## United In Jesus Christ

### Saturday Vigil Mass
- 4:00 PM  Corpus Christi
- 4:30 PM  St. Angela Merici

### Sunday
- 8:30 AM  St. Patrick
- 9:00 AM  St. Robert Bellarmine
- 10:30 AM  Corpus Christi
- 11:00 AM  St. Angela Merici
- 5:30 PM  St. Patrick

### Weekdays
- Mon. 8:30 AM  St. Angela Merici
- Tues. 8:30 AM  St. Robert Bellarmine
- Wed. 8:30 AM  St. Patrick
- Thurs. 8:30 AM  St. Robert Bellarmine
- 7:00 PM  St. Angela Merici
- Fri. 8:30 AM  Corpus Christi

### Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Thurs. 6:15—6:50 PM  St. Angela Merici
- Sat. Noon -1:00 PM  St. Robert Bellarmine

Website:  [hailmary1.org](http://hailmary1.org)
Clergy Team

Administrator  Rev. Terrence P. O’Connor - contact St. Angela Merici
Parochial Vicar  Rev. Jack E. Demnyan - contact St. Angela Merici
Parish Chaplain  Rev. Joseph C. Beck - contact Corpus Christi
In Residence  Rev. Pius Nwankwo - contact Corpus Christi
Deacon Reynold Wilmer - contact St. Robert Bellarmine

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SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Baptism: Prior to having your child baptized, both parents must attend a pre-baptismal seminar. Please contact the parish in which the child is to be baptized.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Arrangements should be made at least six months prior to your wedding date. Please contact the parish in which the wedding is to occur. A date will be set only after contacting a priest.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please contact any of the four parishes or see a priest after Mass.

Holy Communion for Shut-Ins: Please contact the parish in which the person is a member.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) – This is the process to become Catholic or for Catholics to receive the rest of their Sacraments of Initiation. We also offer programs for children. Please contact any of the four parishes.
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Readings for the week of December 8, 2019

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1, 4-9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
“Prepare the way of the Lord.” (Mt 3:3) St. John the Baptist’s words are at the heart of the Advent season. This is what Advent is all about, preparing for the coming of Christ, both at Christmas and at his Second Coming in glory. How are our preparations coming along? We can prepare for many things, but nothing is as important as getting ready to meet Jesus. In the Gospel, St. John the Baptist goes on to say that we can show our readiness by bearing “good fruit.” (8)

What kind of fruit does the Lord seek from us? The fruit of praying with our hearts, reading Scripture and our Advent booklets, being kind to others, visiting the sick and the lonely, going to the sacrament of Reconciliation, reconciling with another, helping around the house, and smiling. What kind of fruit do you want to produce this Advent? Now is the time, for the Lord is near.

As we know the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is on December 8. However, since it falls this year on a Sunday in Advent, it is moved to Monday, December 9 and the obligation to attend Mass is lifted. Although it is not a holy day of obligation this year, we will still celebrate this solemnity at an 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Angela and a 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Patrick.

The Immaculate Conception refers to Our Lady being conceived without Original Sin from her parents St. Anne and St. Joachim. Further, Mary remained sinless throughout her entire life. The Immaculate Conception was declared infallible teaching by Pope Pius IX in 1854, with such a notion developing over several centuries. The Blessed Virgin Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is the Patroness of the United States and also the Diocese of Pittsburgh. St. Paul is the secondary patron of our diocese. May this day remind us of our call to remain pure and sinless. As one of the Beatitudes tells us, “Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.” (Mt 5:8) Our purity will draw us into a closer union with God. May this day also recall the love and help that our Mother in heaven gives to each of us. Please find a schedule of Masses in the bulletin. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us.

A great way to prepare for the coming of Jesus is through Reconciliation. We will have The Light is On for You! on Wednesday, December 11 from 6 - 9 p.m. at Corpus Christi and St. Robert. It is amazing how many people come to this special evening who have been away from church for many years. This is a golden opportunity to invite another, especially if they have been away for some time. Please find other opportunities for Reconciliation in the bulletin.

