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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday at Noon

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: Monday 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Friday 8:00 a.m.

Saturday (vigil mass) 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Consult the bulletin for Holy Day and Holiday Mass schedule.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

After Sunday Mass.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. and by appointment.

BAPTISMS

Call the office for an appointment.

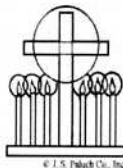
MARRIAGE

Contact the Pastor at least six months in advance.

Mass Schedule



The Tabernacle Lamp is for
THE RUSSO & SMITH FAMILIES
 From Linda & Tony Russo.



The Altar Candles are for
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The Altar Bread & Wine are in memory of
JOSEPH BONACCI
 From Wife Terry.

- Monday, October 7** 7:00 P.M.
Guarino Family (Angie, Anthony & Stacey)
- Tuesday, October 8** 9:30 A.M.
Word of God Mass
- Tuesday, October 8** 7:00 P.M.
Holy Hour
- Wednesday, October 9** 8:00 A.M.
Antonio Cartella (Rita & Dominic Cappella)
- Thursday, October 10** 9:30 A.M.
Word of God Mass
- Friday, October 11** 8:00 A.M.
Beloved Deceased of Martin & Bonacci Families (John & Janice Bonacci)
- Friday, October 11** 7:00 P.M.
Holy Hour
- Saturday, October 12** 9:30 A.M.
Word of God Mass
- Saturday, October 12** 4:00 P.M.
For Our Parishioners
- Saturday, October 12** 6:00 P.M.
Word of God Mass
- Sunday, October 13** 9:00 A.M.
Word of God Mass
- Sunday, October 13** 11:00 A.M.
Honor, St. Simeone



- Saturday, October 12** 4:00 P.M.
Andrew Klabnik & Lois Ballog
- Sunday, October 13** 11:00 A.M.
Anna Cappella & Savannah Stophel



- Saturday, October 12** 4:00 P.M.
Dave Fiumara, Wayne Sarsfield, Guy Mazzella
- Sunday, October 13** 11:00 A.M.
Denny Capezuto, Richard DeFazio, Dave Petrarca, Chris Gibson



- Saturday, October 12** 4:00 P.M.
Rose Pascal
- Sunday, October 13** 11:00 A.M.
Michaela Buzzard

+ REST IN PEACE +

THOMAS COFFEE, son of Carmel.

Anyone who would like to have any or all of the gifts celebrated in memory of or tribute to a loved one(s), should complete the form below, place information and money in a plain envelope and deposit sealed envelope in the collection basket, mail it to the rectory or deposit in the front door mail slot.

Memorial or Living Tribute Request

I would like to offer:

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

In Memory of _____

In Tribute to _____

From _____

ST. SIMEONE CELEBRATION

Festa de Santa Simeone will be celebrated on Sunday, October 13th with Holy Mass at 11:00 A.M. followed by procession with the Del Monte Italian Band. Dinner and dance at the Croatian Home in Rankin at 2:00 P.M. Reservations are required. Cost is \$15/person. Please call Domenic or Lois Petrarca at 412-646-2344 for reservations.



NFP PROMOTION DAY

On Sunday, October 13, the Diocese of Pittsburgh is celebrating the Annual Natural Family Planning Promotion (NFP) Day. All parishes are asked to raise awareness about NFP. This opportunity is being offered to help all Catholics understand that NFP is a viable, effective, healthy & holy alternative for family planning. It works in full cooperation with God's design of human physiology & consistently has been shown to be beneficial for the covenant of marriage. There will be pamphlets on the literature tables.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

During the month of October, members & friends of our Parish's Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference will be participating in the 3rd annual Friends of the Poor Walk to raise money to assist local individuals & families in need. Walkers commit to walking 10,000 steps (approximately 5 miles) & recruit individual sponsors for a minimum donation of \$5. All walkers receive a pedometer to keep track of their total steps & a Walk t-shirt. All sponsors will be entered in a drawing for a variety of great prizes including a \$3,000 Visa Gift Card; \$500 Walmart Gift Card; & a \$250 Giant Eagle Gift Card. Contact Betsy Tomko at 412-241-4524 or betsytmk@verizon.net. Sign up will be September 21-22, 28-29 & October 5-6 in Bishop Dattilo Hall.

