

OUR LADY
OF HOPE

Established 2021

Sunday, August 22, 2021



“MASTER, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?” - JN 6:68

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS - AUGUST 21-29, 2021

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	INTENTIONS	REQUESTED BY
Saturday, August 21	St. Valentine	4:00 PM	Jack Schlegel	Margie, Robbie & Family
	St. Gabriel	5:00 PM	Marty Letzelter (Birthday)	Letzelter Family
Sunday, August 22	St. Germaine	7:30 AM	Madge Lepri	Family
	Nativity	9:00 AM	Roland Liberi & Jack Rodgers	Vince & Betty Ann Coda
	St. Gabriel	9:00 AM	Eleanor Wabby	Jim & Mary Ann Quinn
	St. Valentine	10:30 AM	Paul James Mackay, Linda Ranallo, Ronald Bernick	Mary Mackay
	St. Germaine	10:30 AM	Special Intention of Jessica & Jake Sturm	Mom & Dad
	St. Gabriel	11:00 AM	Andrew Halterlein (Anniversary)	Daughters
Monday, August 23	St. Germaine	8:00 AM	Rean Swanson	Rick & Joanne Chesnos
	St. Valentine	11:30 AM	Vincent Hanratty	Bill & Mary Jo Densmore
Tuesday, August 24	St. Germaine	8:00 AM	Raymond Veri	Kathy Connor
	St. Gabriel	11:30 AM	Sue Gilbert	Family
Wednesday, August 25	St. Germaine	8:00 AM	Elva Bertha	Wallace Family
	St. Valentine	11:30 AM	Sam & Sophie Frattaroli	Son & Family
	Nativity	7:00 PM	Abbott Family	Berniece McCort
Thursday, August 26	St. Germaine	8:00 AM	Luke Sirko	Family
	St. Gabriel	11:30 AM	Intentions of Carol Vater	Patrizio Family
Friday, August 27	St. Germaine	8:00 AM	Ronald Dilardi	Family
	Nativity	11:30 AM	Mary Estocsin	Thompson Family
Saturday, August 28	St. Gabriel	10:00 AM	John Patterson	Family
NEXT WEEKEND - VIGIL & SUNDAY MASSES				
Saturday, August 28	St. Valentine	4:00 PM	Mary Myron	Rebecca Ricci
	St. Gabriel	5:00 PM	Ed Jarkiewicz	Michell Varrassa & Family
Sunday, August 29	St. Germaine	7:30 AM	Jeffrey Cortopassi	Mom & Dad
	Nativity	9:00 AM	Gurall Family	Yocco Family
	St. Gabriel	9:00 AM	Gil Stanislawczyk	Ron, Carol & Rilynn Stanislawczyk
	St. Valentine	10:30 AM	Tom Natali	Monday Morning Friends
	St. Germaine	10:30 AM	Robert Caracci	Wife & Family
	St. Gabriel	11:00 AM	Deceased Members of Englert, Rau & Schmidt Families	Family

OUR LADY OF HOPE WEBSITE - OLHPGH.ORG

FROM THE DESK OF FR. JOHN SKIRTICH



Our Lady of Hope Family,

Our recently named regional school, Mother of Mercy Academy, welcomes 360 k-8 students to our St. Gabriel campus this Thursday, August 26th, for the start of the academic school year. Along with our preschool programs at St. Valentine's and St. Gabriel's, and our hundreds of Religious Education students in our Faith Formation program. Mother of Mercy Academy embodies our common commitment to Catholic education. Please pray for all of our school students and young people throughout Our Lady of Hope Parish as they enter into an exciting new year of learning and growing closer to our Lord Jesus.

Although we certainly had our challenges with the weather, last week's Summerfest was a great success in the most important way – it was an excellent example of what it is to build a parish community. By working together for a common goal, including the flexibility and effort the changing weather patterns demanded, we continued to form ourselves more and more into a church family. Volunteer coordinator Sandy Wagner remarked how pleased she was to see people from all four of our legacy parishes work the booths and church grounds each evening, an observation the clergy made as well. New friendships were formed, and fun was had by all.