As we enter into the giving season, I ask that you keep the Parish Share Program in mind. As we know, Parish Share goes toward a wide variety of diocesan initiatives that impact each of us. This includes such things as supporting Catholic schools, CCD, sacramental preparation, formation of seminarians and future deacons, hospital chaplains, and youth and young adult ministry. As evidenced in the bulletin, some of our parishes are running short of our goals. If we fall short of our goal, then we must pay the diocese from our savings. In contrast, if we exceed our goal then we keep the overage. You can simply place your donation in the collection with the designation, “Parish Share.” Please be as generous as you can toward Parish Share which ends in January. Thank you.

Finally, Pope Francis recently added a new celebration to the General Roman Calendar. The Blessed Virgin Mary of Loreto has been decreed an optional memorial on December 10. The Holy House of Mary is preserved in a basilica in Loreto, Italy. Tradition holds that Mary was born and raised in the house. It is also where the Angel Gabriel greeted her at the Annunciation. Historic documentation shows that the house was brought from Palestine to Italy in the 13th century.

On Mission News

We will announce our new parish name at all the Masses next weekend, December 14-15. Drum roll please! I ask that you keep On Mission in your prayers.

Last weekend, we began scheduling liturgical ministers from our four parishes to serve among our entire grouping. It was very powerful and moving to see new faces serving among our four parishes. I thank our ministers for their willingness to share their gifts among our grouping. Their leadership and example are going to help us to become one family in Christ. I ask that ministers coming to new churches arrive early to prepare and to present any questions to the clergy and sacristans. Like any new situation, I ask that we all exercise patience. I thank all ministers again for helping to move us toward becoming one new parish.

I was blessed to be a part of Amen to Action last Friday. We took a busload of 33 to the Convention Center where we joined 4,000 volunteers in packing a million meals for the hungry of Western PA. Volunteers were from all over and were from a variety of faith traditions. It was a day filled with prayer, fellowship, music, and fun. I thank all those who made a big difference in the lives of others.
Christmas Decorating at St. Robert’s Church
Noon on Sunday Dec. 22nd - All are welcome! Join us for pizza after our work is done. Any questions, please call Noreen Dodds 412 334-1967.

Italy Pilgrimage with Fr. Terry
In partnership with the Pittsburgh Catholic, I am leading a pilgrimage to Italy in 2020! Our Catholic faith is evident throughout all of Italy. We will of course visit Rome where our Church is built upon the rock of St. Peter. While in Rome, we will be inspired by so many places of religious significance. We will also seek an audience with Pope Francis, if he is in residence. In addition, we will be on pilgrimage to see magnificent churches and artwork in such places as Assisi, Florence, and Venice. We will walk in the footsteps of St. Peter, St. Paul, St. Mark, St. Francis, St. Clare, and many others. Daily Mass will be celebrated in amazing churches. The dates are September 21-30, 2020. The price is $4,699 per person based on double occupancy in specially selected hotels. Includes round trip airfare from Pittsburgh. Breakfasts and dinners are included. You can request a roommate and Unitours will try to accommodate you. For itinerary and to book online visit www.bit.ly/Oconnor20 or contact Marianna at Unitours, phone 800-777-7432 or email mpisano@unitours.com. $100 discount if you book by January 2, 2020. Feel free to also contact me with any questions, toconnor@diopitt.org or 412-672-9641.

The Junior Ladies of Charity from Saint Angela Merici will be having a meeting on Tuesday December 10, at 3:30pm.in the Church basement. We will be making Christmas cards for nursing home patients and crafts for homebound parishioners from our areas. Please bring toiletry items to donate to The Intersection. All girls from 6-12 grade from our Parish Grouping are welcome.

Reconciliation Schedule – Dec. 2019
In addition to our regularly scheduled Reconciliation, please find below additional opportunities.

Wed., Dec. 11: The Light is On for You,
6 - 9 p.m.
Corpus Christi St. Robert

Mon., Dec. 16: Grouping Penance Service
7 p.m.
St. Patrick

Advent Booklets
We are happy to offer Advent booklets from Word Among Us. They include wonderful reflections for each day of the Advent season and also include the daily Mass readings. Please pick up a copy at the doors of the church to help enhance your Advent journey.

