

Saint Anne Church

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SAINT PAUL OF THE CROSS

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Mass Schedule:

Saint Anne Church

Every day: 8:00 a.m.

Tuesdays: 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Saturdays (Vigil): 4:00 p.m.

Sundays: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,

and 6:00 p.m.

Saint Winifred Church

M, W, F : 8:45 a.m.

Saturdays (Vigil): 5:30 p.m.

Sundays: 11:30 a.m.



Sunday, March 2, 2025

**The Eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Confessions:

Saint Anne Church

Tuesdays: 5:15 - 6:15 PM

Saturdays: 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

Saint Winifred Church

Saturdays: 4:45 PM - 5:15 PM



Eucharistic Adoration:

Saint Anne Church

Tuesdays, after the 8:00 AM mass,
with Benediction at 6:15 PM.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour:

Saint Anne Church

Tuesdays, at 3:00 PM

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 3, 2025

8:00 AM (St. A) Catherine C. Knorr (BR), *requested by her family*

8:45 AM (St. W) In Honor of the Holy Face of Jesus

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

8:00 AM (St. A) Jean F. Swisher (BR), *requested by The Swisher Family*

6:30 PM (St. A) In Honor of the Holy Face of Jesus

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

8:00 AM (St. A) John T. Kennedy (AD), *requested by Karen Kennedy, John T. Kennedy II & family*

8:45 AM (St. W) Lily Bartoe, *requested by her family*

Thursday, March 6, 2025

8:00 AM (St. A) John E. Kunz, *requested by Fr. Michael Caridi*

Friday, March 7, 2025

8:00 AM (St. A) The William Merkt Family, *requested by Don Merkt*

8:45 AM (St. W) Lois Helferty, *requested by The Maloney Family*

Saturday, March 8, 2025

8:00 AM (St. A) Terrence McVerry, *requested by Judy McVerry*

4:00 PM (St. A) Marianne Ranalli (AD), *requested by Teri Ranalli*

5:30 PM (St. W) John J. Koltz, *requested by Mark & Lori*

Sunday, March 9, 2025

8:00 AM (St. A) Living & Deceased Members of The Krainak & O'Brien Families, *requested by Terry & Cathy O'Brien*

10:00 AM (St. A) Mary Kalogeris, *requested by Mary Ann Daugherty & family*

11:30 AM (St. W) Ralph Baumgart, *requested by Andrew Barnhart*

6:00 PM (St. A) For the People of the Parish



"My sweetest Joy

is to be in the presence of

Jesus in the

holy Sacrament.

I beg that

when obliged to withdraw in

body, I may leave my

Heart before the

holy Sacrament."

- St. Katharine Drexel



In your prayers please also remember to pray for **Edward Grzybowski** and all the deceased members of Saint Paul of the Cross Parish.

From the Pastor

Lent Begins Ash Wednesday



The holy season of Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday. On this penitential day Catholics receive ashes on their foreheads as a powerful reminder of our mortality and our need for repentance.

The practice of marking believers with ashes has its roots in the Old Testament, where wearing sackcloth and ashes was a sign of sorrow and shame for sins (see Jonah 3:6 and Daniel 9:3). In the early Church, public penitents would cover themselves in ashes as they sought reconciliation, and by the 11th century the Church formalized this practice for everyone at the beginning of Lent, reminding us of our need to turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel.

As the priest or deacon imposes ashes in the sign of the cross, he says either, "Remember that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19), or "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" (Mark 1:15). This gesture calls us to humility, conversion and sacrifice as we begin the Lenten journey.

Here are some suggestions on how to make this Lent spiritually fruitful:

- **Commit to prayer everyday!** Consider the Rosary, attending a daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, or even a simple Morning Offering.
- **Practice Fasting with Purpose** – Fasting and giving up something meaningful is all about detaching ourselves from anything that distracts us from God.
- **Almsgiving** – Offer some real time, talent and money to a worthwhile charity or someone in need.
- **Go to Confession** – It's one of the Sacraments given to us by Jesus Christ, and has its roots in Sacred Scripture. There is no good excuse not to go. Period!
- **Read the Bible** – Consider trying to read a little bit of the Gospels everyday and get through all four of them before Easter. You'll be surprised how everything you've heard all these years fits together.
- **Learn More** - Attend one of the many Lenten Programs offered by the parish.
- **Simplify Your Life** – Limit social media, TV and other habits to create some space for quiet, prayer and reflection. I promise, it won't kill you.

