

# The Catholic Community of Rankin and Swissvale

## MADONNA DEL CASTELLO PARISH

2021 S. Braddock Avenue • Swissvale, PA 15218



**November 1, 2015**



## Word of God Catholic Parish

7446 McClure Avenue • Swissvale, PA 15218

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

### MASS SCHEDULE

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

*Consult the bulletin for Holy Day and Holiday Mass schedule*

### PARISH STAFF

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

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Office (Madonna) ..... 412-271-5666  
 Parish Office (Word of God) ..... 412-241-1372  
 Parish Office Fax ..... 412-271-2335  
 Religious Education Office ..... 412-271-5666  
 Music Ministry (Madonna) ..... EKAPD5965@gmail.com  
 Bp. Dattilo Social Hall ..... 412-271-3959  
 Madonna Website ..... www.madonnadelcastello.org  
 Word of God E-mail ..... wordofgod1994@verizon.net  
 Church Street Convent ..... 412-271-3346  
 Parish Prayer Line ..... 412-371-3173

### 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

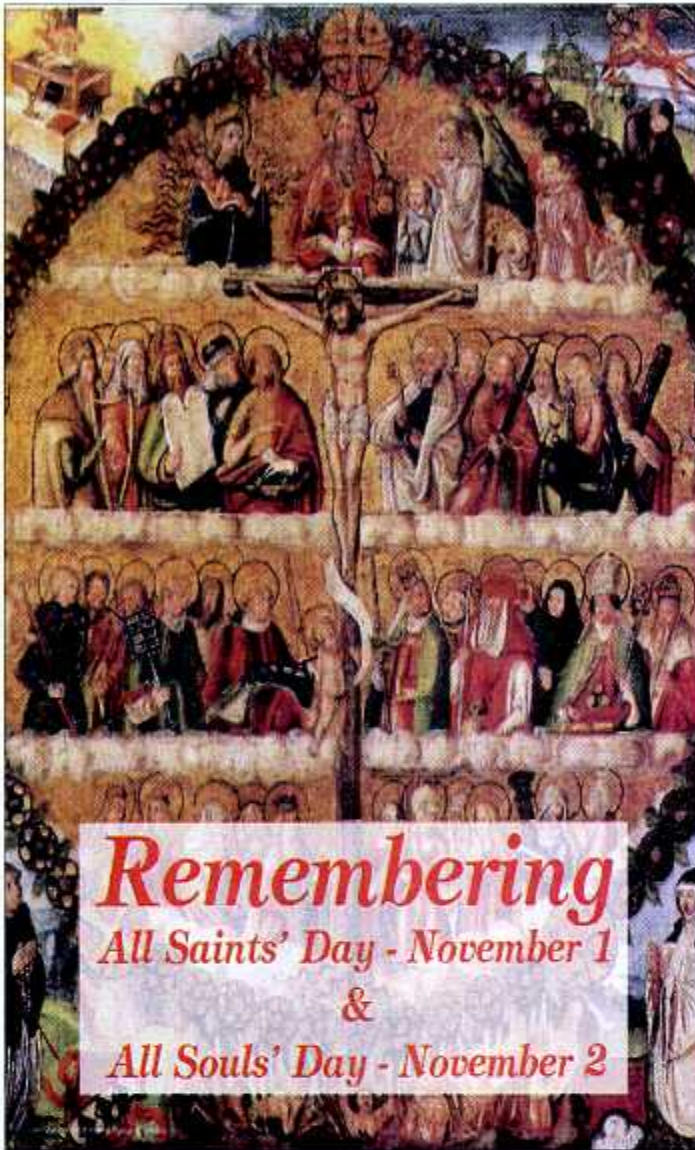
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and upon request

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School Website ..... www.eastcatholicschool.org

*A member of the East Catholic School Consortium*

**Bulletin Deadline Monday at Noon.**



**Remembering**  
*All Saints' Day - November 1*  
 &  
*All Souls' Day - November 2*

**THE USHERS** plan to distribute the "WORKS OF MERCY MAGNATE" before Mass at Madonna this weekend. **THE PRAYER & PRAISE GROUP** will distribute them at Word of God.

