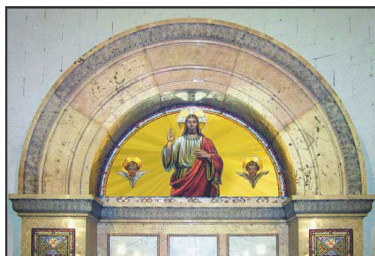


The Catholic Community of Rankin and Swissvale

MADONNA DEL CASTELLO PARISH

2021 S. Braddock Avenue • Swissvale, PA 15218

December 31, 2017



Word of God Catholic Parish

7446 McClure Avenue • Swissvale, PA 15218

Administrative Office: 2021 S. Braddock Avenue • Pittsburgh, PA 15218

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily:	Monday (Madonna)	7:00 P.M.
	Tuesday (Word of God)	9:30 A.M.
	Wednesday (Madonna)	8:00 A.M.
	Thursday (Word of God)	9:30 A.M.
	Friday (Madonna)	8:00 A.M.
	Saturday (Word of God)	9:30 A.M.
	Saturday Vigil (Madonna)	4:00 P.M.
	Saturday Vigil (Word of God)	6:00 P.M.
	Sunday (Word of God)	9:00 A.M.
	Sunday (Madonna)	11:00 A.M.

Consult the bulletin for Holy Day and Holiday Mass schedule

PARISH STAFF

Fr. John Lynam	<i>Pastor</i>
Keith Kondrich	<i>Deacon</i>
Ron Demblowski	<i>Deacon/Pastoral Associate</i>
Edward Kapsha	<i>Madonna Music Director</i>
Michael Burke	<i>Word of God Music Director</i>
Kelly James	<i>Madonna Parish Secretary</i>
Karen Flynn	<i>Word of God Parish Secretary</i>
Marcia Murello	<i>Coordinator of Religious Ed.</i>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 12:00 Noon
(Word of God church)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the Parish Office
for an appointment

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Contact the Parish Office
for an appointment at least
6 months before the wedding

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Available after Mass
and upon request

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Word of God Email	wordofgod1994@gmail.com
Church Street Convent	412-271-3346
Parish Prayer Line	412-804-8858

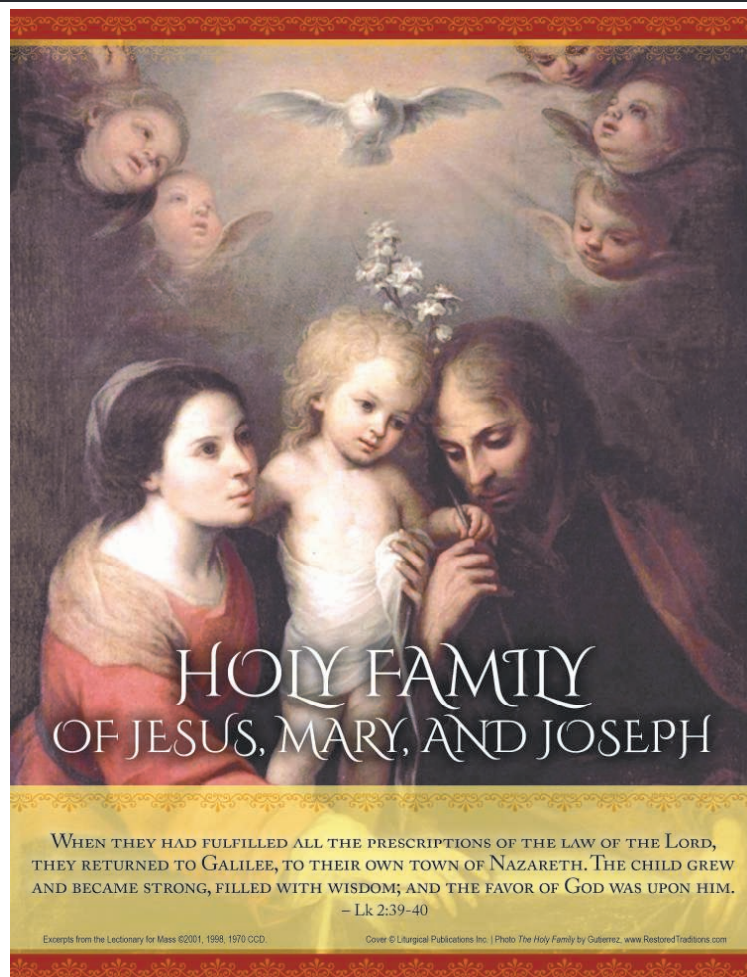
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Bulletin Deadline Monday at Noon.



