

Mass Schedule

Monday, May 14 - St. Matthias

8:00 am Birth. George Brunner (Wife & Family)

Tuesday, May 15 - St. Isidore

8:00 am John Cauley (Andy & Linda White)

Wednesday, May 16

8:00 am Juanita Torres (Christina Bolanos)

Thursday, May 17

8:00 am Oscar Jernstrom (Patrick & Nancy Leheny)

Friday, May 18 - St. John I

8:30 am Birth. Bill Long (Family)

Saturday, May 19

8:00 am Joseph Gill (Mary Ann Toth)

2:00 pm Wedding - Joseph Piqueira & Samantha Fuller

4:00 pm For the Parish

Sunday, May 20 - Pentecost Sunday

9:00 am Remo & Antoinette Colaizzi (Bill & Rosemary Schmidt)

11:00 am Anniv. Robert Hartner Jr. (Family)
Children's Liturgy

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion/Lectors
Saturday, May 19- Sunday, May 20**

	4:00 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Lectors:			
A. Shissler	E. Moeller	M. Toney	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:			
D. Pope	J. Hein	B. Kail	
L. Windstein	S. Fishbaine	M. Benford	
R. Robson	H. Del Sardo	H. Jenney	
K. Sokac	K. Scott	J. Kitzinger	
J. Green	E. Ringling	C. Bolanos	
M. G. McCann	M. L. Pegg	L. Swanson	
B. Windstein	Deacon Andy	Deacon Andy	
Altar Servers:			
L. Stephenson	O. Kraeuter	T. White	
A. Stephenson	T. Ahlin	A. Darkowski	

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Tuesday 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Saturday and Sunday - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Note from Deacon Andy

BE CAREFUL OF WHAT YOU ASK OF GOD! The Lord's Prayer is a common prayer recited at Mass, during the Rosary and in many of our homes, but have you ever thought of what the words of that prayer actually mean to us, and asks us to do? Over the next several weeks we will explore a few of the statements made in the Lord's Prayer and try to see how those words impact our everyday lives.

THY KINGDOM COME. Where is the kingdom of God? When we speak of the kingdom of God, we are not speaking of a territory or place. The kingdom is not limited to a geographical location, rather the Kingdom of God is wherever the Reign of God exists. Ideally the Kingdom of God is in our hearts, our minds and our souls.



BAPTISM SEMINAR - Our next pre-Baptism Seminar will be held on Thursday, May 17th at 7:30 pm in the Rectory. Parents planning to have a baby baptized within the next few months must attend this seminar. Godparents are also invited but do not have to attend.

REBORN IN CHRIST - Justin Thomas Zahor chak was baptized in our parish this past week. We rejoice with his parents and thank God for the gift of new life in our midst.

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES - Our last group of parish children in 2nd grade will be receiving their First Holy Communion at the 4:00 Mass on Saturday, May 12. Please note that pews will be reserved in the front of Church for the First Communicants and their families at each of those Masses. As always, the two front pew will remain open for those who need assistance receiving Communion. We look forward to celebrating this special day with the children and ask you to keep them in your prayers as they anticipate receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time.

AS YOU SENT ME INTO THE WORLD, SO I SENT THEM INTO THE WORLD. - In the creation story we are told that God made human beings "in His image." This doesn't mean that we are exact clones or identical twins of God, but rather that each of us, in light of our unique gifts and characteristics, are created to reflect the vibrant life and loving face of God to others. God's hand in our lives doesn't end in creating us. Throughout our lives God gives us purpose and fills us with the gifts we need to fulfill that purpose. The challenge for us is for us to know ourselves as God knows us. Through prayer and in humility we are invited to see clearly God's will for our lives and all he has provided so that his will and our lives may be complete. God hasn't randomly or thoughtlessly placed us in this world to create a reality for ourselves. He has sent us into the world with a specific task in mind that we might love others and build up his kingdom in the Church, making it ever more Alive! Visit omissionchurchalive.org to learn more and to stay informed.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SOCIAL MINISTRY

BRENTWOOD FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: Our regular monthly canned goods and paper products collection for the food pantry is this weekend. Our donations will be distributed to our neighbors in need on Saturday May 19th. As always, thank you for your generous giving.

CONNECTING WITH OUR HOMEBOUND AND NURSING HOME PARISHIONERS: As St. Sylvester’s works with our new group to strengthen our parish, we want to make sure that all our older parishioners are connected to the parish. If you know of a parishioner who has not been able to get to Mass because of illness or age, please let the Rectory office know and we can reach out to them. In addition, if you know of a parishioner who is now in a nursing home or assisted living facility and they are **not** already receiving a visit from our Ladies of Charity, please let us know that as well. Thanks.