**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.

**LADIES OF CHARITY** will meet on **Thurs., Nov. 5** at Madonna in Dattilo Hall.

Stay connected with Madonna del Castello and Word of God

Parishes through our new Catholic Community of Swissvale & Rankin's Facebook Page at: [www.facebook.com/pages/Catholic-Community-of-Swissvale-Rankin/1448072735511686](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Catholic-Community-of-Swissvale-Rankin/1448072735511686)

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday - October 31 - Vigil**

4:00 PM For the People

6:00 PM Ann Rajakovich (Dolores Davies)

**All Saints - Sunday, November 1**

9:00 AM Walter Cummings (Rose Mary O'Hara)

11:00 AM Stella King (Roseann Fazio)

**Monday - November 2 - All Souls' Day**

7:00 PM Your Deceased Loved Ones

**Tuesday - November 3 - St. Martin de Porres**

9:30 AM Ezio Mariani (Wife, Amantina)

**Wednesday - November 4**

8:00 AM Kitty Battaglia (Jim & Eileen DiPerna)

**Thursday - November 5**

9:30 AM David Price III (David & Sharon Price & Family)

**First Friday - November 6**

8:00 AM Josephine Poklemba (Minnie Stamera)

**First Saturday - November 7**

9:30 AM Dec. Memb. Legion of of Mary (Legion of Mary Immaculate Praesidium)

**Saturday - November 7 - Vigil**

4:00 PM Anthony Pallotta (Betsy Tomko)

6:00 PM For the People

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 8**

9:00 AM Doc Lucarelli (Angela DeRienzo)

11:00 AM David Iovino (M/M Ross Cioppa)

### THIS WEEK

**Sunday -Parish Family Socials - Daylight Savings Time Ends**

**Monday**

7:00 PM All Souls Mass of Remembrance - Madonna  
 Reception will follow in Dattilo Hall

**Tuesday**

7:00 PM Holy Hour/Rosary- Madonna

**Wednesday**

7:00 PM Gospel of Matthew Bible Study - Dattilo Hall

**Thursday**

7:00 PM Ladies of Charity - Dattilo Hall

**Friday**

7:00 PM Holy Hour - Madonna

**Saturday**

8:45 AM to 10:30 AM - CCD Classes - Madonna

11:00 AM Rosary Making Session - Dattilo Hall

12:00 PM Reconciliation - Word of God Parish

**Next Sunday - Utilities Collection; Food Drive for the Needy**

**Celebrate Lay Ecclesial Ministry With Bishop Zubik on Sun., Nov. 8, 2:30 p.m.** at St. Paul Cathedra, Oakland. Bishop



Zubik will commission lay ecclesial ministers. He invites all family, friends, co-workers and parishioners to attend and offer their prayers and support. Help support all who serve your parish family. For information call 412-456-3110.

**SUNDAY, NOV. 1st - Daylight Savings Time Ends. Turn clocks back 2:00a.m.**



**LOOK FOR THE LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA KIOSK**

**AT BOTH PARISHES:** "If you are what you should be, you will set the world on fire." St. Catherine of Sienna  
 "Great saints have often been made out of great sinners, but not one was ever made out of a wimp!" -Peter Kreeft  
 "It is a dangerous thing to be satisfied with ourselves"  
 - St. Teresa of Avila

"There is no saint without a past, and no sinner without a future." -St. Augustine

"To be saints is not a privilege for the few, but a vocation for everyone." -Pope Francis

Get the message? For further guidance, seek what God has been available to you!

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



**Food Drive for the Needy of our parish-**  
**es:** please bring non-perishable items to church on the weekend of November 7th & 8th. At Madonna, place them in the designated area of Dattilo Hall; Word of God, place them on the designated table in the main vestibule. **Place monetary donations for Thanksgiving turkeys in an envelope marked "Thanksgiving Turkeys" and place in the collection basket or mail/deliver to the parish office by Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.**



Questions: (Madonna) contact Leanna or Mark Ballog, 412.823.8398; (Word of God) contact Patty Burns 412.271.4830. **Note: there will be the Little Sisters of the Poor "Wish List" Drive on Thanksgiving Day and weekend of Nov. 28th & 29th.**

**Word of God Parish Choir:** Choir season may be in full swing, but it's not too late to join a fun group of people to praise God in song. The choir sings for the 9:00a.m. Sunday Mass. Choir rehearsals are held on Monday evening in the choir gallery beginning at 7:00 p.m. and generally last for one hour – a little longer as we get close to Christmas and Easter. Don't worry, however, you won't miss the start of any important Monday Night Football games! If you have questions, give Michael Burke a call at (412) 271-1309 – or send him an email at [burkemf@verizon.net](mailto:burkemf@verizon.net).



