Today is Sunday, May 19, 2019

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Please pay close attention to the insert in today’s bulletin concerning the proposed merger timeline for our Grouping. Keep us in your prayers as we continue preparing for this formal merger process.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Sunday: **Anointing of the Sick Mass**, 11:00 am, Church; **Second Collection** – For Catholic Relief Services, Church in Latin America, Church in Central and Eastern Europe and Church in Africa

Monday: **St. Gabriel School GATORTHON; St. Monica Prayer Group**, 7:00 pm, Church; **St. Vincent de Paul**, 7:00 pm, Rectory

Tuesday: **ELECTION DAY – No SCHOOL; Calendar Planning Meeting**, 7:00 pm, Parish Hall; **Small Group Meeting**, 7:00 pm, Meeting House

Wednesday: **Legion of Mary Evangelization Group**, 5:30 pm, Meeting House; **SGAA Awards Night**, 7:00 pm, Parish Hall

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

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

Summer is fast approaching! When shopping for Graduations, Picnics, Vacation, Garden Supplies, etc., please don’t forget to purchase 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)**.
RESPECT LIFE NEWS

No More Death ... In today’s Second Reading from Rev. 21, we hear the promise, “There shall be no more death.” Death was not part of God’s original plan; and in Jesus Christ, He has conquered this ancient enemy of humanity. We who stand with Christ therefore stand with life. While many things destroy human life, nothing takes more lives than abortion. Approximately 1,287,000 unborn children were killed by abortion in the United States in 2003. By comparison, there were 17,732 homicides, 31,484 suicides and 109,277 deaths by accident in the United States in the same year. Death still does its work in the world, but cannot have the final word any longer. Let us love and serve life; and proclaim life eternal in Jesus Christ.

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ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

Peace I Leave With You: My Peace I Give To You ... As the Church prepares to celebrate the Ascension of Jesus into heaven and the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles at Pentecost, we encounter today’s Gospel, which is a source of great life and hope. In the course of this brief passage Jesus speaks of He and the Father dwelling with those who love them, and of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, being sent to teach them, and then bestowing His peace on them, telling them not to be troubled or afraid. The realities this Gospel presents mean a great deal in our own lives as we strive to follow the example of the disciples and be faithful followers of Jesus today. To know that the Lord dwells within us means that we are never alone and always have God’s protection and guidance. To know that the Lord sends His Spirit as our Advocate means that He moves in living and effective ways to provide for us. To know that the Lord bestows His peace upon us means that, as we trust in Him our anxiety and worry can be no more. All of these gifts are important as the On Mission for The Church Alive! initiative continues to take shape in our parishes and groupings. As we strive to do the work of the Lord in light of the gifts He has given us, we can trust in His guidance and peace.

Visit www.onmissionchurchalive.org to learn more and to stay informed.

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ATTENTION ALL PARISH ORGANIZATION HEADS & SCOUT LEADERS

Our Annual Calendar Planning Meeting will take place this coming Tuesday, May 21st at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Please be sure you or a member of your organization attends – one that can make scheduling decisions.

Please bring a list of Board Members and Officers for the 2019-2020 year.

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visit our new parish grouping website https://shcpgh.org
OFFERTORY COLLECTION
For the week of: May 12, 2019 $20,160.86

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

Assistance is available for families of cancer/long term ill patients. I will sit at a home or take patients for chemotherapy/doctor appointments. Please call Larry at 412-670-1927.

We acknowledge with sincere gratitude the following donations:

To our Awareness Fund:
$100 in honor of Luca Piscitelli from Andrew C. Jackson

To St. Gabriel School:
$ 20 in thanksgiving for her First Holy Communion from Addie Malock

SUMMER BASKETBALL LEAGUE
Coach Mark Walsh, Boys Basketball Coach at Seton-LaSalle High School, will conduct a Youth Summer Basketball League for boys who will be entering Grades 5 to 8 (Fall 2019). The deadline to register is Wednesday, May 22nd.

For more information, contact Coach Walsh at 412-979-2913 or email coachmrwalsh@gmail.com.