Fasting and Abstinence

Please note that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are both days of **fasting and abstinence**. Each Friday of Lent is to be observed as a day of abstinence. The law of fasting allows only one full meal and two smaller ones with no food in between. The law of abstinence forbids the eating of any meat products.

The obligation of **abstinence** begins at age 14 and the law of **fasting** is binding on all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. Additionally, all Catholics are encouraged to do acts of penance beyond those prescribed by the law. Further, it is the responsibility of parents to see to it that their children are educated in the authentic sense of penance and are encouraged to do acts of prayer, fasting and almsgiving throughout the Lenten season.

Annual Appeal

By now all registered parishioners should have received the letter and brochure for the Annual Diocesan Appeal that kicks in every year as Lent begins. Formerly known as the Parish Share Program, the Diocesan Appeal raises funds that support the ministries, programs and initiatives that take place on the diocesan level.

This year our parish's assessment for the appeal is \$178,521, and regardless of whether or not we raise the funds for the appeal, we still have to pay the assessment off before the end of the year. For the past several years this is the only area in parish finances where we've been lagging behind, forcing me to pay the assessment off from our operating fund and having to cut back in other areas. So, I humbly ask you to participate to whatever degree possible.

When I was away a couple weeks ago I saw this quote by Anne Frank on a sign and it struck me, and I believe it to be both timely and true: "*No one has ever become poor by giving.*"

Feel free to email or call me with any questions.

Ways to Make Lent More Fruitful

ASH WEDNESDAY

SCHEDULE
MARCH 5, 2025

Mass and Distribution of Ashes:
8:00 AM in Saint Anne church
8:45 AM in Saint Winifred church

**Prayer Services and Distribution
of Ashes in Saint Anne church
at Noon, 4:00 PM and 6:30 PM**

Confessions are heard at the following times:

Saint Anne Church:
Tuesdays: 5:15 - 6:15 PM
Saturdays: 11:00 - 11:45 AM

Saint Winifred Church:
Saturdays: 4:45 - 5:15 PM

Wednesday, April 9 at 6:00 PM
in St. Anne church

Monday, April 14 at 6:00 PM in
St. Anne church with several
priests on site.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is offered at the following times.

Saint Anne Church:
Tuesdays, after the 8:00 AM
mass, with a Divine Mercy
Holy Hour at 3:00 PM and
Benediction at 6:15 PM

Saint Winifred Church:
Thursdays, from 9:00 AM -
2:00 PM, when South Hills
Catholic Academy is in
session.

Stations of the Cross

In Saint Anne church, all the Fridays of Lent at 6:30 PM
In Saint Winifred church, Wednesdays & Fridays of Lent
(except during Holy Week) at 1:00 PM

Lenten Programs for Adults

The Miracle Box - Tuesday, March 18, 7:15 PM, Convent Dining Room (video)

Suffering, Healing, & Mental Illness - Tuesday, March 25, 7:15 PM, Convent Dining Room with guest speaker Dr. Brent Robbins

Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the Eucharist -, Tuesday, April 1, 7:15 PM, Convent Dining Room (video)

Purgatory: The Forgotten Church - Tuesday, April 15, 7:15 PM, Convent Dining Room (video)

Divine Mercy Holy Hour takes place during Tuesday Eucharistic Adoration, in Saint Anne Church at 3:00 PM, "The Hour of Great Mercy!"

