



Church of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Virgin

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Today is Sunday, December 31, 2017

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Along with Fr. Haney and Fr. Mike, I would like to wish everyone a blessed and most happy New Year! Our Masses New Year's Day will be offered at 9:00 and 11:30 am (not a holy day of obligation this year).

The priests would like to once again thank everyone for all of the cards, good wishes, delicious food, and generous gifts that have been given to us during this Christmas season. We are blessed and grateful for your abundant generosity!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Monday: *NO St. Monica Prayer Group* until January 8, 2018

Tuesday: *Twin Hearts Prayer Group*, 8 am, Church; **No School**

Wednesday: *Legion of Mary Evangelization Group*, 7:30 pm

Thursday: *Sr. Legion of Mary*, 10 am, Rectory; **Bingo**, 7 pm, hall

Friday: *First Friday, Exposition* 12 Noon til 5 pm **Benediction**

Saturday: *First Saturday, Rosary* 11 am, **Mass** follows at 11:30

Sunday: *First Sunday Holy Hour*, 7 pm, Church

First Friday is January 5th – There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 11:30 am Mass until 5:00, closing with Benediction. If you can spend an hour or so between 12:00 Noon and 5:00 in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, please sign up on the sheet by the Usher's Room.

Please continue using **St. Gabriel Food Club Cards** when you shop (or dine) at the following businesses: **Bruegger's, Eat 'N Park, Giant Eagle, Kohl's, Macy's, McGinnis Sisters and Shop 'N Save.**

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

Feast of the Holy Family ... This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. Though He was conceived of a virgin, Jesus nevertheless lived as a son in a human family – a family which points the way for the rest of us. The family is the sanctuary of life. There can be no life without family, and there can be no family without life. The family, above all, is where life is to be welcomed, no matter how fragile or inconvenient it may be. One of the many reasons why the Pope and Bishops identify abortion and euthanasia as pre-eminent issues is because these crimes are committed by one family member upon another. May the Holy Family lead us to a Culture of Life!

REBORN IN CHRIST

One child received the Sacrament of Baptism here last week and is now privileged to share in the Divine Life of Christ:

Avery Monroe Schuler, Daughter of Michael and Stacie Schuler

In charity, please remember all members, relatives, friends and benefactors of our parish and community with special consideration for the sick, homebound and distressed members

Pray also for the repose of ***George McTall***, Brother-in-law of Chuck & Maggie Coulehan, who died last week.

About Our Church...At the entrance to the Church driveway is the outdoor crèche, or manger scene. The figures are very traditional, very human, and boldly painted after having been repaired and repainted many years ago. The stable was redesigned and expanded as an Eagle Scout project by A.J. Mingo, and is erected each year by the members of the Christian Family Movement. By contrast, the wooden, unpainted, carved figures of the inside crèche at the altar are elegant, serene, and depict a noble reverence. Fr. O'Connell purchased this Swiss-made crèche on a trip to Italy. It has graced our Church every Christmastide since the erection of the Church, although originally displayed between two trees, lighted in blue, at the Baptistry.

The large vertical canvas mounted above the stairwell door by the Baptistry shows the Nativity in the style of a traditional stained glass window. It was painted by the Art Honor Society of Baldwin High School and gifted to the parish in the early 90's.

In the center of the narthex is the Ushers' Room. The architect designed this to be a Cry Room where mothers could hear the Mass, accompanied by their young children, without disturbing the congregation. Fr. O'Connell would not have it. He strongly believed that the children should be present in the Church proper, not relegated to a soundproof room separated from the people. Fr. O'Connell described the noise that the young ones made as the "singing of angels." From the tiniest infants they are the life-blood and future of the Church, an integral part of who we are.

Catholicscomehome.org

(check it out!)

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

For the week of:

December 24, 2017

\$29,905.70

For Christmas:

\$43,319.50

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MARCH FOR LIFE

This year the March for Life in Washington, DC will be held on **Friday, January 19, 2018**. As in the past, the 8th grade students from the school will be attending. **We welcome and encourage everyone to join us on a first-come first-serve basis.** The March for Life is a very peaceful demonstration to support overturning the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal in our country. This somber anniversary (every year since 1973) is a witness to the truth concerning the greatest human rights violation of our time – abortion.

