



December 25, 2022



Saint Michael the Archangel Parish

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



The time came for her to have her child and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. - Lk 2:6b-7

Father Brian's Desk



My Dear Parishioners, we read these words from Sacred Scripture, which are believed to be a hymn that ancient Christians sang as they worshipped the Lord:

“Christ Jesus, though He was in the form of God...emptied Himself...being born in the likeness of men...And being born in human form He humbled himself...(Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians, chapter 2).”

In these few paraphrased verses above, we celebrate the beauty of God becoming man; a human being! As such, He re-creates humanity to what it was intended to be, and what our first parents lost in Paradise. To be truly “human,” is to live in complete harmony with God, with the 10 Commandments, His Divine Plan and Will for each of us. Jesus promised to come to us through the prophets and save us, thus providing the “human” way to union with God. God fulfilled this promise through the coming of His Son, Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem 2000 years ago. But Jesus now comes to us in our celebration of the Christmas Mass and in the reality of receiving His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, that is, His Real Presence in Holy Communion.

Through our worthy reception of the Holy Eucharist, may our homes become a more peaceful place with Christ present within us, and our humanity more in conformity with the sanctity Jesus Christ our newborn King gifts to us!

Merry and Blessed Christmas to all!

Frs. Brian, and Anthony, Deacons John and Eric, and all of the Staff at St. Michael the Archangel Parish

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND PRIEST'S INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas

7:00am STB For All People of the Parish

9:00am STB For All People of the Parish

9:30am OLG For All People of the Parish

11:00am STB For All People of the Parish

11:30am OLG For All People of the Parish

No 7:30pm Mass

Monday, December 26 - Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

9:00am OLG Lisa Novelli

Tuesday, December 27 - Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

7:00am STB Lipinski & Wilson Families

8:30am Confessions at OLG

9:00am OLG Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, December 28 - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

7:00am STB Richard Stoeckle, Jr.

Confessions immediately following the 7:00am Mass at STB

9:00am OLG Tessie Nowalk

Thursday, December 29 - Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

7:00am STB Rick & Peggy Morycz (50th Wedding Anniversary)

9:00am OLG Lori King

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

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

Friday, December 30 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and

Joseph

7:00am STB Howard S. Hoover

9:00am OLG The Whalen Family

Saturday, December 31 - Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:00am STB Randall P. Strang

Confessions immediately following the 8:00am Mass at STB

Confessions 2:45-3:45pm at OLG

4:00pm OLG Kenneth Ciesielski

5:00pm STB Angelino Family

Sunday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

7:00am STB For All People of the Parish

9:00am STB For All People of the Parish

9:30am OLG For All People of the Parish

11:00am STB For All People of the Parish

11:30am OLG For All People of the Parish

No 7:30pm Mass

Readings for the week of December 25, 2022

Sunday: *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 *Day:* Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3])/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Next Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Your Charity to Saint Michael the Archangel Parish

Offertory figures for Dec 18 will appear in the Jan 1 bulletin

Immaculate Conception,
December 8, 2022: \$ 3,962.00
Religious Education (2nd): \$ 2,694.00
Sunday, December 11, 2022: \$30,821.00

November Online Giving
(Sundays only): \$71,769.50

2022 Parish Share Update

Goal: \$279,234.00
Pledged thru 12/4/2022: \$363,669.65
Collected thru 12/4/2022: \$364,061.05

Families Contributing: 613
Families Pledging: 130

Thank You For Your Generosity

Christmas Holiday Office Hours:

Friday, December 23 - Parish Office Closed
Saturday, December 24 - Parish Office Closed
Sunday, December 25 - Parish Office Closed
Monday, December 26 - Parish Office Closed
Tuesday, December 27 - 8am-1pm
Wednesday, December 28 - 8am-1pm
Thursday, December 29 - 8am-1pm
Friday, December 30 - 8am-1pm
Saturday, December 31 - Parish Office Closed
Sunday, January 1 - Parish Office Closed

Slater Wall Calendars:

Slater wall calendars will be available
sometime in January.

The company that prints our calendars went out of
business and did not inform us that they would not be
printing calendars this year (for 2023).

IN MEMORY OF OUR
BELOVED DECEASED

† **Nancy T. Schepis**

May the souls of the faithful departed
rest in peace.

The promise of heaven is our eternal hope.

