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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.



The Solemnity of
Saint Paul of the Cross &
The Twenty-Ninth 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 21, 2024

8:00 AM (St. A) Jean Swisher (AD), requested by her family

8:45 AM (St.W) Delpha & James Plantz, requested by Doug & Sue Grant

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

8:00 AM (St. A) William Dimmock, requested by Jim & Susan Kemper

6:30 PM (St. A) Edward & Gladys Maloney, requested by their family

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

8:00 AM (St. A) Kathleen Schmanski, requested by Gena Gorder

8:45 AM (St.W) John Joseph Smith, requested by Mimi & Jim Murray and Anne

Koenig

Thursday, October 24, 2024

8:00 AM (St. A) Timothy Craighead, requested by Joan Kilgore

Friday, October 25, 2024

8:00 AM (St. A) Tina Weiland (AD), requested by Kathy Weiland

8:45 AM (St. W) Alberta Hoover, requested by Maureen Hohman

Saturday, October 26, 2024

8:00 AM (St. A) Fr. Michael Greb (AD), requested by Fr. Michael Caridi

4:00 PM (St. A) Robert Kilgore, requested by Joan Kilgore

5:30 PM (St. W) James & Aileen O'Brien, requested by David O'Brien

Sunday, October 27, 2024

8:00 AM (St. A) Nella Fruni, requested by Fenice Nicola Mercurio

10:00 AM (St. A) Deceased Members of the Gorman and Olwell Families,

requested The Gorman-DePaolo Family

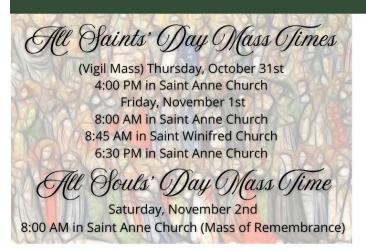
11:30 AM (St. W) Edward Rodgers, requested by Ryan McCartney

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

"The Mass is the most favorable occasion to speak with the eternal Hather, because then we offer Him His only Son as a victim for our salvation. Before celebrating, reflect on the sufferings of your Redeemer, commune peaceably with Him, even in the midst of dryness; earry to the altar the needs of the entire world." (-St. Paul of the Cross)

In your prayers please also remember to pray for **Gertrude McCrum**, **William Shay**, **Mary "Jean" Donati** and all the deceased members of Saint Paul of the Cross Parish.

Parish News



The Feast of All Souls

The Church observes the Feast of All Souls on November 2nd. This day affords us the opportunity to remember and pray for our beloved dead, especially the souls in Purgatory, the spiritual state of the soul in which it is purified before entering into Heaven. Therefore, on Saturday, November 2nd we will offer our annual Mass of Remembrance at 8:00 AM. As has been our custom, all those who were buried from out parish throughout the past year will be remembered and prayed for in a special way, their names read aloud and a candle lit in their memory. If you would like someone who has died in the past year to be remembered at this Mass, please call the parish office with their name no later than October 27th.



Please come to a **Donut Social** in Harkins Hall after the 8:00 &10:00 AM Mass this weekend. Enjoy coffee, some goodies and fellowship. Hosted by the Saint Paul of the Cross Parish Pastoral Council.

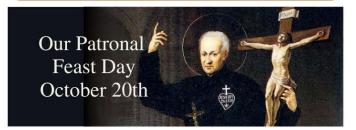


Baptisms

Last weekend,

Adrian DePasquale,

son of Andreina Mercedes, received the Sacrament of Baptism. Please pray for Adrian, his family and Godparents.



Today, we celebrate the Feast Day of our patron, Saint Paul of the Cross. He was born Paul Francis Danei, in 1694 near Genoa, Italy to a family of merchants and as a young man assisted his father in the family business. While he always lived a devout and austere Catholic life, he enlisted in the army at age 19, but left the following year.

Devotionally, Paul always found solace in meditating on Christ crucified and in 1720 experienced three mystical visions during which he was instructed to found a religious congregation.

For a period of forty days Paul retreated into solitude to write a rule of life for what would eventually become the Passionists, a religious community who center their lives on proclaiming the great love of God for every human soul as manifested through the Sacred Passion of Jesus Christ.

St. Paul of the Cross was eventually ordained a priest in 1727, spent the remainder of his life meditating upon, writing about and preaching about how the Passion of Jesus Christ is the key to interpreting, understanding and believing in the depths of God's love for all of us.

Our Patron died in Rome on October 18, 1775.

Parish Offertory October 13, 2024

Offertory: \$ 18,348.22 Utilities: \$ 287.63

Youth Ministry: \$1,944.00

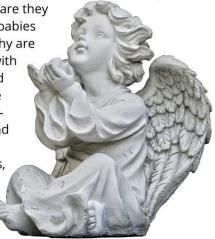
The second collection this weekend is for World Mission Sunday.

