

## 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 20, 2019

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The interim ad hoc pastoral committee for our parish grouping met this past Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Germaine's. Three representatives from each parish were present, along with the clergy and pastoral associate from the grouping, as well as representatives from the two religious communities that have Sisters in our parish grouping, the Sisters of St. Francis (the “Whitehall Franciscans”) and the Sisters of Charity. The committee is charged with honoring the legacies of each of the parishes in our grouping while helping all of us to move forward towards forming one parish. We had substantive discussions towards that end and will be meeting once a month for the foreseeable future. Please pray for the deliberations of the committee in this critical work.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS THIS WEEK:

**Monday: No School & Rectory Office will be closed** (due to Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday); **C.C.D.**, 6:30 pm, School; **St. Monica Prayer Group**, 7:00 pm, Church; **St. Vincent de Paul**, 7:00 pm, Parish Hall

**Tuesday: Senior Citizens Mass**, 12:30 pm, Social follows in Hall

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

**Thursday: Legion of Mary**, 10:00 am, Meeting House; **Bingo**, 7:00 pm, Parish Hall

**Saturday: Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary and Miraculous Medal Novena**, 10:30 am, Church; **PTG Family Dinner/Dance**; 6:15 pm, Hall

**Sunday: Catholic Schools Week – Open House**, 1:00 pm; **Men's Club Meeting (with Speaker, Mike Clark)**, 7:00 pm, Parish Hall

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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In Residence (St. Valentine)

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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  
412-650-7390

## **RESPECT LIFE NEWS**

***A Sad Anniversary ...*** Tuesday, January 22, is the 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in the United States through all nine months of pregnancy. Over 40 million children have been killed as a result. The plaintiff in the case, however, has changed her mind. Norma McCorvey, the former “Jane Roe” of Roe vs. Wade, now is opposed to abortion and works for the reversal of this tragic decision. Her conversion gives us hope that as millions of Americans pray, march and speak up for the unborn, the conscience of the nation will again be stirred, and the blessings of liberty, equality and prosperity will be granted soon to the children living in their mothers’ wombs.

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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 ***John Savulak***, Brother of Mary Anne Schirra, and ***Theodora Nahm***, Grandmother of Liz Tillman, Emily Kraska and Kathryn Pinkston, who died this past week.

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## **ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!**

***To Each Individual the Manifestation of the Spirit is Given for Some Benefit ...*** Last weekend, as we celebrated the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, we also had an opportunity to reflect on our own Baptism. Through Baptism we are washed clean of Original Sin and enter into the life of grace through the gift of the Holy Spirit. And it doesn’t end there! In Confirmation we receive the fullness of God’s Spirit and are sent forth into the world as instruments of His life and love. Yet, while we are united in the Spirit of God as His children, we are not robots who all speak the same words or who do identical deeds in God’s Name. Instead, as St. Paul reminds us in today’s Second Reading, each one of us shared uniquely in the gifts of the Spirit so that we might fulfill God’s unique will for us. The journey of our life of faith must then include discerning the gifts that God has given us, and how He wants us to use them. This is an important part of the *On Mission for The Church Alive!* initiative. If each one of us has been endowed with spiritual gifts in what ways can we use them to enliven the Church? Spend a few moments in prayer this week and ask the Lord to help you know the gifts the Spirit has bestowed upon you and how you are being called to share them.

Visit [www.onmissionchurchalive.org](http://www.onmissionchurchalive.org) to learn more and to stay informed.

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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.

**Catholicscomehome.org**

**(check it out!)**

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

For the week of:

January 13, 2019

\$19,428.73

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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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## ADULT CHOIR SCHEDULE – JANUARY 2019

Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>

Rehearsal

7:00 pm

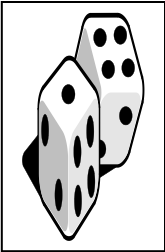
Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>

Rehearsal

7:00 pm

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## 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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## 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 from **April 5<sup>th</sup> to April 7<sup>th</sup>.** Call the Retreat Office 412-381-7676, or Judy Byers 412-276-8438 for details.

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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).

Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline Number:

1-888-808-1235

## BINGO

The next **St. Gabriel All-Paper Bingo** will be held **Thursday, January 24, 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: Hamburger or Cheeseburger \* Baked Beans \* Dessert \* Beverage**

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We acknowledge with sincere gratitude the following donations:

### To St. Gabriel Awareness Fund:

\$125 in memory of Harvey Lober from his Family

\$ 25 in memory of Harvey Lober from Dick and Rose Dapper

### To St. Gabriel Awareness Fund:

\$100 in memory of Harvey Lober from The Kreuger Family

\$ 60 in memory of Harvey Lober from Becky and Ray Sarsfield

\$ 50 in memory of Harvey Lober from Sandy, Brian and Jenny Weir

\$ 40 in memory of Harvey Lober from Kenny and Crystal

\$ 25 in memory of Harvey Lober from Ruth Murtha

\$ 25 in memory of Harvey Lober from Anna Sharding

\$ 20 in memory of Harvey Lober from The Decker Family

\$ 20 in memory of Harvey Lober from Angie Martucci

\$ 10 in memory of Harvey Lober from Ed McKness

\$ 10 in memory of Harvey Lober from Michael Shanahan and Son

### To St. Gabriel School:

\$150 for the great education St. Gabriel School has provided for so many children from Caroline Komlenic and Louis Obradovich, Jr.