A NOTE FROM FATHER JOHN

We are grateful to the anonymous donor who gave hundreds of dollars in cash and gift cards for the needy.

Out of Consideration for our neighbors on Locust Street, please do not park in front of their houses during Mass.

Please keep purses and valuables in your car trunk, not on the front seat during Mass.

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The Holy Family – The bible tells us very little about the family life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as they formed their home in Nazareth. We know that Jesus was presented in the temple in accordance with the custom of the law, that he grew strong and was filled with wisdom, and that he stayed behind at the temple in Jerusalem to discourse with the elders and scholars of the law. Much else is left to the tradition of our faith and to our imagination. The Holy Family was certainly unconventional, composed of a virgin mother, a child conceived by the Holy Spirit who is the Son of God, and a foster father who loved the child as if he was his own. Yet, we hold them up as the example of family life for us who seek to love those God has placed in our lives. The Holy Family also becomes our inspiration as we form a family of faith in our parishes. While our faith communities will undergo change as part of the On Mission for The Church Alive! initiative, the work of building up the family of the Church will continue in earnest. May the example and intercession of the Holy Family support us in this important work. Visit onmissionchurchalive.org to learn more and to stay informed.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil - December 30

4:00 PM Janice Demblowski (Lisette Rihn)
6:00 PM Kasardo Family (Carol & Tim Brush)

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - December 31

9:00 AM For the People
11:00 AM Jeanne Ward (The OSFL)

Monday - January 1 - Mary, Mother of God

7:00 PM Joseph Sorokacs (Gerry Sorokacs)

Tuesday - January 2 - St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen

9:30 AM Matt, Helen & Charles Blazina (Matt, Terri & Mary Lou)

Wednesday - January 3 - Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:00 AM Anthony Russo, Sr. (Evelyn Brunetti)

Thursday - January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

9:30 AM Rev. Robert Reardon (Estate)

First Friday - January 5 - St. John Neumann

8:00 AM Edward Peretic (Ginger Acierno)

First Saturday - January 6 - St. Andre Bessette

9:30 AM Ann DeZort (Redinger Family)

Saturday Vigil - January 6

4:00 PM Ed Prebehala & Nicolina Donofrio (Angie Cheyne-Bottles)
6:00 PM Carol Brush (Leann Fox)

Epiphany of the Lord - January 7

9:00 AM For the People
11:00 AM Rosella Pfoff (Bill Pfoff)

THIS WEEK

Monday - Mary, Mother of God

[Not a Holy Day of Obligation]

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday - Parish Office Open

Wednesday

10:30 AM Legion of Mary - Swissvale Towers
7:00 PM Bible Study - Dattilo Hall

Thursday

7:00 PM Ladies of Charity - Dattilo Hall

Saturday

12:00 PM Reconciliation - Word of God Parish
6:30 PM to 7:30 PM - Gift Shop open - Parish Center

Next Sunday - Parish Family Socials

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM - Gift Shop open

Become Catholic? To become a Catholic, a person takes a wonderful spiritual journey through the process called The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). We invite anyone who is not baptized, baptized in another Christian faith, and baptized Catholics who have not received First Communion and/or Confirmation on this journey that begins with get-acquainted sessions. Please extend an invitation to anyone you know who would like to join us. They may be waiting to be asked. There are special brochures in the literature racks. Contact: Deacon Ron Demblowski, 412-241.1372 or wordofgodpa@gmail.com.

Virtual Tour of the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem is online at www.obethlehem.com.



LOOK FOR THE LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA



Wishing everyone a Holy New Year in 2018!



Please be sure to place your suggested donation in the money slot on the display so the ministry can be self-supporting.

St. Vincent de Paul second collection on the weekend of December 30th and 31st.



This collection permits our parish conference to provide comfort and financial assistance to our friends and neighbors in Swissvale and surrounding communities. Funds are used to provide vouchers for necessary furniture and clothing at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shop as well as one-time assistance with utility bills. In addition to our participation in the Swissvale Food Pantry, St. Vincent de Paul is a part of our charitable outreach to our community. For info. on our parish conference, please call 412.519.3675.

