



## 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, January 13, 2019

### FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Part of the process of bringing our parish grouping together includes an interim ad hoc pastoral committee. This committee has three representatives from each parish in the grouping as well as the priests, deacons, and the pastoral associate. The committee will convene on Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at St. Germaine's.

The Valentine's Dance will be on Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Gabriel Parish Hall, from 7:00 to 11:00 pm, with dinner at 7:30 pm. As was the case last year, Fr. John's band, "The Soul Searchers," will be the entertainment. Tickets are \$25 and can be reserved and purchased at St. Gabriel's Rectory.

Please pray for Fr. Mike and me, as well as the St. Gabriel School 8<sup>th</sup> graders, and all joining us this Friday, for the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. We bear witness to the intrinsic dignity of every human life from the first moment of conception until natural death. We seek and pray to build a culture of life in our country.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Sunday: **Youth Group Meeting**, 12:00 to 2:00 pm, Parish Hall; **Cub Scouts**, 6:30 pm, Parish Hall

Monday: **C.C.D.**, 6:30 pm, School; **St. Monica Prayer Group**, 7:00 pm, Church

Wednesday: **Legion of Mary Evangelization Group**, 5:30 pm, Meeting House; **Adult Choir Practice**, 7:30 pm, Church

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

Friday: **March For Life**, Washington DC; **No School**

Saturday: **Divine Mercy Chaplet**, **Rosary** and **Miraculous Medal Novena & Our Lady of Guadalupe Devotions**, 10:30 am, Church

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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## RESPECT LIFE NEWS

**Baptism and Life ...** “Whoever is moved by love begins to perceive what ‘life’ really is. He/she begins to perceive the meaning of the word of hope that we encountered in the Baptismal Rite: ‘from faith I await *eternal life* – the true life which, whole and unthreatened, in all its fullness, in abundance...’ (cf. Jn. 10:10)...Life in its true sense is not something we have exclusively in or from ourselves: It is a relationship...If we are in relation with Him who does not die, who is Life itself and Love itself, then we are in life. Then we *live*” - Pope Benedict XVI, Encyclical on Hope, November 30, 2007.

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## REBORN IN CHRIST

Two children received the Sacrament of Baptism here last week and are now privileged to share in the Divine Life of Christ:

**Dominic Jason Flaig**, Son of Nathan and Waseemah Flaig

**Donald Gabriel Shelton**, Son of Donald and Julia Shelton

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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 **Harvey Lober**, Husband of Gerry Lober, Father of Valerie Machajewski, and **George Harley**, who died this past week.

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## ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

**You Are My Beloved Son, With You I Am Well Pleased ...** We are told of amazing things happening as Jesus was being baptized by John in the Jordan River. First, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove. Then, the Voice of God the Father from heaven thundered, saying, “You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased.” Jesus did not need to be baptized for the same reason we do. As the Son of God, He was without sin. Yet, to be baptized is to be anointed to fulfill the mission of God the Father in the world. By being baptized in the Jordan, Jesus set an example for us to follow. Through Baptism we are freed from original sin, sanctified by the Holy Spirit to share in the Life of God through the Sacraments and in the Church, and anointed to fulfill the mission of faith, hope and love that God the Father has chosen for us. While the Holy Spirit does not descend like a dove, He is present in and through the baptized from the moment of Baptism. And while the walls of the Church do not shake with the thundering Voice of the Father, the halls of heaven ring with joy as every new beloved son and daughter of God is welcomed into the life of faith through Baptism. Our Baptism was not simply a ritual, but a life-changing event that is in effect throughout our lives. How can the grace of Baptism continue to be at work for the good of our parishes and communities?

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:

January 6, 2019

\$21,028.00

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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 this coming **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 (we have a few seats left) 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.

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## ADULT CHOIR SCHEDULE – JANUARY 2019

Wednesday, January 16 <sup>th</sup>	Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Wednesday, January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Wednesday, January 30 <sup>th</sup>	Rehearsal	7:00 pm

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## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The Youth Group will meet today, **Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon** in the Parish Hall. 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. Also, **please bring a good pair of scissors to cut the material**. 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 17, 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).

