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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.



The Twenty-Seventh 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, October 7, 2024

8:00 AM (St. A) William Dimmock, requested by Colleen Keller & Peggy Graney 8:45 AM (St.W) Umberto & Elizabeth Infante, requested by Fr. Richard Infante

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

8:00 AM (St. A) Marion Caridi (AD), requested by Fr. Mike

6:30 PM (St. A) Matthew Greenaway (BR), requested by The Harrison Family

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

8:00 AM (St. A) Ellamae F. Baier, requested by her daughters 8:45 AM (St.W) Mary Kalogeris, requested by Diana & Wayne

Thursday, October 10, 2024

8:00 AM (St. A) Meg Barry, requested by Linda Cumpston

Friday, October 11, 2024

8:00 AM (St. A) Ellamae & Denis Baier, requested by their daughters

8:45 AM (St. W) Tim Caramellino, requested by Jim Dawson

Saturday, October 12, 2024

8:00 AM (St. A) Rose Marie DiNardo, requested by her brother Anthony DiNardo

4:00 PM (St. A) The Jennis & Cinpinski Families, requested by Diane Jennis

5:30 PM (St. W) For the People of the Parish

Sunday, October 13, 2024

8:00 AM (St. A) Laurie Belsterling, requested by The Reffner Family 10:00 AM (St. A) James McCaffrey, requested by his family 11:30 AM (St. W) Joanne Richards, requested by Don & Monica Lovre 6:00 PM (St. A) The Dolan Family, requested by The Gannon Family

In your prayers please also remember to pray for **Angela Kennedy, Lois Yates,** and all the deceased members of Saint Paul of the Cross Parish.

From the Pastor

The Political Implications of Respecting Human Life

Every year the Catholic Church designates October as Respect Life Month, an important time set aside for all of us to reflect upon our level of commitment to the basic principle that all human life is a gift from God, images God, and therefore must be welcomed, protected and celebrated.

Naturally, and rightly so, the major focus of our energy and attention this month must be the lives of unborn children in their mothers' wombs, because in our society they are the ones most disrespected and most in danger of being lost.

A couple weeks back, the Sunday Gospel reading was taken from Saint Mark (9:30-37). In it we were told that, "Taking a child, Jesus placed it in their midst, and putting His arms around it He said to them, 'Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me receives not me, but the One who sent me." The interpretation of this passage cannot be clearer: when we welcome a child, we welcome God. Conversely, when we reject a child, we reject God!

This brings us to the topic of abortion, a total, complete and violent rejection not only of an innocent child, but also of God who gave the child life.

During an important election year like this one, Respect Life Month becomes political in nature, and rightly so. Because reflecting on the sacredness of human life, we are reminded of our Catholic moral obligation to further the Pro-Life cause in our nation, and to do all we can to ensure that those we place in positions of power will do the same.

This obligation is not to be taken lightly, and in deciding for whom to vote we cannot simply shrug off our responsibility by lumping the life issues, especially abortion, in with the other matters that confront our political leaders, no matter how important these issues might be. To do so would be a feeble attempt to rationalize the killing of innocent life for the sake of something that objectively – and obviously – is less important.

Coming Soon: Harkins Hall Renovation

I'm happy to report that the Diocese of Pittsburgh has approved our plans for the renovation of Harkins Hall, and that Massaro Corporation will serve as General Contractor for the project.

By way of reminder, the upcoming renovation is the second major component of our parish's Forward in Hope Capital Campaign that so many of you generously pledged to. The goal of the project is to make Harkins Hall completely accessible by installing an elevator, renovating the bathrooms and kitchenette, and installing movable walls so that the space can take on a variety of configurations, accommodating up to three smaller meeting rooms.

The project will take approximately six months to complete and should be starting by the end of this month. As to be expected, there will be some inconvenience involved, and meetings and activities regularly scheduled in Harkins Hall will need to be relocated to other spaces on the campus. So, please be patient. Once we learn of the exact start up date the parish office will contact any ministry/group leaders that will need to be moved.



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ereate a nonviolent world
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Ofor that is where our deepest patterns are set. Of rom these roots grow fear and alienation ~or love and trust.

-Photo and Poem Suzanne Arms

RESPECT LIFE MONTH STATEMENT October 2024 Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

We are living in an exciting time of revival. Our National Eucharistic Congress, and the Eucharistic processions that led to it, involved hundreds of thousands of Catholics who will never be the same. The revival continues, and is so needed, especially in our efforts to defend human life.

Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist, gives us the fullness of life. He calls each of us to respect that gift of life in every human person. While we live in a society that often rejects those who are weak, fragile, or vulnerable, they are the most in need of our care and protection. Pope Francis reminds us that "every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, who even before he was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world's rejection."

The law and millions of our brothers and sisters have yet to recognize this reality. We thankfully no longer live under the regime of Roe v. Wade, and our elected officials are now empowered to reduce or end abortion. But what we now see is that fifty years of virtually unlimited abortion has tragically created a national mindset where many Americans have become comfortable with some amount of abortion. This allows the abortion industry to continue to provide any amount of abortion. Given this challenge, the U.S. bishops have affirmed that, while it is important to address all the ways in which human life is threatened, "abortion remains our preeminent priority as it directly attacks our most vulnerable brothers and sisters, destroying more than a million lives each year in our country alone."2

In a tragic way, abortion has become the preeminent priority for others as well. We see many politicians celebrating the destruction of preborn children, and protecting access to abortion, even up until the moment of birth. Few leaders are standing up to limit the harm of chemical abortion (abortion "We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life..."

pills) to mothers and children, which is now the most common form of abortion. And heading into the November elections, as many as ten states face gravely evil ballot initiatives that would enshrine abortion in their state constitutions.

Pope St. John Paul II's words resonate today: "we are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life' we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life."³

And so we need a revival of prayer and action:

- We must renew our commitment to work for the legal protection of every human life, from conception to natural death, and to vote for candidates who will defend the life and dignity of the human person.
- We must call for policies that assist women and their children in need, while also continuing to help mothers in our own communities through local pregnancy help centers and our nationwide, parish-based initiative, Walking with Moms in Need.
- We must likewise continue to extend the hand of compassion to all who are suffering from participation in abortion, through the Church's abortion healing ministries like *Project Rachel Ministry*.

 Most importantly, we must rededicate ourselves to fervent prayer on behalf of life.

I invite all Catholics to join me in a concerted effort of prayer between now and our national elections, by daily praying our Respect Life Month "Prayer for Life to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament":

Jesus, you came that we might have lifeand have it in abundance. Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our mothers' wombs and call us to love you for all eternity. As your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it. By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable. For you are God, forever and ever. Amen.



Through the graces of this revival, may we witness, work, and vote so that all children in the womb will be protected in law and welcomed in love, and that all mothers and families will be strengthened by our support and accompaniment.

For information on October Respect Life Month, visit https://www.respectlife.org/.

- 1 Pope Francis, "Address of Holy Father Francis to Participants in the Meeting Organized by the International Federation of Catholic Medical Associations," September 20, 2013 (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana).
 - 2 Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States, Introductory Let- ter, p. 8 (Washington, D.C.: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2024).

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Respect Life Ministry

Respect Life Ministry

A list of upcoming events is below. Please consider participating. A more complete list of dates and events can be found in the "news" section of the parish website, including more events related to *40 Days for Life*.

Oct. 12- Pray Outside Planned Parenthood

Members of our parish ministry will pray together in front of Planned Parenthood in downtown Pittsburgh from 9:00 AM - Noon on Saturday, October 12th. Please consider joining us for an hour on the sidewalk as we offer prayers for the unborn, their parents and the staff of Planned Parenthood.

Oct. 22- Guest speaker Andrew McCauley

Following the Tuesday 6:30 PM evening Mass, the Respect Life Committee is pleased to welcome Andrew McCauley. Andrew is a young Catholic, and leader of Pittsburgh Sidewalk Advocates. He will talk about how the Advocates train volunteers to know what to say to gently approach women and inform them of other alternatives to abortion. He will also expose the abortion business in Pittsburgh and how we can all help through prayer and presence to combat it. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Oct. 30- Respect Life Monthly Meeting

The Respect Life Ministry is always looking for additional members to join them at their monthly meetings. If you believe that all life is inherently sacred as created by God, please consider joining our group. We meet the last Wednesday of each month.

Parish News



Recital Announcement

On Sunday October 6th, the vigil of the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, at 3:00 PM, Zacchaeus Lock will perform a recital of solo organ works based on Marian musical themes. The music will highlight the chants and hymns through which the Church has prayed to the Virgin Mary over the centuries, from Frescobaldi's Baroque Mass setting to the modern works of Guy Weitz and

Joseph Bonnet. With Gregorian interpretations developed through years as music director and organist in New York City, Michigan, and Pittsburgh, Lock will chant many of the original songs on which these works were based. Come listen to the music, hear the chanted prayers of the Church, and prayerfully reflect on the Blessed Virgin's gift of the rosary to us!