The Faith Formation Team would love to communicate with you via Flocknote! You can join to receive messages & notices regarding CCD & Youth Group. Please join today.
The Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve: 4:00 p.m. Corpus Christi
4:00 p.m. St. Patrick
4:30 p.m. St. Angela
5:30 p.m. St. Robert
*10:00 p.m. St. Angela
*10:00 p.m. St. Patrick

Christmas Day: 9:00 a.m. St. Robert
10:30 a.m. Corpus Christi
11:00 a.m. St. Angela

* 9:30 p.m. - Christmas Music Prelude
(Choir at St. Patrick)

The Immaculate Conception Mass Schedule

Due to the Immaculate Conception falling on a Sunday this year, it will be celebrated on Monday, December 9 and the obligation to attend is lifted. All are welcome to attend.

Monday, December 9
8:30 a.m. St. Angela
7:00 p.m. St. Patrick

Corpus Christi– December Events

TUE 12-10 PB & J MINISTRY
11:00 AM - SH
THU 12-12 L.O.C. MEETING
6:00 PM - SH
THU 12-12 CURSILLO ULTREYA
7:30 PM - RMR
SAT 12-14 MEN’S FELLOWSHIP
7:30 AM - RMR
TUE 12-17 PB & J MINISTRY
11:00 AM - SH
THU 12-19 HOLY NAME MEETING
7:30 PM - RMR
SAT 12-28 MEN’S FELLOWSHIP
7:30 AM - RMR

Military Families- If any member of Corpus Christi Parish has a relative serving in the Military overseas, Ladies of Charity from Corpus Christi will send Christmas gifts to the person serving overseas. Please call Pat Andrews at 412-849-2576.

Thank You!

The Corpus Christi Ladies of Charity will hold their annual Christmas Party and dinner on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 6 pm in the social hall. Please bring the following according to the first initial of your last name:

A-H - Dessert
I-Q - Salad
R-Z - Appetizer

All LOC members from our grouping are welcome to attend as our guests.

Oplatki Christmas Wafers will be sold after all Masses by our Youth Group members and friends. Cost is $2.00. Thank you for your support.

The Holy Name Society of St. Angela would like to thank all those who participated in the St. Vincent dePaul Clothing Drive. They collected 200 bags and boxes of clothes for the needy. A special thank you to Ron Andrekanic, Fred Coder, Don Kudas, Scott Panzek, Larry Paulukonis and Rich Sullivan for all their efforts on this project.

Angel Tree Collection–

The gifts will be collected before Masses on Dec. 7th & 8th. Cash and gift cards can be placed in the offertory baskets. If you are unable to drop off your gift, please call Anna Marie at 412 678-1960. Thank you for making the Christmas Season brighter for someone less fortunate.
ST. PATRICK GIVING TREE- Sponsored by The Ladies of Charity:
The Giving Tree requests this year are for HOME-BOUND, PERSONAL/NURSING HOME residents, THE INTERSECTION and MCKEESPORT FIRST STEP. The tree, with ornaments will be set up in the vestibule of St. Patrick Church. Wrapped gifts, with original gift tags, are to be returned and placed under the tree on Sunday, December 15. Please see that the original ornament/tag is attached to your gift. Drop gift cards in a box marked- GIFT CARDS.


The Intersection has requested gift cards only for their clients. The back of the ornament will indicate where to purchase the cards. Please mark the value on the card.

For young children, purchase age appropriate clothes or toys. Each tag gives the child’s age and size.

Questions or concerns please call 412-678-2028.

MA’S PANTRY— the next distribution is Dec. 21st, 2019 9:30-11:00 AM at Broadway Alliance. Call 412-824-3198 with any questions. First time applicants must bring the following:

1. Proof of residence—East McKeesport or North Versailles
2. Current, government-issued photo ID such as a driver’s license
3. Proof of income
4. Names and birthdates of household family Members

The month of November, Ma’s Pantry is requesting mixes for baked goods & jello (bin located in church vestibule). Ma’s Pantry greatly appreciates your support and generosity!

Corpus Christi Giving Tree

Once again, we will help the children from the LaRosa Boys & Girls Club, the McKeesport First Step Program, and our Corpus Christi parishioners by making their Christmas bright.