I want to again thank chairpersons Eric and Marianne Puhl for the months of hard work and dedication to this task. Their work, and that of the dozens of volunteers involved, is greatly appreciated by all. It will take a couple of weeks to provide a full accounting of a dollar amount raised by the festival, but raffle ticket chair, Mr. Greg Bucci, reports we raised more than \$57-thousand net profit on the raffle. Once again, thanks to all who participated in any way.

Gratefully in Christ,

Our Lady of Hope Parish WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEK ENDING AUGUST 13, 2021

Offertory	\$23,643.00
Parish Share	\$6,982.00
Total	\$30,625.00

ATTENDANCE

August 14-15, 2021

Nativity

9:00 AM.....	186
Total.....	186

St. Gabriel

5:00 PM.....	137
9:00 AM.....	130
11:00 AM.....	185
Total.....	452

St. Germaine

7:30 AM.....	219
10:30 AM.....	206
Total.....	425

St. Valentine

4:00 PM.....	236
10:30 AM.....	174
Total.....	410

Total Attendance.....1473

YouTube Mass.....225

Our Lady of Hope Mission Statement

We, the parish community of Our Lady of Hope, have been called in Baptism to continue the mission of Christ to reveal the reality and beauty of God's plan of salvation for all.

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we believe the Eucharist is the heart and source of our unity. As a Eucharistic people, we deepen our faith and build our community in love through education, spiritual renewal, and stewardship. We exemplify our love by reaching out to those in need in the spirit of justice, charity, and service. We pledge, under the mantle of Our Lady of Hope, to preserve our legacy for future generations and commit ourselves to welcoming all as we live the Good News of Jesus Christ.

LOVE JESUS

Rest in Peace

Elizabeth Carroll
Patrick Vacca



Newly Baptized



CHRISTINA MARIA DERR

Daughter of Michael N. & Janine D. 'Nikki' (Misa) Derr

ATHENA JULES MATHEWS

Daughter of Jeffrey Mathews & Alanna Ferrett

MILA ROSE VUKELA

Daughter of Brian J. & Alexis (Eischelsbacher) Vukela

Please pray for Christina, Athena and Mila, along with their parents and godparents.

PRAYERS FOR MILITARY

Master Sergeant **Jeff Andrulonis**, ANG
Gunnery Sergeant **Louis J. Boff, III**, USMC
Lieutenant Commander **Chris Dindal**, USN
2nd Lieutenant **Samuel Gobbie**, USAF
1st Lieutenant **Presten Grace**, USAF
Chief Warrant Officer 2 **Nevin Kraus**, USA Rangers
Staff Sergeant **Michael Matthews**, USA Special Forces
Major **James Morris**, USA
Master Sergeant **Mandy Mueller**, USAF
Private First Class **Hunter Schweitzer**, USA
2nd Lieutenant **John M. Selep**, USA
2nd Lieutenant **Madison Sgattoni**, USMC

To add a name to our military list provide name, rank and which armed force they serve in to: Cindy Gilfoyle at cgilfoyle@olhpg.org or 412-833-0661. Please let us know when they are no longer in active duty.



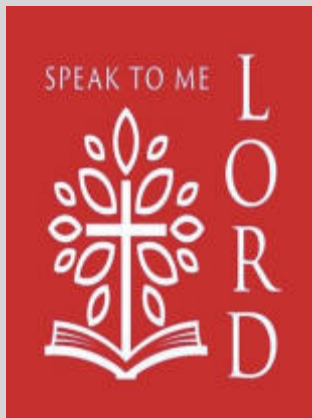
NATIVITY DIVINE MERCY CANDLE

Lit in Memory of
Patricia Nelligan
By Daughter, Sue

READINGS AND OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 22, 2021

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22
St. Rose of Lima, Virgin



Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32
St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51
Ordinary Time

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13
St. Monica

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30
St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady of Hope Parish HAPPENINGS

A look ahead...