The bus will depart immediately after the 5:45 am Mass at St. Gabriel and will return about 11 pm. All are invited to join us for Mass. In addition to the Rally and March, the trip will include a visit to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in DC.

If interested, please contact the Rectory office (suggested donation is \$35). For any parishioner not able to attend but wanting to help defray the cost of the students attending the March, checks can be made payable to St. Gabriel Pro-Life Group and can be dropped off at the Rectory or placed in the collection basket at Mass.

Additional information can be found at www.MarchforLife.org. If you have any questions, please call Sue O'Keefe at 412-638-3928.

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ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

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. To learn more and to stay informed, visit www.onmissionchurchalive.org

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HELP NEEDED

The Red Door at St. Mary's Church (Downtown) feed the hungry and homeless everyday. These people often have nothing. They are desperately in need of men's boots or durable winter shoes, size 11 and 12, and men's winter coats (gently worn), size large. If you are able to donate, please drop items off at the Rectory ASAP and they will be delivered to the Red Door.

MASS INTENTIONS

January 1 to January 7, 2018

MONDAY – SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

9:00 am Intentions of the McIntyre & Laukaitis Families (req. Family)
11:30 am Michael P. Simon (Birthday) (req. Wife and Family)

TUESDAY – FEAST OF SS. BASIL THE GREAT & GREGORY NAZIANZEN

7:30 am Frank Rossi (req. Ann Priore)
11:30 am Tim McMackin (Birthday) (req. The Barry Family)

WEDNESDAY – FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

7:30 am Louis Englert (req. John and Barbara Balzer)
6:25 pm ***Divine Mercy Chaplet***
6:45 pm ***Rosary & Miraculous Medal Novena Devotions***
7:00 pm Joan Orosz (req. Milkovich Family)

THURSDAY – FEAST OF ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

7:30 am Dr. Philip Ripepi (req. J.R. and Bridget Mattei)
9:00 am Charles Abbott (req. Jim and Mary Lou Owens)

FIRST FRIDAY – FEAST OF ST. JOHN NEUMANN

7:30 am Vince Gradeck (req. Joseph and Carol Ruggiero)
11:30 am In Loving Memory of Bud Lerach (Anniversary) (req. Family)
5:00 pm *Benediction*

FIRST SATURDAY – FEAST OF ST. ANDRE BESSETT

9:00 am Carl Taylor (req. Lay Missionaries of Charity)
11:00 am *Rosary for World Peace*
11:30 am Martha Bollman (Anniversary) (req. Daughter, Eileen Farnsworth)
6:00 pm Gertrude Hassler (Anniversary) (req. Englehart and Heid Families)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018 – FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00 am Wilbert Fisher (req. Family)
10:00 am Marie Colantoni-Pechet (req. Karen Hudson)
12:00 Noon Marion Pallone (Birthday) (req. Dom and Cel Pasquarelli)
4:30 pm In Loving Memory of the Pruss Family (req. Eugenia Fratangelo)

BINGO

The next **St. Gabriel All-Paper Bingo** will be held **Thursday, January 4, 2018** in the parish hall. Bulls-eye game begins at 7:00 pm. For information, visit www.stgabespgh.org/bingo.

Menu: Ham Barbecue * Smiley Fries * Dessert * Beverage

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – January 1 to January 7, 2018

Monday, Jan. 1	9:00 am	Paul and Alayna Kirsch
	11:30 am	Liam Coulehan and Maria Koltas
Tuesday, Jan. 2	7:30 am	Abigail Lease and Katie Lucarelli
	11:30 am	Susan Skindzier and Hannah Tudose
Wednesday, Jan. 3	7:30 am	Erin and Mary Hampton
Thursday, Jan. 4	7:30 am	Max Tiriobo and Ella Martinko
	9:00 am	School
Friday, Jan. 5	7:30 am	Haley Nieman and Morgan O'Brien
	11:30 am	Andrew Barrett and Savanna Brunick
Saturday, Jan. 6	9:00 am	Hannah Alonso and Katie O'Neill
	11:30 am	Gianni LaMolinare and Jenna Meyers
	6:00 pm	John Gulingier, Dean and Mackenzie O'Toole
Sunday, Jan. 7	8:00 am	Anna Kosslow, Jack O'Brien and Grace McCusker
	10:00 am	Joey Starzynski, Colton and Christian Barr
	12:00 Noon	Bella Rossa, Alex and Jacob Yanity
	4:30 pm	Tiffany Kells, Theresa Skindzier and Grace Vavro

