THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40
SUNDAY’S READINGS

FIRST READING:
The Lord took Abram outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so,” he added, “shall your descendants be.” (Gn 15:5)

PSALM:
The Lord remembers his covenant for ever. (Ps 105)

SECOND READING:
By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. (Heb 11:8)

GOSPEL:
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Observances for the Week of December 27, 2020

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Monday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Tuesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
Thursday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year’s Eve
Friday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God; New Year’s Day; World Day of Peace
Saturday: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week

Reflect

FIRST READING
The story of Abram and Sarah and their struggle to have a family centers on Abram’s faith in the Lord. When have you needed to rely on faith when it comes to your family?

SECOND READING
The author of Hebrews holds up Abraham as a model for the faith. When have you had to unconditionally trust in the Lord?

GOSPEL READING
Only Luke records the presentation in the Temple of the baby Jesus. Simeon reveals to Mary and Joseph insights into Jesus and his destiny. How do you imagine Mary and Joseph understood Simeon’s words?
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The Rectory Office Remains Closed to the Public

Your Charity to Saint Michael the Archangel Parish

- **Sunday, 12/13/2020**: $28,248.00
- **Religious Education**: $1,377.00
- **November 2020 Online Giving (Sundays Only)**: $68,739.09

Thank You For Your Generosity

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

- **Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 PM**
- Fontenay Center, St. Bernard’s
- For Information 412-561-0199
- Open to All! No RSVP Necessary
Jesus commissioned the eleven remaining Apostles to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Congratulations on your commitment to further His great commission by baptizing your baby at St. Michael the Archangel Parish! We know this is a very exciting and blessed time for you and your family, and we rejoice with you.

If this is your first baby, email Deacon Eric Schorr at eschorr@smapgh.org to set up a time to meet, preferably before your baby is born. Your meeting with Deacon Eric gives you the opportunity to meet with a member of the parish clergy team to learn more about our parish and having your child baptized. We want to get to know your family better!

After your meeting with Deacon Eric, you will attend our Baptism Formation Evening for New Parents. These evenings are held every-other-month. You will receive the dates of the evenings at your meeting with Deacon Eric.

You will be able to schedule your baby’s baptism after you have met with Deacon Eric and attended the Baptism Formation Evening.

If this isn’t your first baby to be baptized and it has been more than three years since you have attended our Baptism Formation Evening for New Parents, you will need to meet with Deacon Eric before you schedule your baby’s baptism.

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. The promise of heaven is our eternal hope.

IN MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED DECEASED

†Mitzi McGee
†Myles T. Marino
†Joseph Altieri
†Anthony (Tony) Scarvace
†Marianne Hartman
†Daniel Hubert

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Saint Michael the Archangel Christmas Memorial Flowers

In Loving Memory of...
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Eugene Edward Smith, Lottie Swick & Timothy Susco by Mr. & Mrs. Mark Susco
John Hillgrove, Bertha Hillgrove, Erwin Goertler & Elizabeth Goertler

by Mr. & Mrs. Henry E. Goertler
Jan Kachuriak, Geri Ruggieri & Deceased Members of the Norcie & Ruggieri Families

by Maureen & Ralph Norcie
Are You or Someone You Know Struggling to Make Ends Meet During These Trying Times?
The St. Michael the Archangel St. Vincent de Paul Society may be able to help! We assist those within our Parish boundaries with rental assistance, utilities, medications, food, furniture, and clothing needs. All requests are completely anonymous. Simply call the Rectory and leave a message for the St. Vincent de Paul Society! We are here to help!
To reach the Society: (412)561-3300 ext. 303
For Food Assistance:
St. Michael the Archangel Food Pantry: (412) 200-2244
St. Winifred Food Pantry (412)343-1915

Do you have old, gently used winter coats and clothes that you’re ready to get rid of? The St. Vincent de Paul Society is requesting clothing donations for their store in Castle Shannon.

All clothing, especially outerwear and children’s clothing, is greatly appreciated. All proceeds from sales go towards helping the needy in our community. Clothes can be dropped in the blue box in the St. Bernard parking lot, the back end of the Our Lady of Grace upper parking lot or taken directly to the store at 3423 Library Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15234. 412-882-8519.

HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS

As you consider your end of the year giving, please remember the needy in our Dormont and Mt. Lebanon community with a gift to the the St. Michael the Archangel St. Vincent de Paul Society. This past year our conference provided the following:

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2020 is ending and for many of us there is much hope for 2021. However, next year and into 2022, food insecurity and financial hardships are expected to continue for many. Please consider helping those less fortunate.

“ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me in. I needed clothes and you clothed me. I was in prison and you came to visit me.” Matthew 25:35-40
Exodus 90: We will be free!

St. Michael the Archangel Parish invites all men seeking authentic freedom to join their brothers in Christ for Exodus 90, which will run from January 4th (Following the Solemnity of the Epiphany) to April 3rd (Holy Saturday).