August

- 23 ●Gospel Study Group/Nativity Spiritual Ctr♦3:00PM
- 23 ●SVdP Conference Mtg/St. Germaine ♦7:00PM
- 24 ●BINGO/St. Valentine Frawley Hall♦5:30PM
- 25 ●Legion of Mary/St. Gabriel♦4:15PM
- 26 ●First Day of School, Mother of Mercy Academy
- 29 ●Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience/St. Val's♦2:00PM
- 30 ●Gospel Study Group/Nativity Spiritual Ctr♦3:00PM
- 31 ●BINGO/St. Valentine Frawley Hall♦5:30PM

September

- 1 ●Legion of Mary/St. Gabriel♦4:15PM
- 2 ●Ladies of Charity/St. Germaine MPR♦6:30PM
- 6 ●Labor Day (Offices Closed)
- 6 ●Gospel Study Group/Nativity Spiritual Ctr♦3:00PM
- 7 ●BINGO/St. Valentine Frawley Hall♦5:30PM
- 7 ●Christian Mothers Mtg/St. Gabriel Hall♦6:30PM
- 8 ●Legion of Mary/St. Gabriel♦4:15PM
- 11 ●Teen Leadership Corps, Mass & Mtg/St. Germaine♦10:30AM
- 13 ●Gospel Study Group/Nativity Spiritual Ctr♦3:00PM
- 13 ●SVdP Conference Mtg/St. Germaine♦7:00PM
- 14 ●BINGO/St. Valentine Frawley Hall♦5:30PM
- 15 ●Legion of Mary/St. Gabriel♦4:15PM
- 16 ●Women's Guild/Frawley Hall♦6:00PM
- 19 ●Catechetical Sunday
- 20 ●Gospel Study Group/Nativity Spiritual Ctr♦3:00PM
- 21 ●BINGO/St. Valentine Frawley Hall♦5:30PM
- 22 ●First day of Autumn
- 22 ●Legion of Mary/St. Gabriel♦4:15PM
- 22 ●Dr. Bill Switala Lecture Series Begins/St. Germaine♦6:30PM
- 27 ●Gospel Study Group/Nativity Spiritual Ctr♦3:00PM
- 27 ●First week of CCD
- 27 ●SVdP Conference Mtg/St. Germaine♦7:00PM
- 28 ●BINGO/St. Valentine Frawley Hall♦5:30PM
- 29 ●Legion of Mary/St. Gabriel♦4:15 PM
- 29 ●Dr. Bill Switala Lecture Series/St. Germaine♦6:30PM

October

- 2 ●Rocktoberfest/St. Gabriel Hall♦
- 4 ●Gospel Study Group/Nativity Spiritual Ctr♦3:00PM
- 5 ●BINGO/St. Valentine Frawley Hall♦5:30PM
- 5 ●Loss Group/St. Germaine MPR♦6:00PM

WEEKLY CONFESSION

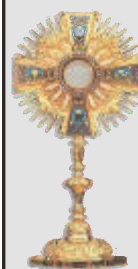
NATIVITY CHURCH
Wednesday ● 6:15-6:45 PM

ST. GABRIEL CHURCH
Saturday ● 11:00-Noon

ST. VALENTINE CHURCH
Saturday ● 11:00-Noon



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



ST. GERMAINE CHURCH
First Tuesday of each month
immediately following 8:00 AM
Mass and concluding at Noon.

NATIVITY CHURCH
Every Friday following the
11:30 AM Mass and concluding
at 1:00 PM.



Every Tuesday Evening
St. Valentine - Frawley Hall
Doors Open at 5:30 PM
Play begins at 7:15 PM

CONGRATULATIONS

OLH Summerfest Raffle Ticket Winners

8/11 – Dick Sheridan - \$1,000
8/12 – M. Smith - \$1,000
8/13 – Szymanski - \$1,500
8/14 – Nathan Thomson - \$3,000



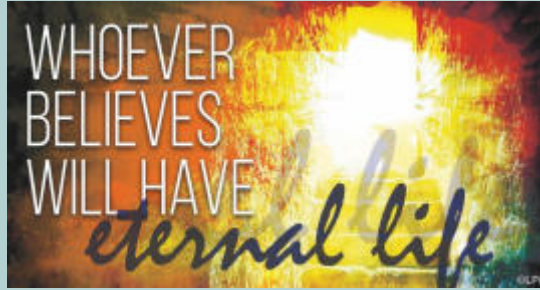
LADIES OF CHARITY SEPTEMBER MEETING

Our meeting will bring
us together, in person;
what a wonderful
blessing!!