Our tree is up and decorated with ornaments, please take an ornament; purchase the gift requested (that you can afford), wrap the gift, attach the ornament to this gift and return to church; placing it under the tree on or before SUNDAY - DECEMBER 15th.

Your generosity to our parish and community children for the past few years has been overwhelming!!! Still, a few others wish to help, but are unable - WE HEARD YOU!

If you would like to help, but are physically unable to shop for a gift- we are taking monetary donations, and will send our shoppers out to do the job so no child is disappointed!!!

Please mark the donation “Giving Tree” and place it in the collection basket - we’ll do the rest.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help put up the trees and decorate St. Patrick church on Thursday, December 19th at 6:00 P.M. Call Robin DiPerna at: 412-956-0858

Baptismal Class

Prior to the birth of their first child and baptism, parents are required to attend a baptismal seminar. A Baptismal Class will be held at 7PM on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at St. Angela’s, in the church vestibule. Please call 412-672-9641 to reserve a space.

Upcoming School Masses
Mary of Nazareth (St. Angela Church) at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 13 and 20th
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| **Corpus Christi**    |
| **Nov. 24, 2019**     |
| Offertory             | $4,580.75 |
| Monthly               | $312.00   |
| Votives               | $199.80   |
| Parish Share          | $458.00   |
| **Dec. 1, 2019**      |
| Offertory             | $3,408.00 |
| Monthly               | $462.00   |
| Votives               | $187.23   |
| Retirement            | $2,022.00 |
| Parish Share          | $1,182.00 |
| Parish Share Goal     | Received  |
| $73,243.00            | $33,620.01|

| **St. Patrick**       |
| **Nov. 24, 2019**     |
| Offertory             | $2,864.25 |
| Votive Lights         | $148.25   |
| Retirement            | $1,163.00 |
| Parish Share Goal     | Received  |
| $31,737.00            | $24,351.46|
| **Dec. 1, 2019**      |
| Offertory             | $3,290.00 |
| Votive Lights         | $131.75   |
| Thanksgiving          | $811.00   |
| Retirement            | $347.00   |
| Parish Share Goal     | Received  |
| $31,737.00            | $24,874.46|

| **St. Robert Bellarmine** |
| **Nov. 24, 2019**        |
| Offertory                | $1,725.00 |
| Retirement               | $910.00   |
| 2nd Collection           | $127.00   |
| Parish Share Goal        | Received  |
| $37,857.00               | $25,290.00|
| **Dec. 1, 2019**         |
| Offertory                | $3,959.00 |
| Retirement               | $262.00   |
| Military                 | $5.00     |
| Christmas Flowers        | $520.00   |
| 2nd Collection           | $363.00   |
| 50-50 Raffle won by Carolyn Edwards | $120.00 |

**Sanctuary Candle**

**Corpus Christi**

In Loving Memory of

† _All Living & Deceased of Our Parish_

**St. Patrick**

In Loving Memory of

† _Margaret Seliga Warren_  
_By : Children: George, John & Bonnie_

**St. Angela**

In Loving Memory of

† _Raymond Chronowski_  
_By: 'Mom & Dad_

Please remember in your prayers
Jean Forman, Raymond Pater, John Pasternak

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Amen
Knights of Columbus Children’s Christmas Party
Children in grades K through 6 are invited to the Knights of Columbus McKeesport Council 955’s Annual Children’s Christmas Party on Sunday, December 8th from 1:00-3:00 PM at Mary of Nazareth Catholic School gymnasium, 1640 Fawcett St. White Oak. Pizza, snacks, gifts, activities, entertainment, and a special visit from Santa is planned. At least one parent or Guardian must be present with their child.

McKeesport Model Railroad Club invites you to their Holiday Open House every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in December. 2209 Walnut Street, McKeesport. Go to www.mckeesportmodelrr.com for more info.

