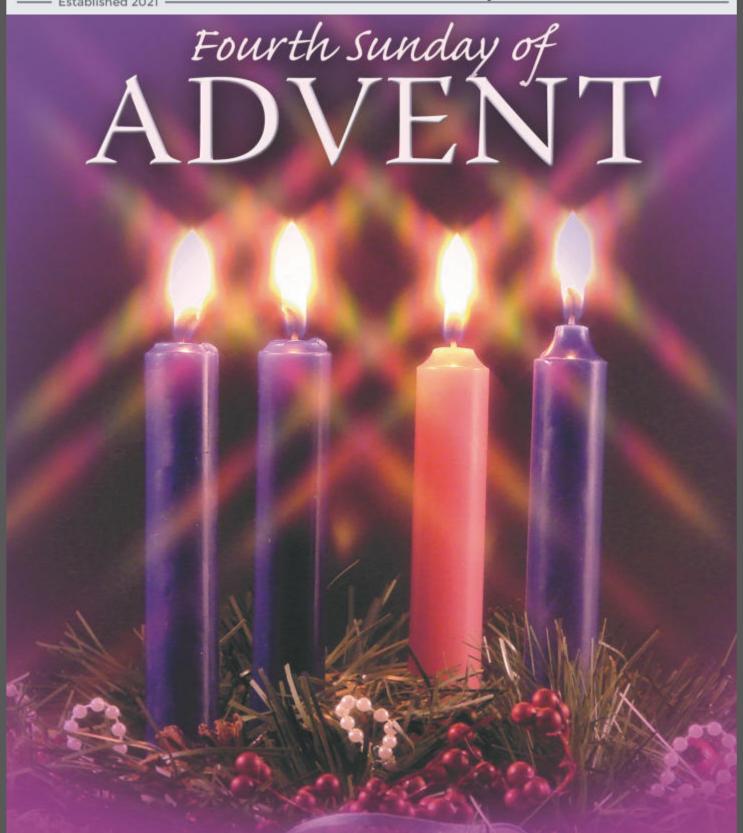


Established 2021

Sunday, December 19, 2021











MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS - DECEMBER 18-26, 2021

DATE	CHURCH	TIME	INTENTIONS	REQUESTED BY
Saturday, December 18	St. Valentine	4:00 PM	George & Trudy Hall	Family
	St. Gabriel	5:00 PM	Rosemary & Edward Tasillo	Family
	St. Germaine	7:30 AM	Samuel R. Brace	Wife & Son, David
Sunday, December 19				·
	Nativity	9:00 AM	Roland Liberi	Vince & Betty Ann Coda
	St. Gabriel	9:00 AM	Margie Lawrence	Gabby Dawley
	St. Valentine	10:30 AM	Andy Martin	Mom & Dad
	St. Germaine	10:30 AM	S. Byrne Doyle	Ida Ayres
	St. Gabriel	11:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Devlin & Barnett Families	Family
Monday, December 20	St. Germaine	8:00 AM	Tim & Helen Hawrylak (Birthday)	Children
	St. Valentine	11:30 AM	Vi & Paul Signer	Family
Tuesday, December 21	St. Germaine	8:00 AM	Loretta Roberts	Family
	St. Gabriel	11:30 AM	David Gelston	Frances Schneider
Wednesday, December 22	St. Germaine	8:00 AM	Janet Hyrb	Lew & Linda Nevins
	St. Valentine	11:30 AM	Robert Selznick	Children
	Nativity	7:00 PM	Robert Otto	Rita & John Chergi
Thursday, December 23	St Germaine	8:00 AM	Kevin Miles	Katie Miles
	St. Gabriel	11:30 AM	Charles Henry	Wife, Janet
Christmas Eve Friday, December 24	St. Gabriel	4:00 PM	In Loving Memory of Marie Sullivan	Bob & Pattie Stanko
	St. Germaine	4:00 PM	Gerry Ryan	Rick & Joanne Chesnos
	Nativity	4:00 PM	Norma Yochum	Family
	St. Valentine	4:00 PM	Ken Duttine	Pamela Smithyman
	St. Valentine	7:00 PM	Emma & Ambrose Galbani	Son
	St. Gabriel	10:00 PM	Howard Storm	Family
NEXT WEEKEND - VIGIL & SUNDAY MASSES				
	St. Germaine	8:00 AM	People of Our Lady of Hope Parish	
Christmas Day Saturday,	Nativity	9:00 AM	Bill Belack	Wife & Family
December 25	St. Valentine	10:00 AM	People of Our Lady of Hope Parish	
	St. Gabriel	11:00 AM	People of Our Lady of Hope Parish	
	St. Germaine	7:30 AM	Joseph Quinlin	Karen Hudson
	Nativity	9:00 AM	Jerry, Mary Lou & Michael P. Bucci	Children
Sunday, December 26	St. Gabriel	9:00 AM	Eileen Zurku	Lydia Weber
	St. Valentine	10:30 AM	Robert Ratay	Wife
	St. Germaine	10:30 AM	Madge Lepri	Family
	St. Gabriel	11:00 AM	Larry Bursick	Family