HELP WANTED
Part-time Housekeeping Position available – John F. Slater Funeral Home, Inc. – The Whitehall House – 15 to 18 Hours a week – 7:00 am to 12:00 pm. If interested, please call 412-881-4100 and ask for John or Andrew.

Weekend Office Coordinator – John F. Slater Funeral Home – Part-time – 13 Hours plus – Must have Telephone, Typing and Computer Skills. Call 412-881-4100 (John or Andrew) if interested.

Franciscan Child Day Care Center ... is seeking a nurturing caregiver for infants, age 6-weeks to 12-months, as well as seasonal caregivers for their Summer Program for school-age children. The Center is also hiring substitute caregivers to work as needed to cover caregiver absences. Candidates must have experience in childcare and references. Full time benefits include healthcare and paid time off. For more information, or to apply, please email Mrs. Merlo at smerlo@osfprov.org.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline Number:
1-888-808-1235
CHRISTIAN MOTHERS (CCM) NEWS

Thank you to everyone who attended the CCM Installation Mass and Fashion Show on Tuesday, May 7th! Fr. John presided over the Mass and the new Officers were installed with the traditional candle lighting ceremony. Our new Executive Board members are: Carol Froehlich, President; Ria Fruscello, Vice President; Eileen Schneider, Treasurer; Donna Szymanski, Recording Secretary; Chris Bursick, Corresponding Secretary; and Cindy Phillifent, Board Director. Board Committee members include: Mary Balogh, Donna Barnett, Debbie Cerminaro, Kim Covelli, Heather Hampton, Andrea Hulsman, Christi Martinko, Lisa Malle, Kathy Marecic, Lisa Rennie, Helen Rishel, Heather Schorr, Tammy Vetere and Kim Young. Many thanks to the outgoing Board members and best of luck to the incoming Board!

Additional thanks to Tammy Vetere for planning the Installation Mass; Lisa Rennie and Kathy Marecic for preparing a lovely meal and decorating the Hall; Splash Meyer and crew for setting up the Fashion Show runway and arranging the Hall for the meeting; Esther Rosenfelder for hosting the CAbi Fashion Show, and all the ladies who walked the runway, modeling the beautiful clothing! Congratulations to Nancy Hallewell for winning the perfect attendance award!

CCM is our parish women’s organization and is not just for mothers; it’s for women of all generations! Look for exciting announcements regarding our 2019-2020 monthly meetings and be part of this awesome group of women who love and serve the Lord and our parish family.

...Carol Froehlich, CCM President

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CCD NEWS

Thank you to our CCD volunteers. They are special not only because they have a deep commitment to sharing their faith but also because their commitment is to our precious children. Evangelization is a huge buzzword in Catholic circles these days. Yet, “You haven’t been truly evangelized until you evangelize.” So many of our teachers and aides have been evangelizing for years. They see it as a regular activity of the Church that is directed to those who identify themselves as practicing Catholics. These volunteers put a lot of time, energy, and even money into helping the children of St. Gabriel Parish develop a stronger foundation for spirituality and Catholic living. This year I am especially grateful for my teachers’ flexibility, enthusiasm, realism and sense of humor that was necessary to help them get through this transition year for me. God bless our CCD teachers & aides. Every year our 6th grade CCD students, with the help of their teachers Helen & Marjorie Rishel, hold a bake sale on their last session.

This year the students selected the Joey Fabus Childhood Cancer Foundation and the Katie Sweeney Fund to benefit their community service fundraising efforts. They year’s bake sale netted $200 so each organization will receive a check for $100.

CCD Registration is now open. CCD will be held on Mondays at St. Gabriel, 6:30 to 7:45 pm; Tuesdays at Nativity, 5:00 to 6:15 pm; Wednesdays at St. Germaine, 6:15 to 7:20 pm and Sundays at St. Valentine, 11:45 am to 1:00 pm. A registration form is available as an insert in today’s bulletin. Please register for the day and time that best suits your family.
**BINGO**

The next *St. Gabriel All-Paper Bingo* will be held *Thursday, May 23, 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: Pizza * Salad * Dessert * Beverage*

**NATIVITY MASS OF ANOINTING**...will be celebrated on *Wednesday, May 22nd at 11:30 am* at Nativity Church. A luncheon will follow in the Cafeteria (hosted by the Ladies of Charity). There is no charge, but for planning purposes we need to know if you will be attending the luncheon. Please RSVP to Betty Ann at 412-655-2641 or Mary at 412-608-7982 by Friday, May 17th.

