

# Saint Susanna Parish



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**Mass Schedule**  
 Saturday Vigil .....4:00 p.m.  
 Sunday ..... 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

**WEEKDAY CLUSTER MASS SCHEDULE**

St. Susanna - Mon., Wed., Fri. - 9:00 am  
 St. Bartholomew - Mon., Thur., Fri. - 10:00 am  
 St. Gerard Majella - Tues., Wed., Thur. - 9:00 am  
 St. Irenaeus - Tues., Wed., Fri. - 8:00 am  
 St. Joseph - Mon., Tues., Thur. - 9:00 am

**Nestled in the heart of Penn Hills since 1960, our parish community at St. Susanna encourages stewardship and spirituality. We are believers in Jesus Christ, nourished by the Eucharist and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Our family strives to connect the faithful to God, offering healing words and services to our surrounding community. Parishioners strive to share the truths of our faith with all, and encourage families, young and old, to become involved in our church. In communion with Jesus, we are committed to keeping St. Susanna Parish as a vital and vibrant place of worship.**

**PASTORAL STAFF**

Rev. Martin F. Barkin, M. Div..... *Pastor*  
 Sandy Baer.....*Parish Secretary*  
 Mary Lou Bender .....*Minister of Music*

**Religious Education Program Committee:**  
 Chris Hong, Irene Swackhammer

**Children/Youth & Family Ministry Program Managers:** Julia Kulwik, Susan Sciacca, Stephen Bober, Josie Michaux - Smith

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
 Saturdays, 3:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

**Sacrament of Baptism**  
 Last Sunday of each month (with prior arrangements)

**Sacrament of Marriage**  
 Couples planning to marry are to contact the Pastor at least six months before the desired date. Marriage

**Bible Study** ..... Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.  
**RCIA** Tuesday evenings, 7:00 p.m.  
 St. Joseph, Verona

**Contemplative Prayer Group:**  
 Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word:**  
 Sunday, 11:00am

**Parish Office Hours:** M-F 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
**Anointing of the Sick** will be the 3rd Sunday of every other month ( 5/17/2015, 7/19/2015)

**MAY 17, 2015**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**OUR PRAYER FOR UNITY**

Last Sunday, we heard the final words Jesus spoke before his ascension into heaven, words recorded by Saint Mark. Today we listen to a portion of what has become known as Jesus' "final discourse" from John's Gospel. Once again, the Lord's words contain a commissioning of his disciples for ministry to the world. One important part of this discourse is Jesus' prayer for unity: "Keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one." As the Easter season comes to an end, a season that has seen us deepening our awareness of the Paschal Mystery, it is fitting that today we hear this prayer for unity among the Lord's followers. Let us celebrate the unity we have with other Christians and work together to heed the Lord's great commission to bring the Good News to our weary world. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.  
 Ephesians 4:32 -  
 Share kindness with someone today !

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**May 17, 2015**

Week 3 of Psalter

**18 Mon. Optional Memorial of Saint John, I**  
9:00 am - Mary Ruth Chernicky - Rita Miller & Family

**19 Tues. Easter Weekday**  
- *No Morning Liturgy*

**20 Wed. Optional Memorial of Saint Bernadine of Siena**  
9:00 am- Althea Saville - Keith & Karen Cohn

**21 Thu. Optional Memorial of St. Christopher Magallanes**  
- *No Morning Liturgy*

**22 Fri. Optional Memorial of Saint Rita of Cascia**  
9:00 am - In Honor of Father Martin - St. Susanna Parish

**23 Sat. Easter Weekday**  
3:15 - 3:45 - Sacrament of Reconciliation  
4:00 pm - Huey & Ron Garfold - Sally Garfold & Family

**24 Sun. Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday**  
9:00 am- Wilhelm & Stephanie Mihm - Mihm Family  
11:00 am - Pro Populo



Please remember in your prayers our parishioner Joan Cology. Our sympathies go out to her family and may she rest in the peace of God's Loving Hands forever.

**Help is needed** for with this years **Vacation Bible School** in the areas of the General Assembly, Crafts and Games. If you are interested please call Irene (412-977-2721) or come to the next meeting on Thursday, May 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Room. Hope to see you there!



**VBS  
2015**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;  
Jn 16:29-33  
**Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21;  
Jn 17:1-11a  
**Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab;  
Jn 17:11b-19  
**Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;  
Jn 17:20-26  
**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab;  
Jn 21:15-19  
**Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7;  
Jn 21:20-25  
**Sunday:** *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 *Day:* Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

**CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES**

Congratulations to our Class of 2015 High School Graduates: Jesse Hong, Trevor Miller, Brock Dezi, Joseph Fiore, Tyler Hajduk, Tyler Lisovich and Eric Platt. Congratulations also to Maria Sciacca who graduated from California University of PA Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Degree. Best wishes for the future to all of our graduates. There will be a reception with light refreshments in the Spirit Room following the 11am Mass on Sunday, May 17th. Everyone is invited to attend.



**DIOCESAN DISASTER COLLECTION**

YOU CAN STILL HAND IN YOUR ENVELOPES FOR THE DISASTER FOR THE VICTIMS AFFECTED BY THE EARTHQUAKE IN NEPAL. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



**SANCTUARY CANDLES**

The Intention for the week of -  
May 16/17 Is in Honor of:  
**Roger & Sandy Brenner-Hill**

**SAINT SUSANNA PARISH PRAYER LIST**

Please keep our friends in your prayers. Info should be in by Tuesday of every week for that Weekend's bulletin. Thank you.