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY:

Collection of food is taken the last Sunday of each month at Word of God Parish & Madonna (leave donations inside the entrances of the church). Checks should be made out to "Swissvale Cares" and memo "Food Pantry." The Food Pantry is located in the Living Spirit Ministry building on 2011 Noble Street. Food distributions are the first & third Thursday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Volunteers welcome.



OUR PARISH FAMILY WEEKEND SOCIALS are at both parishes after next weekend's Masses **January 6 & 7.** Ladies of Charity will host the socials at Madonna. The Readers will host the socials at Word of God.



"The Ladies of Charity warmly thank all the kind parishioners who contributed so many gifts (over 175!) for the Giving Tree families at Word of God and Madonna del Castello Parishes. Through your generosity, 52 families, including 21 children, received gifts this Christmas. Many of them may not otherwise have been remembered or received anything. Several gift recipients were in tears when their gifts were delivered. One said, "I don't deserve any of this! Please thank all the parishioners for remembering me." Also through your kindness, the children at Angel's Place and the women at POWER also remembered with caring gifts. May God bless your generous hearts, and may your love for Christ in His beloved needy ones shine throughout our community!"



Authentic Happiness: A High School Silent Retreat-

Feb. 3-4, Martina Spiritual Renewal Center. Fr. Mike Ackerman will lead this retreat for high school men. It will include Mass, adoration, dynamic talks, and solid brotherhood. There is no cost. To register, visit PGHPriest.com by Jan. 22.



PRAYER AND PRAISE GROUP meets at 7:00p.m. the 2nd & 4th Thursdays each month at Madonna. For info. call Mike, 412-241-1254.



THE LADIES OF CHARITY will have their next meeting **Thurs., Jan. 4, 7:00 p.m.** at Dattilo Hall. All ladies are welcome to attend.

Veneration of a Relic of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton after the 9:30 a.m. Mass at Word of God on her feast day, Thurs., Jan. 4th.



The use of relics has a basis in Sacred Scripture (see II Kings 2:9, Acts 19:11 & 12). Miracles and favors continue to be associated with the intercession of a saint and the veneration of her relics. Relics remind us of the holiness of the saint and her cooperation with God's grace. They inspire us to ask God for the grace to live a faith-filled life.

NURSING HOME, HOMEBOUND & HOSPITAL

LISTS: Very often we are not aware of parishioners who are hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing homes. Please let the parish office know of any parishioners who would like to receive communion and/or a visit from a priest.

Drive-Thru Christmas Light Show-Big Butler Fairgrounds, through Jan. 7, 1127 New Castle Rd., Prospect, PA 16052.

Sponsored by Shadrack's Christmas Wonderland. Coupons are available in the churches. For each one redeemed, \$1.00 will be donated to help families stay warm. Also, Shadrack's will make a \$20,000 donation to Dollar Energy Fund; info. email jkearns@dollarenergy.org.

Candlelight Mass-Fri., Jan. 5, 8:00 p.m.,

St. Stanislaus Church, 57, 21st Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 (Strip District). The Mass will take place every First Friday of the month. Each month there will be a different priest celebrant and different music. Confessions will be available beginning at 7:00p.m. There will be fellowship after Mass at the Harp & Fiddle; info. visit facebook.com/beholdpittsburgh or call 412-471-4767.

Does your marriage need a re-birth? Begin the New Year by making a new effort to renew your marriage. Retrouvaille has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend starting January 19, please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434. More info. is available at <http://www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org/>

SENT Meeting-Fri., Jan. 26, 6:30p.m.-8:30p.m.,

Cardinals Great Hall, St. Paul Seminary. Bob Rice, professor at Franciscan University of Steubenville, will speak on "Radical Living: Living Jesus and Sharing the Gospel." Since the 9th century, millions of world travelers have embarked on an epic pilgrimage across northern Spain that is known to be spiritually nourishing, and physically challenging. This spring, 20 young adults from Pittsburgh will embark on this mostly unpaved path with little more than a backpack and a pair of boots. For more info. or to sign up, please visit <http://creatio.org/causes/pittsburgh-camino/>

Madonna del Castello

Rest in Peace: KATHLEEN DeFAZIO, wife of Richard.
MADELINE NUZZO, wife of Elmer.

Wedding Banns

II John Ryan Wilson & Meghan Marie Miley

Anyone who would like to have any or all of the gifts celebrated in memory of or tribute to a loved one(s) at **Madonna del Castello Parish**, should complete the form below, place information and money in a plain envelope and deposit the sealed envelope in the collection basket, mail it to the parish office or deposit in mail slot.

