year. If you wish to **add** names to your family page that is already in the books, please do so by listing the names in a fifth book which will be at the Welcome Desk; those names will be added to your family page for next November.

Mass Intentions For The Week



Saturday - (11th) St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

5:00 PM - Armand & Nancy DeCecco (Children)

Sunday - (12th) Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - People of St. Maurice

10:00 AM - Helen Danko (Dorothy J. Danko, Dght.)

12:00 PM - Robert Gallick (Family)

Monday - (13th) St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

9:00 AM - Mary Frances Miller (Peggy)

7:00 PM - Deceased Members (Ladies of Charity)

Tuesday - (14th) Weekday

7:00 AM - Patrick J. Brennan (Beth Brawdy)

9:00 AM - Nese/Niro Families

(Linda & Vincent Nese)

Wednesday - (15th) Weekday

7:00 AM - Frank Kassalen (Fran & Leo Spaeder)

9:00 AM - Darlene Dinkfelt

(Kathleen & Chris Breitreutz)

Thursday - (16th) Weekday

7:00 AM - Ed Pristas (Carole Jones)

9:00 AM - Charles Qualey (Qualey Family)

Friday - (17th) St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

7:00 AM - Francis Ciraula (Family)

9:00 AM - Sylvia Michaels (Terry & Dee Michaels)

Saturday - (18th) Weekday

9:00 AM - Edward Melocchi (Mary Jane Melocchi)

5:00 PM - Joseph Bailey (Wife)

Sunday - (19th) Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - People of St. Maurice

10:00 AM - Dec. Mem. Srdoch/Rodrigues Families

(Rodrigues Family)

12:00 PM - Thelma Kerr (Renda Family)



Pray for **Mary Beth Botzer; Paul Kareis**, beloved the parishioners; **Cecilia Yeagers; Bernard McKenna**, former parishioners. May

their souls 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.



FOOD FOR THE NEEDY: This weekend, food for the needy will be collected at all Masses. We ask that you be generous in responding to this collection. Please make sure the food is nonperishable, in good condition, and has **NOT EXPIRED**.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her (Wisdom 6:12-16).

Psalm — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

Second Reading — Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]).

Gospel — Stay awake! You know neither the day nor the hour (Matthew 25:1-13).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19;
Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135,
175; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37,
42-43; Lk 18:1-8 or (for the memorial of
the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31;
Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5;
1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

The Offertory Collection for last week: \$11,320.00

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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 12, 2017

Food Collection

Monday, November 13, 2017

6:30 PM - Athletic Board Meeting - Coyle Room

7:35 PM - Ladies of Charity Meeting - Lawrence Room

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

6:30 PM - St. Vincent de Paul - Davin Room

7:00 PM - RCIA - Parish Center Parlor

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

6:30 PM - Service & Outreach - Parish Center Parlor

Thursday, November 16, 2017

6:00 PM - Disabilities Dance - Keane Hall

7:00 PM - Bible Study - Parish Center

Saturday, November 18, 2017

9:00 AM - Mass for Babies & Children - Church

9:30 AM - 2018 Mass Intention Requests - Lawrence Room

Sunday, November 19, 2017

Donut Sunday

1:00 PM - Baptisms - Church

7:00 PM - Jubilate Deo - Church

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Last week, we were blessed to train eight enthusiastic and thoughtful young people for the ministry of altar serving. Please help me welcome Joseph Carroll, Maeve Gleba, Annabel Johnson, Isabella Lucas, Carson Manns, Noah Rinsema, Livia Rocco and Marina Rolandi as our newest servers. Wishing each of them success and blessings!

CALENDAR:

11/19 - Religious Ed. Classes - 8:30-9:45 AM

11/26 - Happy Thanksgiving, no Rel. Ed.

12/3 - Rel. Ed. Classes resume - 8:30-9:45 AM

ADVENT FAMILY ACTIVITY: The annual Family Activity for Advent will take place on Sunday, December 3, following the 10:00 AM Mass. More details will follow next week.

2018 MASS INTENTION REQUESTS:

DUE TO THE CHANGES TAKING PLACE NEXT YEAR, ONLY 1 WEEKEND MASS AND 1 WEEKDAY MASS WILL BE ALLOWED PER PERSON. MASSES WILL BE SCHEDULED FROM JANUARY 1 THRU OCTOBER 14. FOR ANY MASSES REQUESTED AFTER THAT DATE, YOU WILL NEED TO FILL OUT THE DIOCESAN FORM (INCLUDING STIPEND). THESE MASSES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND **MAY** BE COMBINED WITH ANOTHER INTENTION AT THE SAME MASS. EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018, THE 7:00 AM MASS WILL NO LONGER BE CELEBRATED AT ST. MAURICE (GOOD SHEPHERD, HOWEVER WILL BEGIN HAVING A 7:00 AM MASS AT SACRED HEART CHURCH). WE WILL OFFER DAILY MASS MONDAY AT 7:00 PM (WITH NOVENA) AND 9:00 AM TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY. THE WEEKEND MASSES WILL REMAIN AS THEY ARE NOW. To make the process of requesting Mass Intentions much easier and more accurate, the procedure will be the same as last year. On the day that the 2018 Mass Book is opened, we ask that you have the form, which is available in the back of Church and the Parish Center Office, filled out completely and bring it to the Lawrence Room in the Parish Center, from 9:30 AM until Noon, on Saturday, November 18, 2017. The stipend for the Masses (\$10) should accompany your request form. As you wait in line the Masses (PRIOR TO OCTOBER 15, 2018) will be entered into the book enabling you to obtain the dates you request, or give you a chance to pick an alternate date, if necessary. If you would like to carry the gifts for Masses for your loved ones, during the 5:00 PM Saturday or Sunday Masses, please indicate that when the Mass is scheduled in the book. Any Mass Intentions which have already been received or will be received in the mail or in person will be placed in the book on a first-come, first-served basis, **after** all Masses have been entered on the opening day. Hopefully, this will be a much better way to fulfill our Mass Intentions.



DANCE AND SOCIAL FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: is this week, Thursday, November 16, from 7:00-9:00 PM in Keane Hall. Any parishioner with special needs who would like to attend should call the Parish Center Office at 412-271-0809. Pre-registration is required by November 13. The cost is \$5 per person. Each guest must be accompanied by a caregiver. The cost is the same for the caregiver. You may pay at the door.



JUBILATE DEO: On November 19 at 7:00 PM, more than 50 singers from the choirs of St. Maurice and Sacred Heart Catholic Parishes and Temple David Synagogue will join voices to present Dan Forrest's stunning choral work, "Jubilate Deo" with full orchestral accompaniment. Jubilate Deo brings to life the global aspect of the traditional Psalm 100 text, "O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands," by setting it in seven different languages and drawing from a wide spectrum of musical influences. Movements include liturgical Latin, intertwined Hebrew and Arabic, Mandarin Chinese, Zulu, Spanish, Song of the Earth (untaxed), and a closing movement combining several of these languages with English. The result is a stunning global celebration of joy, as all the earth sings as one, "omnis terra, jubilate!" Tickets for this 60 minute concert are available for a suggested donation of \$10, (\$5 for students) and are available after all weekend Masses, at the Parish Center Office or by contacting members of the music ministry. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door on the night of the performance.