



## Church of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Virgin

5200 Greenridge Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15236  
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“We are a Roman Catholic community of involved individuals and families who,  
through the spirit of tithing, dedicate ourselves to growing in faith and sharing Christ with others.”

Today is Sunday, December 30, 2018

### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Along with Fr. Haney, Fr. Mike, Fr. Hissrich and Fr. Tusky, I would like to wish everyone a blessed and most happy New Year! The Masses for this Holy Day of obligation are listed below.

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. God bless you!

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS THIS WEEK:

**Monday: *New Year's Eve Masses:* 4:00 pm at St. Gabriel and Nativity**

**Tuesday: *New Year's Day Masses,* 9:00 am at St. Germaine and 11:00 am at St. Valentine**

**Wednesday: *Legion of Mary Evangelization Group,* 5:30 pm, Meeting House**

**Thursday: *Legion of Mary,* 9:45 am, Meeting House; ***Bingo,*** 7:00 pm, Parish Hall**

**Friday: *First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,* 8:00 am until ***Benediction*** at 12:00 Noon**

**Saturday: *Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary and Miraculous Medal Novena Devotions,* 10:30 am, Church; ***Lay Missionaries of Charity,*** 10:45 am, Meeting House; ***St. Vincent de Paul Food Collection,*** Saturday and Sunday at all the Masses**

**Sunday: *First Sunday Holy Hour,* 7:00 pm, Church**

Please remember to use St. Gabriel Food Club Cards when you shop or dine at the following businesses: ***Bruegger's (\$10), Eat 'N Park (\$25, \$10), Giant Eagle (\$100, \$50, \$25, \$10), Kohl's (\$100, \$50, \$25, \$10), Macy's (\$50, \$25) and Shop 'N Save (\$50).***

Fr. John W. Skirtich,  
Administrator

Fr. Michael S. Suslowicz,  
Parochial Vicar

Fr. John E. Hissrich,  
Chaplain

Fr. John R. Haney,  
In Residence

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**Baptisms:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays  
of the month.

**Confessions:**  
Saturday 11 am to 12 Noon

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Music Director  
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## RESPECT LIFE NEWS

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 that 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!

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## 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:

**James Alan Haney**, Son of James and Kathryn Haney

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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 **Denny J. Ritman**, Brother of Sharon Mingo, and **Mell Schlernitzauer**, who died this past week.

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## NEW YEAR'S HOLY HOUR

Looking for an alternative to ringing in the new year? Try praying in the new year. Fr. Hissrich will host a **Holy Hour to welcome 2019**, beginning at **11:30 pm on New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31st, at St. Valentine Church**. Come join us to celebrate the new year with Our Eucharistic Lord.

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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, and 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 and parish groupings. While our faith communities undergo change as part of the *On Mission for The Church Alive!* initiative, the work of building up the family of the Church continues in earnest. May the example and intercession of the Holy Family support us in this important work. Visit [www.onmissionchurchalive.org](http://www.onmissionchurchalive.org) to learn more and to stay informed.

**Catholicscomehome.org**

**(check it out!)**

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

For the week of:

December 23, 2018

\$14,405.07

For Christmas Day:

\$30,637.00

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## PLEASE NOTE

You can put your St. Gabriel Church envelope in the collection basket of whatever Church you attend on Saturday, Sunday and Holy Days. It will be returned to St. Gabriel for deposit and proper recording. Thank you for your continued support.

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## MARCH FOR LIFE

This year the March for Life in Washington DC will be held on **Friday, January 18, 2019**. As in the past, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from St. Gabriel School will be attending. We welcome and encourage everyone to join us on a first-come-first-serve basis from all four parishes in our Grouping.

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 6:00 am Mass at St. Gabriel and return about 11:00 pm. All are invited to join us for Mass. In addition to the Rally and March, the trip will also include a visit to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in DC.