Thursday, September 2nd • 6:30 PM
St. Germaine Church
Multi-Purpose Room

Please RSVP to Betty Ann at 412-655
-2641 by August 29th so we can
prepare adequately.

*As always, we welcome anyone
interested in learning more about
what we do for your community.*



LIVE THE LITURGY *Inspiration for the week*

Many people give their allegiance to something until it requires them to do something challenging or radical. Then, they find themselves rethinking whether they want to be associated with it. The same holds for God. Either we serve God, or we don't. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith.

If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom, love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, and trust that the Eucharist is in fact Jesus' very Body and Blood. For some, buying into these things may prove too difficult and a return to a life without them is preferred. But truth is truth and it can only be found in God.

If we find it hard to accept it from the mouth of Christ, where else can we go to find it? The task before us is to commit to the truth even when it may be easier to pursue something else. Truth is always worth obtaining even when it is difficult. Jesus offers us the truth of life, a life found in his own flesh and blood and a life of discipleship.

A NOTE FROM THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



We all know the power of prayer in supporting those in need. To that end, our St. Vincent de Paul Society has a wonderful opportunity for all parishioners. It is called the Gift of Love Program and it provides prayers, not only for your loved ones and friends, but also for you!

In appreciation of your contribution in any amount, our members will pray for both you and the recipient(s) of this Gift of Love at each of our

meetings for one year from the date the gift was made.

Your gift may be designated to honor someone's birthday, marriage, or other special occasion. It may also be given in memory of a deceased loved one, for someone's renewed good health, or for any particular need the recipient may have. A written recognition of your gift will be sent to both the recipient and the donor if you provide the addresses on the Gift of Love Request Form.

For more information and to print out a Gift of Love form, go to the Our Lady of Hope website at www.olhpg.org/st-vincent-de-paul. Once you have filled in the form, just place it along with your contribution into an envelope and drop it off at any of our parish offices or place it in the collection basket at any of our churches. You can also send the envelope to us by mail at:

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL
Our Lady of Hope Conference
7003 Baptist Road
Bethel Park, PA 15102

Your kindness will help us to carry out the mission of our founder, Frederic Ozanam, which is to help in and quiet and confidential manner, those in need in our community.

LOURDES VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE EXPERIENCE™

Sunday, August 29 † 2:00 PM
St. Valentine Church

Like an actual Pilgrimage to Lourdes, the **Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience™** is a holy encounter with God under the watchful care of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Virtual Pilgrimage Experience re-creates a pilgrimage to Lourdes without ever leaving our pews.

This prayerful experience draws pilgrims nearer to God in the company of Our Lady as they are guided through a prayerful visit to the Grotto, the experience of the water, prayer in a Rosary procession and a Eucharistic blessing. Hope you can attend!



FAITH FORMATION



We have an impressive group of young people in our Teen Leadership Corps (TLC). The group met last week and brainstormed ideas for the upcoming Catechetical year. The 24-member group came up with teen events open to their peers, fundraising events benefitting others in the community and their own TLC organization, community outreach outside of their neighborhoods, mentoring opportunities with the young

children in our school and CCD programs and some collections that can be done with the whole parish community.

The next meeting will be September 11th with 10:30 AM Mass and a meeting to follow with lunch provided. If you have any questions about TLC, please call Carol Vater 412-835-8322.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on your understanding but in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight. † Proverbs 3:4-5

THERE IS SOMETHING SPECIAL IN OUR PARISH – CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD



Level I Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is offered to children ages 3-6 years old. Parish families can register their child for either the Tuesday afternoon program, 2:00 PM-3:15 PM or the Thursday morning program, 11:00 AM-12:15 PM. Children visit the atrium once a week and are given individual presentations with sensorial materials. They are then free to work independently in the specially prepared atrium environment. The focus in Level I is **God as our Good Shepherd**. At the end of class, we come together as a group at the prayer table for prayer and song. CGS works through a three year cycle; each year the child is introduced to new materials, or deeper lessons on information they are already familiar with.

Level II CGS is offered to children ages 6-9 (Grades 1-3) on either Wednesday, 4:30 PM-5:45 PM or Thursday, 6:00 PM-7:15 PM. The children spend time in the atrium session once a week. Their presentations are given either individually or in small groups. The materials are available to work with however, they are also encouraged to work independently or in small groups to explore each

lesson on a deeper level. The presentations in Level II center on **God as the True Vine**. Again, level II is arranged in a three year cycle of lessons, so each year offers new lessons and new materials. This is an alternative to Traditional CCD.