SAM MINISTRY HERE AT ST SYLVESTER? Do you have a heart for this ministry? We all know that we have an addictions crisis in our country and in our neighborhoods. We all know people affected by this and the opioid crisis is especially deadly. Over the last several months we have had the Rosary for Recovery here to bring prayer to this crisis. **Should we do more?** A Substance Addiction Ministry is a ministry of education, prevention, referral and support. The mission is to pray and invite others to pray for those suffering with addiction and their families; to increase awareness through education and to provide a safe confidential place for parishioners and neighbors to turn to for support and referral. To discuss SAM and to consider helping with this ministry call the Social Ministry office.

HELP HOTLINE: Need help in dealing with any type of addiction crisis including an opioid addiction? The Pennsylvania Get Help Now crisis number is **1-800-662-HELP**.

HOPE FOR TODAY: For friends and family of those struggling with an opioid addiction there is a weekly meeting of NAR-ANON every Monday at 6:30PM at Holy Apostles Parish, St. Albert the Great Church Chapel. For more info call 412-884-7744.

CENTERING PRAYER AT ST. SYLVESTER: Following on our introductory workshop, a centering prayer group is meeting here the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7PM in the Rectory meeting room. If you did not get a chance to attend the workshop but want to come to a meeting to learn more, you are most welcome. Call the Social Ministry office for more info.

FILM ON THE NEED FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT: The new documentary film, *The Nuns, the Priests and the Bombs*, will be shown Friday, June 1st at 7PM at St. Winifred Parish in Castle Shannon. The film talks about the urgent need for nuclear disarmament, the destructive power of these weapons and the work people of faith are doing to bring this issue to the public’s attention. There is no charge for the film but a collection will be taken up to promote the film around the country. For more info on other places in the area where the film will be shown call the Social Ministry office.

SOCIAL MINISTRY QUOTE: “We cannot fail to be genuinely concerned by the catastrophic humanitarian and environmental effects of any nuclear device. If we take into account the risk of an accidental detonation as a result of error of any kind, the threat of their use, as well as their very possession, is to be firmly condemned.” Pope Francis

WITH SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS - Sam Cerminaro was buried from our parish this past week. We express our deepest sympathy to his family and offer them our prayers.

ST. SYLVESTER SCHOOL NEWS

You are invited to " Peek into our St Sylvester Preschool and Kindergarten!" Come and visit the teachers and children in action while finding out more about our 2018 - 2019 registration process. Both programs are age appropriate, offering an academic session joining fun with early learning reading, math, science, social studies and religion. Age appropriate objectives allow for the social interaction that is so important at this age level. The academic goals can be seen in their prepared educational environment where something special happens everyday!

Preschool 3 year olds come on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The 4 year old program has several options including a 5 day AM session or a Mon - Wed - Fri full day session. 4 year olds in the full day session may use the Extended Day Program from 2:45 until 6:00 pm that is available to students in K to 8.

Registrations are also being accepted in our K through 8 program with a full or 1/2 day option at the Kindergarten level. Please call 412-882-9900 or email jlong@saintsyvester-school.org for more information or to schedule a school tour. Our website is: www.saintsyvester-school.org

LOOKING FOR A GREAT PRESENT??? - The Lancer Loot Calendar Raffle Ticket "6 packs" are available at the SCRIP Table, school and rectory now. Save \$5 when you buy the July to December number of your choice! If you prefer a set of six that have a different number for each month we have random sets available as well. **6 July to December tickets for \$25.** Our June tickets are still available @\$5 each.

Youth Doings...

ST. SYLVESTER CYM SOFTBALL season opens with two away games. The team plays Saturday, May 19 at 3:00pm at Our Lady of Grace Church and Sunday, May 20 at 2:00pm vs St.

 Gilmary Council #3868
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Grand Knight Bernard Komoroski (412-381-7175)

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP - We invite more men to join us for prayer on Saturday morning after the 8:00am Mass. You need not commit for every week but we ask you to try joining us for Lauds, the morning prayer of the universal Church. For more information call Stan Cook at 412-882-6882.

CONGRATULATIONS - to Connor Downs who achieved High Honor Roll status for the Third Quarter at Central Catholic High School.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

THANK YOU!! to all of the volunteer catechists, aides, hall monitors, substitute catechists and other helpers who share their faith with the children and families of St. Sylvester Parish. May God bless them for their dedication!

Marie Bakowski, Cathy Budd, Tara Cocuzzi, Andrea DeSimone, Judy Dominici, Lynne Golvash, Audrey and Keith Hertrich, Joanna Kail, Julianna Kail, Alee Kelly, Mary Kennedy, Mike Kuhlman, Marie Landon, Josie Mehrenberg, Linda Moffat, Mary Moran, Melanie Ovitsky, Holly Peters, Kara Philips, Stacie Rohrer, Jessica Satler, Mary Lou Schuessler, Jane Stankus, Melaine Taylor, Deacon Andy and Linda White, Kim Winwood, Pat Woods, Dawn Ziegler.