**ST. ELIZABETH FESTIVAL**

St. Elizabeth Parish Festival will be held from *May 20th - May 25th from 6:00 pm until 10:30 pm.* Come enjoy rides, games, food and our famous donuts! We also have a HUGE White Elephant Sale.

**WHITEHALL PUBLIC LIBRARY – NEW RELEASE**

*Hello Neighbor! – A Pgh. Picnic Party...Saturday, June 1st from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm*

As an appetizing end to our Whitehall Reads Initiative, we’re hosting a catered lunch and celebration of Mr. Rogers’ Neighborhood – our very own City of Pittsburgh! Meet your neighbors...Drop by for a “bite in the Burgh” and enjoy a variety of games and activities for all ages. No registration is required – first come, first served while it lasts!

*Drive a Lincoln & Support the Library...Sunday, June 2nd from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm*

Benson Lincoln and the Residence at Whitehall are sponsoring a “Driven to Give” fundraising event to benefit the Whitehall Library. Come to the beautiful new Residence at Whitehall (parking lot area – 4750 Clairton Blvd., 15236) to test-drive a gorgeous Lincoln! The Library will receive a $30 donation for every test drive. **This is not a sales event!** It is a charitable community project sponsored by Benson Lincoln and the Lincoln Motor Company. **There is no participation fee, but you must be 18 years or older with a valid driver’s license in order to drive.** In addition to being able to see and drive these beautiful cars, there will be plenty of other fun things to do, including: Raffle Baskets, Drawings (including a drawing for free Pirate tickets) Refreshments and more!

**ST. BASIL HIGH SCHOOL REUNION**

St. Basil High School Class of 1969 is having its 50th Reunion on *Saturday, July 6th* at Salvatore’s Party Center, 5001 Curry Rd., Pgh., PA 15236.

If you have any questions or to RSVP (no later than June 6th), email Joe Belliotti at stellerfan2564@att.net or Rosemary Holmes Henk at pitffan722@verizon.net.

**Benvenuti Landscaping & Reconstruction** (fully insured & licensed)...provides grass cutting, mulching, edging, trimming, small tree removal, total yard reconstruction, Spring & Fall cleanup and pressure washing. Depending on the cost of the job, Ray will give back 5 to 10% to St. Gabriel Church. If interested, call Ray at 412-218-9161 or 412-535-2286.
MASS INTENTIONS

May 20 to May 26, 2019

MONDAY – FEAST OF ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA
7:30 am  Marlene Gorman (req. Husband, Larry)

TUESDAY – FEAST OF ST. CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES & COMPANIONS
11:30 am  Frank Gauscheman (req. Bob and Barb Powischill)

WEDNESDAY – FEAST OF ST. RITA OF CASCIA
7:30 am  Jack Fitzgerald (Anniversary) (req. Family)

THURSDAY – EASTER WEEKDAY
9:00 am  Mason Hischar (req. Mia and Makayla)

FRIDAY – EASTER WEEKDAY
7:30 am  Louise Westrick (Birthday) (req. Lew and Linda Nevins)

SATURDAY – FEAST OF ST. BEDE THE VENERABLE, ST. GREGORY VII, ST. MARY MAGDALENE de’ PAZZI
10:00 am  John Ubinger (req. Rick and Joanne Chesnos)
5:00 pm  Margaret, Tom and Peg Corbett (req. Family)

SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2019 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
9:00 am  Patty McGee (req. Mike and Ian)
11:00 am  Vincent Palmieri (req. Family)

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ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – May 20 to May 16, 2019

Monday, May 20  7:30 am  Abigail Truzzi and Ava Vavro
Tuesday, May 21  11:30 am  Andrew Barrett and Claire Ianachione
Wednesday, May 22  7:30 am  Anna and Brady Walsh
Thursday, May 23  9:00 am  School
Friday, May 24  7:30 am  Shane Bigley and Liam Coulehan
Saturday, May 25  10:00 am  Georgia Holbert and Ella Martinko
5:00 pm  Joey Starzynski, Gianna Rhad and Erin Fader
Sunday, May 26  9:00 am  Antonio LaPorte, Theresa Skinzijer and Emma Walsh
11:00 am  Adam Feth, Dan and Haley Goldbach
A sincere THANK YOU to all of our alumni, parishioners, parents, students, faculty, staff and friends from around the United States who virtually came together for our Third Annual Day of Giving "ALL IN 4 GABES."

