

# Saint Michael the Archangel Parish

November 14, 2021

## Mass Schedule

### Mon-Fri

7:00am at St. Bernard Church

9:00am at Our Lady of Grace Church

### Saturday

8:00am at St. Bernard Church

4:00pm at Our Lady of Grace Church

5:00pm at St. Bernard Church

### Sunday

7:00am at St. Bernard Church

9:00am at St. Bernard Church

9:30am at Our Lady of Grace Church

11:00am at St. Bernard Church

11:30am at Our Lady of Grace Church

7:30pm Candlelight Mass at St. Bernard

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### Parish Office and St. Bernard Church

311 Washington Road/Pittsburgh, PA 15216

Phone: 412-561-3300 Fax: 412-561-0154

### Our Lady of Grace Church

310 Kane Blvd/Pittsburgh, PA 15243

Website: [smapgh.org](http://smapgh.org)



## Confession Times

### Tuesday

8:30am at Our Lady of Grace

### Wednesday

following the 7:00am Mass at Saint Bernard

### Thursday

4:00-5:00pm & 7:00-7:30pm at Saint Bernard

### Saturday

following the 8:00am Mass at Saint Bernard

2:45-3:45pm at Our Lady of Grace

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## Eucharistic Adoration

(Hours may differ due to holidays, funerals, etc.)

### Tuesday

St. Bernard Church (upper church)

4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

### Wednesday

Our Lady of Grace (main church)

9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

### Thursday

St. Bernard Church (upper church)

4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

If you would like to become a Committed Adorer  
please contact Angela Gaughan at  
[agaughan@smapgh.org](mailto:agaughan@smapgh.org) or 412-561-6021.

### In Defense of the Sacred Images

One of the first thesis papers that I wrote when studying spiritual theology years ago was the use of sacred images, i.e., holy icons and statues in the Catholic Church. When iconoclasm was rampant in the Byzantine East, at the time when the Church was undivided, it was the Latin Church that at that moment in history came to the aid of the East and defended the veneration of holy images. The making of and veneration of holy images of Jesus, our Immaculate Mother, the saints and angels, is based on one very important dogma: that Christ became Incarnate in the womb of the Virgin Mary, thus sanctifying our created, material world and redeeming it. In essence, an attack on a holy image is an attack on the Incarnation of Christ, who came to sanctify the material world.

Without going into too much detail, citing the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which in turn cites the Second Council of Nicea, we read in paragraph 1161: "All the signs in the liturgical celebrations are related to Christ: as are sacred images of the holy Mother of God and of the saints as well. They truly signify Christ, who is glorified in them. They make manifest the 'cloud of witnesses' who continue to participate in the salvation of the world and to whom we are united, above all in sacramental celebrations. Through their icons, it is man 'in the image of God,' finally transfigured 'into His likeness,' who is revealed to our faith. So too are the angels, who also are recapitulated in Christ." This is our Catholic faith.

I bring this to your attention for a number of reasons. The first reason that I bring this up now: several holy images have been added to our churches. A statue of St. Michael the Archangel may now be found in each church of our parish. In addition, an image was purchased of Our Lady of Grace (with the Immaculate Heart) for the Our Lady of Grace sanctuary. Some of these images have been carried in procession outside of our churches during the Michaelmas festival, and the October procession in honor of Our Blessed Mother. New images of the Divine Mercy Vilnius image will be forthcoming, one for each church. And a new image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Empress of the Americas has been donated. I wanted that her image be venerated since she appeared to St. Juan Diego pregnant with Jesus in her womb, which is a very powerful testimony that God gave to us of both the incarnation of the Lord in the womb of Mary and the sanctity of all human life beginning in its most vulnerable moment. That holy image will be placed in the St. Bernard Church site as a testimony of the need to protect unborn children in our country. I will write more about this at the time of that special feast day on December 12.

