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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, November 24, 2024**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe**

**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, November 25, 2024**

8:00 AM (St. A) Deceased Members of the William Merkt Family, *requested by Don Merkt and family*

**Tuesday, November 26, 2024**

8:00 AM (St. A) Marlene C. Wehar (BR), *requested by Louis B. Wehar*  
6:30 PM (St. A) Amy Barry, *requested by Linda Cumpston*

**Wednesday, November 27, 2024**

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

**Thursday, November 28, 2024**

10:00 AM (St. A) Marge Faber, *requested by The Faber Family*

**Friday, November 29, 2024**

8:00 AM (St. A) The John Topolosky Family, *requested by Joan Head*

**Saturday, November 30, 2024**

8:00 AM (St. A) The Doleno and Wasko Families, *requested by Lori Wasko and family*  
4:00 PM (St. A) Eileen Karenbauer, *requested by Mike & Mary Ann Karenbauer*  
5:30 PM (St. W) For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, December 1, 2024**

8:00 AM (St. A) Audrey Dorfner (BR), *requested by The Marty Dorfner Family*  
10:00 AM (St. A) Evelyn Petrich, *requested by Nancy & Ralph Belsterling*  
11:30 AM (St. W) Carmela Ligato, *requested by The Gans Family*  
6:00 PM (St. A) Dominic Rettig, *requested by The Novelli Family*

*In this world I  
cannot see the  
Most High Son  
of God with my  
own eyes,  
except for His  
Most Holy Body  
and Blood.*

- St. Francis of Assisi

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



# Parish News

## From the Pastor

### Solemnity of Christ the King

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. This feast brings the Church's liturgical year to a close. Throughout the past year, we've reflected upon the various mysteries and stages of our Lord's life and ministry. On this feast day, however, we contemplate Jesus in His glorified state as the King of all creation, who will judge us from His throne of glory. Let us show our deep devotion to Jesus our King by means of a more fervent adoration of His Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist and by struggling a little more each day to imitate His example.

### Happy Thanksgiving!

This coming Thursday we will celebrate Thanksgiving Day. Since that crisp Autumn day in 1621 when the remnants of the Pilgrims listened to a sermon of praise and joined in prayers to God in gratitude for His goodness to them, Thanksgiving has been an American holiday. As a nation, we have a lot to be grateful for: our freedom, our prosperity and, especially at this time, the numerous men and women who serve in the Armed Forces to protect the good things we have. Therefore, this Thursday, let us attend the Eucharist to render appropriate "thanks" to God.

Please note that there will be only ONE Mass on Thanksgiving morning at 10:00 AM in Saint Anne church. As has been our custom, the annual collection of food items for the Little Sisters of the Poor will be taken up at Offertory time.

## Thanksgiving Mass & Food Drive

Thursday, November 28th, at 10:00 AM  
in Saint Anne church

**The parish office will close at Noon on  
Wednesday, November 27th and reopen  
on Sunday, December 1st, at 8:30 AM**



**God our Father,**

*Graciously accept from your humble people  
a thankful heart and spirit.*

*Everything we have and are able to share with others  
ultimately comes from your love of your creations.*

*Often we think that everything we have  
is our own creation;*

*we ask you this day to create in us  
a spirit of gratitude,*

*that we may always know  
that all good gifts come from you.*

*We ask this through Christ our brother,  
in the power of the Holy Spirit.*

*Amen.*



## End of the Year Gift Giving

All registered families will shortly receive an end of the year parish appeal letter. Please prayerfully consider giving to this annual collection.

Many non-parishioners regularly choose to attend weekday and Sunday Masses in our parish because they appreciate our style of worship. If you'd like to make an end of the year gift to Saint Paul of the Cross Parish you can simply send a check to Fr. Mike's attention to the parish office, or contribute online by selecting the "Support" button at the top of our website's home page. Thank you for your consideration and support!



## The Giving Trees

Thanks for supporting the tradition of gift giving again this year. If you have not done so yet, please return your wrapped gift, **with the tag attached to the outside**, as soon as possible. We would like all gifts returned by December 2nd. Gifts may be left in either church or brought to the parish office Sunday before noon. Please contact Joan Kilgore (412) 531-5964 with any questions.

Due to early bulletin submission deadlines during the holidays, offertory figures for the weeks of November 17th and November 24th will be available in the December 1st publication.  
The second collection on 11/24/2024 will support the fund for Religious Retirement.

## Christmas Flower Memorials



Envelopes for the annual Christmas Flower offering are included in your envelope packet and will be available soon at the entrances of the churches. You can make a donation in memory of someone or make a donation in your name. Please make sure to **print the names clearly** on the envelope. You can make a flower donation through Faith Direct as well. Look in their "annual collection" section. Please remember to indicate who the donation is for in the note section beneath the donation field. The flower memorials will be published in a bulletin following Christmas, so please get your envelopes in early.