Madonna del Castello Memorial/Living Tribute Request

I would like to offer:

Altar Flowers	(\$50) _____	Altar Candles	(\$10) _____
Altar Bread	(\$25) _____	Tabernacle Lamp	(\$10) _____
Altar Wine	(\$25) _____	Complete Offering	(\$120) _____

In Memory of _____

In Tribute to _____

From _____

Phone _____

Child Protective Services Law: Report any acts of child abuse to Commonwealth of PA Hotline 1-800-932-0313.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline: 1-888-808-1235.

Diocesan website, www.diopitt.org, under "Protecting God's Children." Sessions available on-line.

Diocesan Safe Environment Certification: Contact Kelly James at the parish office.



PRO LIFE CORNER:

How would life be different today if Mary, the Mother of Jesus, had decided to have an abortion instead of submitting to the will of God?

WORD OF GOD



Throughout This Week in Word of God Parish Masses, we will use the Altar Lamp in memory of PRISCILLA KELLER from the Legion of Mary.



IN YOUR CHARITY, please pray for the soul of JOHN 'JAKE' NAPOLITAN, husband of the late Joan, who was buried recently from Word of God Parish. May his soul rest in peace with Christ.

Thank you to the members of the Ladies of Charity who cleaned the pews of the church.

The Library and Gift Shop will be closed on December 31 and will re-open on the weekend of January 6-7. Saturday evening: 6:30p.m.-7:30p.m.



in conjunction with the Parish Family Social; Sunday hours: 9:00a.m.-11:00a.m. Stop in the Parish Library on Epiphany weekend to view the **Fontanini Nativity** display with over 200 sculpted Neapolitan-style figures depicting the daily life of the townspeople at the time of Christ's birth. Wonderful for the whole family to see!

MEMORIAL OFFERING: Any or all of the gifts at **Word of God Parish** can be celebrated in memory of a loved one(s). Please fill out the form below and drop it off at the parish office, send through the mail or put it in the collection basket. You may request a particular week. Dates requested will be scheduled on a first-come/first served basis.



WORD OF GOD PARISH MEMORIAL OFFERING REQUEST FORM

I would like to offer:

ALTAR BREADS	\$30 _____	SANCTUARY LAMP	\$ 5 _____
ALTAR WINE	\$15 _____	COMPLETE OFFERING	\$60 _____
ALTAR CANDLES	\$10 _____		

IN MEMORY OF _____

FROM _____

WEEK _____

PHONE _____

Readings for January 7, Epiphany of the Lord

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6...Jerusalem shall be a light to all the nations.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6...Gentiles are coheirs in the promise of Christ.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12...The Magi seek out Jesus to do him homage.

Question for reflection: What can you do to honor Jesus?

EAST CATHOLIC



Catholic Schools Week Open House

Sunday, January 28, 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

Walking Tours

Is your child ready to start Preschool or Kindergarten? Please join us at East Catholic School for a tour and see firsthand what we have to offer from pre-K through 8th grade. Registration is required for the walking tours. Call the school office at 412-351-5403.

Current scheduled tours

Wednesday, January 10 —9:30 a.m.

Thursday, February 15—9:30 a.m.

Box Tops for Education: We receive \$.10 for each box top that is submitted.

Register your Giant Eagle Advantage Card at gianteagle.com/AFTS. East Catholic school ID is 1135. Each time your Advantage Card is scanned through March 16, 2018, your purchases automatically earn funds for our school.

Register your shop 'n Save Card at <http://www.shopnsavefood.com/Education/SEEDProgram/SEEDRegistration.aspx>, designate East Catholic School as the recipient of the points. They will automatically be added to our account.

Divorced & Separated Support Group-Meetings

start Jan. 8, Sts. John & Paul Parish, 2586 Wexford Bayne Rd., Sewickley, PA (located approximately 1/2 mile west of the I-79 Wexford exit). The group will meet for 13 weeks Monday evenings 7:00p.m.-9:00p.m. in the lower level of the Cardinal DiNardo (Social) Center. You will find support, comfort, and healing; info. contact Ralph Joy, 412-741-5456, or email ralph.r.joy@gmail.com.