OUR LADY OF HOPE WEBSITE - OLHPGH.ORG

FROM THE DESK OF FR. JOHN SKIRTICH



Our Lady of Hope Parish Family,

The Christmas Mass and associated Holy Days Mass schedule is included in this bulletin. As always, the Christmas Masses and various Masses throughout the entire season of Christmas, are wonderful opportunities to share our faith with family and friends. As we celebrate our Savior's birth, we also welcome back to church all those who

may not have been attending in person in recent months, or those who have not been physically present to worship with us in a very long time. If you notice new, or familiar, faces you haven't seen for a while, please welcome them.

I want to extend a big "thank you" to Joanne Shissler Mackey for organizing and directing the "Getting to Know You" show in Frawley Hall at our St. Valentine's site last Saturday evening. There were members of all four legacy churches in the show and in the audience for a great evening of entertainment and fellowship. We look forward to other similar shows in the future!

I also want to thank all those throughout our parish who have been so generous to those in need during this Holy Season, especially those who participated with efforts on behalf of St. Vincent De Paul Society, Lifeline of Southwestern PA, Ronald McDonald House, Kane Community Living Center and St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, the coordination by our Teen Leadership Corps, and all other charitable efforts. Various groups throughout our parish have done such a beautiful job of making us able to participate in the spirit of the Advent and Christmas seasons by giving to others.

Gratefully in Christ,



Our Lady of Hope Parish

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 10, 2021

Offertory \$37,517.48
Christmas \$2,305.00
Parish Share \$15,348.90 **Total** \$55,171.38

ATTENDANCE

December 11/12, 2021

Nativity 9:00 AM227 Total......227 St. Gabriel 5:00 PM160 9:00 AM......168 11:00 AM.....205 Total.....533 St. Germaine 7:30 AM......227 10:30 AM......225 St. Valentine 4:00 PM......211 10:30 AM.....220 Total.....431

Total Attendance......1643 YouTube Mass......223

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.

Newly Baptized



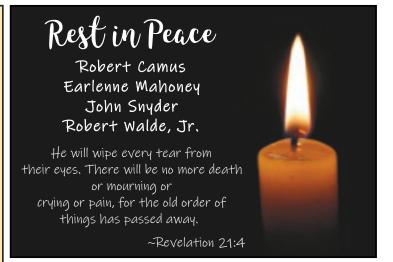
MAVERICK VERNON LAW Son of Derek & Chelsea (Gielarowski) Law

HAILEY ROSE SMITH

Daughter of Thomas & Michelle (Gielarowski) Smith

Pease pray for Maverich & Hailey, along with their parents and godparents.

"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth. Amen"



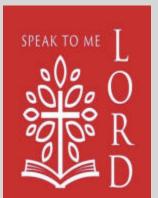


ST. VALENTINE SANCTUARY CANDLE
Lit in Memory of
Bill Babyak
By Pat & Terri



NATIVITY DIVINE MERCY CANDLE
Lit in Memory of
Geraldine Maracini
By Paul J. Gitnik

READINGS AND OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19, 2021



Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45 4th Sunday of Advent

Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

Advent Weekday

Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45 St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56 Advent Weekday

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66 St. John of Kanty, Priest

Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79 Christmas Eve

Saturday: 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 [Lk 2:11]/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 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