\$ 50 in memory of Harvey Lober from Nick Sirianni

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

\$ 35 from Jerome Myron

\$ 30 from Joan Donahoe

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The following Masses were offered by Fr. Haney, Fr. Mike and Fr. Hissrich at St. Gabriel Church:

#### **Charles “Chick” Schenecker**

-J.R. & Bridget Mattei

#### **Jo Anne Bean**

-Lorraine Rosso

#### **Deborah Kamansinski**

-Mark & Gloria Miller

#### **Bettiann Gallagher**

-Bea Gallagher Carty & Family

#### **Joseph Rusnack McManus**

-Robert Raffaele

#### **Joseph Bichler**

-John & Kathy Barry

#### **Barbara Lahr**

-Rex & Kathy Gleeson

#### **Nicholas & Carol Coholic**

-Ralph & Beth Servati

#### **Bob Brown**

-Karen Hudson

#### **Matt Ubinger**

-Tom & Carol

#### **Special Intentions**

-Rick & Joanne Chesnos

#### **Joseph Bonadio**

-Lorraine Rosso

#### **Paul Stowitzky**

-Charlotte & Hank Tatum

#### **Arden Reihing**

-The O'Neill Family

#### **Charles Abbott**

-Jim & Mary Lou Owens

#### **Bernice Powishell**

-Tony & Ellen Vetere

#### **James J. Reagan, Sr.**

-John & Stacey McCambridge

#### **Mickey Cizmek**

-Nancy Hallelwell

#### **Dorothy Stout**

-Ray & Lucia Orluk

#### **Fr. Jim Krah**

-Bill Susan

# MASS INTENTIONS

January 21 to January 27, 2019

## MONDAY – FEAST OF ST. AGNES

7:30 am Kay McDonald (Anniversary) (req. Husband and Family)

## TUESDAY – WEEKDAY

12:30 pm Patricia Cooley (req. Joanne Wastek)

## WEDNESDAY – FEAST OF ST. VINCENT & ST. MARIANNE COPE

7:30 am Joseph Laukaitis (Anniversary) (req. Family)

## THURSDAY – FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS de SALES

9:00 am Bill Fehriens (Birthday) (req. Wife and Family)

## FRIDAY – THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

7:30 am Margaret Schmitt (req. Nick Sirianni)

## SATURDAY – FEAST OF ST. TIMOTHY & ST. TITUS

10:00 am Joyce Shanahan (req. Family)

10:30 am ***Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary & Miraculous Medal Novena Devotions***

5:00 pm Harry Jordan (req. Nativity Ladies of Charity)

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019 – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am Paul and William Schneider (req. Ed and Fran Schneider)

11:00 am Theresa DeFazio (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary) (req. The Corrado Family)

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## ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – January 21 to January 27, 2019

Monday, Jan. 21	7:30 am	Nathan and Josie Mickolay
Tuesday, Jan. 22	12:30 pm	Lauren Kress and Gianna Rhad
Wednesday, Jan. 23	7:30 am	Adam Degenhardt and Abigail Lease
Thursday, Jan. 24	9:00 am	School
Friday, Jan. 25	7:30 am	Shane Bigley and Lucy Pisaniello
Saturday, Jan. 26	10:00 am	Ava Vavro and Jake Yanity
	5:00 pm	Dennis Shapiro, Susan and Theresa Skindzier
Sunday, Jan. 27	9:00 am	Emma Walsh, Jenna and Thomas Meyers
	11:00 am	Maria Koltas, Antonio and Santino LaPorte

## MARY'S CORNER

There are several ways of saying the Holy Rosary, but that which gives almighty God the greatest glory, does the most for our souls, and which the devil fears more than any other, is that of saying the Rosary publicly in groups. Our Blessed Lord expressly recommended common prayer to His Apostles and Disciples and promised that whenever two or three were gathered together in His Name He would be there in the midst of them. What a wonderful thing to have Jesus Christ in our midst! And the only thing to do to get Him to come is to say the Rosary in a group. This way of praying is one of the greatest benefits to our souls because normally our minds are far more alert during public prayer than they are when we pray alone. When we pray in common, the prayers of each one belong to us all and make but one great prayer together, so that if one person is not praying well, someone else in the same gathering who prays better may make up for his/her deficiency. If one says the Rosary with thirty other people, he/she gains the merit of thirty Rosaries. Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy. Finally, when people say the Rosary together it is far more formidable to the devil than one said privately, because in this public prayer it is an army that is attacking. In union there is strength.

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## CAKES & CREPES BREAKFAST

The Women's Guild of Nativity Parish will be having a "Cakes & Crepes" Breakfast on **Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am til 12:00 Noon**. For \$5 you get a choice of pancakes or crepes with juice and coffee. Tickets will be on sale after Mass at Nativity Church starting January 20<sup>th</sup>.

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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.*

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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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# **"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)**



**SOUTH HILLS PARISH GROUPING  
PRESENTS**



# VALENTINE'S DAY

## <<< DANCE >>>

**FEBRUARY 15TH | 7PM - 11PM**

**ST. GABRIEL PARISH HALL**

5200 GREENRIDGE DRIVE | PITTSBURGH, PA 15236

**\$25**

★★★★ FEATURING FATHER JOHN'S BAND ★★★★★

# SOUL SEARCHERS

TICKET PRICE INCLUDES DINNER, BEER AND SOFT DRINKS. BYOB EVENT.

TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE RECTORY OR BY CALLING 412.881.8115 (CASH OR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO "ST. GABRIEL")