Exodus 90 is a 90-day spiritual exercise that gives Catholic men a clear path for the journey to freedom through prayer, asceticism and support. More than 30,000 men around the country have made the Exodus and transformed their lives. You can, too! You will be paired with a small group of men from the parish as you work your way through Exodus 90.

For more information and to enroll in Exodus 90, please contact Fr. Tom Gramc at tgramc@smapgh.org by December 30th.

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Friday, January 29 is the date for the 48th March for Life in Washington D.C.

St. Paul of the Cross Parish has reserved a bus

Due to the virus we will do things a little differently this year. Family members will be able to sit together and those travelling alone will have 2 seats to themselves. We will, of course, wear masks and use hand sanitizer. Our bus has a recently installed air filtration system and will be completely sanitized prior to our trip. All necessary precautions will be taken throughout the day. Because of the reduced number of passengers, our fee will be $40 this year which will again include a continental breakfast and our "famous" Respect Life bagged lunch!

Please call Kathy or John with any questions or to make reservations: 412-344-9690.

Please prayerfully consider joining us!

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Hearts and Soles Walking Group

Thursdays 5-6pm
Our Lady of Grace behind the Church

Please join fellow parishioners for an opportunity to gather to walk, talk and spend time together. There is such a gift in community and fresh air.
Masks and safe distancing please.

Contact Katie at k.m.keating@icloud.com to let the group know you are coming or for more details.
St. Michael the Archangel Parish

Family Faith Nights

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Thank you from Father Brian

There are so many wonderful charitable things that go on in our parish community constantly, and the bulletin affords a means through which we can see the many activities and outreach that occur weekly. As pastor I am so grateful to everyone, and amazed at your generosity and goodness! In a particular way, even as we get into the season of cold and sometimes inclement weather, the men and women who volunteer in varied ways to ensure our outdoor Masses run smoothly need to be acknowledged and thanked. This has been an on-going effort for a long period of time now, longer than expected. As we draw near to the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord and the outdoor Masses that I expect will be large events, I thank in advance all who will be a part of that endeavor of making sure that our people can worship the Lord and receive the Holy Sacraments even in such difficult circumstances. Thank you!

Mary’s Place is a semi-independent home for pregnant and parenting women that provides support in an environment of reverence and love. Located in Mt. Lebanon, in the previous home of the St. Augustine Capuchin Friars, we officially opened in January 2020. We have capacity for seven residents at once and can take mothers older than 18 who are homeless and pregnant or parenting.

Guided by Catholic social teaching, Mary’s Place welcomes women of all faiths and encourages prayer, reflection and participation in community living.

As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, we are always open to gifts of time or treasure from the local community. A few of our opportunities include:
Weekly volunteer activities
Online donations
Donations of in-kind, specifically diapers and wipes

For more information on Mary’s Place, the services we offer, or how you can get involved, contact us at (412) 207-8805 or info@marysplacepgh.org.
You can also visit us online at www.marysplacepgh.org

Brochures and pamphlets are available through the Respect Life committee

Committee Members Needed

The "Wedding Committee" at St. Michael the Archangel Parish is looking for new members to join our ministry.

Responsibilities include contacting the bride prior to the wedding day to gather necessary information, assisting with rehearsals, and coordinating the events of the wedding day. This committee is truly enjoyable.

Interested volunteers who would like to join, please contact Debbie Tony at bt.dt@verizon.net.
Thank you! Debbie
Saint Michael the Archangel Parish

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Temporary Mass Schedule
Parishioners must sign up on the website to attend all indoor weekend Masses only

Mon-Fri
7:00am Indoors at St. Bernard Church (Main Church)
9:00am Indoors at Our Lady of Grace Church

Saturday
8:00am Indoors at St. Bernard Church (Main Church)
4:00pm Outdoors at Our Lady of Grace Church
5:00pm Indoors at St. Bernard Church (Main Church)

Sunday
7:00am Indoors at St. Bernard Church (Main Church)
9:00am Outdoors at St. Bernard Church
9:30am Outdoors at Our Lady of Grace Church
11:00am Indoors at St. Bernard Church (Main Church)
11:30am Indoors at Our Lady of Grace Church
7:30pm Candlelight Mass Indoors at St. Bernard (Main Church)

Saint Bernard Church
311 Washington Road/Pittsburgh, PA 15216

Our Lady of Grace Church
310 Kane Blvd/Pittsburgh, PA 15243

New Website: smapgh.org
For more information and/or to sign up:

1. Go to smapgh.org
2. Click on “Give” at the top of the homepage
3. Choose “Give to St. Michael the Archangel” from the drop down menu
4. Click on “Create an account”
St. Michael the Archangel Parish will now be using Flocknote to communicate with all parishioners and individual parish ministries. Flocknote gives us the ability to email and text parishioners information. We will soon be discontinuing our use of sending email blasts through Parish Data Systems so please sign up for Flocknote to continue receiving information from St. Michael the Archangel Parish. Thank you and God bless!
SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH

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