Schedules available on the St. Gabriel web page: <http://www.stgabespgh.org>

OLSH HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Scholarship & Tuition Assistance Info Night: All families of prospective students in grades 7 and 8 are invited to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School on **Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 6:30 pm** for an information session regarding OLSH scholarship opportunities and other forms of financial aid. Come and see how you can make an OLSH education possible for your child! RSVP requested to jsellman@olsh.org or call 412-262-3300.

Now Accepting Upperclassmen Transfers: OLSH accepts transfer students to grades 9, 10 & 11 who are seeking an alternative to their current school or environment. If you have a high school student who desires an academically focused, structured school environment and would benefit from a transfer this year or next, please contact the Admissions Office at 412-262-3300.

Misfits - an original musical by Baldwin High School Junior, Mikayla Davic... "Come on a journey back in time to 1969" featuring students K through 12th Grade... **January 4th, 5th & 6th at 7:00 pm**... Baldwin High School Auditorium... Goodwill offerings at the door to benefit *Make-A-Wish*, greater Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

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

We acknowledge, with sincere gratitude, the following donations:

To our Awareness Fund:

\$300 in loving memory of Mary Scabilloni from Paul and Janet Scabilloni

\$300 in memory of June McGervey from Family

\$250 in honor of Robert Jox from Michele Jox

\$200 in memory of Alberta Rager with love & appreciation from Family, Shirley, Jim, Alberta and Trixie

\$100 in loving memory of Mary Scabilloni from Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

\$100 in memory of Marilyn Doerzbacher from Sister-in-law, Mildred G. Simpson

\$ 50 for my Family, living and deceased, from Pat Murray

\$ 50 in memory of June McGervey from Gilbert C. Miller

\$ 25 in memory of Charles and Marilyn Doerzbacher from Bob and Pat DeGreco

\$ 20 in thanksgiving for Eucharistic Minister visits at Maidenbridge Apts. from Jean Wallace

\$ 10 in thanksgiving for Eucharistic Minister visits at Maidenbridge Apts. from Alberta Skalniak

To St. Gabriel Parish Share:

\$1000 in memory of our dear departed sister and sister-in-law, Margaret "Peggy" (Rishel) O'Malley
with all our love from Joe and Helen Rishel

To St. Gabriel Respect Life Group (March for Life):

\$100 in the Name of John R. Ubinger who taught me that all life is sacred from Jennifer Panian

To St. Vincent de Paul (Gift of Love):

\$100 in gift cards from Paul and Pam Robinson

- Due to the overwhelming generosity of our parishioners, not only were we able to help seventeen families with Christmas shopping, we were also able to restock our Pantry! As a result, we will not have a food collection on the first weekend of January.

PILGRIM VIRGIN VISITATION...During the new Church Year, the Legion of Mary invites anyone who would like the Pilgrim Virgin to visit their home to sign up at the Rectory (Monday-Friday, 9 am-4 pm). We will coordinate the date and time of your visit by calling you, and then bring the statue to your home and pick it up a week later. Let's keep our Mother moving from home to home, welcoming her love and blessing. Any questions, please call Ginny Sauer at 412-417-2000.









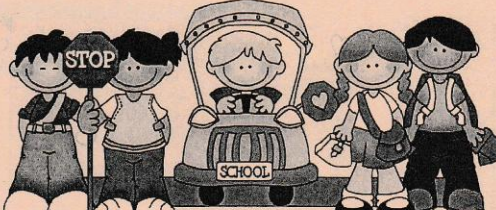
YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Meeting – Our next meeting will be ***Sunday, January 21st at 1:00 pm*** in the parish hall. A guest speaker from Operation Safety Net will be speaking about their health care ministry to the homeless here in Pittsburgh. We will then make our knotted fleece blankets that we will be donating to this organization. This tends to be a longer meeting, as the blankets take time to make. Materials required include 2 pieces of fleece: one solid, one printed and each 1½ x 60 in. long. Also, bring a good pair of scissors, as you will need to cut the material to make the knots. Lunch will be served. Questions? Email Maria Shoemaker at mariamatildashoemaker@yahoo.com.