There **will not** be Confessions on Saturday, December 24 following
the 8am Mass at STB.
The last opportunity for Confessions will be Thursday, December 22
from 6:30-8pm at STB.

Recent Baptisms

Henry James Cooney

Son of Ryan & Elizabeth Brown Cooney

Lucia Moira Gomez

Daughter of Alejandro &
Colleen Coleman Gomez

Gus Warren Hackel

Son of John & Brittany Mesing Hackel

Eucharistic Adoration at St Michael the Archangel
Schedule for Dec 13-29

December 13 4pm - 6:30am STB Fontenay Chapel

December 14 9:30am - 6pm OLG

December 15 4-9pm STB

December 20 4-9pm STB

December 21 9:30am - 6pm OLG

December 22 4-9pm STB Fontenay Chapel -

Choir Rehearsal in Church

December 27 4-9pm STB

December 28 9:30am - 6pm OLG

December 29 4-9pm STB

Next Nocturnal Adoration Opportunity

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

Regular 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

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7:30pm Candlelight Mass at St. Bernard

First Friday of the Month

Saint Bernard Church

6:00pm Holy Hour with Confessions

followed by 7:00pm Mass

Regular Confession Times

Tuesdays

8:30am at Our Lady of Grace

Wednesdays

following the 7:00am Mass

at Saint Bernard

Thursdays

4:00-5:00pm & 7:00-7:30pm

at Saint Bernard

Saturdays

following the 8:00am Mass

at Saint Bernard

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

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays

St. Bernard Church (main)

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

Second Tuesday of the Month

St. Bernard Fontenay Chapel

Tuesday 4pm-Wed 6:40am (overnight)

Wednesdays

Our Lady of Grace Church (main)

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

Thursdays

St. Bernard Church (main)

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



Website: smapgh.org

the Sounds of Christmas

Answering the call of the bells, we gather to celebrate the miracle of Christ's birth with songs both joyful and profound. Beginning with the reimagined *O Come All Ye Faithful* in an organ-forward arrangement by Chaz Bowers, we give voice to our joy, amplified by the triumphant fanfare of brass and timpani. At Midnight and 11:00AM, we engage in quiet reflection as a solo cello captures the awe and wonder of parishioner Thomas Masella's *There is Faint Music in the Night*, and we feel the gentle peace of a long-ago time as the strings and flute sweetly render *Silent Night*. At the 4:00PM Mass, we are appropriately humbled by the innocent voices of our Children's Choir as they so beautifully render Pergolesi's lovely *Glory to God*, and our hearts are warmed by the bright tones of handbells ringing Larry Weiss's *I Wonder as I Wander*. The St. Hildegard Choir at 10:00PM and 9:30AM and the St. Cecilia Choir at Midnight and 11:00AM, with every word and note they sing, draw us closer to the Christ-Child in this most sacred celebration. Finally, the postlude *Canzon duidecimi toni* by Giovanni Gabrielli, first performed at St. Mark's in Venice with two brass choirs, has been adapted for brass and organ in a call and response that invites us to respond to the call of Christ and his teachings throughout our lives. We invite you to open your hearts to all the blessed sounds of this glorious day. Merry Christmas!

WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS, THE MUSIC MINISTRY THANKS YOU

Christmas is a time for miracles both great and small, and we were blessed with many miracles this year. The swift and generous outpouring of contributions to our organ repair fund allowed the great organ at St. Bernard Church to regain its voice in time for Christmas. A quiet gift from an anonymous donor once again provides the instrumentalists who add so much to enhance our Christmas liturgies. The individual sacrifices of time and talent during this busy season make these celebrations sing with joy. For all this and more, we give thanks. And we give thanks to you, who gather here with us this day to witness the greatest miracle of all, the birth of Jesus Christ, Our Savior. We wish you and yours a most blessed Christmas, full of faith, love, joy, and peace.

Thank You from Father Brian and Father Anthony

On behalf of myself and Father Anthony, a special thank you to all who sent their well wishes, Christmas greetings and gifts this year. They are so deeply appreciated and we sense so often the love you have for your priests. We in turn, desire to be of service to you with our mutual salvation in mind, and our love for you in Christ! Thank you and Blessed Christmas!!

Father Brian

A black and white photograph of the interior of St. Bernard Church, showing the high vaulted ceiling with intricate Gothic architecture, including pointed arches and ribbed vaulting. The lighting is dramatic, with light fixtures illuminating the space. The text is overlaid on a dark blue semi-transparent band.