The second reason for this article: In the past year there has been an increasing and alarming vandalism of holy images happening in our country. Holy images of our Divine Lord, Our Lady and the saints and angels are being desecrated. Does anyone take notice with concern? That is an outright attack on the Catholic Church because it targets something that is most sacred for us as Christian believers. This is precisely what happened at the time of the Communist revolution in Russia in 1917: Holy images were vandalized and destroyed. In addition, and just as alarming, in casual ways in our society today, people take venerable holy images of our Lord, our Lady and the saints, and distort them for various purposes, in order to make statements. All of this is unacceptable and affords me a teaching moment as pastor of our parish. I recall a number of years ago, an artist took a crucifix and used it as acceptable "art" in a vile manner that I will not repeat in this article. The problem is that it was just accepted as "o.k." by mainstream American culture.

In spite of this, the light of Christianity is so beautiful and overpowers any darkness that seeks to harm the human person and all that is sacred. In *light* of this beautiful faith of ours, you will notice votive candles have been added to the St. Bernard Church site as we have at Our Lady of Grace. Votive candles are lit as an offering representing our intercessory prayers to Our Lord, the Blessed Mother of God, and the saints and angels. They are also lit before sacred images to denote that they are blessed and therefore *holy*, vehicles of grace that unite us with the divine and inspire us to holiness of life.

LITURGY SCHEDULE/PRIEST'S INTENTION

**Sunday, Nov 14 - Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00am STB Joseph L Cosetti  
 9:00am STB All Spiritual & Temporal Benefactors of SMA  
 9:30am OLG Rose & Guido Agostinelli  
 11:00am STB Lorraine Siemers  
 11:30am OLG Mike DiPerna  
 7:30pm STB John Clements

**Monday, Nov 15 - Weekday - St Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

7:00am STB Frank Luchini  
 9:00am OLG Mary Grace Henry

**Tuesday, Nov 16 – Weekday - Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin**

7:00am STB Mihai Budau

**8:30am Confessions at OLG**

9:00am OLG Patricia “Joyce” Selden

**Wednesday, Nov 17 - Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious**

7:00am STB Audrey Roche

**Confessions following the 7:00am Mass at STB**

9:00am OLG Charles Wilhere

**Thursday, Nov 18 - Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin**

7:00am STB Jeanette & Albert Coleman

9:00am OLG Stephen Anthony Susak

**4:00-5:00pm Confessions at STB**

**7:00-7:30pm Confessions at STB**

**Friday, Nov 19 - Weekday**

7:00am STB 40th Wedding Anniversary of Judy & Steve Cobair

8:30am STB Adoria Parker

9:00am OLG Living and Deceased Members of the Lioon and Romito Families

**Saturday, Nov 20 - Weekday**

8:00am STB Jim and Carol Plake Anniversary

**Confessions following the 8:00am Mass at STB**

**Confessions 2:45-3:45pm at OLG**

1:00pm STB Wedding - Alex Cope & Lauren Sambolt

3:00pm STB Wedding - Nolan Taormino & Emily Overstreet

4:00pm OLG Deceased Members of the Torrez Family

5:00pm STB Living and Deceased Members of the Richardson and Wreath Family

**Sunday, Nov 21 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

7:00am STB Patricia Rooney

9:00am STB Gloria J. Ricci

9:30am OLG Bernie & Mary Lou Chorazewicz

11:00am STB For All People of the Parish

11:30am OLG Dave Johnson

7:30pm STB William F. Oxenreiter, Jr.  
 100th Birthday

**Readings for the week of November 14, 2021**

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32  
 Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 [cf. 88]/Lk 18:35-43  
 Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [6b]/Lk 19:1-10  
 Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 19:11-28  
 Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [23b]/Lk 19:41-44 *Dedication:* Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/ Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Mt 14:22-33  
 Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chron 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd [13b]/ Lk 19:45-48  
 Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 [cf. 16a]/Lk 20:27-40  
 Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

Your Charity to Saint Michael the Archangel Parish

Sunday, November 7, 2021: \$24,142.00  
 Capital Improvement (2nd): \$ 2,729.00

August Online Giving (Sundays Only): \$74,836.25

Thank You For Your Generosity

2022

A big **THANK-YOU** to Laughlin's Funeral Home for the 2022 pocket calendars which will be distributed at all Masses this weekend!

