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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, December 15, 2024**

**The Third Sunday of Advent**

**Confessions:**

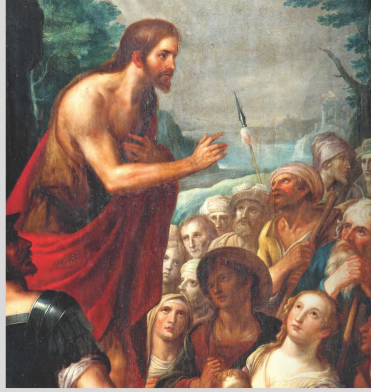
Saint Anne Church

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, December 16, 2024**

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

8:45 AM (St. W) Jean Handlos, *requested by Jack Burke*

**Tuesday, December 17, 2024**

8:00 AM (St. A) Gloria Derosa (AD), *requested by Pete & Rita*

6:30 PM (St. A) Bridget Xander (AD), *requested by Karen Xander*

**Wednesday, December 18, 2024**

8:00 AM (St. A) Velma Gray (AD), *requested by Tom & Mary Ann Gray*

8:45 AM (St. W) Daniel Goff (AD), *requested by Celeste & Robert O'Connor*

**Thursday, December 19, 2024**

8:00 AM (St. A) Jean Wing, *requested by Mike & Mary Ann Karenbauer*

**Friday, December 20, 2024**

8:00 AM (St. A) Deceased Members of the Swisher Family, *requested by their family*

8:45 AM (St. W) Patricia Grant (AD), *requested by Doug & Sue Grant*

**Saturday, December 21, 2024**

8:00 AM (St. A) Mary Garritan (AD), *requested by Pete, Rita & Mike*

4:00 PM (St. A) Patricia L. Weiss, *requested by her children*

5:30 PM (St. W) Helen & Charles McCausland (BR), *requested by Pat Jablonski*

**Sunday, December 22, 2024**

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

10:00 AM (St. A) Carol Marano, *requested by her husband, Richard Marano & family*

11:30 AM (St. W) Eloise Pajak (AD), *requested by Mike & Stephanie Stout*

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



*John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."*

*- Lk 3:16*



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



# Parish News

## Christmas Mass Times

*Tuesday, December 24*

4:00 PM St. Anne Church

5:30 PM St. Winifred Church

Midnight St. Anne Church  
(Choral Prelude to begin at 11:30 p.m.)

*Wednesday, December 25*

8:00 AM St. Anne Church

10:00 AM St. Anne Church

11:30 AM St. Winifred Church

### Parish Office Hours

December 23, 26, 27, 29, 30, & 31 the parish office will be open from 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

December 24, 25 & January 1 the parish office will be CLOSED

## Congratulations

On December 4th,

**Megan Richardson,**

daughter of James and Melissa Richardson received the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time.

On December 7th,

**Hezakiiah Bishop** and **Bliiu Denim Levin-Mack,** sons of Brandii Levin-Mack were Baptized. Hezakiiah also received Holy Communion and Confirmation. Congratulations to these Academy students! Please pray for Megan, Hezakiiah and Bliiu, their parents and godparents.

## 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.

## END OF 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 home page on our website, [www.stpaulofthecross.com](http://www.stpaulofthecross.com). Thank you for your consideration.

## OPLATKI

Envelopes of Oplatki can be purchased in the Parish Office during regular office hours while supplies last. The cost is \$3.00 per envelope containing for four pieces.



## *That Maketh The Seven Stars*

An Epiphany Concert for Organ and Choir

**Sunday, January 5, 2025 at 3:00 P.M.**

Please join us for an Epiphany Concert featuring original compositions by Brendan Lowery and Luke Wenceslas Mayernik. The concert will also feature works by Will Todd and Jonathan Dove. There will be a free-will offering taken to offset costs of the performance (suggested donation of \$20 per person)

## Parish Offertory December 8, 2024

Offertory: \$ 19,666.98

Utilities: \$ 237.10

Youth Ministry: \$ 2,266.00

## Online Giving with Faith Direct

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

## The Giving Trees

Saint Paul of the Cross Parishioners once again displayed tremendous generosity this year! Your participation in the Annual "Giving Tree" event allowed for nearly 500 gifts to be distributed to service organizations in our parish and our local community. Your generosity and kindness provided happiness to many individuals. On behalf of those who will receive these special gifts, and the staff at Saint Paul of the Cross Parish, we thank you for opening your heart this Christmas and helping to make others feel special. Please keep the recipients of these gifts and their benefactors in your prayers.

## 2025 Calendars

Thank you to Laughlin Funeral Home again this year for the beautiful 2025 wall calendars which were available at both churches the last two weekends! If you have not received one yet, stop into the parish office to get one while supplies last.

# Ministry Announcements

## Ladies of Charity

### Caroling at the Pines



The Saint Paul of the Cross Ladies of Charity visited the Pines of Mt. Lebanon to sing Christmas carols with some of their patients last weekend. Everyone enjoyed themselves. If you would like to become a member of the Ladies of Charity, please contact Teri Ranalli at (412) 341-3066 or attend their next meeting on February 15th at noon in the Convent Dining Room.