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January 6, 2023

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FRIDAY

**HOLY HOUR AND CONFESSIONS 6PM
HOLY MASS 7PM**

**ST BERNARD CHURCH
MT. LEBANON**

What We Believe

A ten session study of the beauty of the Catholic faith



Monday Nights at STB starting January 23rd 7:00 to 8:30 pm
Wednesday Mornings at OLG starting January 25th 9:30 to 11:00 am

The Catholic Church is extraordinary, founded by Christ himself, where we encounter God in His Word, His sacraments, and His saints. Maybe you've been Catholic your entire life. Maybe you're just beginning to explore the Catholic Faith. Wherever you may be, you will be profoundly moved by the beauty and the richness of the Catholic Church. Lively small group discussions will foster new friendships, fresh insights, and a fuller understanding of our faith.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

email: _____

Home Parish: _____

Location Selected: STB _____ OLG _____

Cost: \$32 Payable to: St Michael the Archangel Parish Send Checks To:

Tracy Walnoha, 2355 Hidden Timber Dr, Pittsburgh, Pa 15241

Email any questions to: **STB** - schiesasander@gmail.com or **OLG** - walnohat@aol.com



Join us for:



DONUT SUNDAY

SUNDAY | JANUARY 8 : AFTER ALL MORNING MASSES

Are you looking for ways to become more involved, make new friends and have fun in 2023? Visit Clairvaux or Keefer Hall after all morning masses to learn how to get involved and talk with our SMA Fish Fry volunteers!



EXODUS AND MAGNIFY 90

Research shows our habits can transform dramatically in a span of **90 days**. And when put in the context of a prayer routine you're excited about, a worthy challenge, and a small group journeying with and supporting you, men and women of all ages experience freedom from unwanted habits, anxieties, insecurities, and an ability to live the abundant life that Christ is calling them to. **90 days could change your life.** For more information, email Ian at ianptaylor@proton.me or Joni at jmulvaney@smagph.org

STARTS JANUARY 9TH

worldwide and at St. Michael the Archangel
watch Joni and Ian's video invitation:





Wishing you the Love, Peace and Happiness that the genuine importance of Christmas brings.

Christmas Greetings from the St. Michael the Archangel Women's Guild. We hope you have a wonderful holiday season and look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

The mission of the Women's Guild is to provide religious, educational, cultural and social programs of particular interest to women and to support the welfare and progress of our parish for the benefit of the Church, the body of Christ.

Annual Membership Dues \$20 payable in January

SAVE THE DATES 2023

January 18, 2023

Valentine/Winter Wine Glass Painting

February 15, 2022

*Pysanky/Wax Batik Egg Designing,
Dee Ruckert*

February 25-26, 2023

*Charity Drive benefitting The Red Door
Ministry*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR FAITH, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!
Questions, Call Carol at 724-344-8762

DRESS A GIRL



DRESS-A-GIRL will NOT meet on Fridays, December 23 or 30. We will resume our gatherings on Friday, January 6 at 10:00 am in Keefer Hall.

We are excited to report that over the Thanksgiving weekend, we delivered 235 dresses and 140 dolls to our DAG Ambassador. That delivery brings our totals to 1425 dresses and 660 dolls donated since we began this ministry in 2019. All handmade with much love and sent off with a blessing for the recipients!

For more information about this heart-warming ministry, contact Gerri through the parish office 412-561-3300 for a call back or email gsbnewname@aol.com.

APPLE PIES - WINTER 2023

Mark your calendars!



We are planning to make our Famous Apple Pies in Clairvaux Hall next month.

Reserve January 23-28 for pie-making.

Spread the word and please help us find more volunteers.

We are all looking forward to getting together!