## Harkins Hall Update

Work began this week on renovating Harkins Hall. While the work is being completed, the hall will remain closed. This includes the bathrooms downstairs. Thank you for your patience.

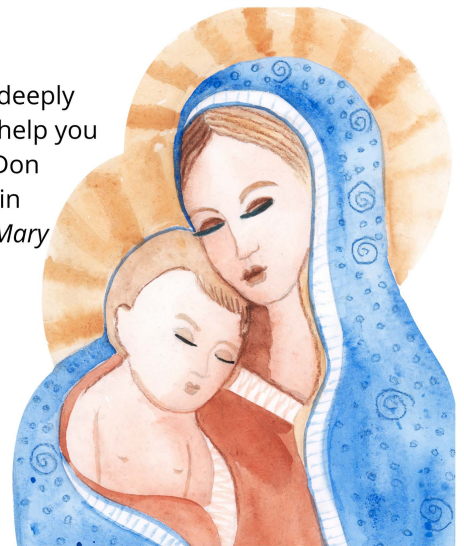
# Ministry Announcements

## Adult Education: *An Advent Retreat with Mary*

If you're tired of rushing through Advent each year, and you'd like to enter more deeply into the Christmas season, then go on 'retreat' this Advent with Mary, and let her help you prepare your heart and mind to celebrate the great feast of the Incarnation. Join Don Fontana Tuesdays, December 3th, 10th, & 17th beginning at 7:15 PM (after Mass) in the Convent Dining Room for Dr. Brant Pitre's audio series *An Advent Retreat with Mary* where he explores:

- What does the Annunciation reveal to us about Jesus?
- Who were the Magi? Why did they bring gifts to Jesus?
- How is Mary the New Ark of the Covenant?

In this Advent Bible study and retreat, Dr. Pitre takes you on a scriptural journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem by looking at Jesus through the eyes of the person closest to him: the Virgin Mary.



## YOUTH MINISTRY



### DEC. 1 - TURKEY BOWL 2024

3:00 - 4:30 PM Armstrong Park (Baldwin)  
Our annual Flag Football game!  
Includes Lunch, Gatorade, Hot Chocolate, &  
Long-sleeved team T-shirts!

### DEC. 8 - FAITH NIGHT

Topics: Our Lady of Loreto & Our Lady of Guadalupe  
7:00 - 8:30 pm at St. Anne Church  
Adoration, Novena Prayers, Service Project (TBD), Nachos, Minute-To-Win-It Games

### DEC. 15 - CHRISTMAS PARTY

4-6 PM @ MT. LEBANON LANES  
A Bowling Party to celebrate Christmas!  
Bowling, Refreshments, and Arcade Cards  
Prizes for lane(s) with highest combined scores

Students interested in these events should contact Andrew Barnhart - [abarnhart@stpaulofthecross.com](mailto:abarnhart@stpaulofthecross.com)  
**-Events are open to all students in grades 8-12!**

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### **Tues. November 26**

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

### **Wed. November 27**

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

### **Thurs. November 28**

10:00 AM Mass and Food Drive  
in St Anne church

### **Sat. November 30**

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. December 1**

11:15 AM St. Nicholas Visits St. Anne church after the  
10 AM Mass  
3:00 PM Youth Ministry Turkey bowl (off campus)





## 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 Tuesday, December 3rd, between 1:00 - 4:00 PM. Reservations can be made by calling or emailing Don Fontana at (412) 531-5964 or [dfontana@stpaulofthecross.com](mailto:dfontana@stpaulofthecross.com).

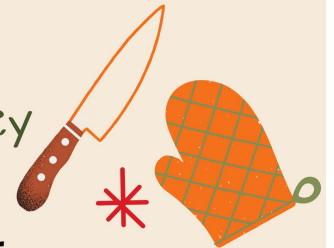
If you have never volunteered in the parish before, and need help to create a **new** on-line VIRTUS account please read the following documents in advance: Code of Pastoral Conduct, Reporting of Child Abuse & the Child Protective Services Law of PA, and Declarations. All three documents are available in the document racks of both churches.

## St. Nicholas is coming!

Sunday, December 1  
following the  
10 AM Mass  
in St. Anne Church  
Be sure to bring  
your camera and  
take a picture.