**All Souls Mass of Remembrance-Mon., Nov. 2nd, 7:00 p.m., Madonna.** We come together at Mass to pray for our beloved who have died. A reception will follow. Letters have been mailed. If you have not received a letter, please contact the Word of God parish office.



**ROSARY MAKING:** The Legion of Mary will have a Rosary Making Session on the **first Saturday of each month at 11:00 a.m.,** in Dattilo Hall, Madonna.



**THE ROSARY** is said at Swissvale Towers, 1826 Monongahela Ave., Community Room, 1st fl., every Monday, 3:30 p.m.



**LADIES FELLOWSHIP GROUP** meets every other Wednesday in Dattilo Hall at 2:00p.m. Our next meeting is Nov.11th. If you are interested or have any questions, please call Patti Aducci at 412.243.9457.

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



**OUR PARISH FAMILY WEEKEND SOCIALS** are at both parishes after this weekend's Masses **October 31 & November 1.** CCD Catechists & Families will host the social at Madonna. The Respect Life Committee will host the social at Word of God.



**VISITING A CEMETERY INDULGENCE:** An indulgence is granted the Christian faithful who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the dead. This indulgence is applicable only to the souls in purgatory. This indulgence is a plenary one from Nov. 1– 8 and can be gained on each one of these days. On the other days of the year this indulgence is a partial one.

**AN INDULGENCE** is the remission in the eyes of God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose culpable element has already been taken away. The Christian faithful who are rightly disposed and observe the definite, prescribed conditions gain this remission through the effective assistance of the Church, which, as the minister of redemption, authoritatively distributes and applies the treasury of the expiatory works of Christ and the saints. An indulgence is either plenary or partial, that is, it frees a person either from all or from some of the temporal punishment due to sins.

**Saint Vincent de Paul Sarris Candy:** Holiday Sarris Candy order forms are in the racks/on the tables. Please return order forms and payment by November 15<sup>th</sup>. Forms can be put into the collection basket. **Please be sure to indicate where you want to pick up your candy – at Madonna or at Word of God.** Orders will be available for pickup on the weekend of December 12-13. Everyone needs Sarris candy for the holidays, for stocking stuffers, and for those tokens of appreciation for customers, clients, neighbors, and friends. Our Conference thanks you for your support of this important fundraiser.



**Remembering the Smallest of Souls:** Have you ever lost a baby in pregnancy, or do you know someone who has? An estimated 1 in 5 known pregnancies end in loss, but the silence of society can make it difficult to deal with this topic. Church teaching on the sanctity of life and the witness of the Bible gives us much hope. Join us for a time of information, practical application and prayer as we "Remember the Smallest of Souls" on **Sunday, November 22 at 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.** in Dattilo Hall at Madonna del Castello Church, 2021 South Braddock Ave., Swissvale, PA 15218. The Respect Life Committee welcomes Lisa Vera M. Barton, who holds her M.A. in Pastoral Ministry from Duquesne University. Barton offers "Song of Simeon" as a ministry to support people affected by miscarriage, stillbirth or early infant death. The event is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served. For more information, send an email to [songofsimeon@verizon.net](mailto:songofsimeon@verizon.net). Questions, please call Deacon Ron Demblowski at 412.241.1372.

## Madonna del Castello



The Tabernacle Lamp is in memory of Madeline Miele from John Scaramucci, MD.



The Altar Bread & Wine are in memory of Pete Iannucci from Mary Iannucci.

Reborn in Baptism: Emerson Raymond, son of Jennifer Coppolo & Sean Holsing.