The Nativity of the Lord

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 The Holy Family



A LOOK AHEAD

December

- 20 •BINGO/St. Valentine Frawley Hall/Doors Open 5:30PM
- 22 •Legion of Mary Meeting/St. Gabriel Meeting House 4:15PM
- 24 •All Parish Offices Closed for Christmas
- 24 & Christmas Eve Mass/St. Gabriel Church 4:00PM
- 24 & Christmas Eve Mass/St. Germaine Church 4:00 PM
- 24 & Christmas Eve Mass/Nativity Church 4:00PM
- 24 & Christmas Eve Mass/St. Valentine Church 4:00PM
- 24 & Christmas Eve Mass/St. Valentine Church 7:00PM
- 24 & Christmas Eve Mass/St. Gabriel Church 10:00 PM
- 25 & Christmas Day Mass/St. Germaine Church 8:00AM
- 25 ▲ Christmas Day Mass/Nativity Church ◆9:00AM
- 25 & Christmas Day Mass/St. Valentine Church \$10:00AM
- 25 AChristmas Day Mass/St. Gabriel Church 11:00AM
- 27 All Parish Offices Closed for Christmas
- 27 ●Gospel Study Group/Nativity Spiritual Center ◆2:00PM
- 28 •NO BINGO at St. Valentine
- 29 ●Legion of Mary Meeting/St. Gabriel Meeting House ◆4:15PM
- 31 •All Parish Offices Closed for New Year's
- 31 New Year's Eve \$4,000 BINGO/St. Valentine Frawley Hall Doors Open 5:00PM

▲Christmas Mass Schedule

WEEKLY CONFESSION

NATIVITY CHURCH

Wednesday ● 6:15-6:45 PM

ST. GABRIEL CHURCH

Saturday ● 11:00-Noon

ST. VALENTINE CHURCH

Saturday ● 11:00-Noon

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

ST. GERMAINE CHURCH

First Tuesday of each month immediately following 8:00 AM Mass & concluding at Noon.

NATIVITY CHURCH

Every Friday following the 11:30 AM Mass & concluding at 1:00 PM.



Pray For Our Military Personnel

Master Sergeant **Jeff Andrulonis**, *ARNG*Gunnery Sergeant **Louis J. Boff**, **III**, *USMC*Lieutenant Commander **Chris Dindal**, USN
1st Lieutenant **William Gabrys**, *ARNG*2nd Lieutenant **Samuel Gobbie**, *USAF*Commander **Mark Gordon**, *USN*1st Lieutenant **Presten Grace**, *USAF*Chief Warrant Officer 2 **Nevin Kraus**, *USA Rangers*2nd Lieutenant **Sean Langer**, *USA*Corporal **Tyler Manning**, *USMC*Staff Sergeant **Michael Matthews**, *USA Special Forces*

Major James Morris, USA
Master Sergeant Mandy Mueller, USAF
Lieutenant Jacob O. Murphy, USN
Lieutenant Commander Kevin Nist, USN
Sergeant 1st Class Shawn Porter, USA
Corporal Jordan Rush, USMC
Private First Class Hunter Schweitzer, USA
2nd Lieutenant John M. Selep, USA
2nd Lieutenant Madison Sgattoni, USMC
Colonel Clint Wilson, USAF

To add a name to our military list provide name, rank and which armed force they serve in to: Cindy Gilfoyle at cgilfoyle@olhpgh.org or 412-833-0661.

Please let us know when they are no longer in active duty.

GOSPEL MEDITATION – A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE December 19, 2021 | 4th Sunday of Advent

St. Augustine tells us a "Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps." As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life's necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world's ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes.

Why doesn't God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we think for a while, we begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world's ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so one more powerful than us can use us.



Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God used her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God's vessel so His greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God's fix for the world's difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we

have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood their one and only vocation is to be God's instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Peter Canisius | Feast Day December 21



Born in Holland, St. Peter Canisius (May 8, 1521 – December 21, 1597) was a preacher, teacher, and writer throughout his whole life. At the age of 19, he received a master's degree from the university at Cologne. Soon afterwards, St. Peter met Peter Faber, the first disciple of Ignatius of Loyola, who influenced him so much that he eventually joined the Society of Jesus.

