

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, June 9, 2019

PENTECOST SUNDAY

The School year ended on June 7th. Our Thursday 9:00 am School Mass will be changed to 11:30 am beginning Thursday, June 13th and ending Thursday, August 22nd.

We call your attention to the enclosed flyer for SummerFest 2019, held at St. Valentine's. Even though we are not yet one merged Parish, this Festival benefits our entire Parish Grouping. More details to follow in the coming weeks!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Monday: **St. Monica Prayer Group**, 7:00 pm, Church

Tuesday: **Small Group Meeting**, 7:00 pm, Meeting House

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

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

Sunday: **FATHER'S DAY**

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).**

Save the date...

Sunday, August 25th, Annual Parish Picnic

All Parishioners from St. Gabriel, Nativity, St. Germaine & St. Valentine are welcome!
This is always a fun-filled day for all who Attend.



Fr. John W. Skirtich,
Administrator

Fr. Michael S. Suslowicz,
Parochial Vicar

Fr. John E. Hissrich,
Chaplain

Fr. John R. Haney,
In Residence

Fr. Richard J. Tusky
In Residence (St. Valentine)

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Baptisms: 1st & 3rd Sundays
of the month.

Confessions:

Saturday 11 am to 12 Noon

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Rectory 412-881-8116

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RESPECT LIFE NEWS

Pentecost Voice... The Holy Spirit, who came on Pentecost, gave voice to the Apostles to proclaim the truth of the Gospel. The Spirit, the Soul of the Church, continues to enable the Church to speak, and enables us to speak in our individual capacity. As Bishop Elio Sgreccia, Vice-President of the Vatican's Pontifical Academy for Life has said, "The Church must speak out in today's context on fundamental rights, the right to justice, the right to peace, but above all and in the first place, the right to life. If the Church did not speak, did not proclaim the truth, it would be abandoning its duty; it would be unfaithful to society, to the good of society. Therefore, its precise duty is the very liberty to intervene with word, and also with example – the example of promoting human life, of intervening for the salvation of mankind."
(Priests for Life)

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: **Melina Josephina Benvenuti**, Daughter of Ray and Cassandra
Emma Jade Leehan, Daughter of Peter and Jessica

MARRIAGE BANNS

Il John Roche, Church of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Virgin &
Katherine McClelland, St. Patrick, Canonsburg

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 **Donna Winter**, Wife of Michael Winter, **Michael Ruff**, Son of Don and Pat Ruff, and **Carol Shurtz**, Wife of Larry Shurtz, Mother of Crystal Lease, and Grandmother of Andrew, Abigail, Allison and Anthony Lease, who died last week.

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

Receive the Holy Spirit ... After His Resurrection from the dead Jesus appears to His anxious Apostles and, knowing their fear and uncertainty, pours forth the Holy Spirit upon them and bestows His gift of peace. For the next forty days He promises that He will be with them always and the He will send the Advocate to be with them as they will be called to continue His work in the world. Finally, after ascending to heaven, Jesus sends forth His Spirit at Pentecost to fill the Apostles with confidence and courage in order to go out to the entire world to tell the good news and grow the Church. As the *On Mission for The Church Alive!* initiative continues to unfold we are called to prayer for a new Pentecost in the Church of Pittsburgh. This new outpouring of the Holy Spirit can bestow the peace we seek in the midst of change and planning for the future. God's Spirit can also fill us with the confidence and courage that all of us – clergy and faithful alike – will need to do our part to build up the Church and make it ever more alive! Visit www.onmissionchurchalive.org to learn more and to stay informed.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

For the week of:

June 2, 2019

\$24,004.50

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 loving memory of Barbara Ling from her Son, Rickie and her Husband, Rick

To St. Gabriel School:

\$ 20 in loving memory of Jocelyn (Salera) Skillpa from Godmother, Aunt Denise and Uncle John Salera

To St. Gabriel Parish Share:

\$100 in thanksgiving from a Bingo Player Winner

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

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

\$100 in the Name of our Fathers from Keith and Joann Holzer

\$ 10 in the Name of the Bunner Family from the Koenig Family

\$ 10 in memory of Joann from Mary Ann

\$ 10 in memory of Ron Schirra from Mary Anne Schirra

...The members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society thank you for your contributions to our Food Pantry at last weekend's Masses. Your generous donations of \$230 to our Gift of Love Program, \$221 to our Sunday Food Collection and a \$100 Giant Eagle gift card were all welcome additions to our Treasury!

Attention SVdP Members: Our meetings that were scheduled for June 10th and 24th were cancelled and have been rescheduled. We will meet **Monday, June 17th at 7:00 pm** in the Parish Hall.

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Please join the Knights of Columbus, Gilmary Council #3868 as we host the 3rd Annual Father's Day Celebration on **Sunday, June 16th from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm**. "Signature Servings by Chef Steve" will cater the breakfast buffet. If you joined us for last year's Father's Day Celebration, you know this is an event not to be missed! Location, menu and ticket information to follow!

Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline Number:

1-888-808-1235

From Your St. Vincent de Paul Society...

Here's another bit of information about the Gift of Love Program, the Poor Boxes and the Candles: The Gift of Love Program came into existence about 15 years ago. This is a program in which you can make a donation to our Society in memory of someone or in honor of a person(s) who is celebrating a special occasion. You can obtain a Gift of Love form at the Rectory; these forms are also available at the First Weekend Masses where you will find us standing in front of the Ushers' Room. These requests will be published in the following weekend's bulletin. If you do not wish for your name to be published, we will be glad to list the donor as "Anonymous."

We have a nook on the left front side of the Church filled with candles. Many of our parishioners like to "light a candle" for their own special intention and then place an offering in the poor box mounted on the wall to the left of the candles. There are also poor boxes mounted on the right side and on the rear wall of the Church for those who just would like to give a donation to the poor. When the poor boxes are emptied the money is given to our Society so that we can help those in need in our neighborhood. Our Society pays for the candles. Just an FYI – for those of you who are lighting a candle and putting a dollar in the poor box, our current cost per candle is almost \$2 each. God bless you and your families!

Congratulations to the Winners of the 2018-19 Ladies 500!!

1st Place	Barb Soltis and Nancy Hallewell	\$25
2nd Place	Judy Vietmeier and Connie Sabatini	\$15
3rd Place	Paula Knerr and Pat Schenk	\$10

Check the bulletins in August for information about the new season. Enjoy the summer!

...*Mary Anne Schirra and Dianne Kyslinger*

MEALS ON WHEELS

Brentwood Meals on Wheels is always looking for volunteers to deliver meals. Our kitchen delivers meals five days a week, Monday through Friday. We serve the Brentwood, Baldwin, Carrick, Pleasant Hills and Whitehall areas. Two volunteers are needed for each of the five routes. You have the option to drive a local route or ride along to deliver the meal to our clients' doors. It only takes about 90 minutes to complete the deliveries. ***If you can offer even one day a week or be available on a substitute list,*** please call 412-881-6688 any morning to offer your service.

Brentwood Meals on Wheels has been given the honor of Grand Marshal in the 100th Brentwood Fourth of July Parade. We need volunteers to sell 50/50 tickets along the parade route and to walk in the parade to pass out treat bags and carry donation buckets. Again, call the kitchen number above if you can help. Thank you!

Catholic Charities Annual Clay Shoot is June 14th at Seven Springs Resort...No experience is necessary. Entertain clients, colleagues, and friends while supporting those in need. Single tickets, team registration and/or event sponsorships are available at www.ccpgh.org. For more information, contact Steve Blanco at ccofpitt@gmail.com.

BINGO

The next **St. Gabriel All-Paper Bingo** will be held **Thursday, June 13, 2019** in the Parish Hall. Bulls-eye game begins at 7:00 pm. For information, visit www.stgabespgh.org/bingo.

Menu: Hamburger or Cheeseburger * Baked Beans * Dessert * Beverage

CCD NEWS...Registration is now open & classes will be held on Mondays, St. Gabriel, 6:30-7:45pm; Tuesdays, Nativity, 5-6:15pm; Wednesdays, St. Germaine, 6:15-7:20pm, St. Valentine, 6:30-7:45pm, and Sundays, 11:45am-1pm. **NOTE: Registration for Athens Vacation Bible School is CLOSED!**

Meet some of our CCD Teachers...Lauren Huwalt and Allyson Green have been teaching in our 1st Grade CCD classroom for four years. The two are sisters and cousins of Fr. Haney. Both stepped into the position when their sons began 1st Grade. Lauren has her Master's Degree in Counselor Hospitality Management from Robert Morris College. She works in IT for a family restaurant chain and has been blessed to have worked for the company for the last 23 years. The two share their faith with the more than 20 students in their class and they have a special way of sharing with the parents too when they send their Monday night emails summarizing what was done in class. Everyone's favorite part of the email updates are the photos they include of the kids enjoying their Monday evenings at St. Gabriel. The Green and Huwalt families attend the Saturday Vigil Mass.

Judy Byers is now a newly retired nurse with a little more time on her hands, but even before she retired she had made time in her busy schedule to teach every Monday evening. Because of her nurturing personality she holds a special place in her heart for 2nd Graders. Judy opens every CCD session around the prayer table and inspires the more than a dozen students in her class to love and obey God as she prepares them for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion. She has been doing that for 13 years at St. Gabriel and before that for 13 years at Our Lady of Grace. Judy volunteers as an Extraordinary Minister at St. Gabriel as well as St. Clair Hospital and is very active in planning the Women's Retreat at St. Paul Retreat Center. Judy has three children and two grandchildren and is expecting another grandbaby in September.