For information regarding CGS at Our Lady of Hope or to tour our atria, please contact Carol Vater at 412-835-3780 or cvater@olhpg.org. You can also view a video at the CGS National website <https://www.cgsusa.org/>. Registration forms are available upon request; cost of the program is \$50.



Come and Join our Preschool Family!



Our Lady of Hope Parish's **St. Valentine Preschool** offers classes for 2, 3, and 4 year old children. There is currently space available in our PM classes for 3 and 4 year olds. We also offer a **"Tiny Hearts for Two"** class for those children turning 2 by Sept. 1 who are accompanied by an adult. Please visit our website, www.olhpg.org, for more information about our program, view a virtual tour of our facility, and to download registration forms.

For answers to your questions, please contact
Judy Mills, Director,
at jmills@stvals.org or 412-835-5539.



OLH PARISH WOMEN'S GROUPS - BECOME INVOLVED

LADIES OF CHARITY



Founded by St. Vincent de Paul in France in 1617, the Ladies of Charity is an organization of Catholic lay women volunteers who serve the needy, sick, elderly, children, and youth. With approximately 1,400 members, Pittsburgh has the largest Ladies of Charity membership in the United States with groups in approximately 19 other states.

The motto of the Ladies of Charity is ***"To Serve rather than be served in humility, simplicity and charity."*** Some of the projects Our Lady of Hope Ladies of Charity have participated in include:

- Pray for our members and prayer requests received
- Bring the Eucharist to the Homebound
- Send Birthday/Holiday Cards to the Homebound
- Fruit Baskets and Poinsettias to the Homebound
- Organize Anointing of the Sick Mass and Luncheon
- Organize the Oktoberfest
- Corpus Christi Celebration
- Seder Meal
- Organize Food Bank Donations
- Appalachia Toiletries Collection
- Jefferson Hospital Books & Bibs
- St. Joseph's House of Hospitality Slipper Drive
- Operation Safety Net Hat/Glove/Mitten/Sock Collection
- Red Door Sock Drive
- Ronald McDonald House Pop Tab Collection
- Catholic Charities Diaper Drive

We are very blessed at Our Lady of Hope parish to have the support of our parishioners in many of our projects. Our Lady of Hope Parish Ladies of Charity meet September through June, the first Thursday of the month, 6:30 PM, in the Multi-Purpose room at St. Germaine Church.

We welcome anyone interested in learning more about the Our Lady of Hope Ladies of Charity. Please call Betty Coda at 412-655-2641 for more information.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS



Our Lady of Hope Parish Christians Mothers welcomes all women of Nativity, St Gabriel, St Germaine and St Valentine Churches. Any woman age 18+(single or married) may join. We begin this year as a "New" organization. We have our new certificate and new start date with the new name of Our Lady of

Hope Christian Mothers, authorized through the diocese and the Archconfraternity.

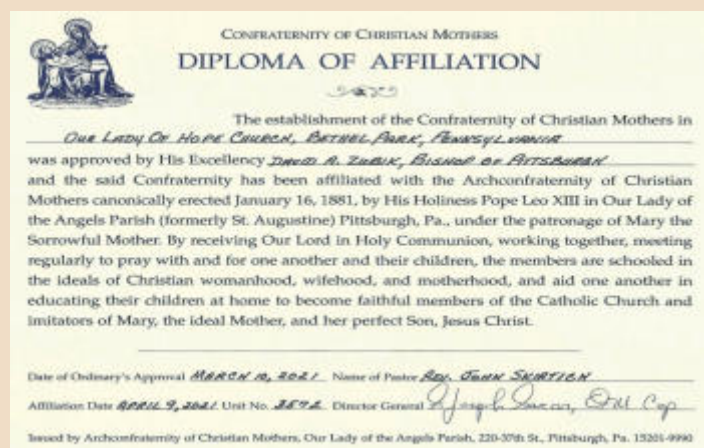
The Christian Mothers have a very long history, originating in the 1800's. It was founded with the main purpose of praying for the children. As we begin our new year, we will be encouraging women to pray for not only their own children but their grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and school children.