St. Peter Canisius founded colleges and seminaries, served as a missionary, cared for the sick or imprisoned, and wrote close to eight volumes of letters — many about St. Cyril of Alexandria and St. Leo the Great.

A man blessed with many talents, St. Peter Canisius is a wonderful example of a man who developed his talents to further God's work here on earth.



BECOME A VOLUNTEER



Our Lady of Hope Parish needs of additional volunteers to help serve in various ministries. Pastoral and Worship Council members are working to build these ministries and respond to God's call for all of us to be good stewards of God's gifts. God is asking us to make a commitment to share our time, talent, and treasure with others in our parish. **Over the next four weeks we will be highlighting the four ministries**. Where we need volunteers:

- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Greeters/Ushers
- Readers
- Altar Servers

As we share a deeper description of each ministry over the next weeks, take some time to reflect on how the Holy Spirit may be calling you and how you may best share your gifts. If you are feeling called to serve in any of these specific ministries, contact the parish office. If you need more time, or have additional questions, representatives will be available during **SIGN UP WEEKEND**, **January 8/9, 2022**.

Our goal is to recruit enough people so those who are serving will need to serve once per month. We will accommodate your regularly attended Mass and/or legacy church, with the hope of willingness to serve at additional worship sites throughout the parish. The more volunteers we enlist ultimately results in a more regular scheduling format. Contact Jonathan Harvat at *jharvat@gmail.com* with any questions. Thank you in advance for your help in creating a vibrant parish life in the Our Lady of Hope Parish community.

Readers

- Proclaims readings at Mass
- Comfortable with public speaking
- Familiar with readings prior to Mass
- •Offer Prayers of the Faithful (Petitions) if Deacon is not present

Training will be provided in early 2022. Volunteers need to be baptized, confirmed, and in good standing. Completion of Protecting God's Children is required for ministry. Youth/teens serving in this role do not have the same requirements. This role is eligible for community service hours for high school students as required by the boards of education.

Volunteers who have been absent due to the pandemic or personal reasons, we would love to welcome you back. Please consider rejoining us as we build our volunteer ministry.



Our Lady of Hope Parish



High School students are invited to participate in a service project with the Teen Leadership Corps on Sunday, February

13th. Following the 10:30 AM Mass at St. Germaine, we will make blankets to donate to Operation Safety Net. Interested teens must purchase two pieces of fleece,

one solid and one with a print. Each piece needs to be 1 and 1/2 yards long (the material runs usually 50-60 in wide). Teens will also need to bring a pair of sharp scissors suitable for cutting the fleece. Joanne Fabrics, Michael's and Hobby Lobby would all have the supplies needed. Please email cvater@olhpgh.org or call 412-835-8322 in advance of the meeting so we may properly prepare for lunch.



WOMB SANCTIFIED

Pondering new life, reminds of a time, a journey o long, we are told, young woman in labor, so weary and cold.

Mary and Joseph in need of a nest, hoping for welcome, some comfort and rest. Desperate and anxious for birth to begin, sadly, were told "no room in the inn." Love in the womb so ready for birth, was offered only some straw covered earth.

In the dark of the womb was the Light of the world. With mystery and miracle, God's Plan unfurled. Rejected from the start, the God-Man came forth. Love in the womb became Love on earth. God's chosen instrument to enter humankind. the womb of a virgin, made holy by God's design. Mary's affirming, woman's dignity raised, Hope for humanity, all creation praised!

Dear woman today, with new life within, do you know how sacred your womb? No matter the circumstance, no matter the sin,

make "room in your womb" for love within. No place for fear, God's grace will prevail. Joy will ensue, for Love does not fail.

> Nancy S. Sirko Our Lady of Hope Parishioner



Thank you to all those who participated in the St. Francis Auxiliary's Basket Raffle! Your generosity helped raise \$1,245 for the Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God.

Congratulations to the following basket winners:

Party in a Basket & Carolyn Powers Family Fun & Kathy Wagler Christmas Joy 🛦 Kathy Gilligan Spa Basket 🚣 P.J. Palko Fire Pit & Eleazer Comstock Tea for 4 & Vincent Coda Homemade Cozy 🛦 Marie Papp What's Cooking & Mary Ann Abt

Sparkle & Wine & Susan Peters Cabinet Full of Christmas & Rosemary Byrd



* OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH GIVING TREES * *



RONALD McDonald House

Our Lady of Hope Parish families donated over 190 toys for the Ronald McDonald House. Teen Leadership Corps members Lucy Heckla & Jesse Huber are pictured below delivering the toys to Ronald McDonald House in Lawrenceville.