The Women's Guild
Lenten Retreat with Fr. Robert Seeman in St Anne church at 11:30 AM, March 29th

Lenten Programs Youth Ministry

Lenten Pilgrimage - Sunday,
March 23,
(Tour historic Pittsburgh churches)

Outdoor Stations of the Cross -
Sunday, March 30

Donate

To the Annual Appeal

March 15/16 to the St. Vincent dePaul
Food drive for the St. Winifred Food
pantry

April 5/6 to the Little Sisters of the
Poor

PLAN AHEAD

APRIL 17-20

Holy Thursday - 6:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
in St. Anne church

Good Friday - 1:30 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion in
St. Anne church and 6:30 PM Stations & Veneration
of the Cross in St. Anne church

Holy Saturday - 8:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass in St. Anne church

Easter Sunday Masses - 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 6:00 PM in
St. Anne church and 11:30 AM in St Winifred church

Parish News

Divine Mercy Holy Hour Special Reflections As We Approach Lent

As we approach Ash Wednesday, and enter the season of Lent, Deacon Vic will offer special reflections on the nine intentions of the Divine Mercy Novena. Beginning February 25th and continuing weekly, reflections will focus on each intention, taken from St. Faustina's Diary, individually. Prayer begins at 3:00 PM in St. Anne church. Please consider joining this beautiful yet simple devotion through which many graces are offered for ourselves and our loved ones.



Annual Retreat at the St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center

The annual Women's Retreat at the St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center is scheduled for March 21-23. The retreat's theme this year is *Pilgrims of Hope*. This is an excellent opportunity to gather together for a Lenten weekend of spiritual renewal and relaxing fellowship in a quiet, peaceful environment. A nonrefundable deposit of \$100 will hold your room. Rooms with a private bath are \$310 and rooms without are \$265. The fee includes room, all programs and five meals. Registration can be done online at stpaulsretreatcenter-pittsburgh.org; via email at stpaulrcpa@ccprov.org; or by phoning the Center at 412-381-7676. For additional information, please contact the Center at 412-381-7676 or Lynne Aber at 412-833-3578.

Calling all Bakers!!

The Fish Fry committee is looking for donations of baked goods. Individually, pre-wrapped items or bulk baked items can be dropped off to the former St. Anne School cafeteria between 9:00 AM and Noon on Ash Wednesday, March 5th, and 9:00 AM to Noon on all the Fridays of Lent. Thank you so much for your support



Parish Offertory February 23, 2025

Offertory: \$ 17,276.58

Utilities: \$ 226.30

Baptisms

Last weekend,
Theodore Anthony Lakomy
son of
Corey and Lauren Lakomy
received the Sacrament of Baptism.
Please pray for Theodore, his parents and
Godparents.

Confirmation Retreat Reminder

If you have a child *who is currently enrolled in our CCD program*, please make plans to attend a Confirmation Retreat on Sunday, March 9th at 11:30 AM in St. Winifred church. There is also a practice scheduled for Thursday, March 20th at 6:00 PM in St. Anne church. Confirmation will be celebrated at 10:00 AM on Saturday, March 22nd in St. Anne church. Call (412) 631-3131 for more information.

Saint Vincent de Paul Food Drive

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of St. Paul of the Cross Parish will be conducting our Spring Food Drive in March. Paper bags and envelopes for monetary contributions will be distributed after all the masses on the weekend of March 8/9th. The bags and envelopes containing your donations will be collected March 15/16th prior to all the masses at both churches. The food drive supports our parish food pantry. At its new location at 2840 Library Road, the pantry is serving more people and families than ever.

A list of the items the food pantry needs is included with each bag. You can drop off your contributions as our truck will be parked at St. Anne's church from 3:00 PM Saturday until 6:00 PM Sunday. Cash contributions are welcome and checks can be made payable to St. Paul of the Cross SVDP.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of both the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the St. Winifred Food Pantry.



Online Giving with Faith Direct

For information about how you can give online, visit our website at stpaulofthecross.com/Support. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Ministry Announcements

Catholic Men's Fellowship

New Members Always Welcome

The Catholic Men's Fellowship supports members in becoming better husbands, leaders, and Catholics. Their next meeting will be on March 6th at 7:00 PM in the Convent Dining Room. Men in this group seek opportunities for faith formation and ways support their faith within their families while completing service projects for our parish and our community. Please contact John Raimondi at (412) 344-9690 to become involved.