2022 Christmas Flowers In Loving Memory of:

Kenneth Szafranski, Sienicki and Szafranski Families by Stella and children

Kenneth Szafranski, Sarah and Ted Sienicki by Bob Sienicki

Joe Lackner, Janet and Dean Hawkins by Tom and Bonnie Lackner

Jerome R. Funaro by Patricia Funaro

Mary Hall by John and Anna Hall

Vincenza Cornacchione, Timothy Lunardi, John Gorchock by Emilio and Donina Cornacchione

Thomas B. Jennings III, Ethelreda W. Jennings, Thomas C. Jennings by Mark Jennings

Susan Fiore by John Fiore

Bill/Cassie Kristofco, Frank/Helen Paladino by Frank and Jean Paladino

Barbara Kuchinic by Lee and Barbara Kuchinic

Dorothy Walkowiak, Charles Offman by Linda Stoklosa

Raaker and Smith Families, Raaker Smith by Chuck and Judith Smith

John and Aniela Mical by Mary Jane Waymire

Robert J. Pfaff, Anna and John Pillich by Carol Pfaff

*Tom Conaboy Sr., Joseph Swabsky, Susan Swabsky, Michael Conaboy, Nora Conaboy
by Dorothy Conaboy*

Glenn P. Sawicki, Sawicki & Evanski Families by John and Rose Marie Sawicki

Mary Kubus by Abigail Kubus

Edward and Lottie Swick, Timothy Susco by Mark and Barbara Susco

Dorothea B. Serzega by Matthew and Lauren Ragan

Patricia Stanich, Jeanette Coleman by Matthew and Marnie Coleman

Peter Horn, Gloria and Joseph Palka by Mary and Michael Doyle

Carroll R. Quinn by Andy and Carol Quinn

Fanning Family and Mackey Family by John and Elizabeth Fanning

Romanello Family by Lucy Romanello

Cliff Tuttle by Tuttle/Didier Family

Thomas Nosenchuck by Natasha Nosenchuck

Mary and George Fox, Mary and Thomas Whelan, Sr. by Thomas and Mary Whelan, Jr.

Walter Kost, Anthony Kost, Deceased of the Kost and Baker Families by Denise Kost

Parishioners of St. Michael the Archangel Parish by Edward and Gloria Nazareth

M/M James A. Robinson by Terrence Robinson

Jean and Harry Cox by Harriette Coen

Irene Dressel by Joseph Dressel

Finnerty and Kramer Families by Michael and Deborah Finnerty

Anna, Joe, Ruby, Elmer, Dirk, Bob by David and Charlotte Stabile



Maureen Poellot by William and Linda Poellot

Lori King, Robert J. King, John Azzara by Mary Alice King

Jack Hayes, Tammy Hayes by Nancy Hayes

Matthew Werner, Jane and Walt Glinski, Estee and John Kulak, Ginny Martin by Timothy and Denise Kulak

Albert and Ida Diulus, Mark Diulus, Virginia and John Emes, Alice Emes by Jack and Julia Emes

Richard Ramella by Ralph and Joycelyn Ramella

Zia Asunta, Papa, Nonne E. Nonni, Ukraine & Russian War Victims by Giorgio and Kathleen DiPaolo

Bernadette Donato, Deceased Buige Family, Deceased Donato Family by Jay and Mary Ellen Donato

Kaye Lamatrice by David Lamatrice

Joseph and Teresa Figura, Anthony and Pearl Chiodo by Anthony and Denise Chiodo

Bianco and Houston Families and Brian McKeever by Mike and Pat Bianco

Tim and Minnie Brett, Anges and Florence Cullen, William Gorman by Bruno and Jacqueline Brett

Phyllis Lazarz by Rosemary Bahur

Deceased Relatives of the Kantor/Agganello Families by Thomas and Mary Kantor

Deceased Members of the Adamski Family by Marie Hayes

Rotondo and Senko Departed by Michael and Marie Senko

George Strang, Randall P. Strang, Staff Sgt. Andrew Miczkewicz, Susana and Stanley Miczkewicz by Virginia Strang

Dorothy and Anthony Grandinetti, Agnes and Henry Joyce, Shirley Wiernik, Philip and David Joyce by Victor and Virginia Joyce