DivorceCare for Kids (DC4K)-starting Jan. 8, 7:00p.m.-9:00p.m., Sts. John & Paul Church, Room 1, Parish, Lower Cardinal DiNardo (Social) Center. Meetings are for 13 weeks. This is a special group to help children heal from hurt caused by the separation or divorce of their parents. For more info. contact Erik Palmer, 412-491-5511 or rerikpalmer@gmail.com.

The Silver Ring Thing Catholic Edition-Fri., Jan.

12, 7:00p.m.-9:00p.m., Seton LaSalle H.S. With dramas, videos, special effects, and speakers, teenagers will be motivated in a unique and personal way to choose to commit to God by remaining chaste. For more info. contact Dcn. Ron Demblowski, wordofgodpa@gmail.com.

Summer Program for Catholic Youth-Sun., June

10-Fri., June 15, St. Vincent College, Latrobe. Students age 15 and older are invited to apply for admission to the program which introduces young minds to the rich intellectual tradition of the Roman Catholic faith and is designed to prepare students for college-level education. Included is housing in a college residence hall and three daily meals in the college dining hall for \$495. Limited scholarship funding is available. For more information contact Dr. Michael Krom, 724-805-2844 or email michael.krom@stvincent.edu. Students can register online at www.stvincent.edu/faithandreason.

New Year's Eve Super Bingo-Sun., Dec. 31, Bishop Canevin H.S., 2700 Morange Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15205. Ticket price \$119/person. Includes buffet dinner, party favors and black light bingo after midnight to rock and roll music. Watch the ball drop on our big screen TV's and toast with champagne at midnight. For info. and to make reservations call Mike, 412-523-2220.

WINTER DANCE-"Frost on the Shamrock" Sat.,

Jan. 13, 7:00p.m.-11:00p.m., Andy Cooney & his Band, Acme Club, 230 Herron Ave., Cheswick, PA. Tickets/\$25 can be purchased in advance or at door. Sponsored by the All Ireland Athletic Club. For info. or to hold your tickets at the door, please contact Jim Guay at 412-367-0696 or e-mail jguaybest@comcast.net.

"JIMMY BUFFETT" CONCERT-Sat., Jan. 20,

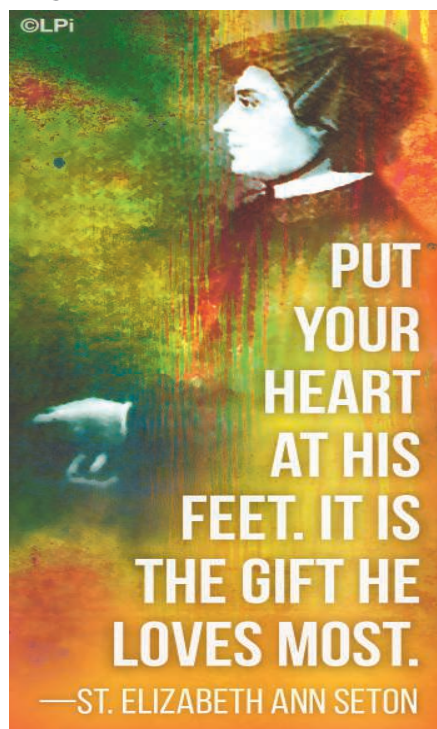
6:00p.m., Oldenski Hall, St. Ferdinand Parish, 2535 Rochester Road, Cranberry Twp., PA 16066. You are invited to escape to Margaritaville as Tom Watt, Buffettman, presents a Jimmy Buffett Concert. A sit-down dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. Dinner includes beef & chicken kabobs, potato, vegetable, roll, salad, dessert, beer & soft drinks. Other drinks and snacks available for purchase. To order tickets enclose a check payable to the Knights of Columbus, and bring to the St. Ferdinand Parish Office or mail to: St. Ferdinand Parish, 2535 Rochester Road, Cranberry Twp., PA 16066. Include phone number and number of tickets requested with your check; info. call 724-816-0813.

Duquesne University Accounting Honors Institute-Jan., Feb. & March.

There are 3 topics with 2 sessions each held on Sat. mornings. Students may sign up for one or more topics. For info./registration call 412-396-5832 or check www.duq.edu/business/AHI.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD weekend retreat for post-abortion healing-March 2-4 at Tabor House, 146

Hawthorne Rd., Pittsburgh (Millvale), PA 15209. To register or for more information, call Toni Jester at 412-352-5348 or email toniafj1@comcast.net.