Adult Ed Continues

The Tuesday Series - Hope in the Lord will meet March 4th from 8:45-10:00 AM in the Convent Dining Rm. Hope in the Lord is an EWTN series hosted by Fr. Benedict Groeschel. Questions answered and topics discussed in this video presentation are those we turn over in our minds at least a dozen times a day. What is Hope? Why hope, in the face of disappointment and sorrow? Can we honestly replace pain of dashed hopes, with the Hope that never fades?



Safe Environment Workshop

Parishioners needing assistance becoming compliant with the volunteer regulations of the Diocese of Pittsburgh are invited to meet with our parish Safe Environment Coordinator, Don Fontana, for help. Reservations can be made for the Tuesday, March 11th, session from 1-4 PM by calling Don Fontana (412) 531-5964 or emailing dfontana@stpaulofthecross.com. The workshop will be held in the DePalma Room.



Book Club

The Saint Paul of the Cross Parish book discussion group will meet at 7:00 PM in the Choir Room on Wednesday, March 5th, to discuss *Mercy in the City* by Kerry Weber. Everyone is invited to attend. For questions or information, please contact Lynne Aber at 412-833-3578 or laaber57@gmail.com.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Mon., March 3

5:00 PM CCD at South Hills Catholic Academy

Tues., March 4

8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration in St. Anne church

8:45 AM Adult Ed Tuesday Series in the Convent Dining Rm *Hope in the Lord*

3:00 PM Divine Mercy Holy Hour in St. Anne church

5:15 - 6:15 PM Confessions in St. Anne church

Wed., March 5 - Ash Wednesday

4:00 PM Parish Fish Fry SHCA St. Anne Site Gym

7:00 PM Book Club in the Choir Rm

7:00 PM OCIA in the DePalma Rm

8:30 PM A.A. in the Convent Dining Rm

Thurs., March 6

7:00 PM ARM Grief Support in the DePalma Rm

7:00 PM Catholic Men's Fellowship in the Convent Dining Rm

Fri., March 7

11:30 AM First Friday Confessions in St. Anne church

1:00 PM Stations of the Cross in St. Winifred church

4:00 PM Parish Fish Fry SHCA St. Anne Site Gym

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross in St. Anne church

Sat., March 8

11:00 AM Confessions in St. Anne church

4:45 PM Confessions in St. Winifred church

9:30 PM NA in the Convent Dining Rm

Sun., March 9

9:00 AM Carmelites meeting in the DePalma Rm

11:30 AM Confirmation Retreat at St. Winifred



Lenten Retreat

with
Fr. Robert Seeman

Saturday, March 29, 2025
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Saint Anne Church

Save the Date!

The Women's Guild of Saint Paul of the Cross Parish invites all women of the parish to join them. Walk-ins are welcome, but reservations are preferred for planning purposes. Please direct questions, or make reservations by calling Darlene Vietmeier (412)608-9581

Make this a prayerful part of your Lenten journey.



-To stay up-to-date with all things Youth Group, please email Andrew Barnhart at abarnhart@stpaulofthecross.com
-Events are open to all students in grades 8-12!

MAR. 16 – FAITH NIGHT

7 – 8:30 PM at St. Anne Church
Adoration & Night Prayer
St. Joseph Table Service Project
Novena to St. Joseph

Save the Dates

Watch future bulletins and the parish website for more information.

MAR. 23 – LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

Mass, Stations of the Cross,
& Tours of historic Pittsburgh churches

MAR. 30 – STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Outdoor Stations
Dinner to follow at a local restaurant



Respect Life News

Twice yearly, people who revere life come together to pray, fast and witness in front of abortion mills across the world to advocate for unborn babies and their parents, for abortion workers, and for those who suffer greatly after an abortion. The Spring 40 Days allows us to make this part of our Lenten journey. The commitment is simple. Members of St. Paul of the Cross will pray in front of Planned Parenthood, 933 Liberty Avenue, on March 8 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. We do not approach anyone while we are there, but we pray in peace and love. PLEASE consider joining us for 1 hour or all 3. Our easel will be at St. Anne Church for you to sign up beginning the weekend of March 1. If you need a ride, please let us know. This is an in person way to thank God and Mary our Mother for the gift of life. For more information contact John or Kathy Raimondi at (412)344-9690.



