

Mass Intentions



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

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

THURSDAY 8:00 AM Weekday
Ernest Buck
 (Peg Willison)

SUNDAY 10:30 AM First Sunday of Advent
Nicholas & MaryAnn Portman Family
 (MaryAnn McHenry Cunningham)

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

Sunday - 10:30 AM
December 2: Fr. Zach

Lectors:
K. Keast

Altar Servers:
Breanna Ford

Eucharistic Ministers:
T. Ford K. Noel C. Little

Homebound E. M.:
Homebound: *J. Sacco*
Victoria Manor: *B. Piskorik*

Immaculate Conception Saturday- 10:30 AM
December 8: Fr. Ben

Lectors: *L.. Lamonde* **Altar Servers:** *Nico Lamonde*

Eucharistic Ministers:
C. Mercer K. Noel B. Piskorik

HOLY HOUR/BENEDICTION: The next scheduled Holy Hour and Benediction will take place **Wednesday, November 28th**, at St. Patrick from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick on **Saturday, December 8th**, at 10:30 AM.

BAPTISM: The faith community of St. Patrick welcomes into our parish family **Gio Anothony O'Rourke**, the son of Justin and Tami Jo (Foster) O'Rourke, who was baptized on November 11th. May our Lord bless **Gio** and his family. May they grow in God's love.

BEST ADVENT EVER: is a free email program that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during this busy season. You'll experience Advent in a whole new way-leading to the best Christmas of your life! You sign up for daily emails and will watch daily videos to have an incredible 2018 Christmas. Visit the website: dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever.

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 18th**. Details will follow.

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.

ST. ALPHONSUS' (MCDONALD) ANNUAL ST. VINCENT DEPAUL COOKIE WALK: will be held in St. Alphonsus' social hall after Mass on **Saturday, December 1st and Sunday, December 2nd**. A container will be provided for the cookies and then it will be weighed and the charge is by the pound.

MONTHLY CANDLELIGHT MASS : at Saint Stanislaus Church in the Strip District will be celebrated on the vigil of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Saturday, December 7th at 8:00 PM. Confessions and music start at 7:00 PM. Fellowship follows Mass. For more info, visit facebook.com/ beholdpittsburgh.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Although our Puritan forebears at Plymouth Rock were almost a hundred years removed from their Catholic roots, the old liturgical calendar still had an unconscious claim on their hearts. We've already seen how on Saint Martin's Day, November 11, medieval continental Europe observed a great harvest day of Thanksgiving, with games, dances, parades, and a festive dinner of roast goose. With the goose went ample draughts of "Saint Martin's Wine," the first wine of the new harvest. Martinmas celebrated full barns and larders stocked for the winter. Even after the Reformation, the tradition of eating goose on Saint Martin's Day was retained in Holland, and it was there that our Pilgrims encountered this tradition. When Governor Bradford sent four hunters out into the Massachusetts wilderness in the autumn of 1621, they did indeed find some geese and ducks, and were persuaded by the indigenous people to try turkey, too.

Just as the liturgical calendar has been tweaked over the years, President Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving to the third Thursday in November in 1939, probably to extend the Christmas shopping season. The protest was so great that in 1941 the day established by President Lincoln, the last Thursday in November, was restored. If the Pilgrims had known of the Martinmas connection, they might never have celebrated at all! —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 14th-16th** 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.

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.

PGH CHRISTIAN STUDIES: will host a performance-lecture at the auditorium in Bellefield Hall, University of Pittsburgh, **Saturday, December 1st** at 7 p.m. Admission is free. Go celebrate one of Pittsburgh's greatest jazz musicians, Mary Lou Williams, who grew up in East Liberty and went on to found the Pittsburgh jazz festival. A convert to Catholicism, she composed many hymns and works of sacred music—including a jazz Mass.

HEARTFELT: Remember that God prefers the poverty of our hearts to the most sublime thoughts borrowed from others. —St. Peter Julian Eymards

4th 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. Proceeds benefit Catholic Charities programs and services that help individuals and families in need.

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 or call 412-635-5401.

MY KINGDOM DOES NOT BELONG TO THIS WORLD: As the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King this weekend, our hearts are fixed on heaven, from where our God reigns. For our King, born in the stable in Bethlehem, son of Mary and Joseph the carpenter, had no political power in the world. He did not command military troops nor consult with court official. Instead, he came as one like us that he might show us the way to love and reign in our hearts as he reigns in heaven. Our benevolent Lord and King, Jesus, has chosen to dwell with us and has promised to prepare a place for us to dwell with him in heaven. So, we must ask ourselves, what kingdom are we choosing to live for? Are we seeking to build up a kingdom for ourselves in this life that is bound to pass away? Or will we work hard now to store up for ourselves treasure in heaven and come to share in the glory of the kingdom to come. *On Mission for The Church Alive!* seeks to strengthen the Church and increase the opportunities for us and others to grow closer to God and share in the life of his kingdom here and now. Visit onmissionchurchalive.org to learn more and to stay informed.

LISTENING SESSIONS: hosted by Bishop David Zubik, will be held for sexual abuse survivors and their families, parishioners and other attendees to express their thoughts and concerns and to offer suggestions following the release of the PA Grand Jury Report. The four sessions will begin at 7:00 PM and will be held on/at the following:
November 29th - St. Paul Cathedral (Oakland)
December 3rd - St. Thomas Becket Church (Jefferson Hills)
December 4th - Our Lady of Fatima Church (Hopewell)
December 6th - St. Ferdinand Church (Cranberry Twp)
Once all of the sessions have been held, Bishop Zubik will prepare a pastoral response with the help of the facilitations.

STEWARDSHIP:

Due to an earlier transmission deadline for the bulletins, the offertory collection information for November 18th will be printed in a future bulletin. Thank you.