**Menu: Grilled Cheese Sandwich \* Chips \* Dessert \* Beverage**

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We acknowledge with sincere gratitude the following donations:

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

\$350 in honor of the Baptism of Donald Gabriel Shelton from his Parents, Donald and Julia

\$200 in loving memory of Barbara Ling from Husband, Richard and Son, Rick

\$125 in memory of George Harley from his Family

\$125 in memory of Geraldine Jozefowicz from her Family

### **To St. Gabriel Parish Share:**

\$ 40 in memory of Mell Schlernitzauer from Joann Morgan, Margaret Krivjanik and Lorraine Moreau

\$ 20 in memory of Mell Schlernitzauer from Bob, Terry and Ryan Rusnak

\$ 20 in memory of Mell Schlernitzauer from Mary Louis Krappiweis

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

\$ 5 given Anonymously

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

\$ 50 in memory of Al Bellisario from Patricia Diulus

\$ 25 in memory of Albert Bellisario from Lynda Marie Chrisner

### **To St. Gabriel Respect Life Group – March for Life Trip:**

\$ 30 from Mary Jane Buchan

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

\$100 in the Name of our Family from Ray and Lori Buckman

\$100 for the Living and Deceased Members of our Families from Keith and Joann Holzer

\$ 20 in the Name of Patty Hall from Don and Karen Homerding

\$ 20 in the Name of The Bunner Family from The Koenig Family

\$ 10 in memory of Ron Schirra from Mary Anne

\$ 10 in memory of Joann from Mary Ann

...The St. Vincent de Paul Society members thank you for your generous donations to our Food Pantry at last weekend's Masses. Your kind contributions of \$131 to our Sunday Food Collection and \$260 to our Gift of Love Program were welcome additions to our Treasury!

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**MEN'S CLUB NEWS...**Our next meeting will be **Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**. Our speaker for the evening will be **Mike Clark**. Mike is an Emmy Award winning TV newscaster for WTAE. He is also Past President of the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities of Pittsburgh, the Chimbote Foundation and Mother's Hope Foundation. He has also volunteered his time with numerous other charitable organizations in our area. Dues for men of the parish are only \$5 for the entire year. As always, a light meal and beverages will follow the guest speaker. Any questions, call Bill Brennan at 412-882-6216.

# MASS INTENTIONS

January 14 to January 20, 2019

## MONDAY – WEEKDAY

7:30 am Kenneth Saffer (req. Ed and Fran Schneider)

## TUESDAY – WEEKDAY

11:30 am Donna Sirianni (req. Kevin and Sandy Price)

## WEDNESDAY – WEEKDAY

7:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Reo Gonano (req. Family)

## THURSDAY – FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY

9:00 am In Loving Memory of Bud Lerach (Birthday) (req. Family)

## FRIDAY – WEEKDAY

7:30 am Joan Wooddell (req. Skip, Karen and Trey Brown)

## SATURDAY – WEEKDAY

10:00 am Nancy Saracco (Anniversary) (req. The Ianachione Family)

10:30 am ***Divine Mercy Chaplet***

10:45 am ***Rosary & Miraculous Medal Novena Devotions***

5:00 pm Anthony Frankenfield (req. Wife, Regina)

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2019 – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am Howard Kasten (req. Lanny Kasten)

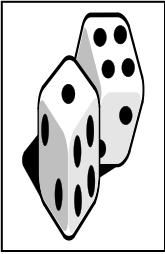
11:00 am Special Intentions of the People of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Virgin Parish

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## ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – January 14 to January 20, 2019

Monday, Jan. 14	7:30 am	Marina Guilinger and Anne Hampton
Tuesday, Jan. 15	11:30 am	Brady Walsh and Aiden Barrett
Wednesday, Jan. 16	7:30 am	Taye O'Toole and Joe Santelli
Thursday, Jan. 17	9:00 am	<i>School</i>
Friday, Jan. 18	7:30 am	Allison Lease and Kalilah Stein
Saturday, Jan. 19	10:00 am	Maura and Leo Schorr
	5:00 pm	Bella Boehm, Jake and Luke Garda
Sunday, Jan. 20	9:00 am	Gabriella Palatucci, Christian and Colton Barr
	11:00 am	John Guilinger, Daniel and Haley Goldbach