Ministry Announcements

Adult Ed Parish Presentation

Please join Mike Aquilina on Tuesday, October 29th at 7:00 PM in St. Anne Church for his presentation on "Angels, Signs & Wonders." He'll talk about angels — who they are and how they figure in history and in our everyday lives. He'll also discuss the how and why of

their depictions. Why are they portrayed as chubby babies with stubby wings? Why are fallen angels shown with horns and hooves and pitchforks? Angels are real and they're everywhere, in Scripture and in life. Aquilina is the author of many books, songwriter, and co-founder of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology.



OCT. 20 - FAITH NIGHT

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

NOV. 3 - FAITH NIGHT

Topics: All Saints, All Souls, & Presentation of Mary 7:00–8:30 PM, St. Anne Church Adoration, Litany of the Saints, Lectio Divina, Festive 'Fall' Snacks + Apple Cider

NOV. 16 - SERVICE PROJECT for Little Sisters of the Poor

12:00 – 4:00 PM Sts. Peter and Paul Home (Pittsburgh) More info to come; email Andrew to sign up!

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

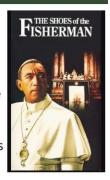
-Events are open to all students in grades 8-12!

Parish Movie Night

in the St. Anne church Parking Lot October 24th, 7:30 PM

The Shoes of the Fisherman

In an effort to prevent World War III, one man is called upon to succeed where all the world leaders have failed. That man, once a prisoner in a Soviet labor camp, is now the Pope. Staring Anthony Quinn.



In the event of poor weather, show times and locations could change. Contact Don Fontana with questions at *dfontana@stpaulofthecross.com*.

Save the Dates: More info online and in future bulletins. **November 7th, Theology on Tap:** Young adults (ages 21+) are invited to Theology on Tap from 7:00-9:00 PM at Caliente's (Upper Room)

November 14th, Basic Self-Defense Class: Lieutenant Robert Opferman returns to give instruction from 6:30 -8:30 PM in the Convent Dining Rm.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Mon. October 21

5:00 PM CCD at SHCA

Tues. October 22

8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration in St. Anne church 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 dePaul Society in the DePalma Rm 7:30 PM Respect Life Speaker in St Anne church

Wed. October 23

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

Thurs. October 24

7:00 PM Journey of Grief 6th of 7 meetings in the DePalma Rm 7:00 PM Tae Kwon Do in Harkins Hall

Fri. October 25

7:30 PM Parish Movie Night in the St Anne parking lot (*The Shoes of the Fisherman*)

Sat. October 26

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





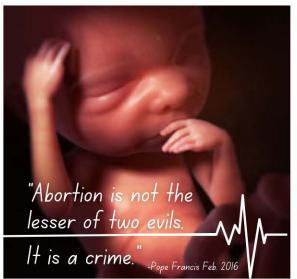
Why I Am Pro-Life by Bishop Waltersheid

As Catholics there is a question that each of us must ask of ourselves—"Why am I Pro-Life? I often reflect on and pray about this pivotal question in my life. Here are some fundamental reasons that I can affirm that I am Pro-Life. They are straight-to-the-point, not argumentative, and right from my heart.

I am Pro-Life because I am Pro-Child. Whatever words a person uses to describe abortionwomen's health care, reproductive health care, termination of a pregnancy—the truth is that

abortion is the killing of a human being, a child at that. The most vulnerable person of all is a child in the womb who is cannot speak up and ask for help or defense. Because the unborn child is tiny and weak, he or she cannot fight off the one who is seeking to end his or her life. However, the child not yet born, is absolutely a son or daughter created in the image and likeness of God. Each child has been given specific gifts by God to live a life in which he or she gives and receives love. No one has the right to deny a person this gift of life; this child is to be embraced and loved.

I am Pro-Life because I am Pro-Science. Scientific research has provided ample evidence that the unborn child is a separate person from the moment of conception. Each child is a distinctively different and separate human person from the mother who carries this tiny person in her womb. The unborn child has a distinct genetic structure (DNA). Every cell in the mother's body has a set of chromosomal characteristics that is entirely distinct from every cell in the baby's body. The unborn child may have a different sex (mothers, who are female, may carry a male or female child). The unborn child frequently has a blood type other than the mother's. The unborn child can be of a different race from the mother. The unborn child can die without the mother dying. The conception of a child in a mother's womb begins a process that culminates in its leaving the mother's body to live its' own life. No organ or part of a woman's body can do this. The tiny human person in a mother's womb may not be killed at the whim or decision of another. The vastly improved quality and accuracy of ultrasound of unborn children shows that there is no doubt that these are human persons who have inherent dignity, worth, and the right to live. Just



ask a mother or a father who sees for the first time the ultrasound of their unborn child. They have no doubt that this is a child. Most often their heart is filled with love and the desire to love this child to birth. Science has confirmed my commitment to be uncompromisingly Pro-Life.