If you so desire, you are welcome to work with any of our committees, such as shut-ins, Baptismal cards, crosses and robes, social and a few others. Beside our prayerful purpose and good works, we also, promote fellowship and a strong support for one another through our social activities and fundraisers, which benefit our parish.

There will be fun events throughout the year that always encourage and foster lifelong friendships.

Save the date! The first meeting of Our Lady of Hope Christian Mothers will be Tuesday, September 7th. We will begin the evening with a Mass at St. Gabriel Church at 6:30 PM followed by a Social in the hall.

Please come to our uplifting meetings. Women age 62 and over are free but still need to register. There is \$5 dues donation for women under 62. If you have any questions feel free to call Debbie Cerninaro 412-370-7985



OLH PARISH WOMEN'S GROUPS (CONT.) AND MORE



WOMEN'S GUILD

Originally, the St. Valentine Women's Club, now known as the Our Lady of Hope Women's Guild, was organized in February of 1950 with the purpose of raising funds to build a parish school. As the years progressed the group wanted to be more than a fund-raising source. They sought enrollment in the Arch-Confraternity of Christian Mothers and became known at St. Valentine Women's Club/Christian Mothers.

Today, with the merger of four churches, the group realizes they are like any "organic group" evolving and growing into the future with a stronger need to redefine who they are. They are no longer just a group of married women with children; the group includes women pursuing careers, single moms working to support their families, married women with and without children, grandmothers, and widows with "village wisdom" to share.

Meetings are run from September through May and are usually held the third Thursday of each month in Frawley Hall, unless otherwise advertised in the bulletin. Meetings begin with the recitation of the Holy Rosary, a brief meeting, and a speaker. We adjourn for some time of fellowship, food, and wine.

Please consider joining the group and become a part of the continuing story, one where all women are welcome. For more information please contact Rita Heberle at 412-608-2939.

ATTENTION LADIES

It's time to sign up for our **Ladies 500 Card Flight** (Card Club) for the 2021-2022 season.

You need to provide the following information for each person you plan to register: name, address, and phone number.

To register or for additional information contact Mary Anne Schirra at 412-882-6473 or Dianne Kyslinger at 412-882-2519 or you can send your registration information to Mary Anne Schirra at 444 Lantern Hill Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15236. **Registration deadline is August 25th.**

OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH FAMILY IN SEARCH OF CHILD CARE

In our home, during this school year
(Sept 2021-June 2022)

Monday-Friday 1:00PM-5:00PM
Children are 5 and 3 years old

We live in Whitehall (by Baldwin High School), walking distance to the Whitehall Library. We work from home but sometimes go into the office. Please call or text to 412-452-7233 if you are interested.

SIX STEPS TO SANITY



Free 12-week program beginning Tuesday, September 21, 7:00-8:30 PM
St. Louise de Marillac Church (Bishop Leonard Room)
320 McMurray Road, Upper Saint Clair

Dealing with addiction or alcoholism in your family? **SIX STEPS TO SANITY** is a program designed to help parents, step-parents, grandparents, spouses, and family members who have an adult loved one suffering from the disease of alcoholism or addiction. It is designed to bring hope, healing, and serenity to those impacted by the addiction of a loved one, as well as develop healthy ways to relate and respond to them.

This faith-based program is an outreach of the Substance Addiction Ministry (S.A.M.) of St. Catherine Labouré Parish (formerly St. Louise de Marillac & St. Joan of Arc Churches). The program is adapted from the bestselling book, *Setting Boundaries with Your Adult Children: Six Steps to Hope and Healing for Struggling Parents*, by Allison Bottke.

Registration is required. To register, or for further information, please contact Bruce and Nancy Shea at bruceandnancy6@gmail.com or (412) 952-1084. Open to people of all religious beliefs.

With God all things are possible. ~ Matthew 19:26

RETREATS AND ADULT LECTURE SERIES

OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH MEN'S RETREAT



All men of Our Lady of Hope Parish are invited to participate in a Men's Retreat at St. Paul of the Cross

Retreat Center, September 24-26.