HOLY WATER BOTTLES for an Epiphany house blessing are available for sale at Madonna by the kiosk in the back of the church and in the Gift Shop at Word of God. Blessed chalk will also be available at church next weekend.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS are conducted every Saturday after the 9:30a.m. Mass at Word of God Parish. The 10 minute devotional concludes with a blessing of the Assembly with the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The icon shows Mary protecting Jesus with her arms around Him. Her solemn face looks directly at us as the archangel Michael and Gabriel bring the instruments of Christ's crucifixion, a lance, sponge, cross, and nails.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS are available. Please see the celebrant before Mass in the sacristy.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: After each weekend Mass, Father will administer this special grace of healing and comfort to those baptized Catholics suffering the infirmities of serious, chronic (e.g. diabetes, heart disease), or mental illness, chemotherapy, dialysis, old age, or anticipating or recovering from an operation. Sit in front pews leaving every other pew empty.

OFFERTORY GIFT BEARERS: Please notify an usher before Mass.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Please enter the amount of your contribution on your envelope.

LOST AND FOUND: In the vestibule.

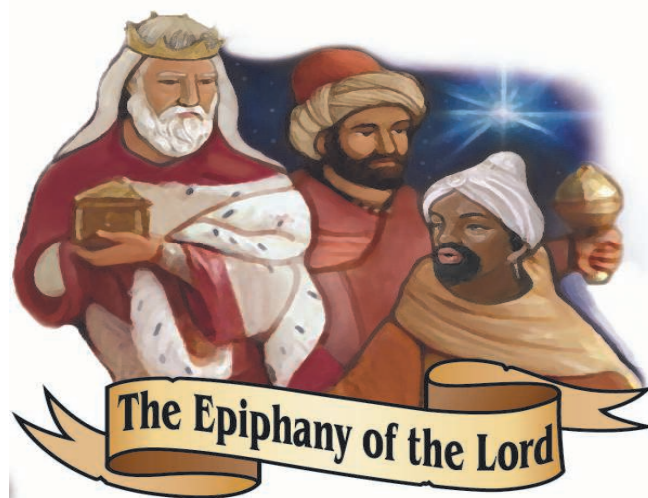
RIDE TO MASS: If you need a ride or can provide a ride to Mass, please contact the parish office.

WEB WATCH:

Foryourmarriage.org.—Marriage resources, articles and news sponsored by the U.S. Bishops
www.diopitt.org—official diocesan website
www.pghpriest.com—diocesan vocations website
www.masstimes.org—location of churches when traveling
www.FaithandReason.com.—inspiration for your spiritual journey

CATHOLIC SINGLES, 21 & OVER: The Catholic Alumni Club offers a variety of social opportunities including league athletics, parties, picnics, dances, dinners, hiking, volleyball, scripture study, trips, etc. For info. check www.capittsburgh.org.

YOUNG ADULTS & SINGLES OF ALL AGES: check Catholicthrive.com.



EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

Items needed: chalk and a small bottle of holy water. Gather with family members, friends, and perhaps some neighbors at the front door.

In the (+) name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Tradition names the magi:

Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.

With chalk, their initials sign this doorway, along with four crosses of the seasons, and the numerals of the new year.

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Let us pray: *Christus mansionem benedicat.*

May Christ bless this house, Amen.

Leader (or other Reader):

A reading from the Letter to the Galatians.

So then, while there is time let us do good for all people, especially those who are of the household of faith.

The Word of the Lord

Each room is sprinkled with holy water.

Living room:

Bring us to live with you one day in heaven.

Bless this room, O Lord. Amen.

Kitchen:

You prepare for us a rich feast.

Bless this room, O Lord. Amen.

Dining room:

Feed us at the heavenly banquet.

Bless this room, O Lord. Amen.

Bedrooms:

In you alone we rest securely.

Bless this room, O Lord. Amen.

Bathroom:

You cleanse us from every impurity.

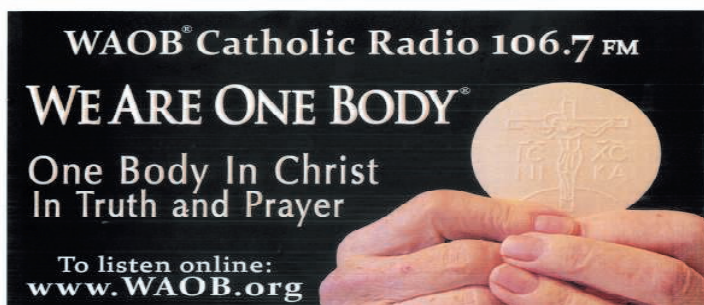
Bless this room, O Lord. Amen.