Saint Paul of the Cross Pet Blessing

Join us this Sunday, October 6th at 1:00 PM, in front of the Saint Anne Shrine, for a pet blessing in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi. Bring your furry friend for a brief blessing with Deacon Vic. Hope to see you there!



Expectant Mothers Blessing- Oct. 12/13

A blessing of expectant mothers will take place after all of the Masses on October 12th and 13th. Please approach the altar at the end of the mass.



Jeffrey Locke & Ellen Lalonde (III)



Parish Offertory September 29, 2024

Offertory: \$ 16,463.22 Utilities: \$ 175.63

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Parish Trivia Night Monday, October 7th at 7:00 PM

Are you ready to play? Test your practical and useless knowledge

against other friends and parishioners. Participants will compete in teams of up to 4 players. Snacks and non - alcoholic drinks will be provided, but you can also BYOB. Type "trivia" into the search field on our website for more information and to register.

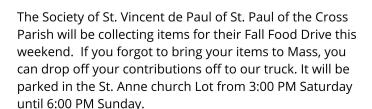
Fifth Sunday Thank You

In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples: "Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest; whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all."

Thank you for your generous contributions of \$7, 850.00 to St. Paul of the Cross' St. Vincent de Paul Society in the 9/29/24 Fifth Sunday collection. Your donations will stop critical utilities from being shut off; prevent families from losing homes or apartments; provide essential food, clothing, and medical help and more.

Please remember these families in your prayers. Thank you! May God continue to bless you and your families.

St. Vincent de Paul Fall Food Drive



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

Hoagie Fundraiser POSTPONED

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Women's Guild has cancelled their Hoagie sale. Watch the bulletin for information on when this will be rescheduled.

The second collection on 10/13/24 will be for our Youth Ministry.



Divine Mercy Hour On October 5, the Church celebrates the feast day of St. Faustina Kowalska. Beginning in 1931, she had multiple private revelations from Jesus and was instructed by Him to repeat His message and prayers of Divine Mercy. During Tuesday Eucharistic Adoration in Saint Anne Church, at 3:00 PM, "The Hour of Great Mercy," we pray and reflect on her diary. The Holy Hour is structured as follows:

3:00 PM - Divine Mercy Chaplet offered before the Most Blessed Sacrament

3:10 PM – Reading selection from St. Faustina's Diary of a Soul

3:15 PM - Brief Reflection

3:20-3:45 PM - Silent Adoration

3:45 PM – Conclude with the Litany of Divine Mercy

Please consider joining us for this beautiful yet simple devotion through which many graces are offered for ourselves and our loved ones.

Ministry Announcements

The Next Safe Environment Workshop

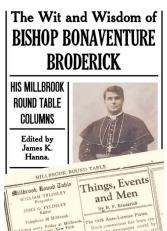
Parishioners needing assistance becoming compliant with the Safe Environment Policy of the Diocese of Pittsburgh are invited to meet with our parish Safe Environment Coordinator, Don Fontana, in the DePalma Room on Monday, October 7th at 1:00 PM. Reservations can be made by calling Don Fontana (412) 531-5964.

Author Presentation

Tuesday, Oct. 8th - 7:00 PM in Harkins Hall

The Wit & Wisdom of Bonaventure Broderick edited by Jim Hanna

Jim Hanna has published a second book on the fascinating life of Bishop Bonaventure Broderick. Jim will be presenting The Wit & Wisdom of Bishop Broderick in Harkins Hall, Tuesday, October 8th at 7:00 PM. Copies of the book are currently available on Amazon and a limited number will be available at his talk. One reviewer has written, "I really loved getting to know the mind of Bishop Broderick,



in his cranky moods as well as his pleasant moods." Please join us for this special author presentation.