Kelsey and McMullen Family by John and Barbara McMullen

Jerome Schmitt by Joan Schmitt

David, Peter, Helen Kostelich by Rita Kostelich

Rose N. Kunkel, William P. Kunkel by Leslie Kunkel

Rusnic Family, Sobeck Family by Charles and Diana Rusnic

Louis Lucci by Jane Lucci

Martin J. Flaherty, Jr. and Judith A. Flaherty by Martin and Renee Flaherty III

Deceased Somma Family by Dolores Somma

Nicolo and Mary Bomba by Virginia Bomba

Tony Bernardo and Halpin Family

Anthony LoMonte and Gene Dougherty, The Whelan Family by Kathleen Dougherty

Deceased Members of the Krebs, Pollock, Facciotti and Brancewicz Families

by Mary Brancewicz

Dorothy and Mark Horan by Chuck and Elizabeth Horan

Joseph Sr. and Margaret Rychcik by Mary and Ivan Derkach

Donna Mae Bell, Leonard and Lorraine Ringle by Stuart and Donna Kurland

James F. Ladeda, Joseph/Rose Solamon, Helen/ Frank Ladeda by Roseann Ladeda



Gerardo R. Dabbay, Antonina T. Dabbay, Ezra Kindelin, Delavega Family, Debbay, Caro, Pelaez and Repuyan Families by Sofronio and Teresita Delavega

John A. Clements by Michael and Dana Clements

James & Ethel Valente, Virginia Hahner, Robert Hahner by Michael and Anita Hahner

Deceased Members of the Hudak and Orangis Families by Carl and Patricia Orangis

Jan Bayuk, Bob Jacobson, Mary Bayuk, Joseph Bayuk, Janet Kavacich, Lindsey Michaels by Beverly Jacobson

Dr. J. Bernard Smith by Antoinette Smith

William R. Judd by Veronica Judd

Joseph/ Eleanor Solecki, Clarence/Catherine Knorr by Joseph and Kathleen Solecki

Michael Kerestes by Karen Kerestes

Ann Chapski, Fred Chapski, Saverio Strati, Sr., by Saverio, Jr. and June Strati

William F. Oxenreiter, Jr. by Mrs. William Oxenreiter

Deceased Members of the Uhrin Family, Deceased members of the Caligiuri Family by Carole Ann Caligiuri and Michael Uhrin

Kenneth G. Page, Elizabeth Zelinski, Brian G. Page, Sylvia Krywicki by Brian/Carol Page

John J. Kelly by Paulette Kelly

Steve/Ray Porada, Ray/Aline Oschwald, Tom Oschwald by Charles/Elizabeth Oschwald

Deborah Safford by John and Rebecca Hagan

The Philbin Family, The Hickey Family by Terrence and Anne Philbin

James R. Hall, Eugenia Hall by John and Georgianna Hall

John Hack, LaVerne and William Funk by Marilyn Hack

Rose and Quido Agostinelli, Demma and Agostinelli Families by Michele Agostinelli

Matt and Edith, Phyllis and Emery by Philip and Carol Kerr

Helen/Larry DeGennaro, Theodore Domrad, Eli Maravich, Sr., Danny Cooper by Joyce Maravich

Mongiat Family, Corradi Family by Iginio and Sandra Corradi

James A. Brown by Kathleen Brown

Dr. Caesar Aldisert, Richard Aldisert by Helen Aldisert

John R. Zecchino, Richard A. Barker by Barbara Natale

Jerry McNamara by Garnet McNamara

Kasprowicz Family, McNamara Family, Michalowski Family by Elizabeth Kasprowicz

Richard and MaryAnn Missonak, Steve and Ann Missonak, Frank and Josephine Olash, Russell/Dixie Missonak, Steve/Betty Missonak, Ray Jackson/A.J. Spader by Pamela Missonak

Rich and MaryAnn Missonak, Jim and Mary Maloney, Deceased Members of the Olash Family, Deceased Members of the Missonak Family, Ray Jackson, A.J. Spader by Edward and Kimberly Ogden

Karolvich and Conaboy Families by Edward and Suzanne Karlovich

Joseph and Angeline Ritacco by Carol Ritacco

John A. Stark by Tavie Stark

Richard Markovich by Diane Markovich



The Trainor Family and The Colella Family by Virginia Trainor

Michael Gaydos, Florence Gaydos by Thomas and Roberta Stevenson

William Varley, Varley Cullighan Families, June Varley, Philip Barbour, Anne Barbour by Carol Varley

M/M Anthony Notaro, Mrs. Joyce Wingtens, M/M Frank Baum by Debbie Notaro

Joseph and Wanda Grochowski, Severin Dvorsky by Carolyn Dvorsky

Betty Pekar by Jeff Pekar

Barbara Kuchinio by Thomas Dunn and Ellen Connelly

The Falcioni, Fiori and Yeager Families by Bob and Dar Yeager

Erica Brajdic by Adam Brajdic

Donna Teckmeyer, Mary Semencar, Jeane Varuola by Martin and Angela Spieler

Carl J. and Mary C. Franz, Anthony and Edna Joseph, Elizabeth Franz, Mary and Frances Giorgianni,