Nestled on the South Side Slopes, the Retreat Center is a place offering comfort and relaxation to nourish the spirit. It is a place where you can rest your body from the stress of everyday life and reflect on your relationship with God. The priests at St. Paul's often say, "If you don't need a retreat, then you certainly deserve one."

Unlike the saying, "what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas," what happens at the retreat will come home. You will return a better husband, a better father, and a better Catholic man.

Please treat yourself to an amazing weekend at this annual retreat.

For additional information, contact Rob Frost at 724-875-6451 or John McGrady at 412-831-9381.

OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH WOMEN'S RETREAT



In these trying and sometimes confusing times we are living, there is a place where you will find serenity. Peace, hope and joy is renewed through the Sacraments, Adoration and inspiring talks.

/will reveal to you an abundance of lasting peace

†Jeremiah 33:6

If you have never been on a retreat, maybe this your year. The retreat theme is *FINDING PEACE AND SERENITY IN CHRIST* and will be held at St Paul of the Cross Retreat Center, October 1-3

If you plan to attend the retreat, contact Betty Ann 412-655-2641. For more details, you can also contact the St. Paul Retreat Center at 412-381-1188.

For those who would like to attend but are not able at this time, the retreat will be offered again the weekend of March 25-27, 2021.

Our Lady of Hope Fall Adult Lecture Series **THE SPRINGTIME OF THE CHURCH**

Presented by: **William J. Switala, Ph.D**

St. Germaine Church, Multi-Purpose Room
Tuesdays, 6:30-7:45 PM (see schedule)

Have you wondered what the early Church was like? How did the liturgy get started? How did the sacraments and the clergy develop? Who took over the leadership of the Church after the passing of the Apostles? What were the controversies in the early Church that led to the development of some of the most important doctrines that we hold dear today?

Come and join us for a discussion of these and other topics that took place during the first 500 years of the Church.

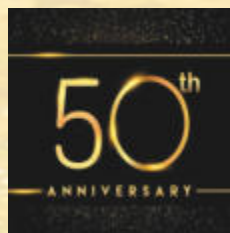
The following is a list of the dates and topics in **The Springtime of the Church Series:**

September

- 22 †The Beginnings of the Church
- 29 †The Church Spreads and Faces Persecutions

October

- 6 †The Rise of the Clergy and the Hierarchy
- 13 †The Sacraments and the Liturgy
- 20 †Key Figures in the Early Church
- 27 †Theological Controversies



50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Each year, the Diocese of Pittsburgh recognizes the crowning achievement of those couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with a Mass, presided by Bishop Zubik, at St. Paul's Cathedral, followed by a cookie reception. The 2021 Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass is scheduled for October 10th at St. Paul Cathedral.

If you will be celebrating your 50th anniversary this year, and would like to be included in the special anniversary Mass please contact Cindy Gilfoyle at cgilfoyle@olhpggh.org or 412-833-0661 no later than August 30th with the following information: husband's name, wife's name (including maiden name), mailing address, and phone number.

Participants will receive a personal invitation with instructions after the parish submits the names of those who plan to attend. Should limitations of guests be required, couples will be notified prior to the event.

MOTHER OF MERCY ACADEMY GOLF OUTING

15th Annual Fr. Haney Golf Outing

Monday, October 11, 2021 | South Hills Country Club

9:00 A.M. Registration, Breakfast and Open Range

11:00 A.M. Shotgun Start--Scramble Format

All proceeds benefit the Father Haney Angel Fund for Mother of Mercy Academy

Please join us for a fun filled day of golf including:

- Continental breakfast and a sit-down dinner buffet
- Golf, free beer, water and Gatorade on the course
- Skill Prizes
- Chinese Auction Baskets and 50/50

\$150.00 per person (includes golf, gift, and drinks on the course)

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Please make check payable to **Mother of Mercy Academy** and drop off at St. Gabriel Rectory or mail to:

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Dear Golf Sponsor,

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The outing this year will be held on **October 11, 2021** at South Hills Country Club.

We will have a sign printed with the name of the sponsor and placed on a tee box. All sponsors will be listed in the church bulletin and we will request all involved to patronize and support the sponsors.

The cost of sponsoring a hole for the golf outing will be \$100.00 minimum.

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As always we appreciate your continued support of our school and your show of support for the Fr. Haney Angel Fund.

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