**Please be sure to pick one up when you leave!**

All sacramental records for Our Lady of Grace and St. Bernard Churches prior to July 1, 2020 have been sent to the Diocesan Archives. If you are in need of any sacramental information prior to this date, please contact the archives at 412-456-3158.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AT SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH

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](mailto: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.

## Learn more about Becoming Catholic

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)



**Mondays 6:30 PM**

Contact Dan Thimons for Information  
412-561-0199 or [dthimons@smapgh.org](mailto:dthimons@smapgh.org)

All Are Welcome!

No Initial Commitment Necessary

IN MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED DECEASED

† Barbara J. Patti

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

### RECENT WEDDINGS

November 6, 2021

**Jeffrey Monaco & Chelsea Ashe**

**FIRST RECONCILIATION  
PARENT MEETING  
Monday November 22nd, at OLG**

6:30 in Keefer Hall

**OR**

**Tuesday November 23rd, at STB  
6:30 in Clairvaux Hall**

*\*We ask that at least one parent attends*

### CCD Registration is now open

For more information and to register  
please go to our website  
[smapgh.org/children](http://smapgh.org/children).

### Homeschool CCD

The 2021-22 CCD year has begun!

Please contact Bethann Petrovich  
at [bpetrovich@smapgh.org](mailto:bpetrovich@smapgh.org) or 412-561-0199  
to arrange for your book pick-up.

Please contact Danielle Vernillo with your Home-  
school CCD questions at [dvernillo@smapgh.org](mailto:dvernillo@smapgh.org)

# THE SACRAMENTS A SERIES OF TALKS

Thursday evenings  
beginning September 16th  
7:00pm - 8:30pm  
Saint Bernard Church - Clairvaux Hall

Please join us at Saint Michael the Archangel Parish for a series of talks on the Sacraments. As Catholics, we encounter the sacraments often, but perhaps we do so without fully understanding what they are or how they play a role in our spiritual lives. This series of talks seeks to explain these rites and rituals that are both an ordinary part of our lives and a mystery to us, and why they are important to our life of faith.

We hope that you will be able to join us for some or all of the talks. Each sacrament will be taught as an independent lesson. All are welcome to come to some or all of the talks as your schedule allows; registration is not necessary.

The talks will be given by Fr. Brian, Fr. Tom and Fr. Anthony.

### **Confirmation**

10/21/2021 - pt1  
10/28/2021 - pt2

### **Holy Eucharist**

11/4/2021 - pt1  
11/11/2021 - pt2

### **Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**

11/18/2021 - pt1  
12/2/2021 - pt2  
12/9/2021 - pt3  
12/16/2021 - pt4

### **Holy Orders**

1/27/2022 - pt1  
2/3/2022 - pt2

### **Matrimony**

2/10/2022 - pt1  
2/17/2022 - pt2  
2/24/2022 - pt3

### **Reconciliation**

3/3/2022 - pt1  
3/10/2022 - pt2  
3/17/2022 - pt3

### **Anointing of the Sick**

3/24/2022 - pt1  
3/31/2022 - pt2  
4/7/2022 - pt3

### **Sacramentals**

4/28/2022 - pt1  
5/5/2022 - pt2



Discover a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit  
with Fr. Dave Pivonka

If you attended the Faith Sharing Sessions  
(Tisha's former group before covid), you will be happy  
to know that "Wild Goose" is back!

Monday Mornings,  
from 11:00 a.m. to Noon  
in Fontenay Center Dining Room.  
led by Dan Thimons, Director of Evangelization.  
Everyone is welcomed.....no reservation required

*"If you allow him, the Wild Goose will lead you on an  
adventure greater than you can imagine"*

## MEN'S RETREAT

The St. Michael the Archangel Parish Men's  
Retreat will be held from November 19-21 at  
St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center.

To help you make God be more of a presence in  
your life, please join us at this holy place for excel-  
lent teachings, workshops and fellowship.