I am Pro-Life because I am Pro-Woman. There is a lie propagated today claiming that abortion is health care for women and that abortion is the answer to the challenge of a

pregnancy in the difficult situations in a woman's life. The absolute opposite is the truth. Abortion does not provide a cure or health care for women. Rather, abortion degrades women, treating their fertility as a defect or a disease. Abortion enables men to objectify, use and then leave women with no support or true love when they need it the most. Abortion never empowers women. Instead, it violates them physically, emotionally and spiritually. They often suffer the rest of their lives from shame, guilt, and emotional pain. Abortion contributes to lives of rejection, depression, anger and feelings of worthlessness for women. This allows them to be further objectified and exploited. Abortion has nothing to do with health for women. It is cold, heartless and destructive. Who has recounted this to me? Women themselves, over and over again. I am Pro-Life because I cherish and respect women too much to allow them to be so hurt.

I am Pro-Life because I am Pro-Justice and Pro-

Mercy. Every single human person is entitled to equal protection under the law. The most fundamental of human rights is the right to life. If a person is denied the right to life, then no other right has any meaning or purpose. We must not be elitist or discriminatory. All people have the right to live, not just those who are already born. Just because a person is tiny and hidden, that person must not be denied this most fundamental right to live. We are called to recognize that the mercy of the Father has come to us in Jesus, who was conceived in His Mother's womb and was born as a tiny child. After we have received this mercy in Jesus, who forgives, heals and saves, we must pour out this mercy, especially to the weakest and the most

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vulnerable—certainly among these are women in challenging pregnancies and preeminently those who are tiny, weak and voiceless—the unborn in the womb. Because I am Pro-Justice and Pro-Mercy, I defend the lives of the unborn and their mothers.

I am Pro-Life because I am Pro-Culture and Family.

In those countries in central and Eastern Europe which were dominated for decades by Communist ideologies espousing the policy of abortion on demand, there is a severe demographic problem. They are plagued by death rates that significantly exceed their birth rates. If this trend continues, it is estimated that they will not survive past 2080. Their demographic winter has been largely impacted by the millions of babies aborted over the years. Some countries that are currently Communist, such as mainland China, Cuba and North Korea, are in disastrous straits for the same reason. Countries in Western Europe that have embraced a radically materialistic, secularized way of life in which abortion is embedded as a common practice—such countries are challenged with prospects of the same bleak future. Abortion strikes also at the heart of the nuclear family, betraying the fruit of marital love, a child that gives hope and life for the future. Untold damage has been done to the nuclear family as well as the culture by abortion. We must reject abortion, because we want our Christian culture and our families to continue making contributions to global peace and wellbeing. We may cry out to God asking, "Why do you not send, O Lord, someone to find the answer to cure cancer or to prevent the next pandemic? Why do you not send someone who can solve the problem of violence in the Middle East or in Ukraine?" The answer from heaven may be, "I did, but you aborted them?"

I am Pro-Life because I am Pro-Love. Our Lord said, "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (Jn 15:13).

I believe that just as Jesus Christ laid down His life for all of us, I am called as a Catholic, as a priest and as a bishop, to lay down my life for my unborn brothers and sisters and for their mothers. I will never stop advocating for them until God calls me at the end of my earthly life, because He has loved all of us and has called us to love as He desires. For in the end, it is love that is victorious, not violence and killing of the most vulnerable.

Please embrace and promote the Church's constant teaching on the Gospel of Life. Please support the Pro-Life groups that do such selfless and empowering work in our diocese. I encourage you to get involved in their work and to support them through volunteering. A few of them are:

40 Days for Life

40daysforlifepittsburgh.com Nikki Bruni (412) 926-9413

Sidewalk Advocates for Life

sidewalkadvocates.org

Program Leader(s): Andrew & Jennifer

Phone: Jennifer: 412-920-4916

Email: Andrew: andrewSAFLPGH@protonmail.com

Jennifer: pghsaland365@gmail.com

Walking with Moms in Need

diopitt.org/walking-with-moms-in-need Call Diocese of Pittsburgh (412) 456-5646 Or Deacon Frank Bursic (412) 638-5057

My dear brothers and sisters, pray and fast for the end of abortion, for unborn children, for the support of expectant mothers, and for the strengthening and the revitalization of family life.

Our Lady, Mother of the Creator and Author of All Life, pray for us!



Respect Life Ministry Welcomes Andrew McCauley of Sidewalk Advocates for Life

On October 22nd, 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.



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