



**Mass Intentions**



SUNDAY 10:30 AM Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Frank Buck**  
 (Ray Schollaert Family)

TUESDAY 8:00 AM Weekday  
**Nicholas & MaryAnn Portman Families**  
 (MaryAnn McHenry Cunningham)

THURSDAY 8:00 AM **NO MASS**  
 10:30 AM **Ernest Buck**  
 (Ida Delaney)

SUNDAY 10:30 AM Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
**Leah Balmer**  
 (Her children)

**GROUP 329 MASS SCHEDULE**

SATURDAY VIGIL  
 4:00 PM **St. Alphonsus, St. Michael**  
 5:00 PM **Our Lady of Lourdes**  
 6:30 PM **St. Columbkille**

SUNDAY  
 8:00 AM **St. Columbkille**  
 8:30 AM **St. Alphonsus**  
 9:00 AM **St. Ann, Our Lady of Lourdes**  
 10:30 AM **St. Patrick**  
 11:00 AM **St. Columbkille, St. Michael**

**SCHEDULES**

**Thursday, Thanksgiving - 10:30 AM**  
**November 22 - Fr. Harry**

Lectors: *D. Kaminski*      Altar Servers: *Rori Brackman*

Eucharistic Ministers:  
*B. Treloar      K. Treloar      M. Kelsey*

**Sunday - 10:30 AM**  
**November 25 - Fr. Jim**

Lectors:  
*S. Coyne*

Altar Servers:  
*Reanna Brackman*

Eucharistic Ministers:  
*S. Coyne      B. Foreman      K. Galish*

**HOLY HOUR/BENEDICTION:** There is no Holy Hour and Benediction this Wednesday, November 21st due to Thanksgiving. The next scheduled Holy Hour and Benediction will take place Wednesday, November 28th, at St. Patrick from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** The Mass Intention Book has finally been caught up and we have some (weekday and Sunday) **Masses available in the month of December 2018.** Please note **Mass requests at this time have been extended to March 31st** and will be accepted on a first-come/first-served basis. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per Mass; please clearly mark your check "**Mass Intention.**" Please stop by the office or drop your request in the collection basket and you will be contacted as to which dates are still available; no over-the-phone requests will be accepted.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULES:** Schedules for Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors from **January 6, 2019, through March 10, 2019,** will soon be prepared by Bev Foreman. Please call her by **Sunday, November 18, 2018,** at 724.693.8264 if you have any preference or particular days NOT to be scheduled. Thank you for your ministry.

**RCIA, MARRIAGE & THE TRIBUNAL:** If you are in the RCIA program and you and/or your spouse or fiancé has been previously married and is now in another marriage, it is necessary that any previous marriage(s) be ecclesiastically adjudicated before an individual can celebrate the Rite of Election in the RCIA program. For more information, please immediately contact the Tribunal Office for guidance and make certain to inform us that you are an RCIA candidate. 412.456.3033.

**ANNUAL FISH FRY:** St. Patrick Church is seeking an individual to coordinate and manage the 2019 Fish Fry. If interested, please contact the parish office (724-693-9260).

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** The parishes in our grouping have chartered a bus to go to the March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, January 18. Stay tuned for more details!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The parishes in our grouping are starting up a high school youth group. Adults are needed to help with this ministry. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Zach at 724-947-3363 or zgaliyas@diopitt.org.

**2019 LUCKY NUMBER TICKETS:** Support the ministries and the mission of the Sisters of Divine Providence by purchasing a \$25 Lucky Number ticket, based on the PA Daily Lottery. Pick 3 Day and Pick 3 Evening numbers are still available - your number is yours every day for the entire 2019 calendar year. Daily winners receive a minimum of \$25 up to \$150. For more information, visit [cdpsisters.org/LuckyNumber](http://cdpsisters.org/LuckyNumber) or call 412-635-5401.

**THE GLORIOUS BIBLE**  
 It is one of the glories of the Bible that it can embrace many meanings in a single passage. —St. Thomas Aquinas

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

November is a month of remembrance for the dead, and cemeteries have long been a focus for prayer. Our tradition holds great respect for bodily remains, since the body was created and redeemed by God, was once the “dwelling place of the Holy Spirit,” and has a destiny of life with God in glory. The funeral practices of the early church contrasted greatly with those of the pagans, who had a great dread of the dead body. The ancient Christian funeral liturgy ended with the relatives and friends giving a final kiss to the body. It expressed affection and showed their faith that the grave would not be the last word. This kiss horrified pagans, who thought that any contact with the dead was degrading.