Offertory for October 25 – \$2,585.00

### 2016 MASS INTENTIONS

From Nov. 1, to Nov. 15, 2015, our Mass intention book will be opened to parishioners for the year of 2016. Starting Nov. 1 we will begin accepting Mass intentions for parish members for only one Sunday Mass and three daily Masses. We are trying to accommodate a large amount of requests and we have to leave some calendar space for requests for recently deceased relatives. We schedule on a first come, first serve basis. We always try to work with people so they can have the dates they want, but unfortunately, that's not always possible. You may want to consider having one Mass for more than one deceased member of your family. A Mass request sheet will be available in the back of church beginning this weekend, Oct. 31 & Nov. 1. Call the rectory with any questions.

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 the 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 \_\_\_\_\_



## WORD OF GOD



**THROUGHOUT THIS WEEK IN WORD OF GOD PARISH LITURGIES**, we will use the Altar Candles & Sanctuary Lamp in memory of **Jennie Zenk** from Lauren & Susan Berthold.

Please consider remembering the parish in your will.

### **WORD OF GOD COLLECTION**

October 25 Offertory.....\$7,325.00

### **CANTERBURY CORNER GIFT SHOP & PARISH LIBRARY:**

We'll be back soon! Progress is being made to get the Canterbury Corner Gift Shop and the Parish Library back in operation by mid-November, just in time for the holiday season. A grand re-opening date for the Gift Shop will be announced through the church bulletin very soon, so please continue to look for updated details in this bulletin in the next few weeks. **Volunteers are needed during morning, afternoon, or evening hours to help clean, move furniture, and sort gift shop merchandise.** Please contact Pat (412-271-4830) to find out when volunteer time is available. We are looking forward to being at your service once again!

**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 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

**1st Reading:** 1 Kings 17:10-16...Through Elijah the Lord provides a widow and her son with enough flour and oil to supply them for a year.

**2nd Reading:** Hebrews 9:24-28...Christ died once to take away sin; he will return again to bring salvation to those who await him.

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 12:38-44...Jesus notices a poor widow's money offering at the temple and commends her great sacrifice to his disciples.

**Questions for reflection:** How generous are you with your possessions and money? Do you give from your surplus or from your need?

## EAST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**"Perfect for Preschoolers Story Time," Wed. Nov. 18, 12:30p.m.-1:30p.m.** in East Catholic School Library.



The program is for children ages 2 1/2 to 5 years old, and is designed to give them a positive introduction to books and the habit of reading. Each program features appealing books, favorite stories, and lively activities. The theme of this Story Time is "Thanksgiving." All children along with their parent/guardian are invited.

Registration required—call the school office 8:30a.m.-2:00p.m., 412-351-5403; deadline for registration is Mon., Nov. 16.

**Entertainment (\$30), Enjoy (\$30) and KidStuff (\$25) books** are now available. Please contact Kate Halahurich to order by calling 412-519-8283 or email [khalahurich@msn.com](mailto:khalahurich@msn.com). All proceeds benefit the school.

**East Catholic 2016 Gala: Save the date, February 27, 2016** at Stratigos Banquet Facility. Any questions, please contact Amie & Kenny Cooley, 412-260-2989, [amie4dance@msn.com](mailto:amie4dance@msn.com), or Laurie & Lou Del Rosso at 412-841-8767, [ldelrosso3@gmail.com](mailto:ldelrosso3@gmail.com).

**NIGHT AT THE RACES-Sat., Nov. 14, 7:30p.m.-10:30p.m.**, Bishop Canevin H.S. Doors open at 6:45p.m. Admission: \$20/person, \$8/senior citizens. Includes horse races, buffet dinner, cash bar, plus auction and 50/50 raffle. For more information contact Sheflynn Strub, [strubs@bishopcanevin.org](mailto:strubs@bishopcanevin.org), or call 412-922-7400, ex. 215.

**HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW-Sun., Nov. 15, 10:00a.m.-3:00p.m.**, Bishop Canevin H.S., 2700 Morange Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15205. Over 150 crafters, lunch, baked goods, gift auction and 50/50 raffle. Also "Crafts with Katie" and a free shuttle. For info. call Vera, 412-922-7400, ex. 224.