Friday- 7-10 PM  
Saturday- 1-7 PM  
Sunday- 2-6 PM  
Adults: $5.00  Children 5-17- $3.00  Under 5- Free  

A Local Tradition since 1950

UNBOUND: Freedom in Christ Two Day Conference. Discover the Freedom God has for you! Video presentation by author Neal Lozano and live teachings by Father Boniface Hicks, OSB. Fri Jan 17 - 6:30 to 9 pm & Sat Jan 18 - 9 to 5 pm; Our Lady of Joy, 2000 O’Block Rd, Pittsburgh PA 15239  
UNBOUND is a simple, gentle and powerful prayer ministry of freedom and healing helping us to release the POWER OF THE GOSPEL over spiritual blockages such as resentments, negative thoughts, or addictions. Jesus sets us free by breaking the power of sin and revealing the love of God. Join us for prayer, teaching, practice using the FIVE KEYS TO FREEDOM and opportunities for personal ministry from our ministry teams. Event sponsored by Unbound Pittsburgh-Greensburg Team. $35 registration fee includes Saturday lunch. Online registration: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/unbound-conference-jan-17-18-tickets-76846998441

Fundraiser for toddler Brodie Beresford’s medical and travel expenses, not covered by insurance. Brodie is fighting a rare genetic disease called NPC. Tickets for “Brodie’s Believers Holiday Shopping Spree” are $10 for a chance to win $500 cash and $2500 in gift cards. Contact Mary Lou – 412 266-8524 or Noreen – 412 334-3093

SINGLE, 21 or OVER (or know someone who is)? - Looking for a new way to meet people and have some fun? Check out the Catholic Singles Club of Pittsburgh. We offer a variety of different activities including dinners, mini golf, hay rides, baseball games, spirituality, community service, volleyball, sports leagues, trips, and many other great events. For more information, visit our website: www.cacpittsburgh.org

SAM – Substance Addiction Ministry  
The next Substance Addiction Ministry Rosary for Recovery will be Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at St. Colman Church, 100 Tri Boro Ave., Turtle Creek, PA 15145. We will meet at 7:00PM for the Rosary followed by an informal gathering for all who are afflicted or affected by addiction. It will be a safe, confidential place for people to seek education, referral and support. For more information please contact Noreen at 412 296-1709

Protecting God’s Children  
If you suspect any child is being abused or neglected call: Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at:  412-456-3093 (office); 1-888-808-1235 (hot line). Hot Line and PA Child Line at 1-800-932-0313. If you suspect a child is in imminent danger from abuse please call 911 immediately.
Please Note:

All bulletin articles must be submitted to the St. Angela Parish Office in writing, delivered to the office or by email to secretary@stangelamericiparish.org By Noon on Monday.

CHRISTMAS CLEANING - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
Wednesday, December 11th we will be cleaning the church and pews at St. Patrick immediately following the 8:30 morning Mass. If you can lend a hand, please join us. B.Y.O.B! (Bring your own buckets!) Your help is appreciated.

On Thursday, December 12 we rejoice in the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This feast commemorates the apparitions of Our Lady to St. Juan Diego in what is today, Mexico City, from Dec. 9-12, 1531. The Blessed Virgin left a miraculous image on St. Juan Diego’s tilma which is displayed at the basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. The tilma, made of cactus fibers, usually lasts, in the best of conditions, 20-25 years. However, the tilma with the miraculous image is still going strong today, almost 500 years later! Also, the eyes of the Blessed Virgin on the tilma are amazing. Similar to a human eye, her eyes reflect the people that she looked upon during the events of Guadalupe. A lot can be found about Our Lady of Guadalupe, including her eyes, on the internet. Our Lady of Guadalupe is patroness of all of the Americas. All are welcome to come to one of the daily Masses on the 12th for this wonderful feast.

The Patriotic Rosary has been rescheduled to Tuesday, December 10th at 7:00 PM at St. Angela Church. All are welcome to join us in this powerful prayer.

Jack Geltz Scholarship . . .
The Jack Geltz Scholarship is now being offered to any Duquesne University student in good standing in any of the four parishes in our grouping. Criteria for the scholarship requires that all applicants be in good academic standing at Duquesne University and must demonstrate need as determined by the FASFA and Financial Aid Office. If you are interested in applying for this scholarship for the 2020-2021 school year, please contact Cathy Nola cathy.nola@stangelamericiparish.org or call 412 672-9641 for the application.

Mary of Nazareth Catholic School will continue to accept your brief spiritual notes of faith to the children of this generation until December 15, 2019. These notes will be compiled in to a bound book. Thank you in advance for choosing to leave lasting words of wisdom for our children.