We are blown away once again at the response of everyone coming together to raise an unparalleled $51,290! In a year when times have been so difficult, you have proven that St. Gabriel OSV School is truly a special place that you hold near and dear to your hearts.

Everyone at St. Gabriel OSV School thanks you for your generosity, for the impact your gifts will have on our students, and for sharing with the world why you are #ALLIN4GABES.

277 - Total Gifts
$51,290 – Total Raised
$186.51 – Average Gift Amount

Thank you!
A message from Fr. John Skirtich

**On Mission Update:** I would like to take this opportunity to inform all parishioners of a few important updates regarding the On Mission process. Recently Fr. H, Fr. Mike, and I invited Parish Services (from the diocese) to meet with all members of all four parish staffs, and with the Finance Councils and Ad Hoc Pastoral Committee. Parish Services explained the merger process and also presented the timeline that we believe will best serve our grouping in preparing for the merger of our four parishes. The timeline presented below is for your consideration.

Please remember that the overarching vision for On Mission is to realign all of our resources to fulfill better the mission of Jesus Christ. The mission of Jesus is for his followers (that’s us) to “go and make disciples.” We are called to consider how we can become an even more vibrant and sustainable Catholic community in the South Hills. The time has come for us to review, revise and renew our structures, staffs, and ministries to best serve all of God’s people, but especially our faithful parishioners.

Please join Fr. H, Fr. Mike, and me in continuing to pray for the success of our grouping’s merger and for a deepening of faith in our Lord.

### Proposed Merger Timeline for Grouping #218

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<td>Clergy Team and Parish Services meets with staffs and councils.</td>
<td>Conduct evaluation of Mass schedule with Ad Hoc Pastoral Committee. Have a single bulletin for the grouping.</td>
<td>Clergy team in consultation with parish Finance Councils and Ad Hoc Pastoral Committee articulate a vision for a single staff.</td>
<td>Clearly define all new positions (ministerial, administrative, and support staff) that will serve the new parish. Begin interviews with applicants.</td>
<td>New staff positions become effective.</td>
<td>Begin formal merger process.</td>
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Make your travel plans now for Athens

VBS Registration is now open for the June 24th- June 28th session.

St. Gabriel and St. Valentine parishes will be working together to extend “open hearts, open minds and open doors” to children in our parish grouping during this summer’s Vacation Bible School which is planned for Monday, June 24th through Friday, June 28th at St. Valentine’s. This year’s theme is “Athens: Paul’s Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth” and children will have a chance to make crafts, sing, and play together. They will see scripture come alive as they learn about the prophet Paul’s dangerous journey to share the truth about Jesus. ‘Athens’ core message is “God loves you”, and our call is to share that message; our program is available for Preschoolers 4 years old on up through children entering fifth grade. This is our first year holding a Bible-adventure VBS and the interactive marketplace will create a fun, memorable and meaningful experience for all ages. Because this VBS is opened to children in our parish grouping, we are asking you to preregister by May 1st. Please complete the attached registration form and return it to the rectory attention Mrs. Schorr with a $25 check made payable to St. Gabriel Parish.

For more information contact Carol Vater, Director of Faith Formation St. Gabriel and St. Valentine Parishes 412-551-8984 or email tvater5@verizon.net.
Vacation Bible School Registration Form
Where: St. Valentine Church
Time: 9am – 12pm
When: June 24-28, 2019
4 years old Preschool through 5th grade (Fall of 2019)
Please complete and return this registration by 5/1/2019

Use one registration form per child. Print please.
There is a $25 per child fee. Checks are made payable to St. Gabriel Parish.
You may write one check if you are registering multiple children.