If interested, please contact St. Gabriel Rectory at 412-881-8115. Suggested donation is \$35. Also, any parishioner who is not able to attend but would like to help defray the cost of students attending the March, please put cash or check (made payable to St. Gabriel Pro Life Group) in envelope marked "March for Life" and drop it off at the Rectory or place it in the collection basket at Mass.

Additional information can be found at [www.MarchforLife.org](http://www.MarchforLife.org). If you have any questions, please call Sue O'Keefe at 412-638-3928.

## C.F.M – ENJOY BOOK SALE

The Enjoy Books for 2019 are \$30 per book. The books are on sale at the Rectory or you can call 412-427-3577 for assistance or delivery. Make all checks payable to St. Gabriel C.F.M.

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Our next meeting will be **Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon**. We will be making blankets for the homeless and donating them to "Operation Safety Net." This has been one of our traditions for the past 5 years. Please bring two pieces of material – 1½ yards of fleece, 1 solid, 1 print – in order to make your blanket. Questions? Email [mariamatildashoemaker@yahoo.com](mailto:mariamatildashoemaker@yahoo.com). Alumni are welcome!

**Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline Number:**

**1-888-808-1235**

## **BINGO**

The next ***St. Gabriel All-Paper Bingo*** will be held ***Thursday, January 3, 2019*** in the Parish Hall. Bulls-eye game begins at 7:00 pm. For information, visit [www.stgabespgh.org/bingo](http://www.stgabespgh.org/bingo).

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**PLEASE NOTE:** St. Monica Prayer Group will not meet on New Year's Eve. Our next meeting will be on ***Monday, January 7, 2019***.

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## **RED DOOR THANK YOU**

Your generosity and kindness in answering the call for winter attire for the homeless at the "Red Door" has been very successful. Thank you...Thank you...and, Thank You!!! May all of you have a blessed and healthy New Year!

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We acknowledge with sincere gratitude the following donations:

### **To St. Gabriel Awareness Fund:**

\$625 in loving memory of Donald Sauer from Family

\$ 50 in honor of the Baptism of James Alan Haney from Grandparents, Kevin and Cindy Phillifent

\$ 10 in thanksgiving from Helen Neil

\$ 10 in thanksgiving from Alberta Skalnack

\$ 10 in thanksgiving from Jane Buchan

\$ 5 in thanksgiving fro Janet Moffatt

### **To St. Gabriel School:**

\$1,000 in loving memory of Hank and Anna Morycz from their Family

\$250 from John Zivkovic

\$ 50 from Kim and Jim Covelli

\$ 20 in loving memory of Albert Delach from Wife, Betty

### **To St. Gabriel Flower Fund:**

\$ 50 from Sharon L. Knorr

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

\$120 in the Name of our Families from the Highgrove Road 500 Club

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## **HELP WANTED: INFANT CAREGIVER**

The Franciscan Child Day Care Center is seeking a caregiver for infants (age six weeks to twelve months). Strong leadership skills and nurturing disposition required. Duties include: coordinating feedings, diaper changes, naps, age-appropriate activities and parent engagement. Experience in childcare is required, infant experience preferred. An Associate or Bachelor's Degree is also preferred. The position is full time and includes healthcare benefits and paid time off. Email a resumé and inquiries to [smerlo@osfprov.org](mailto:smerlo@osfprov.org).

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**(South Hills Catholics Parish Grouping 218 at [www.shcpgh.org](http://www.shcpgh.org))**

# MASS INTENTIONS

December 31, 2018 to January 6, 2019

## MONDAY – FEAST OF ST. SYLVESTER I

7:30 am John W. Kearns (Anniversary) (req. Family)  
***Anticipated Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God:***  
4:00 pm Don Young (Anniversary) (req. Family)  
(Mass at Nativity at 4:00 pm)

## TUESDAY – SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

(Mass at St. Germaine, 9:00 am and St. Valentine, 11:00 am)

## WEDNESDAY – FEAST OF SS. BASIL THE GREAT & GREGORY NAZIANZEN

7:30 am Charles Kirsch (req. Norman and Marge Kirsch)