THE CHANGING FACE OF HEALTHCARE

Dr. Matthew Coppola, MD at the Residence Inn Pittsburgh University Medical Center, 3896 Bigelow Blvd., Oakland on Wednesday, October 16 at 7 pm. Dr. Coppola is with the Dept. of Internal medicine at Allegheny General Hospital & the Allegheny Health Network. Dr. Coppola will discuss the changes in healthcare over the past 30 years. Topics of interest will include primary care, specialty care along with the increased cost of medical care & the shrinking amount of dollars available for Medicare & Medicaid. Dr. Coppola believes that each one of us has to become our own best advocate in terms of making our own health care choices. Senior adults & their families are encouraged to attend. There is free admission & parking, buffet & drinks. Please RSVP to Schenley Gardens at 412-681-3812 or Cluna@SchenleyGardens.com



Pre-Schoolers Storytime: Wednesday
October 16, 2013 marks the kickoff of Story time at East Catholic School.

This is a free story, rhyme, song and craft program designed to entertain and engage young children. The program is for children 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 engaging books, favorite stories and lively activities. Our first story time date is Wednesday October 16, 2013 at 12:30 to 1:30 pm in East Catholic Library. We invite all children along with their parent or guardian to come and visit Story time at East Catholic Library. Registration is required by calling the East Catholic School Office at 412-351-5403 during school hours (8:30 am until 2:00 pm). Last day for registration each month is the second Monday. Our first deadline will be October 14, 2013. The theme of our October Story-time is "Scarecrows".

FALL BAZAAR

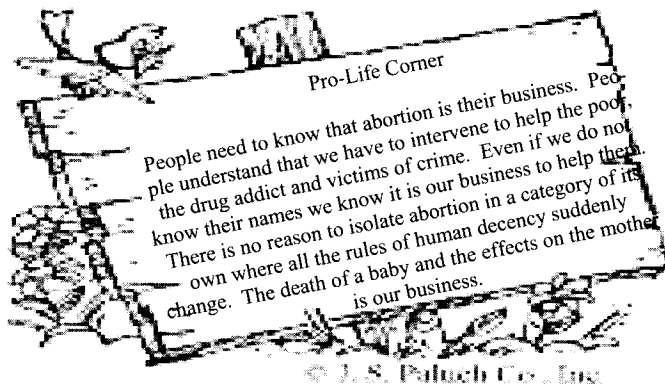
St. Michael Orthodox Church, 146 3rd Ave., Rankin, will sponsor its Annual Fall Bazaar in their church hall on Sunday, October 13 from 11 am to 5 pm. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be a variety of foods available for eat in or take out, as well as bake sale items, crafts, raffles & Bingo. If you need more information, call 412-271-2725.

MONTHLY COLLECTIONS

August Regular offertory	\$14,243.00
August 2013 PSP collected	\$4,106.00
2013 PSP owed	\$13,565.00

Protecting God's Children sessions are listed on the Diocesan website, diopitt.org, under "Protecting God's Children." You may also contact the parish office.

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Madonna del Castello Parish and Word of God Parish

Rev. John Lynam, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

Venerable Pierre Toussaint

Pierre Toussaint was born a slave in Haiti. To escape civil unrest, he and his master came to the United States and Pierre was apprenticed to a hair dresser in New York City. Pierre became a popular stylist loyal to his owners. He cared for his master's wife after she was widowed and was freed shortly before her death. Pierre married, and he and his wife attended daily Mass and devoted themselves to caring for the sick and orphaned.



Father is waiting

In the prayer, "Our Father," we are reminded that our true Father lives in Heaven – our eventual home. We are only temporary travelers on Earth. By asking us to pray this particular prayer, Jesus helps us to keep our eyes on our home where our Father waits patiently for us.

From St. Therese of Liseux

"Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing."

(Story of a Soul)



We can make a more peaceful world

Ordinarily we think of violence as physical – a blow, a gunshot, a bombing. It seems that we hear and read about acts of war every day. But wars escalate from everyday acts in homes, neighborhoods, and communities that can be as subtle as words or gestures that dampen the spirit of another person. As Christians, we can prevent violence by living our faith.

Embrace diversity – don't just tolerate it. Different as we are, we are all made in God's image and likeness. There is great diversity in the communion of saints.

Develop more empathy – see situations from another's perspective. It's the best way to understand the impact of our actions on those affected

by them.

Treat everyone with dignity – don't ignore others as a way of expressing anger or disapproval.

Giving the "silent treatment" instead of working out problems denies much needed human contact and fails to solve conflict.

Choose entertainment carefully – a steady diet of violent entertainment and media helps us become comfortable with violence and to see people as characters rather than humans. Instead, pray for victims of violence and for the souls of those who perpetrate it.

Detach – value people more than things. Share what you have. Don't take more than you need. Don't get so attached to achieving an outcome that you forget that love matters more.

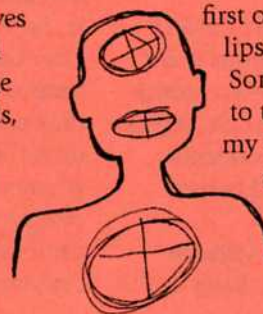


Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do we cross our forehead, lips, and chest before hearing the Gospel at Mass?