Barbara Stock, 2nd Grade CCD teacher, has a great love and passion for teaching children about the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus as she prepares them for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. In her class, children enjoy making a keepsake scrapbook to commemorate their special year. Barbara attended the University of Central Arkansas, Arkansas State University, and Oral Roberts University for Elementary and Religious Education. She has taught CCD and Preschool on and off for the last 22 years while raising her four daughters. Barbara enjoyed teaching Preschool at St. Gabriel. Two years ago she was hired as a paraprofessional for the Baldwin Whitehall School District. Now, she loves and is devoted to working with children who have special needs or those who require learning or emotional support.

Bus Trip to Meadows Casino & Sarris Candies (Benefits the Sisters of St. Francis)...Friday, June 21st...The cost is \$30 per person, which includes \$25 free play at the Meadows Casino, as well as a special stop at Sarris Candies. The bus will depart from Nativity Parish parking lot at 9 am and return around 5 pm. Call Shelley (412-916-4363) BEFORE June 12th.

MASS INTENTIONS

June 10 to June 16, 2019

MONDAY – WEEKDAY

7:30 am Barbara Ling (req. Son, Rickie and Husband, Rick)

TUESDAY – FEAST OF ST. BARNABAS

11:30 am John Escajeda (req. St. Gabriel Boys Basketball Team)

WEDNESDAY – WEEKDAY

7:30 am Anna & Steve Kovach and William Lober (req. Family)

THURSDAY – FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

9:00 am Mary Palma (Birthday) (req. Daughter, Adeline Zurawsky and Grandchildren)

FRIDAY – WEEKDAY

7:30 am Catherine Bernadette Mavrincac (req. Paul Mavrincac)

SATURDAY – WEEKDAY

10:00 am -Jack Schneider (req. Rick and Joanne Chesnos)

-Intentions of Our Lady of Guadalupe
to end Abortion (St. Gabriel Respect Life Group)

5:00 pm Larry Bursick (req. Family)

SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2019 – MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY – FATHER'S DAY

9:00 am For the Special Intentions of all Living and Deceased Fathers of the Parish

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ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – June 10 to June 16, 2019

Monday, June 10	7:30 am	Andrew and Theresa Callaghan
Tuesday, June 11	11:30 am	Carson Barone and Aiden Barrett
Wednesday, June 12	7:30 am	Kalilah Stein and Erin Fader
Thursday, June 13	11:30 am	Shane Bigley and Marina Guilinger
Friday, June 14	7:30 am	Jake Garda and Ryan Gannon
Saturday, June 15	10:00 am	Autumn and Austin Fabry
	5:00 pm	Ella Martinko, Antonio and Santino Laporte
Sunday, June 16	9:00 am	Morgan O'Brien, Ella Reiche and Kenneth Afolabi
	11:00 am	Bella Boehm, Grace and Ava Vavro

**Any Parent
whose child
wishes to
serve at Mass
must sign a
permission
form. They
are available
weekdays at**

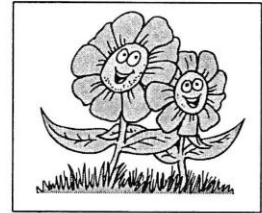
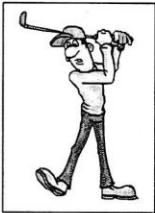
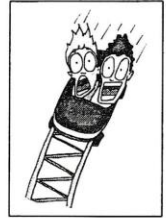
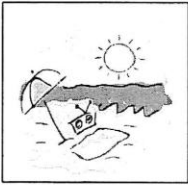
DON'T FORGET

**TO PURCHASE
ST. GABRIEL
FOOD CLUB
CARDS**

**WHEN SHOPPING
FOR ALL OF
YOUR**

SUMMER

NEEDS!!





The planning for this year's Parish Grouping Festival held on St. Valentine Church grounds has begun with lots of excitement ahead. **SAVE THE DATES - August 7, 8, 9 and 10** and plan to attend our SummerFest.

FOOD – GAMES – RIDES – RAFFLES – ENTERTAINMENT

With lots more information to follow ...



SummerFest 2019 - Presale Ride Tickets



Purchasing presale ride tickets ahead of the festival benefits all of us! Presale ride tickets can also be used at St. Anne's or St. Thomas More's festivals. Presale tickets are sold in strips of 10 tickets for \$10 (\$1/ticket). Tickets purchased during any festival are \$2/ticket. Get your ride tickets while supplies last -- during the week at any of the Parish offices or after Saturday evening (4:00 pm) and Sunday morning (10:30 am) Masses at St. Valentine Church. Ride tickets do NOT expire!

St. Anne Parish Festival is June 10-15 and St. Thomas More Parish Festival is June 19-22. **Our South Hills Parish Grouping 218 Festival held on the St. Valentine Church grounds is August 7-10.**

Cash or Check made payable to St. Valentine Church