For more information, please call Larry Hufnagel at  
412-571-1153

To view or subscribe to this bulletin go  
to [www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com)

**St Michael the Archangel SVdP Conference**  
**Winter Clothing Drive**  
**November 21, 2021, 1 to 3 PM**  
**OLG Conroy Hall**



**Most Needed: Coats, Jackets,  
Sweaters, Pants, Boots and Shoes**

**Cleaning out your closet?  
Updating your wardrobe?  
Please donate your extra/leftover  
clothing to help our friends!**

Donated items will be shared with:

Duquesne University's SVdP Conference  
serving the Homeless in Pittsburgh

Our Friends in St Michael the Archangel Parish  
who need of warm clothing

Local St Vincent de Paul Stores

Do you have clothing that is stained, ripped or not usable? Please bring it, too! Label those bags as 'Rags'. Non-wearable items can be sold as 'Rags' with the proceeds benefiting the SVdP Council of Pittsburgh that will help people in need throughout the Dioceses of Pittsburgh.



**Please do not drop off clothing  
in the churches or the rectory**



## Where do you go to get warm?

Catholic Charities is putting the final touches on our annual Winter Warming Station, scheduled to open in January, as Pittsburgh prepares for the cold.

Every year, those with nowhere else to go risk their lives by staying outdoors. We know that prolonged exposure to even mild temperatures can lead to life-threatening hypothermia. We also know that in the Pittsburgh region no neighbor should have to face that possibility.

Our team will offer our guests a safe place during the day to shelter from winter weather, and we'll offer coffee and a bite to eat. We're also looking forward to the positive opportunities to make connections with those ready to make changes to come in out of the cold permanently.

### How to help:

-  Donate individually wrapped, non-perishable food items like oatmeal packets and granola bars
-  Donate a greeting card for our guests, reminding them they're seen and are valued.
-  Sign up to be a trained, on-site volunteer
-  Make a donation to defray the costs of keeping the station open

For more information, go to [ccpgh.org/warming-station](http://ccpgh.org/warming-station).

Thank you!



## Marathon Cards

Marathon Cards is a group of fun loving ladies who gather in the convent dining room of Saint Anne campus to play 500 bid on the last Tuesday of the month.

If you are interested in joining this group or have questions please contact Pauline Baumgart at (412) 343-2188

## St Maximilian Kolbe Outreach to Refugees



### Join Their Journey...

The journey of a refugee is heroic. They have fled war, political, religious or economic persecution; and they come to Pittsburgh with few possessions, understanding little or no English and with little knowledge of our culture. What they do come with is hope. Help us grow that hope. St Michael the Archangel Parish will be assisting Afghan refugee families as they find a home in our parish community. The need is already present in a few families. Please contact Angela Gaughan, Pastoral Associate (412-561-6021 or [agaughan@smapgh.org](mailto:agaughan@smapgh.org)) if you would like to get involved with this important ministry.

More details on how the entire parish community can support these families will be forthcoming. Please keep them in your prayers.

## Ladies of Charity Meeting

The next meeting of the Ladies of Charity will be held in **Fontaney Dining Room** on **Saturday, November 20th at 9:00 am** (please note the change of location).

We invite you to attend the 8:00 am Mass with us prior to the meeting followed by a light breakfast. We feel that attending Mass as a group can help us to grow spiritually and unite us in our ministry of service.

If you would like to attend the meeting or have any questions, please contact Marilyn Holmes [mamholmes@gmail.com](mailto:mamholmes@gmail.com) or 412-657-5217.

**New ladies are always welcome!**



## St Michael the Archangel Parish Angel Trees



**The Angel Trees are up in our Churches and the lists for most agencies are LIVE ONLINE!!!**

As we started last year due to the Covid Pandemic, there are two ways to select gifts for the agencies we serve. On the parish website [smapgh.org](http://smapgh.org) or on Flocknote you will find a link to the Angel Tree lists for Genesis, Family Links, Asbury Heights, Heinz Center, Foster Love, Catholic Charities, St Vincent de Paul and our own parish community. The Angels on the trees will be for the St Michael the Archangel Food Pantry.