Family Last Name: ___________________________ Church you attend ___________________________
Child’s Name______________________________ Gender ___________________________
Birthdate ___________________ Age __________ Grade Entering in Fall _______________________
Allergies ____________________________
Special Needs _________________________
Parent/Guardian Name ____________________________
Address ____________________________
City __________________________ Zip Code ____________________________
Email ____________________________
Home Phone __________________________ Cell Phone ____________________________
Emergency contact during VBS ____________________________
If other than parent, relationship to child ____________________________ Phone ____________________________
Name of special friend your child might like to be with: ____________________________
Who has permission to pick up your child? ____________________________

I would like to be a VBS volunteer Yes No I need more information ____________________________
I give permission for the Vacation Bible School staff to use photographs or videos of and quotes from my child to be used in a VBS celebration or for the purpose of promoting VBS activities and program.
Parent/Guardian Signature ____________________________ Date ____________________________
Drop off or mail to Religious Education 5200 Greeridge Drive; Pittsburgh, PA 15236

For further information, please contact Carol Vater, Director of Faith Formation 412-551-8984 or send an email to tvater5@verizon.net.
CCD Registration
2019-2020

Office Use Only
Total Tuition: $________ Check No. _____ Cash _____

PLEASE FILL OUT ONE REGISTRATION FORM FOR EACH STUDENT

Student’s Name ________________ (Last) ____________ (First) ____________ (Middle) ____________ (Nickname)

☐ Male ☐ Female

Date of Birth ____________ Place of Birth _______________________________________________________________________

Grade Level Sept. 2019 ____________ School and District _______________________________________________________________________

Home Address _______________________________________________________________________

Email Address that you check several times a day. (Please Print) _______________________________________________________________________

Communication from the Religious Education Office is through email. The office is not responsible for any undeliverable email addresses.

Phone Numbers (List 2 best contact numbers) ____________________________________________ (Home) ____________ (Cell)

Emergency Contact:
Someone who can pick up your child in the event you cannot be reached ____________ Relationship to child: ____________ (Name) ____________ (Phone Number)

Name of Parish/Address to which you belong: _______________________________________________________________________

Name of Parish/Address where did your child attended Religious Ed last year: _______________________________________________________________________

Sacramental Information:
Date of Baptism ____________ ☐ Parish Name & Address

Date of First Reconciliation ____________ ☐ Parish Name & Address

Date of First Eucharist ____________ ☐ Parish Name & Address

Please circle the number that best describes the family:
1. Student lives with both parents (same last name) 5. Student lives only with father
2. Student lives with both parents (different last name) 6. Student lives with guardian (different last name)
3. Student lives only with mother (same last name) 7. Other _______________________________________________________________________
4. Student lives only with mother (different last name)

Father’s Name __________________ Mother’s Name __________________ Mother’s Maiden Name __________________
Schedule of classes - Grade 1 through Grade 8 - (please check the day and program you prefer)

- MONDAY – ST. GABRIEL - 6:30-7:45 PM
- TUESDAY – NATIVITY – 5:00-6:15 PM
- WEDNESDAY – ST. GERMAINE – 6:15-7:20 PM
- WEDNESDAY – ST. VALENTINE - 6:30-7:45 PM
- SUNDAY – ST. VALENTINE – 11:45 AM-1:00 PM
- HOMESTUDY – NON-SACRAMENTAL GRADES
  (GRADES 2 & 8 MUST ATTEND CCD CLASSES)

Fees: First child - $40.00 Two or more children - $60.00 (No refunds on tuition)

I can volunteer as a: Catechist _____ Substitute Catechist _____ Hall Monitor _____

Please select: Day/s ____________ Parish ____________________________

I give permission to the CCD program to use photographs, videos, voice recordings, and quotations for the purpose of promoting CCD activities and programs.

Student’s Special Concerns: Learning ____ Behavioral ____ Medical ____ Allergies (Please List) ____________________________

PLEASE ATTACH OR LIST ANY INFORMATION YOU FEEL MAY BE HELPFUL TO YOUR CHILD’S LEARNING ENVIRONMENT:

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Parent/GuardianSignature ____________________________ Date ____________________________