Oct. 20 Youth Ministry Faith Night



Topics: Our Lady of the Rosary & Our Lady of Fatima 7:00 – 8:30 PM at St. Anne Church Adoration, Rosary, Night Prayer, Feast Day Family Feud

To stay up-to-date with all things Youth Ministry, please contact Andrew Barnhart at abarnhart@stpaulofthecross.com

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Mon. October 7

5:00 PM CCD at SHCA 7:00 PM Trivia Night in the Convent Dining Rm

Tues. October 8

8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration in St. Anne church 1:00 PM Safe Environment Workshop in the DePalma Rm

3:00 PM Divine Mercy Holy Hour in St. Anne church 5:15 - 6:15 PM Confessions in St. Anne church 7:00 PM St Vincent de Paul meeting in the DePalma Rm 7:00 PM Author Presentation in St. Anne church after Mass (with Jim Hanna)

Wed. October 9

7:00 PM OCIA in the DePalma Rm 8:30 PM A.A. in the Convent Dining Rm

Thurs. October 10

7:00 PM Journey of Grief 4th of 7 meetings in the DePalma Rm

7:00 PM Tae Kwon Do in Harkins Hall

Sat. October 12

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. October 13

9:00 AM Carmelites meeting in the DePalma Rm 7:00 PM Adult Ed Sunday Series in the DePalma Rm (From Nothing to Cosmos: God & Science)

OCTOBER: Rosary Month

Mary's Favorite Prayer

During the month of October the Church highlights the powerful prayer called the Rosary. The reason why is because the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is observed each October 7. This feast was established by Pope Pius V in 1573, and its purpose was to thank God for the victory of the Christians over the invading Turks at the Battle of Lepanto – a victory attributed to the praying of the Rosary.

The development of the Rosary has an interesting history. First, a practice developed of praying 150 "Our Fathers" in imitation of the 150 Psalms found in the Bible. Then there was a parallel practice of praying 150 "Hail Marys". Gradually, a mystery of Christ's life would come to be attached to each Hail Mary.

The ultimate purpose of the Rosary is to help us meditate on the mysteries of our salvation, and focus on the birth, life, death and resurrection of Christ, with the assistance of His mother, Mary.

Some of you may have heard the saying, "The family that prays together stays together!" This phrase is attributed to Father Patrick Peyton, an Irish Catholic priest who founded the "Family Rosary Crusade". During this month, why not try initiating a weekly or even daily Rosary with your family to see how it can transform relationships and home life?

How to Pray the Rosary

- 1. Beginning at the Crucifix make the Sign of the Cross, then recite the Apostle's Creed.
- 2. Say one Our Father on the single bead above the crucifix..
- 3. Pray one Hail Mary for each of the next three beads.
- 4. On the next single bead say One Glory Be, Announce the first Mystery then say one Our Father.
- 5. Move around the right side of the rosary. On each of the ten small beads recite one Hail Mary.
- 6. On each large bead say the Glory Be, announce the next Mystery then recite one Our Father.
- 7. Repeat steps five and six for all five decades of the Rosary (say the Mystery, one Our Father, ten Hail Marys, one Glory Be).
- 8. At the end of the last decade, on the medal or large bead, recite the Glory Be, followed by "Hail Holy Queen". It is then customary to kiss the crucifix followed by the Sign of the Cross.



Frequently Forgotten Prayers

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

The Hail Holy Queen (The Salve Regina)

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To you we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to you we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us; and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Visit www.usccb.org/prayers/prayers-rosary to learn about the many mysteries of the rosary.

The Rosary is prayed before all of the 8:00 AM Masses at Saint Anne church. Additionally, the Substance Abuse Ministry meets at 5:45 PM to pray a Rosary for Recovery the third Tuesday of each month at Saint Anne church. All are welcome to join.

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Second Grade Science

Mrs. Mathias' second grade class recently adorned their physicist name tags and wandered the SHCA campus with clipboards in hand. The students engaged their faculties of sight, sound, and smell to meticulously observe and document living and non-living entities. During their next science session, the students collaborated to articulate their findings, which were transcribed onto a collective class chart.





Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

On September 14 Mrs. Heckroth's Pre-K students engaged in a lesson centered on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. To prepare for this lesson, the children crafted crosses using sticks, binding two sticks together with string to create a cross for Jesus. They then selected a spot in the Pre-K play area to display their crosses, serving as a reminder of Jesus' love.



Eucharistic Adoration

Students at South Hills Catholic Academy attend Eucharistic Adoration as a class, spending time before the Blessed Sacrament weekly. In addition to attending Mass twice a week, many students actively participate by serving as Altar Servers, Lectors, Cantors, and members of the Schola Cantorum. They are also regularly afforded the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



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