Several hundred wishes from people young and old alike are waiting for you to fill them. Our parishioners have always been most generous in their outreach to all of these communities. With the recent concerns about availability of some items and delivery delays, time is of the essence.

Select an Angel or a recipient from the online lists, purchase and wrap the gift and label it with the information from the list; **all gifts are to be wrapped**. Be sure to attach the label securely to the outside of the gift. If you have an Angel it should also be placed on the outside of the gift. If you are unable to get to the online lists please reach out to Angela for assistance.

**Drop off for gifts will be at Conroy Hall at Our Lady of Grace Church on December 5th and 6th** after the masses and from 1:00 - 4:00 pm on Sunday. **No gifts are to be left in the Churches or at the Rectory.**

If you are in need or you know someone who is in need, please call Angela Gaughan, Pastoral Associate, at 412-561-6021. We are always here to help in any way we can. Thank you from the Ladies of Charity for your kind consideration. God bless and Happy Shopping!

# 2022 MARCH FOR LIFE

JANUARY 21, 2022 | WASHINGTON DC

**St. Michael the Archangel Parish Respect Life Group**

**Save the Date**

**Friday, January 21, 2022**

Annual March for Life in Washington DC. Our parish will be sponsoring a bus.

More info to come!

The next Respect Life meeting will be on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7th** at 6:45 pm  
in Keefer Hall.

The meeting will focus on preparation for the upcoming March for Life in January.



## **Knights of Columbus**

Please be advised that the next meeting for St Michael the Archangel Knights of Columbus will be Sunday November 21st (5:00pm) in Clairvaux Hall.

St Michael the Archangel Council is looking for Catholic men who lead, serve, protect, and defend.

We share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors, and role models and work to put Charity, Unity, and Community first. For additional information please contact our Membership Chairs Bob Schilken (412-760-7698) or Scott Katonka (412-742-7884).

# S.M.A. YOUTH MINISTRY

Scan the QR codes (black and white boxes) by opening your phone camera and pointing it at each square to open a sign up link for those events. Hope to see you soon :)

HIGH SCHOOL

## FANCY FRIENDSGIVING

*sun, nov. 14*

Dress up, bring a food to share (potluck style) 7-9pm in the STB youth room. Questions? Contact Joni: [jmulvaney@smapgh.org](mailto:jmulvaney@smapgh.org)

\*SIGN UP TO PRAY FOR TEENS GOING ON FALL RETREAT\*



Support our teens in the most important way - prayer! Scan the code to the left or email [jmulvaney@smapgh.org](mailto:jmulvaney@smapgh.org) to claim a time slot!

FOR EVERYONE

## 10-WEEK SCRIPTURE CHALLENGE

Scan to receive a text every week with a scripture to pray with and for our updates :) Do the challenge on your own or join us for a meetup every week at a different time/place! Meetups are for high schoolers only but everyone is welcome to pray the challenge with us!



HIGH SCHOOL

## TURKEY BOWL

*sun, nov. 28*

4-6pm on the field at OLG! Come play football. Bring your family!! Don't like football? Come for hot chocolate on the sidelines :)

FAMILIES WELCOME

HIGH SCHOOL

## CHRISTMAS COOKIE BAKE

*sun, dec. 5*

6-9pm in Clairvaux Kitchen at STB. Come bake cookies for Light of Life Rescue Mission for the homeless!



## Beer, Brats and the Bible

### Men's Fellowship

Beer, Brats and the Bible will be offered on **December 1** from 7-9pm in Fontenay Dining Room

It is an opportunity to come together for **men's fellowship** and an exploration of the Mass readings for the upcoming Sunday

Bring Your Own Brew!

RSVP not required



## Hearts and Soles Walking Group



Thursdays 5:30pm-6:30pm  
Our Lady of Grace behind the Church

We hope that you can join us in the parking lot of OLG/ St Michael the Archangel.

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

Contact Katie at [k.m.keating@icloud.com](mailto:k.m.keating@icloud.com) to let the group know you are coming or for more details.