## Lunches for the Hungry

Your continued support is needed to help provide 150 lunches for the Red Door Ministry serving the hungry poor of Pittsburgh. Cash and checks are graciously accepted to help with this project.



### **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)



## Substance Addiction Ministry's Rosary for Recovery

Please join us in Saint Anne church on Tuesday, December 17th, and every third Tuesday of the month, at 5:45 PM. when we pray a Rosary For Recovery. This prayer is offered for those suffering from addiction, and for loved ones lost to the disease of addiction.

### H A P P E N I N G T H I S W E E K

#### **Mon. December 16**

5:00 PM CCD at South Hills Catholic Academy  
7:00 PM Journey of Grief meeting in the DePalma Rm

#### **Tues. December 17**

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  
5:30 PM Lunches for the Hungry in the Convent Dining Rm  
5:45 PM SAM Rosary for Recovery in St. Anne church  
7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul meeting in the DePalma Rm  
7:15 PM Adult Education Advent Series in the Convent Dining Rm (*An Advent Retreat With Mary*)

#### **Wed. December 18**

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

#### **Thurs. December 19**

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

#### **Sat. December 21**

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



## Respect Life News 2025 March for Life / Jan. 24, 2025 Washington, D.C.

Saint Paul of the Cross parish will not charter a bus for this year's march. However, you are invited to join Triumph of the Hoy Cross Parish to travel to our nation's capital to peacefully pray and protest for the protection and dignity of our unborn brothers and sisters. This year's theme is "Life: Why We March"

### Schedule

- 6:00 AM Luxury bus departs from St. Elizabeth of Hungary church
- 11:00 AM Arrive Washington, DC
- 4:00 PM Bus pick up home  
rest stop for food
- 10:00 PM Approximate arrival back at St Elizabeth church



- COST: is \$30 for Adults and \$20 for Students
- water and bus snacks are provided
- bring a small lunch including small cooler if desired
- CONTACT: Mary Pat Swauger (412) 651-3093

## Discover the Power of Praying Before The Cross

Parishioners and parish families are invited to bring our parish "Traveling Crucifix" into their homes for a week of prayer. It is a replica of the very cross from which Jesus spoke to Saint Francis in the church at San Damiano. The Cross is the principal symbol of the Catholic faith and the instrument of Christ's sacrifice on our behalf. The power of praying before a Crucifix was a lesson learned by Saint Francis of Assisi, perhaps our most known and loved saint. Worship aids, with daily prayers and thoughtful reflections, will travel with the Crucifix. Everything you need to complete this devotion as a family will be there.



To register your family to participate in this week long devotion find the sign up link associated with this devotion in the news section of our website, or scan this QR code.

Questions? Please contact Don Fontana, Adult Faith Formation Coordinator at [dfontana@stpaulofthecross.com](mailto:dfontana@stpaulofthecross.com)

## Advent Confessions

*"Who can say he is not a sinner?  
Nobody. We all are."*

-Pope Francis



Advent is a time to prepare for the birth of our Lord, and confession is one of the many ways to prepare our hearts and souls for this Christmas.

Confessions are regularly heard in Saint Anne church Tuesdays from 5:15 - 6:15 PM and Saturdays 11:00 - 11:45 AM. In Saint Winifred church, confessions are heard on Saturdays from 4:45 - 5:15 PM.

There will an additional opportunity for you to make your confession during Advent. On Monday, December 23rd, at 6:00 PM several priests will be on hand to hear confessions in Saint Anne church..

We encourage all adults, high school and grade school students to make a good Confession during Advent.

*Prayer for  
the 3rd  
Sunday of  
Advent*

Lord, the good news of Jesus' arrival brings such joy to our world! As we all go about the holiday season, let the message of great joy pierce through all the noise and into people's hearts.  
Amen.



# J O Y



God, we pray that through the intercessions of St. Nicholas you will guide and protect our children.

Keep them safe from all harm and help them grow to become loving disciples of Jesus in your sight.

Give them strength to always mature into deeper faith in you, and to keep alive joy in your creation.

Through Jesus Christ  
Our Lord. Amen.

*—by Father David R. Engbarth*



St. Nick came to see the children of the parish on December 1st. Thank you to everyone who made his visit possible.



## SOUTH HILLS CATHOLIC ACADEMY #SAINTSALIVE SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE

At South Hills Catholic Academy, no child is turned away because of the inability to pay. We are so grateful for the generosity of donors and benefactors like you!

Our goal with the annual scholarship drive is to raise \$25,000 by December 31 for the SHCA Scholarship Fund.

Donations may be made using the pre-addressed envelopes located in the parish or school office. Simply enclose your donation (checks preferred, payable to South Hills Catholic Academy) and either deliver to the school office, or affix a stamp and mail!



Additionally, donations may be made via PayPal, debit, or credit card at [www.SHCAcademy/support](http://www.SHCAcademy/support) in the "How to Donate" section. (Please choose the "Scholarships and Endowments" option in the drop-down menu.) Or, simply scan the QR Code – it will take you to the SHCA website.



Any questions? Please email Director of Marketing, Yvonne Creehan at [ycreehan@shcacademy.com](mailto:ycreehan@shcacademy.com), or call the school office at 412-631-3131.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of South Hills Catholic Academy and its mission. Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Pray for Us!

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