All return to the front door to pray together.

Our Father. . .

All are sprinkled with holy water.

Bless this household through all days to come, Father, Son, and Holy spirit, forever and ever. Amen.





"Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."

—1 Corinthians 9:10-11

GIVING TO YOUR PARISH

As you plan your giving for 2017 consider that there are ways to make revocable or irrevocable planned and deferred gifts to the parish in addition to outright cash. Here are some options to consider.

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Gifts of Stock Eliminate Capital Gains Tax

A gift of appreciated securities (stock) can provide you with a significant income tax deduction. You may receive an income tax deduction of up to 30% of your adjusted gross income, and will not be required to pay capital gains tax in the process. Larger deductions may be carried over for five additional years.

Easy to make a Bequest in your Will

Instruct your attorney to make a provision in your will or living trust using this language: "I give, devise and bequeath \$ ____ [specify dollar amount] [or % ____ percentage of my estate] [or ____% percentage of the remainder of my estate or property] to ____ Parish at [include legal address of your parish or school]."

How to Initiate a Tax Free Gift from your IRA if you are Over 70½ Years of Age

- Call your IRA fund custodian/investor/broker.
- He/she may have a form for you to sign giving instructions regarding the charity(s) you wish to receive gifts and when you wish to make these donations from your IRA.
- The fund custodian will then send a check made payable to the charity from your IRA minimum distribution or principal. (If requested, the check can be mailed to you to send out personally.) To avoid declaring that amount as taxable income, the check must be made payable to your parish/school/diocese(or other charity).
- It is helpful to have the check sent directly to you. You can then send it (with your name and address) to the charity, as many IRA custodians do not identify the donor's name and address when they send the check directly to the charity.
- The charity/parish/diocese will send a special letter of acknowledgement to the donor indicating that the gift from the IRA was received and the date it was received. This will verify that the gift should not be claimed as taxable income.

Interested in Helping Our Catholic Schools? And Helping Families Afford an Excellent Education?

Learn how PA tax dollars can be redirected by businesses to provide tuition assistance for qualified needy students, please visit:

<http://www.diopitt.plannedgiving.org/diopitt/giving/5.html?section=1>

Questions? Contact Deacon Jack Miller at (412) 456-3000, ext. 3262 or Jmiller@diopitt.org

Compare: A Bequest through your Will vs. a Charitable Gift Annuity

Say you make a provision in your Will to benefit your parish. But if you use up your assets (nursing home, etc.) there may be nothing remaining to benefit anyone, including your parish. One option is to create a Charitable Gift Annuity now. These funds will be immediately removed from your estate. The annuity will guarantee mostly tax-free income for you (and possibly a second annuitant) for as long as you live. You will also receive an immediate income tax deduction. Capital gains tax savings result if you use appreciated securities to fund the gift annuity. After your death, the remainder of your gift annuity will go to help your parish. 50% of the value of your gift annuity may count toward a pledge made to "Our Campaign for the Church Alive!" For a free prospectus, call (412) 456-3055.

10 Ways to use planned gifts for Our Campaign for the Church Alive! pledge payments or new gifts

1. Use **cash**; 2. Use an **IRA charitable rollover**. Have check made payable to Our Campaign for the Church Alive! (see above); 3. Appreciated securities (**stock**) (see above); 4. Make a charitable provision in your **Will** (see above) (cannot be credited toward your parish goal); 5. A **Charitable Gift Annuity** helps the campaign and provides you with income for life; 6. A **Charitable Lead Trust** may be ideal for six figure gifts, helping the Church now, and your family later; 7. **Charitable Remainder Trusts** are also great possibilities; 8. Don't forget about using a **life insurance policy**; 9. Your **retirement fund** may generate a gift, either during life or after your lifetime; 10. With the **Gift Annuity Enhancement** program you can make an immediate gift and receive income for life in the process.

Please remember your parish as you plan your estate. Consult your attorney or tax advisor for more specific advice. For information on any current or deferred gift option, such as a trust, insurance policy, will, retirement fund, endowed fund, stock transfer, charitable gift annuity, or bequest intention document, please contact Paul Stabile, Director of Planned Giving, Office for Stewardship at 412-456-3055 or pstable@diopitt.org.



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