St. Michael the Archangel Parish presents:

# An Illuminated Requiem:

*Meditations on Love and Mortality*

EXHIBIT AND PRESENTATION BY  
ANN SCHMALSTIEG BARRETT

Exploring the Catholic understanding of  
death through the beauty of Art  
and Gregorian Chant.

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**SAT, NOV 20TH - 6:30PM**

**ST. BERNARD CHURCH: CLAIRVAUX HALL**

**311 WASHINGTON RD. , PITTSBURGH, PA 15216**



## APPLE PIES - NOVEMBER 2021

THANK YOU to our small but mighty group of pie workers!!  
We have a VERY limited number of apple pies available for presale this year and need to limit individual order size.

We want as many as possible to be able to serve our delicious pies this holiday season!

If you had hoped to purchase more pies, please consider buying our Apple Pie Kits. Introduced last fall, these boxed kits contain everything you need to make your own Famous Apple Pie - all the apples, dough, sugar & a pie tin, AND a very detailed video to walk you through the process. Kits make great gifts, too!

We have a limited supply of pie shells available for your pumpkin pies and quiches, and pastry balls for your baking needs.

### ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 10.

When our supply is exhausted, we will let you know.  
There is a possibility we can make a few dozen more pies in early December.

## APPLE PIES Order Form

Pies and Shells are VERY limited this Fall. We will do our best to satisfy our customers' demand, and trust you understand!

You can order pies for pick-up in Clairvaux Hall on:

Saturday	November 20	4:00 PM until 6:00 PM
Sunday	November 21	8:00 AM until 12:00 PM

**\*MAXIMUM 2 PIES PER CUSTOMER\***

Date Order Placed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \*10" Frozen Apple Pie @ \$15\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Famous Apple Pie Kit @ \$15 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Pie Shells @ \$3.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Pastry Dough @ \$1.50 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Or 4 Pastry Dough for \$5

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send order form  
before November 10 to:**

St Michael the Archangel Rectory - Apple Pies  
311 Washington Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15216

Day to be picked up: Saturday (4:00 to 6:00) \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday (8:00 to Noon) \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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



St. Michael the Archangel Parish

# Advent Flower Sale

December 2021

Purchase beautiful Advent flowers to decorate your home for the holidays or give them as gifts to friends and family!

**Easy to Order!** Please complete the form below by **Monday, November 29** or purchase online at [www.smapgh.org](http://www.smapgh.org).

*Plants are locally grown, hardy, full of color and come with decorative sleeve cover.*



**Red Poinsettia**  
6.5 inch with cover  
**\$ 10.00**

**Pink Poinsettia**  
6.5 inch with cover  
**\$ 10.00**

**White Poinsettia**  
6.5 inch with cover  
**\$ 10.00**

**Marble Poinsettia**  
6.5 inch with cover  
**\$ 10.00**

**Christmas Cactus**  
6 inch with cover  
**\$ 10.00**

**Frasier Fir Wreath**  
12" ring - 22-24" in diameter  
**\$ 20.00**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

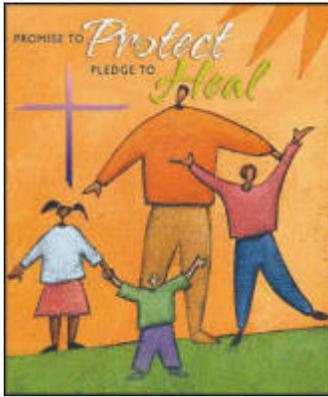
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

	Quantity	6.5" Poinsettia	Amount
Classic Red		\$10.00	
Pink		\$10.00	
White		\$10.00	
Marble		\$10.00	
Christmas Cactus		\$10.00	
Frasier Fir Wreath		\$20.00	
Total Number of Plants			
<b>TOTAL ORDER</b>			

Please drop form and payment in Sunday mass collection basket or mail form to:  
St. Michael the Archangel Parish  
311 Washington Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15216  
Attn: Flower Sale

Questions: email Molly at [mjessod@smapgh.org](mailto:mjessod@smapgh.org)

**Pick Up:** Flowers will be available for pick up on **Saturday, December 4 at 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM** in Clairvaux Hall. Join us inside for fellowship, hot chocolate, cookies and crafts or simply pull up your car to the door of Clairvaux, open your trunk and a volunteer will place plants inside for you. Thank you for supporting the parish!