25,308 babies saved // 268 abortion workers converted //
159 abortion centers closed!

From Mar. 5th - Apr. 13th, you're invited to join

other Christians for 40 Days for Life - 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 933 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Nikki Bruni, nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com, or Jen at pghsaland365@gmail.com

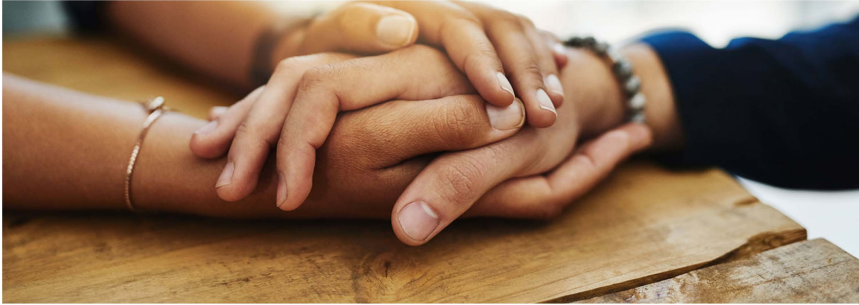
Kick-off Mass at Divine Mercy Parish, Epiphany Church on Tuesday, Mar. 4th at 6 pm, followed by a Eucharistic Procession to Planned Parenthood
All Christians are welcome to participate! This is a free event.

There will also be a Jericho March around PP on Sunday, March 2nd. Meet in Front of PP at 3:30 pm.

40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh for more info, or check out our blog at 40daysforlifepittsburgh.com

Ministries and Contact Information

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS



- Book Discussion Group.....Lynne Aber (412) 833-3578
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Mass Ministry.....Mary Weaver (724) 814-2077
Respect Life.....Kathy & John Raimondi (412) 344-9690
St. Vincent de Paul Society.....Contact the Parish Office (412) 531-5964
Substance Addiction Ministry.....Joan Kilgore (412) 531-5964
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Women's Guild.....Darlene Vietmeier (412) 343-6929

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Sun. 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Mon. and Wed. 8:30 AM - 7:30 PM
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If your ministry would like to see something appear in an upcoming bulletin, please plan ahead. The deadline for submission to a bulletin is noon, the Monday prior to the publication date.

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Crab Cake (2) Dinner	\$ 15
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*Florentine -topping made with shrimp, krab, spinach, cheddar cheese, Italian bread crumbs, and butter

SANDWICHES

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Baked Cod	\$ 15
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Just sandwich (no sides)	\$ 12

SIDES

Cole Slaw	\$ 3
French Fries	\$ 3
Baked Potato	\$ 3

ADD-ONS

Macaroni & Cheese	\$ 4
Haluski	\$ 4
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PMEA News

Congratulations to SHCA students Sophia S., Noah P., Sarah M., Colin M., and Adriana C. for being selected to sing at PMEA Elementary SingFest and Junior High District Chorus! These students were chosen to join hundreds of other young musicians from around the Pittsburgh region to rehearse and perform advanced choral repertoire. We could not be more proud of their musical accomplishments!



Honors Band Participants

Two band students from SHCA, Dominic J. (8th Grade, Saxophone) and Emilie W. (7th Grade, Clarinet), auditioned for and earned seats in the 2025 Pittsburgh Catholic South District Honors Band. They have been working very hard over the past couple of years through private lessons with SHCA Music Teacher Mrs. Kathryn Famiglietti, and both are thrilled about the opportunity to perform with a full band!

The Honors Band performance will take place at O'Connor Hall at St. Paul Seminary on Friday, March 14, at 7:00 PM.

Congratulations to Dominic and Emilie! We are very proud of their hard work and dedication to music!



Eighth Grade Basketball Recognition

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the 8th Grade Basketball Saints. These dedicated student-athletes have recently been recognized for their exemplary hard work and outstanding achievements on the basketball court. Their commitment to excellence is commendable. Well done, Saints!





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