## CHRISTIAN MOTHERS NEWS



Happy New Year EVERYONE!!! The first Christian Mothers' meeting of 2019 will be held on **Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**. We will kick off the year with a "Game Night" hosted by Michelle Silvestre! Learn to play Bunko as you mix and mingle with friends, old and new. Prizes will be awarded. Hope to see you there! We will be taking a collection for *Sisters Place*, which is a supportive housing community committed to assisting single parent families who are homeless in Southwestern Pennsylvania. The mission of *Sisters Place* is to assist families toward self-sufficiency by providing housing and supportive services...*Carol Froehlich, CCM Vice President*

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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 call the parish office at 412-221-5213.

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**PRE-CANA CLASSES...**Do you need pre-cana classes? Why not get it all done in one weekend with Pittsburgh Catholic Engaged Encounter! Our next weekend is **February 15-17** at Kearns Spirituality Center in North Hills. Forget wedding planning for a weekend and focus on you, your fiancé and your upcoming marriage. The cost is \$300 a couple for sleeping accommodations, meals and books. Check out our website for more information: <http://www.pittsburghengagedencounter.org/default.asp> or call Jamie Duggan at (412) 983-3399. A wedding day is a day...marriage is a lifetime! Start it out on a great foundation with help from Catholic Engaged Encounter.

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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 & St. Germaine will be attending a weekend retreat at St. Paul of the Cross **April 5-7, 2019**. Call the Retreat Office 412-381-7676, or Judy Byers 412-276-8438 for details.

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**C.F.M – ENJOY BOOK SALE...**The 2019 Enjoy Books are \$30 per book and 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.*

## SIX STEPS TO SANITY

### Dealing with addiction or alcoholism in your family?

*Six Steps to Sanity* is a program to help parents, grandparents, spouses, and family members who have adult loved ones suffering from alcoholism or drug addiction. It is designed to bring hope, healing, and serenity to those impacted by the addiction a loved one.

*This faith-based program* is an outreach of the  
**Substance Addiction Ministry at St. Louise de Marillac Church**  
and is adapted from the bestselling book,  
Setting Boundaries with Your Adult Children by Allison Botcke

Join us for this ongoing 12-week program starting on  
**Wednesday, January 23, 2019**

**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 through April 10, 2019  
It is open to people of all religious beliefs

#### **Registration is required**

To register, or for further information, please call or email Bruce and Nancy Shea  
bruceandnancy6@gmail.com (412) 952-1084

*With God all things are possible.*

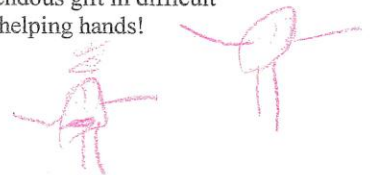
*Matthew 19:26*

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*“For unto us a child is born”*

Thank you so much to everyone participating in our attempt to assist mothers and babies in stressful situations! We have delivered so many beautiful and useful baby items donated from our 22nd annual “**Lifeline**” (Christian’s Christmas) collection! This year our donations included diapers, wipes, formula, bibs, lots of clothes and several hand-made items, to welcome precious little ones with a cozy entrance of love into the world! It is such a tremendous gift in difficult times when faith-filled Christian people touch our lives and hearts with helping hands!

Suzan Stark Slezak, M. Ed.  
Preschool Program Director  
Lifeline Donation (Christian’s Christmas) Project







# **“Queen of Hearts”**



**St. Valentine’s Women’s Guild/Christian Mothers**



***64<sup>th</sup> Annual Card Party and Luncheon***



***Saturday – February 9, 2019***

***Frawley Hall – Doors Open at 9:30 AM***

**LUNCH CATERED BY CYD WEST COMFORT CATERING**

**SERVED AT NOON**

**RESERVE A TABLE OF 4 OR MORE TODAY**

**YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PLAY CARDS**



**BRING A FAVORITE BOARD GAME TO PLAY**



**OR JUST ENJOY LUNCH WITH FRIENDS**

**\$20.00 per ticket – Deadline February 2, 2019**

**For Tickets and Information**

**Contact 412-608-2939 (Rita) or 412-303-9435 (Joyce)**