A parish community is always buzzing with worship experiences and activities that include youth participants. Beyond Sunday Mass and Religious Education programs, you will find Children's Liturgy of the Word, Vacation Bible School, Youth Ministry, the Parish Festival, the fish fry, and much more. These activities shape the faith journey of countless young Catholics. Because a parish community should always be a safe place for children to gather, and because the safety of all children should be first and foremost in every adult's mind, the Diocese of Pittsburgh developed the "Safe Environment" policy. You may view the requirements of this policy by navigating to the Diocesan website ([www.diopitt.org](http://www.diopitt.org)) and clicking on the *Obtain Clearances* link at the top of the page. As there are many young people involved in our parish, adults who participate in any parish ministry must be in compliance with the Safe Environment policy. ***Therefore, you must complete the necessary clearances prior to participating in any parish activity.***

If you are currently a volunteer and have received a letter or email asking for renewal information, please return your paperwork to the rectory as soon as possible. If you are unsure of your status or are planning to become a volunteer, please contact Mia Bonnewell, Safe Environment Coordinator, at (412) 561-3300 Ext. 309 or [mbonnewell@smapgh.org](mailto:mbonnewell@smapgh.org).

## Homebound Ministry

Members of our parish regularly minister to those who are unable to leave their residence (for short or long term) by providing regular visits bringing Holy Communion. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound provide support to our homebound parishioners through their presence and careful attention.

The ministry of the Eucharistic minister is not a doing for but a sharing with. The point is not only the taking of the consecrated elements of the Eucharist to the sick and shut-ins but also a bringing of those who are not present with us on Sunday morning into a full, active, and conscious participation in our Eucharistic community.

Our team of 30 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound is in need of more members! Would you prayerfully consider joining them? We provide training and all you need to support you and our dear Homebound parishioners. We are looking for people to visit in the home and at our neighboring nursing facilities. If you would be interested in learning more, please call Angela Gaughan, Pastoral Associate at 412-561-6021 or email [agaughan@smapgh.org](mailto:agaughan@smapgh.org). If you or someone you know would like to receive a visit in the home please contact Angela to make arrangements.

## St. Michael the Archangel Prayer Ministry



Are you or someone you love in need of prayer?

Please call 412-668-3559 for the St. Michael the Archangel Prayer Line and leave the first name of the person and the prayer intention. A member of the Ladies of Charity will get your prayer request and share it with the prayer ministry team.

If you would like to join the Prayer Ministry Team, please contact Angela Gaughan at 412-561-6021/  
[agaughan@smapgh.org](mailto:agaughan@smapgh.org).

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.