One reason we cross ourselves before listening to the Gospel is to ask God to let its message dominate our thoughts, words, and feelings.

Before the priest or deacon proclaims the Gospel, we trace the sign of the cross



first on the forehead, then the lips, and finally over the heart. Some even say a prayer similar to this, "May the Lord purify my understanding, my speech, and my heart, so that I may receive the words of the Gospel."

5 tips for greater holiness

Achieving holiness requires a constant effort like climbing a mountain. To stop trying, even for a little while, is to lose ground. Daily effort will pay off with results.

1. **Become aware of Jesus' presence every day.** If you struggle to find him, ask for his help. Not only will awareness of him help you grow in love and kindness toward everyone, you will find it easier to control your faults.
2. **Don't be afraid of work or suffering.** Jesus experienced both in his time on Earth and



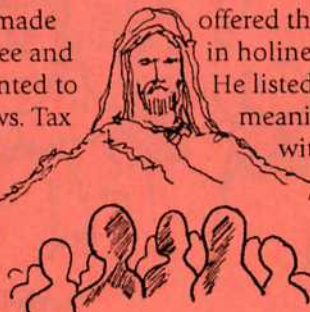
used them to pave our way to Heaven.

3. **Give God your full attention.** Speak to him, ask him for help, express sorrow for your mistakes, tell him you love him. Visit him regularly in Church.
4. **Nurture your faith.** Just as air and food keep our bodies alive, faith feeds our souls. It's the bond that unites us to God. Read Scripture every day. Learn about the saints. Listen to the Pope.
5. **Practice patience.** It's the first step toward holiness.

from Scripture

Luke 18:9-14, God wants only love

Imagine the impact Jesus made when he compared a Pharisee and a tax collector. Pharisees wanted to be emulated by everyday Jews. Tax collectors were usually Jews who collaborated with the hated Romans to collect unfair taxes from fellow Jews -- and often cheated to gather a little extra for themselves. Yet in Jesus' example, the Pharisee didn't fare so well when both approached God in prayer.



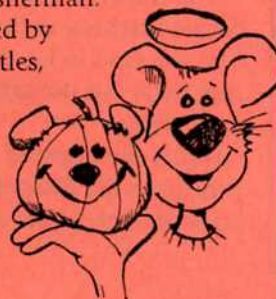
offered thanks that he was superior in holiness to all around him. He listed his many good (but meaningless) deeds, and looked with disgust upon the tax collector.

By contrast, the tax collector humbled himself before God and offered only a simple prayer casting himself on God's mercy. He was aware of God's graciousness in loving him despite his sinfulness. Jesus said that only the tax collector went home in a right relationship with God.

He said that our sincere love matters more than anything else.

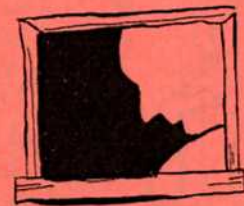
second bishop of Antioch, St. Ignatius encouraged obedience to the world's bishops and reminded people that Jesus is present in the Church and in each other.

Oct. 28 – **St. Simon and St. Jude** (1st century). St. Simon was a Zealot – Jews who believed that the Messiah would free them from political oppression. St. Jude was a fisherman. After being called by Jesus to be apostles, they ended up in Persia where they evangelized until they were martyred.



Q & A Why does God make us suffer?

As Catholics, we know that God is infinitely perfect and incapable of doing evil. In fact, he created us out of love so that we could share in his own blessed life. It was his plan for us to live in harmony with him.



When our first parents sinned, they disrupted the harmony by which we were protected from suffering and death. The world we have now is not the original perfection of God's creation but a fallen one with sin and evil that God didn't put here. We suffer because of the disorder created by that Original Sin compounded by our own sin, not because God makes us suffer.

Sometimes God does allow us to suffer, though. The purpose of our lives on Earth is to determine where we shall be for eternity, either with God or separated from God. Sometimes God allows suffering in order to awaken us to the fact of our sin, our impending death and judgment, to help us repent and turn back to him.

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Feasts & Celebrations

In October we celebrate the Rosary with the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th. The Rosary helps us meditate on the mysteries of our salvation – Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection.

Oct. 15 - **St. Teresa of Avila** (1583). Teresa founded a strict religious order whose nuns wore rough brown habits and sandals instead of shoes. St. Teresa established more than 17 convents of Discalced Carmelites and helped reform the Carmelite friars.

Oct. 17 – **St. Ignatius of Antioch** (1st century). Succeeded St. Peter as the