St. Angela's Ladies of Charity would like to thank all of those from our grouping who donated socks to Operation Safety Net. Your generosity will make life a little more comfortable for the homeless in our area. May God bless you for your kindness.

RCIA Grouping RCIA
We are excited to launch into our new RCIA year. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a process for adults to either become Catholic or for Catholics to receive the rest of their Sacraments of Initiation. Have you ever thought of becoming Catholic? Are you Catholic but still need First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation? Is there someone you would like to invite to learn more about becoming Catholic? Are you a fully initiated Catholic but want to learn more about the faith? Simply put, to come to know Jesus is a life changing encounter. RCIA is held at Corpus Christi Parish Hall, 803 Market St., McKeesport from 11-12:30 p.m. on Sundays. If you would like to discuss RCIA further please contact Fr. Terry.

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Halo of Hope

Occasionally our “Saints” need a little help with necessities which will help to assist in making their Catholic School experience a positive one. Please consider one of the following gifts this Christmas Season.

A monetary donation to help fulfill tuition and/or fundraising requirements.

☐ $25.00  ☐ $50.00  ☐ $75.00  ☐ $100.00  ☐ $________

Monetary donation to purchase Schoolbelles gift cards to be used to fulfill uniform requirements.

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A monetary donation to provide school lunches to those in most need.

☐ $12.50 1 week  ☐ $25.00 2 weeks  ☐ $50.00 one month

Please make checks payable to Mary of Nazareth Catholic School

The Principal, Miss McFarland, will be sure your gift is provided to those students in most need unless otherwise specified by you.

All gifts made to the Mary of Nazareth Catholic School’s Halo of Hope fund will remain anonymous.
EPIC ADVENT ADVENTURES PART TWO!

Christmas Craze!

WEAR YOUR UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER AND ENTER INTO OUR 9 SQUARE IN THE AIR TOURNAMENT!!

DECEMBER 8, 2019 | 7PM-8PM
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PART THREE: DECEMBER 15, 2019 | 7PM-8PM
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SANCTUARY CANDLE REQUESTS FOR 2020

We are now accepting Sanctuary Candle requests for the calendar year 2020. Since we will be using the office at St. Angela for our new parish, beginning January 1, 2020, all requests for our four church buildings will be handled through the St. Angela Office. All requests must be in writing and will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. One request per family. Please print clearly on the form below and enclose $10.00 (all checks should be made payable to St. Angela Menci). These request forms may be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the parish office, St. Angela Church, 1640 Fawcett Ave. White Oak, PA. 15131. If you would like confirmation of your request, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

No telephone requests.
All are welcome to make only one request.
The offering for the Sanctuary Candle is $10.00.

2020 SANCTUARY CANDLE REQUEST FORM

Sanctuary Candle

Intention: In loving memory of: ____________________________ or
For the special intention of: ____________________________
1st Week requested ____________________________
Alternate Week Date if 1st choice is not available ____________________________
Requested by ____________________________

Parishioner requesting the Sanctuary Candle

Name ____________________________
Phone number ____________________________
Total amount enclosed $ ____________________________
Amen to Action!

On the day after Thanksgiving, some of our parishioners gathered with other volunteers from around Pittsburgh to pack One Million meals for the hungry in our city!!

Working hard and having fun!
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Saturday
December 14, 2019
5:00 pm - 7:00pm

Adults: $10.00    Children: $7.50

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Reservations are required by 12-11-2019
We learned about the Sacrament of Marriage at our last EDGE Session!

All of the groups made wedding dresses out of toilet paper and tuxedos out of newspaper. They were paired up and had to do a relay together!

Annie and James, two of our small group leaders, gave a witness about their marriage and how you can start preparing for marriage now even if you haven't met your spouse yet!
This month at Family Program we kicked off the Advent Season and celebrated the excitement of Jesus’ coming birth!
As a representative payee, I’ve arranged and attended over 100 services in the past 20 years with Chris. The last service was as special as the first. That’s some record! His employees are the pure definition of customer service. For attention to detail, warmth and understanding, count on Chris. - Diane Spivak

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