Pittsburgh Diocese Teen Event – The Silver Ring Thing will be ***Friday, January 12th from 7-9 pm*** at Seton-LaSalle High School. This is a high tech, high-energy performance that educates teens about the benefits of pursuing the virtue of chastity. Teens and their parents are invited to attend. For further information visit www.silverringthing.com

JANUARY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Bring on the NEW YEAR!</i></p>	<p>1</p> <p>Masses: 9 & 11:30 am</p> <p>New Year's Day</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8 am Twin Hearts (C)</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:30 pm Legion of Mary (R)</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>10 am Legion of Mary (R)</p> <p>7 pm Bingo (P)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>First Friday - Exposition 12 til 5 pm</p> <p>Benediction</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30 am LMC</p> <p>First Saturday - 11 am Rosary, 11:30 am Mass</p>
<p>7</p> <p>7 pm First Sunday Holy Hour</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:30 pm CCD (S)</p> <p>7 pm St. Monica Prayer Group (C)</p> <p>7 pm SVdP Mtg. (R)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8 am Twin Hearts (C)</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>7:30 pm Legion of Mary (R)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10 am Legion of Mary (R)</p> <p>7 pm Bingo (P)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30 pm Raingutter Regatta Set-up</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>9 am-3 pm Raingutter Regatta (P)</p>
<p>14</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>7 pm 2nd Gr. Parent Mtg.</p> <p>7 pm St. Monica Prayer Group (C)</p> <p>No School or CCD</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8 am Twin Hearts (C)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:30 pm Legion of Mary (R)</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>10 am Legion of Mary (R)</p> <p>7 pm Bingo (P)</p>	<p>19</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>11 am Our Lady of Guadalupe Devotions & Mass</p>
<p>21</p> <p>1-4 pm Youth Group (P)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:30 pm CCD (S)</p> <p>7 pm St. Monica Prayer Group (C)</p> <p>7 pm SVdP Mtg. (R)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8 am Twin Hearts (C)</p> <p>Senior Citizens Mass & Social at 12:30 pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:30 pm Legion of Mary (R)</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>10 am Legion of Mary (R)</p> <p>7 pm Bingo (P)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>No School</p> 	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>5:30 pm P.T.G. Family Dinner Dance (P)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:30 pm CCD (S)</p> <p>7 pm St. Monica Prayer Group (C)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8 am Twin Hearts (C)</p> <p>CCM Board at 7 pm (P)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>7:30 pm Legion of Mary (R)</p>			

-- Catholic Schools Week --

SIX STEPS TO SANITY

Dealing with Addiction in Your Family?

Six Steps to Sanity is a program to help *you*: the parents, grandparents, and family members of adult loved ones suffering from addiction.

This faith-based program is an outreach of the
Substance Addiction Ministry (S.A.M.)
at St. Louise de Marillac Church.

It is designed to bring hope, healing, and serenity to those impacted by addiction.

Learn about the disease of addiction and the process of recovery

*Learn how to cope with the fear, chaos, desperation,
and heartbreak associated with having an addicted loved one*

*Learn how to respond to an addicted loved one
in a firm, loving, and healthy way*

This program is based on the book
Setting Boundaries With Your Adult Children:
Six Steps to Hope and Healing for Struggling Parents
by Allison Bottke.

It's never too late to make choices that will change your life.
Join us for this 12-week program of hope and healing starting on

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

St. Louise de Marillac Church

Bishop Leonard Room

(lower level of the church)

320 McMurray Road, Upper St. Clair, PA 15241

This free program will meet every Wednesday evening for 12 weeks.
It is open to people of all faiths.

Registration is required ~ space is limited

To register, or if you would like further information, please call or email
Bruce and Nancy Shea
sixstepstosanity@gmail.com (412) 854-8156

With God all things are possible.

Matthew 19:26