**ELKS SCHOLARSHIP:** This is real money for our youth to live out their dreams of going to college. Last year the Elks received 50 applications and 32 of them received scholarships. For more information check the national web site [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org), select "our programs" and then "scholarship" to learn more about the program. If you have any questions call Debbie, 412-823-1357.

**CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES LAW:** Report any acts of child abuse or if you believe a child was subject to abuse to Commonwealth of PA Hotline 1-800-932-0313.

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

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN SESSIONS** are listed on the diocesan website, [www.diopitt.org](http://www.diopitt.org), under "Protecting God's Children." The sessions are available on-line. You may also contact the parish office.

**DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT CERTIFICATION:** First step is contact Kelly James. She will inform you of the next steps.

**Annulment Presentation:** Mr. Jay Conzemius, JCL, of the Tribunal Office of the Diocese of Pittsburgh will be providing a 45-minute presentation at Saint Maurice, 2001 Ardmore Blvd., Forest Hills, PA 15221, **Thurs., Nov. 5, 7:00 p.m.** The purpose of the talk is to provide information about the nullity process and help those wanting to begin the process to do so by receiving the initial paperwork. The talk is directed toward those who have a desire for adult education regarding this often misunderstood subject. People involved in RCIA as teachers or directors may have a special interest in attending this talk. Registration is not required, and it is free of charge, but to plan for chairs and refreshments please let us know that you are coming at [tribunal@diopitt.org](mailto:tribunal@diopitt.org) or call 412-456-3033.

**PIEROGI SALE-Nov. 5 & 6,** St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Byzantine Church, 1907 Eden Park Blvd., McKeesport (across street from McKeesport H.S.), **10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.** Includes homemade soup, haluski, breads, baked goods and more. Call in your order and it will be waiting for you. For orders/more info., 412-678-2206. All proceeds benefit St. John Church. Your support is appreciated.

St. Joseph Spirituality Center is offering *Keeping the "Care" in Health Care: A Spiritual Perspective*, on Friday, November 6, from 9:45 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. Father Thomas Gillespie, STB, MD, a board-certified psychiatrist and a priest of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, and Sister Marguerite Kropinak, LCSW, D.Min., will explore the importance of recognizing and integrating spiritual and religious questions and concerns in the helping relationship with people. A reduced fee of \$30 for parish personnel includes lunch and refreshments. To register call 724-869-6587.

**HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS RECOGNIZED-Sun., Nov. 8, 8:30 a.m. Mass,** St. Maria Goretti Parish, in conjunction with the Catholic Medical Assn. Following Mass is a continental breakfast. Fr. Regis Farmer will speak on "The Catholic Perspective of Death and Dying." All health care professionals are invited to attend. A free will offering will be collected. For more info. call 412-682-2354 or the Catholic Medical Assn. at [doctor.hahn@verizon.net](mailto:doctor.hahn@verizon.net).



**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND-Nov. 13-15,** The Antiochian Village near Greensburg, PA. The job gets full attention. The car gets a tune-up. The yard gets mowed. The laundry gets clean. Then the kids get...whatever they need. When is there time to "check-in" on us as husband & wife? Attend a weekend and get the time you both so richly deserve. Rediscover "US." To sign up and for more information go to [YourMarriageIsWorthIt.org](http://YourMarriageIsWorthIt.org).

**To all Pre-Marriage Sponsor Couples, Directors of Religious Education, and parish priests:** Father Robert Ruhnke will be presenting the program *Increasing the Effectiveness of Sponsor Couples* at 5:30 p.m., Sunday, November 15, at the Bishop Connare Center, Greensburg. The evening will start with a buffet dinner in the main dining room, where we'll remain for Fr. Ruhnke's presentation. Cost is \$20/couple (\$10 for DRE's or Priests who wish to attend). Register now, or go to <https://events.dioceseofgreensburg.org/EventRegistration/RegisterAttendees.aspx?EventId=245>. Additional information may be found at <http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/parish-life/Pages/increasing-the-effectiveness-of-sponsor-couples.aspx>. Questions? Call Richard and Leeanna at 724-337-8372 or [rryba@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:rryba@dioceseofgreensburg.org).