Jenny Baer	John & Dolores Delaney	Marlene Brienza
Chuck Schoffstall	Judy Pasquarelli	Pat Carson
Darryll Sommers	James Pasquarelli	Kathy Griffin
Larry Conte	Julie Kulbage	Joe Palmieri
Richard Paul	Rosemary Mathieu	Andrew O'Neil
Virginia Gloz	Lou Montanari	
Frank Potocnik	Mike Holodnik	
Mark Ruffner		

**GUIDANCE THROUGH FAITH**

"Faith is not a light which scatters all our darkness, but a lamp which guides our steps in the night and suffices for the journey. To those who suffer, God does not provide arguments which explain everything; rather, his response is that of an accompanying presence, a history of goodness which touches every story of suffering and opens us a ray of light."  
- Pope Francis

**MANY HANDS WILL HELP MAKE THE JOB GO QUICKLY**

We will be taking down the Easter decorations on Sunday, May 24th after the 11:00 Mass. Any help will be greatly appreciated. We do hope you can join us!!!

Diocese Abuse Hotline: 1-888-808-1235  
PA Department of Public Welfare Hotline: 1-800-932-0313

THE LEGION OF MARY, OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SPIRITUAL GROUP OF ST. GERARD ARE RECRUITING AUXILIARY MEMBERS. OUR AUXILIARY MEMBERS ARE THE BACKBONE OF OUR ACTIVE MEMBERS WORK. THE RESPONSIBILITY OF AN AUXILIARY MEMBER IS TO PRAY THE ROSARY AND MARIAN PRAYERS AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE. WE HAVE AN AUXILIARY LUCHEON AT ST. GERARD RESURRECTION ROOM ONCE A YEAR. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP WITH YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE CONTACT DOM AT 412-798-6298 OR CAROL AT 412-795-4769.



**FLEA MARKET AND CRAFT SHOW**  
 SAINT GERARD CHURCH HALL  
 SATURDAY, MAY 30TH  
 8AM UNTIL 2PM  
 TO RESERVE A TABLE OR  
 HAVE ANY QUESTIONS  
 PLEASE CALL 412-795-0085 THANK YOU

**Our high school youth group will close the year with a movie night, at 7:00 this Sunday evening in the Spirit Room at Saint Susanna. Please plan to join us, as we view the major studio release "God's Not Dead", while enjoying pizza and other refreshments. Please call or text Steve Bober (412-951-6307) with any questions. See you there!**

**WELCOME TO SAINT SUSANNA PARISH**

In order that we may better serve your needs please fill out this form, check interests and drop it in collection basket, mail or bring to the Office. Thank you.

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

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

City/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_, Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #-H: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Work \_\_\_\_\_

- New Address/Phone
- Moving out of Parish
- New Parishioner
- Returning to Parish
- Need Envelope
- Entering/In Hospital
- Shut in
- Interest in doing Altar Linens.
- Interest in Gardening
- Interest in maintenance work
- Interest in HS/MS Youth Group.
- Interest in the Children/Youth & Family Ministry.
- Interest in Catholicism/Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
- Interest in taking Communion to Shut-ins.
- Interest in being an Altar Server.
- Interest in being a CCD Teacher/Aide.
- Interest in being in the Choir.
- Interest in being a Eucharistic Minister
- Interest in Ladies of Charity.
- Interest in being a Lector.
- Interest in being an Usher.
- Interest in Funeral Ministry.
- Interest in Pastoral Council.

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AT 412-798-5596  
 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.

THANK YOU

**FINANCIAL CORNER**

**GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS - 5/10/2015**

	<u>4:00</u>	<u>9:00</u>	<u>11:00</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>Amount</b>	2,448	1,396	1,081	\$4,925.00
<b>Number of Envelopes</b>	80	59	39	178

**MAJOR REPAIRS - BUDGET (\$750)**

ACTUAL FOR MARCH (\$1,341) FOR APRIL (\$659)

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS - BUDGET (\$1,350)**

ACTUAL FOR MARCH (\$1,314) FOR APRIL (\$1,487)

**SAINT MAURICE IN FOREST HILLS** WILL HAVE A BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP THAT WILL MEET THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7PM IN THE PARISH CENTER. THIS GROUP FACILITATED BY DR. BARBARA COYNE, AND IS OPEN TO ANYONE WHO HAS LOST A LOVED ONE. PLEASE JOIN US.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Surprisingly, the church moved very slowly in claiming marriage as a focus of attention and care. Nearly everywhere in the Roman world, citizens agreed on how to celebrate marriage. Consent of the man and woman is what made a marriage valid in the eyes of the law, and although there was a traditional ceremony, it was home-based and optional. The ceremony was for showing the social status of the families involved (the procession ideally detoured through crowds), and for reminding the woman of her legal transfer from her father's control to her husband's. The "big moment" of the ceremony had nothing to do with vows, but with the bride's donning the yellow veil with red highlights that was the daily wear of married women. A wedding feast included soothsayers and animal sacrifice to the new household's gods. Christians found that distasteful, of course, but since marriage was a family matter, they could edit things out. The church was comfortable with this, and sometimes recommended that the couple seek the advice of the bishop. His permission was only required for the marriage of a cleric, or for a marriage Rome didn't recognize, such as between a free woman and a slave. There was no blessing, no liturgy, no priest. Christians followed the customs of the day, but they knew that custom and relationships were transformed from within themselves by the fact of their baptism. Outwardly, Christians married exactly as their pagan neighbors, but they certainly invested the usual gestures with a dynamic sense of Christ's presence. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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