Get out of the KITCHEN  
and take a break from the leftover turkey  
NEXT WEEKEND



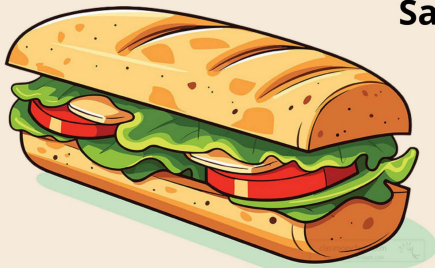
## Support the Women's Guild Hoagie Fundraiser

The Women's Guild of Saint Paul of the Cross Parish will be selling Italian hoagies. The hoagies will be served on a large bun, with Ham, Salami, Capicola, lettuce, tomato, white and yellow American cheese, and Italian Dressing (on the side). Hoagie's will be sold on Saturday (evening), Nov. 30th, and Sunday, Dec. 1st, after all of the masses, until all hoagies are sold. Hoagies cost \$10.00. Please make checks out to *St. Paul of the Cross Parish*.

**New details for Pre-orders:** You can guarantee that you get hoagies by pre-ordering. Hoagie Pre-Order forms (found below) may be completed and dropped off, *with payment*, at the church office during regular office hours, or placed in the locked mailbox outside the parish office doors when the office is closed.

**Hoagie Pre-Order forms must be handed in by Monday, Nov. 25th** (the deadline was extended).

Pre-ordered Hoagies can be picked up on **Saturday, Nov. 30th from Noon - 4:00 PM and on Sunday, Dec. 1st between 9:00 and 1:00PM** in the St. Anne Convent Dining Room.



Hoagie components supplied by DeCarlo's Market and Deli, Elizabeth, PA

## Saint Paul of the Cross Hoagie Fundraiser Pre-Order Form

Return this form **with payment** by Monday, November 25th.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

#of hoagies \_\_\_\_\_

**Please no special orders**

Amt. paid (\$10.00/hoagie) \_\_\_\_\_

# Sacramental Information



**Baptisms** are celebrated on Sundays after the 10:00 AM Mass at Saint Anne church. Call the parish office at (412) 531-5964 to schedule. Completion of a Pre-Baptism class is required with your

*first child* before scheduling. Our next Baptism class will be held in January from 5:30-7:00 PM in the DePalma Room. If you have questions, or would like to register, contact Don Fontana at [dfontana@stpaulofthecross.com](mailto:dfontana@stpaulofthecross.com).

**Confessions:** At Saint Anne you may receive the sacrament on Tuesdays from 5:15 - 6:15 PM and Saturdays from 11:00 - 11:45 AM. You can visit Saint Winifred church where Reconciliation is scheduled on Saturdays from 4:45 - 5:15 PM.

**Holy Eucharist** is usually celebrated for the first time around age seven or eight and is preceded by First Confession (the Sacrament of Reconciliation). If you have a child who is of age, be sure to enroll them in our Faith Formation (CCD) program at South Hills Catholic Academy. Call (412) 631-3131 for more information.



**Confirmation** takes place in the spring of 8th grade. All home-schooled, public and parochial school students who have not been confirmed should be enrolled in our Faith Formation (CCD) program at South Hills Catholic Academy. Call (412) 631-3131 for more information. Time spent in catechesis and prayer is necessary for preparing for such a pivotal sacrament in the life of our teens.

For adults, Confirmation usually takes place as part of the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) and interested candidates should connect with the Parish Office to inquire.

## Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is offered at Saint Anne church on Tuesdays. You may pray before the Blessed Sacrament after the 8:00 AM Mass and join in Benediction at 6:15 PM.

We invite everyone to join in this beautiful devotion! It is important to ensure that there is always someone present to adore Jesus. Contact Mary Weaver if you would like to sign up for an hour or half hour of prayer in Saint Anne church. (724) 814 - 2077



**Weddings** are scheduled on Saturdays at 1:30 PM in Saint Anne church. Arrangements must be made with the parish priest at least six months in advance, and a Pre-Cana class is required. The class takes place on the first weekend of March (February 28 & March 1, 2025). Information about the class, as well as guidelines regarding wedding planning in our parish, is available on our website in the *Sacraments and Ceremonies* section.

If you or someone you know has recently become engaged to be married, they are invited to contact Fr. Mike to set up an appointment to meet with him. Call the parish office (412) 531-5964.



**Holy Orders** is the call for men to share in the Priesthood for the salvation of souls. This call, or vocation, asks men to attend a seminary where they study and receive priestly formation.

If you feel you might be called to the Priesthood, please visit the web site: [www.pghpriest.com](http://www.pghpriest.com).

**Anointing of the Sick** can be arranged through the Parish Office. Please call (412) 531-5964.



## Christian Rite of Burial

Funerals are *usually* scheduled Monday-Saturday at Saint Anne Church at 9:30 AM and most often coordinated by a funeral home director. Our sacristans will guide you through the planning of the Mass. In extraordinary circumstances, arrangements for a Blessing Service can alternately be made. All Catholics must make appropriate arrangements to be permanently interred in a cemetery or a Catholic funeral cannot be offered.





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