Georgianna Franz by Mrs. Lawrence Joseph

Deceased Members of the Delre Family, The Armento Family by Judith Delre

James Crea by George and Anna Malerbo

James and Virginia Smith, Deceased Members of the Smith and Vermeulen Families by Linda Roman

Walter and Irene Szymanski, George W. Parker by Lucille Parker

Fabus, Mattola, Seneway Families by Loretta Seneway

Dorothy Ann Jastrebski, Joseph Jastrebski, Sr., Joseph Jastrebski, Jr., Linda Jastrebski, JoAnne Marcu, Judy

Norburt, Helen Kominski, Marshall Coleman, Leah Magasano, Nicholas Magasano, Virginia Peiritsch,

George Peiritsch, Sandra Peiritsch, Robert Raemore, Shirley Raemore, Russell Stone, Frances Zottola,

Barbara Magasano by Janine Peiritsch

*Gerard and Mary Hungerman, John and Dorothy Karpyniak, Susan Tatom, Mark D. Flory, Marguerite Oliver
by Family*

Jeanne Garber by M/M David Overstreet

Ann McCaffrey by Thomas and Ann McCaffrey

Lonna Helbling, Kaitlin Danziger by Judith and Robert Helbling

*Barb Skwarcha, Deceased Members of the Musial Family, Deceased Members of the Culan family by Robert
and Susan Musial*

Stanley Clark by Mary Lou Clark

Riccelli/Scrinofilo Family, Pat Pusateri, Clark Appelbee, Jerry Perino by Angie Riccelli

2022 Christmas Flowers In Honor of:

Charles Oschwald Family by Charles and Elizabeth Oschwald

Charlotte by David and Charlotte Stabile

Linda Coleman, Marnie Coleman, Andrea Raymer by Matthew and Marnie Coleman

Metro Warholak Family, Maria and George Stepanevich by Teresa Dix

Mary Lackner by Thomas and Bonnie Lackner



SAFE ENVIRONMENT AT SMA

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) 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.

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 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.



Saint Michael the Archangel offers Online Giving, an additional option for giving to the church.

Online Giving Parishioner Benefits

- Secure and confidential. No need to share payment information with the church office.
- Efficient. Set up direct withdrawals from your checking, savings account or a credit card.
- Simple. Start, stop and change your contributions at any time.
- Convenient. No need to write a check or have cash available.

Online Giving is intended to be a convenient tool for you to use, and we strongly support both Online Giving and Offering Envelopes for contributions to the parish. Online Giving is the electronic way to participate in weekly offertory.

For additional information, or to sign up, visit our website at www.smapgh.org and click on "Give"



Are you missing our weekly updates?

To start receiving weekly updates, text the word "smapgh" (for Saint Michael the Archangel, Pittsburgh) to the number "84576". You will immediately get a response prompting you to complete your signup, which will give you the opportunity to add other groups to receive updates from, such as Religious Education or Youth Ministry.

You can also email Joni at jmulvaney@smapgh.org to sign up.



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ACADEMY**

Principals

Mrs. Leslie Krueger

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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THE MAGIC OF THE SEASON

Jesus is born! From all of us at Ave Maria Academy, Merry Christmas! We hope you enjoy the splendor of the season and take time to experience the simple joys of the holiday. Our students spent Advent giving of themselves in service to share Christ's light with the world. Student Council raised money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation by selling candy canes and hot chocolate packets at lunch. The Advent Chain that hung in the hallway all month represented each action a student took to prepare for Jesus' coming, like helping around the house or praying for someone. Our younger students beautifully brought the Nativity scene to life in a traditional Nativity Play. All precious reminders of the true meaning of Christmas!



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SAVE THE DATE

Join us for our All-School Open House!

- Sunday, January 29th, 2023 1:00-3:00PM
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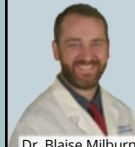
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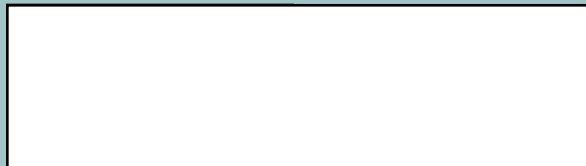
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