## THURSDAY – CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

9:00 am John Izaj (req. Family)

## FIRST FRIDAY – FEAST OF ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

7:30 am Nancy M. Kunold (Anniversary) (req. Family)

## FIRST SATURDAY – FEAST OF ST. JOHN NEUMANN

10:00 am In Loving Memory of Bud Lerach (Anniversary) (req. Family)  
10:30 am ***Divine Mercy Chaplet***  
10:45 am ***Rosary & Miraculous Medal Novena Devotions***  
5:00 pm Gertrude Hassler (Anniversary) (req. Englehart and Heid Families)

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019 – FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

9:00 am Michael and Mary Ann Vodzak (req. Yvonne and Michelle)  
11:00 am Bob and Gerry Thompson (req. Family)

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## ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – December 31, 2018 to January 6, 2019

Monday, Dec. 31	7:30 am	Andrew Koltas and Erin Hampton
	4:00 pm	Mackenzie and Dean O'Toole
Wednesday, Jan. 2	7:30 am	Alayna and Paul Kercher
Thursday, Jan. 3	9:00 am	<i>School</i>
Friday, Jan. 4	7:30 am	Theresa and Andrew Callaghan
Saturday, Jan. 5	10:00 am	Gabby Dawley and Claire Ianachione
	5:00 pm	Jake Ranft, Anna Raffaele and Andrew Degenhardt
Sunday, Jan. 6	9:00 am	Joey Starzynski, Louisa Tiriobo and Grace Vavro
	11:00 am	Erin Fader, Alex Yanity and Elena Zandier

## USHER ASSIGNMENTS – JANUARY 2019

### 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Mass

Paul Och  
Lou Wehar, Jr.  
Nick Sirianni

Jim Laurent  
Mark Berta

Any  
Changes,  
Contact  
Harry  
Nieman at  
(412) 884-  
1919

### Sunday Masses

#### 9:00 am

Harry Nieman  
Joe Fiorill  
Jim Berroth  
Joe D'Alessandro  
Chuck Diulus  
Rich McDonald

#### 11:00 am

Gabe Kassab  
Bob Colaizzi  
Mary Scherer  
Doug Kassab  
John Pogranzni  
Rick Chesnos

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***Found in Church on Christmas Day...*** A Giant Eagle Gift Card with a balance. If this card is yours, you can pick it up at the Rectory by telling us the balance on it.

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### RETROUVAILLE OF PITTSBURGH ... *Helping Marriages ... Saving Families*

***Are you married to a stranger?*** Do you feel alone? Do you argue – or have you just stopped talking to each other? Do you dread the drive home? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels, from disillusionment to deep misery. For confidential information or to register for the program, beginning with a weekend on ***February 1, 2019***, please email [3041@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3041@retrouvaille.org) or call Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434. More information is available at [www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org](http://www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org).

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### MARRIAGE PREPARATION

The Bridgeville/Cecil Grouping will host a weekend Marriage Preparation Program on ***Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>*** at St. Mary Church (10 St. Mary's Lane, Cecil, PA 15321). Couples who are planning to be married in the Church must first attend "Pre-Cana" classes. Times for the weekend are: Friday from 6:00 to 9:30 pm and Saturday from 8:30 am to 7:00 pm. The cost is \$60 per couple (to help cover materials and meals). ***You must pre-register*** at [holychildparish@verizon.net](mailto:holychildparish@verizon.net) or by calling the parish office at 412-221-5213.

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### GIFT CERTIFICATES

A gift certificate to attend a retreat at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center makes a wonderful gift. Gift certificates are available in all denominations - \$5, \$10, \$50, \$100 or more.

The women of St. Gabriel and St. Germaine will be attending a weekend retreat at St. Paul of the Cross ***April 5 to 7, 2019***. All are welcome to attend!

Call the Retreat Office 412-381-7676, or Judy Byers 412-276-8438 for more information.