Phillipians 4:6

# Looking Forward

## November

- 15 ● Bible Study Leader's Meeting/OLG Upper Room ♦  
9:30 – 10:30am
- Wild Goose Group/STB Fontenay Dining Room ♦  
10:30am – 12pm
  - Knights of Columbus/STB Fontenay Dining Room ♦  
6:30 – 8:30pm
  - RCIA/STB Fontenay Faith Formation Room ♦  
6:30 – 8:30pm
  - Saint Michael Devotion/OLG Church ♦ 7 – 8:30pm
  - Cub Scout Pack #38/STB Bryson ♦ 7 – 8:30pm
  - Bible Study/STB Clairvaux Hall ♦ 7– 9pm
  - St. Dunsten Handbell Choir Rehearsal/OLG Keefer Hall ♦  
7 – 9pm
- 16 ● Eucharistic Adoration/STB Church ♦ 4 – 9pm
- CCD/STB Clairvaux Hall, School & Faith Formation  
Room ♦ 4:15 – 5:30pm; 6:30 – 7:45pm
  - Boy Scout Troop 238/STB Bryson ♦ 7 – 8pm
  - Rosary/OLG Church ♦ 7 – 7:30pm
- 17 ● CSS – Bible Study/OLG Keefer Hall and Upper  
Room ♦ 9:30 – 11:30am
- Eucharistic Adoration/OLG Church ♦ 9:30am – 6pm
  - CCD/STB Clairvaux Hall & School ♦ 5 – 6:15pm
  - Finance Council/OLG Keefer Hall ♦ 6:30 – 7:30pm
  - Cub Scout Pack #38/STB Bryson ♦ 6:30 – 7:30pm
  - Stephen Ministry/STB Fontenay Dining Room ♦ 7 – 9pm
  - Young Adult Group/STB Fontenay Dining Room ♦  
7 – 9pm
- 18 ● St. Dominic Savio Children's Choir Rehearsal/STB  
Fontenay Rehearsal Room ♦ 4 – 5pm
- Eucharistic Adoration/STB Church ♦ 4 – 9pm
  - Girl Scout Troop #52745/STB Bryson ♦ 6 – 7pm
  - Grief Support Group/STB Fontenay Dining Room ♦  
6:30 – 8:30pm
  - Clergy Speaker Series/STB Clairvaux Hall ♦  
7 – 8:30pm
  - Troop #834/OLG Conroy Hall ♦ 7 – 8:30pm
  - St. Hildegard Choir Rehearsal/OLG Church ♦  
7 – 9pm
  - St. Cecilia Choir Rehearsal/STB Fontenay Rehearsal  
Room ♦ 7 – 9pm
- 19 ● Men's Group "Coffee & Conversation"/STB Clairvaux  
Hall ♦ 7:30 – 8:15am
- Apple Pie Kit Pick Up/STB Clairvaux ♦ 8am – 4pm
  - Dress a Girl/OLG Keefer Hall ♦ 10am – 1pm
- 20 ● AMA Family Volunteer Day/STB Clairvaux Hall ♦  
7am – 12:30pm
- Ladies of Charity/STB Fontenay Dining Room ♦  
8am – 12pm
  - Apple Pie Sales/STB Clairvaux ♦ 3 – 7pm
  - Illuminated Requiem Exhibit Tour/STB Clairvaux Hall ♦  
6:30 – 8:30pm
- 21 ● Apple Pie Sales/STB Clairvaux ♦ 7 – 1pm
- Knights of Columbus/ STB Clairvaux Hall ♦ 5 – 6pm



## Glass Recycling Drive

Our sponsor, Green Pickup, will come to your house to pick-up glass jars & bottles and gently-worn clothes for drop-off to recycling centers & charities.

### For iPhone users, here's how to help:

Step 1: Get Vengo app from Apple Store (<https://App.Vengo.Tech>)

Step 2: Use app to take a photo of the recyclable items

Step 3: Leave items on your porch/driveway for Green Pickup

### For Android users, here's how to help:

Step 1: email [support@greenpickup.net](mailto:support@greenpickup.net) with the address for pickup

Step 2: Leave \$5 bill under the items on your porch/driveway for Green Pickup

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### WEEK IN REVIEW

Congratulations to our varsity soccer team for bringing home a big win last weekend! They are the Diocesan Champs in the MLS division. Seton La Salle Catholic High School hosted the playoffs. The Royals came out on top after playing Mary of Nazareth School, Sacred Heart School, and Holy Sepulcher School.



In this season of giving, our 3rd graders enjoyed taking part in a community service project. They made cards and wrote uplifting messages to families at the Ronald McDonald House. They also packed decorated bags with snacks. The Ronald McDonald House keeps families with sick children together and near the care and resources they need to get better.



### OPPORTUNITIES / FUNDRAISERS

**FAMILY VOLUNTEER DAY!** - Teenage volunteers needed on November 20th. Email [avemariaptg@gmail.com](mailto:avemariaptg@gmail.com)  
**GOING ON NOW!** - Apple Pie Kit Sale  
**GOING ON NOW!** - Sarris Christmas Candy Sale



For more details on all events see school website.

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