Every year on their loved one’s “birthday to life,” the Christians would return to the place of their burial to mark their profound communion with those whose lives were hidden in Christ. Typically, they buried the dead with their faces turned toward the east, symbolizing the rising of the Sun of Justice, Christ, at the end of days. They were attracted to the catacombs or burial grounds just as we are today. They would often celebrate the Eucharist at the tomb. Before long, as soon as Christians were allowed to build places for worship, they relocated cemeteries from beyond the city walls to surround the church. This was not so much because the church made the ground holy, but because the bodies of the saints hallowed the ground on which the church was built, a subtle but beautiful difference.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**CHRISTMAS DISCERNMENT RETREAT:** College and post-college men come to “The Word Was Made Flesh: A Christmas Discernment Retreat,” held December 14-16 at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center. This retreat will speak to the call God has placed in your life and allow you to learn more about discerning your vocation. The weekend will include Mass, Adoration, conferences, opportunity for Confession, and solid brotherhood. No cost. Must be 18 or older. Visit PGHPriest.com by December 7th to register.

**WEEKEND RETREAT FOR POST-ABORTION HEALING:** Rachel's Vineyard, a weekend designed to heal the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion, will be held November 16th -18th at The Ark and The Dove. In a confidential and supportive atmosphere, Rachel's Vineyard demonstrates God's love, compassion, and forgiveness to women and men struggling in abortion's aftermath. To register or for more information call Toni Jester 412.352.5348 or email toniafj1@comcast.net.

**MEN MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE MENS' RETREAT:** at St. Paul of the Cross on **February 8-10, 2019**. If you have any questions or would like to attend please contact Matthew Lewis at 412.589.2978 or thebeast3508@gmail.com or Michael Kiss at 412.551.7598 or michael.kiss@thermofisher.com.

## THANKS

One act of thanksgiving when things go wrong with us is worth one thousand thank-yous when things are agreeable to our inclination. —St. John of Avila

**2ND ANNUAL AMEN TO ACTION:** On the day after Thanksgiving, thousands are expected at David L. Lawrence Convention Center to sing, pray, celebrate and pack over one million meals for the hungry. Last year meals were packed using a system developed by the Meals of Hope organization then delivered to those in need through the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. The event sold out and broke records for packing the most meals in one day in a single location. “Amen to Action” was founded by a group of Pittsburgh clergy and lay leaders with the shared vision: “to connect people of all faiths, creating a platform of harmony and amassing spiritual capital more potent than all the coal in the hills and steel in the mills—and in so doing, lead Pittsburgh to become a spiritual power plant for the rest of the world.” The Amen to Action team invites the community of Pittsburgh to register and/or donate to the 2nd annual “Amen to Action” event taking place on **Friday, November 23rd** at David L. Lawrence Convention Center. For more details visit <https://www.amentoaaction.org>.

**VENDOR PALOOZA:** will be held at Holy Trinity Catholic School (gym and cafeteria) in Robinson Township on **Saturday December 1st** from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Admission is free and open to the public. There will be apparel, jewelry, baked goods, wine, home decors, hand crafted items, and services available for purchase. Take part in the Chinese Auction and 50/50 raffle! Concessions available for sale. The funds help the PTG to provide field trips, holiday events, family events, field day, Teacher Appreciation Week, School Presentations, and other school events. For more information contact Mandi Kumar and Jeannie Myron at [htsvendorpalooza@gmail.com](mailto:htsvendorpalooza@gmail.com).

**4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ST. NICK SOIREE:** Join the Emerging Leaders Council of Catholic Charities at the 4th Annual St. Nick Soiree on **Thursday, December 6th** at the Hotel Monaco in downtown Pittsburgh starting at 6:00 PM. The Christmas party will feature live music from Radio Tokyo, and cocktails and food. The cost is \$75 for one ticket or \$135 for two tickets. Each ticket includes 2 cocktails as well as the food. To buy tickets, visit [www.ccpgh.org/events](http://www.ccpgh.org/events). Proceeds benefit Catholic Charities programs and services that help individuals and families in need.

**YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY EVENTS:** for Holy Child, Saint Barbara, and Saint Mary parishes in Bridgeville. The first event is a Young Adult event to be held on **November 15th** at LaBella Bean Coffee House and Eatery in Bridgeville. There will be free appetizers, beer, wine, as well as a talk given by Father Mike Zavage about faith vs. works. **All who are 21+ are welcome to come.** The second event is a fundraiser for youth group mission trips, a Pop Up Shop event at St. Barbara’s Hall on December 1st, from 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM and December 2nd, from 10:30 AM – 5:30 PM, where they will be selling LuLaRoe merchandise at least 50% off normal price.

## STEWARDSHIP:

268 Envelopes: 93 Returned; 175 NOT Returned

(11/11/18) Offertory Collection	\$ 2,077.00
Tree of Life Collection	\$ 548.00