LIFELINE OF SOUTHWESTERN PA

In celebration of this blessed holiday season, we are sponsoring our 26th annual collection of items for **Lifeline** of **Southwest** Pennsylvania through Our Lady of Hope Parish Early Childhood/Preschool Program at St. Gabriel Church. Lifeline is a crisis intervention, pro-life service, offering many types of assistance to mothers and babies in need. As a former volunteer with this organization, Suzan Slezak, Early Childhood/ Preschool Program Director has a special allegiance and respect for the work being done.

During the season of Advent, large gift boxes are located near the Baptismal Font in the front of St. Gabriel Church for gifts. No need to giftwrap individual items. diapers, sleepers, crib sheets, receiving blankets, onesies, bottles, socks, booties, baby wash, infant bath towels, baby wipes and bibs are especially needed at this time. We believe helping mothers and babies in crisis is a truly meaningful way to commemorate the birth of JESUS!

St. Joseph's House of Hospitality



Thanks to generous parishioners at Our Lady of Hope Parish, we provided significant Christmas gifts to 46 men living at St. Joseph House of Hospitality in Pittsburgh's Hill District. All the men received 2-3 aifts. including winter coats, shoes, other clothing items, puzzles,

cologne and more. These were items the men requested. Our Teen Leadership Corps members helped to package the items together and assisted with loading the van from St. Joseph's. A representative from St. Joseph's spoke with the TLC members sharing information about how and why men end up residing at St. Joseph's.





KANE COMMUNITY LIVING CENTER

Our Lady of Hope Parish Women's Guild/Christian Mothers will be collecting small Christmas gifts for Kane **Community Living Center** residents, Scott Twp. Gifts may be brought to any of the four churches, just remember to identify it for Kane.

Donated gifts for Kane must be individually wrapped and labeled with a gift tag or post-it note to indicated what is inside. This helps the Kane Hospital staff choose the gift for each resident.

Suggested gift items are: reusable drink cups with lid and straw; peppermint patties or soft chocolates (regular or sugar free); small packages of cookies; Christmas wall or door decorations; adult coloring books and colored pencils (no crayons); large print word search books; small puzzles with large-size pieces; playing cards (poker or pinochle with jumbo numbers); durable chess or checkers game sets; portable CD player with headphones; hunting and fishing magazines; cooking magazines; men's cologne (Old Spice or light ocean scent); women's cologne (light floral scent); shampoo: white socks (loose style); slipper socks (must have grippers); men's or women's tee shirts or sweaters (XL or larger); nail polish (pink or mauve); lipstick (pink or red); eye shadow; long necklaces (easier to put on); stretch bracelets for women; pictures of the Blessed Virgin Mary or other popular saints.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY 2021 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PARISH



Society of St. Vincent de Paul Council of Pittsburgh

Our Lady of Hope Conference

The mission of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Our Lady of Hope Conference, is to assist those in need--both spiritually and corporally. We provide food, clothing, housing, and payment of household bills etc. to satisfy corporal needs. Meeting spiritual needs has been severely hampered this year by the restrictions placed on all of us by the Covid Virus. However, we were able to keep in touch with our friends in need (both old and new) with many, many phone calls!

We are a growing, group of dedicated men and women (16 active members, 13 associate members, and 2 youth members) working without payment of any sort.

The bylaws of our Society require that a yearly report of our activities be filed with our diocesan headquarters. We have just filed our current report for the fiscal year ending on September 30th and would like to share a summary of it with you.

We spent \$74,789 in financial aid to the needy, **in our community and in our parish grouping.** In addition, we provided 320 clients with food from our food pantry, furniture, and clothing worth \$3,359.

For the fiscal year 2020-2021 we made:

Home visits to: 10 people Telephone and other in-person visits to: 2,905 people

Total people helped: 2,915
Total hours of service: 761
Total unreimbursed miles: 560

How did we do this? --through the support of Fr. John, Father Mike, and Fr. Haney (may he rest in peace!), through your generous contributions, and through God's help.

We secure funds by bequests in wills, gifts, donations in your November envelope, the poor box, the Gift of Love Program, the United Way and Combined Federal Campaigns, and through employee-matching funds programs.

If you are making a pledge to our Society with either the United Way or the Combined Federal Campaign, please remember to complete the **Specific Agency Section.** Our Agency Code for the **United Way is 528** and our Code Number for the **Combined Federal Campaign is 89706**.

As we approach this coming winter, we anticipate many requests for assistance. We thank each and every one of you for your help. Please continue to help us not only financially but also please pray for us so that we can continue to help those in need in our community.

God bless you and your families!

BINGO & MORE



Enjoy a **COMPLIMENTARY** dinner at BINGO on December 21st

St. Valentine's Frawley Hall

Doors open at 5:30 PM ● Play begins at 7:15 PM



St. Valentine's Frawley Hall
Doors open at 5:30 PM
Play at 7:15 PM to 10:30 PM

Concessions:

Hot Dogs, Kielbasa, Sauerkraut, Nachos, Soft Pretzels, Desserts, Drinks & More!!





Gift Cards are now available to purchase for BINGO at St. Valentine. They may be purchased on Tuesday nights at BINGO and are also available at Our Lady of Hope Parish Administrative Office at St. Germaine Church during office hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM and Friday, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM.

Always call first to make sure the cards are in stock. Cindy at 412-833-0661.



Duquesne University is holding an Accounting Honors Institute for high school students who have an interest in business.

There are 3 topics with 2 sessions each held on Saturday mornings on campus in January, February and March. Students may sign up for one or more topics.

Information and registration is available online at www.duq.edu/business/AHI or by calling 412-396-6238.



2022 Enjoy Books

The 2022 Enjoy Book sale, sponsored by the Christian Family Movement of Our Lady of Hope Parish, St. Gabriel Church, begins December 6th and will run through January 30, 2022. Books will be available at both the Our Lady of Hope Parish Administrative Offices at St. Germaine Church and St. Gabriel Church during office hours. You can also call or text Rex or Kathy at 412-427-3577 for assistance or a book delivery.

The price is \$30.00 per book and make a great gift!. Please make checks payable to St. Gabriel, CFM.

THIS & THAT



South Park Seniors is seeking new members. The group meets at 11:00 AM on the first Wednesday of each month at Nativity Church, 5811 Curry Road, South Park, 15236

Come have a donut, coffee, socialize, and play Bingo. Any questions, please contact JoAnn Ricci 412-583-7878



BULLETIN ARTICLES & ADS

If you are interested in placing an article in the *Our Lady of Hope Parish* bulletin, please submit information by

the Friday of the week prior to the weekend you would like your article to be published.

The preferred way of article submission is electronically, either directly in the email body or in a word document attachment, to Cindy Gilfoyle at cgilfoyle@olhpgh.org. Also, provide specifics as to when you would like the information to appear in the bulletin.

Occasionally, due to a holiday, the bulletin must be submitted early for printing. If this is the case, information may need to be provided several weeks in advance.

If you have questions feel free to call Cindy at 412-833-0661.



POP AND BEER CAN TAB COLLECTION

We continue invite parishioners to collect the tabs from soda and beer cans. The tabs are recycled, and the money is used help parents to remain free of charge in the Ronald McDonald House.

Since opening in 1979, Ronald McDonald House Pittsburgh has provided comfort, care and support to thousands of families traveling to the Pittsburgh area seeking medical care for their children. Each year over 1,600 families stay at the Pittsburgh location.

Bins are located in each of the churches for deposit. Tabs can also be brought to the administrative offices at St. Germaine Church during office hours.





MANY THANKS to everyone who donated to the Our Lady of Hope Virtual Blood Drive this year! Because of you, we were able to help or save over 60 lives, and the numbers are still coming in.

Your compassion is greatly appreciated by all. Even though our Blood Drive is over, please continue to donate whenever possible.

The Gift of Life is Priceless!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ASSISTANCE LINE



If you are in need of assistance, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Our Lady of Hope Parish Conference has a dedicated phone line to call for help.

412-831-8312

When you call, please leave a brief message including your name, address & phone number. One of our Vincentians will return your call, usually within 24 hours!

OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH

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