CCD registration for next year will be emailed in early August to all families who attended this year. For more information, contact Mrs. Carolyn Eisenbarth, Dir. of Religious Education at 412-882-8593 X 219 or email ceisenbarth@saintsylvesterparish.org
Have a great summer. See you in Church!

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOWN HALL MEETING - THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC
May 16, 2018 - 6:30 to 9:00pm - Baldwin High School. Join Baldwin-Whitehall School District, MC and alumni Jason Pinkston, former offensive guard with the Cleveland Browns, our community first responders, DEA, and others for an evening of education about warning signs, prevention, and treatment. Hear from local leaders fighting the opioid epidemic: Student Activities & Pain Management, A Parent and Alumni Perspective, Community Action-How You Can Help. Doors open and vendors available at 6:30pm, Speaker Series at 7:00pm, Questions and Answers at 8:30pm. FREE CHILDCARE - Pre-register for childcare at <http://bit.ly/BWTownHall>

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY BOOK STUDY: What is God's design for human love? How can we follow God's plan for our lives and discover who we are? Jason Evert dives into these questions through his new book, *Theology of the Body in One Hour*. The Vocations Office will host a two-part study of this book on June 3 and July 1 at St. Paul Seminary from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Both evenings will include Mass, a BBQ, and a discussion led by Father Mike Ackerman. All young adults (ages 18-40) welcome. No cost. Book provided. Spaces limited. Visit PGHPriest.com for more info and email tsullivan@diopitt.org by May 16 to register.

SAINT PAUL OF THE CROSS RETREAT CENTER is offering a Silent Retreat - Directed or Private. The Directed Retreat is June 4-10. For the Private Retreat you can go anywhere from one day to several days. A Silent Retreat provides the opportunity for a prolonged period of quiet and prayer in the reflective setting of our Retreat Center, Chapel and Monastery Gardens. It includes the daily celebration of the Eucharist and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Rooms with private bathrooms and air conditioning are available. To register or for more information please call the Retreat Center at 412-381-7676.

FOSTER CARE - Do you feel called to help local children in need? Make room in your heart and home by fostering a child. Auberle, a regional Catholic agency that helps build strong families, is looking for people interested in learning more about becoming Foster Parents who provide a safe and loving home for youth removed from their home for safety reasons. This could be as short as respiting a child so Foster Care Parents can take a break or as a long-term placement option. If you are interested in learning more about the Foster Care process, different ways you can help and have questions you need answered, please call Jeanne Burger, Auberle's Foster Parent support at 412-779-0322. Learn more about Auberle's mission of helping children, youth and families across Southwestern Pennsylvania by visiting www.auberle.org

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN (GRG)
Looking for opportunities to share experiences, needs, and support with other GRGs? Available on a monthly basis during the day? Are you open to listening to speakers of issues of importance to GRGs? Please call Sister Georgine Scarpino at 412-422-8020 for more information about GRG Support Groups sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy.

QUO VADIS DAYS: What does it mean to be a Catholic Man? High school men, don't miss Quo Vadis Days, two days dedicated to learning more about the priesthood, deepening your faith, and better discerning God's call in your life. Quo Vadis Days will take place at Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic High School on July 15-16. It will include brotherhood, Mass, sports, adoration, and dynamic talks. All men entering 10th, 11th, 12th grades and freshman year of college are welcome. The retreat costs \$40; assistance is available. To register, visit PGHPriest.com by July 3.

Report for Weekend of May 5-6, 2018		
<i>"No one shall come before the Lord empty handed, but each of you with as much as he can give in portion to the blessings which the Lord, your God, has bestowed upon you." (Deut. 6:17)</i>		
Collection	Envelopes	Amount
Regular Offertory	481	\$10,214.35
School Support	21	\$272.00
Total	502	\$10,486.35
<i>Thank you for your generosity to our parish.</i>		

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For the Week of May 13-19, 2018

Readings for the Week of May 13, 2018

Sunday **The Ascension of the Lord**
 Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or
 Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20

Monday **Saint Matthias, Apostle**
 Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;
 Jn 15:9-17

Tuesday **Saint Isidore**
 Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday **Saint Isidore**
 Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab;
 Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday **Saint Isidore**
 Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8,
 9-10,11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday **Saint John I, Pope and Martyr**
 Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab;
 Jn 21:15-19

Saturday **Saint John I, Pope and Martyr**
 Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7;
 Jn 21:20-25
 Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:
 1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29-30;
 Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
 Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-11, 12-13,
 14-15; Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,
 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-3,
 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jl 3:1-5; Ps104:1-2, 24 and 35,
 27-28, 29-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

Sunday **Pentecost Sunday**
 Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34;
 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23
 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Sunday, May 13		
Monday, May 14	9:30 am	Sr. Dorothy's Art Class Prov. Room
Tuesday, May 15	9:30 am	Sr. Dorothy's Art Class Prov. Room
	1:00 pm	Rosary Church
	3:00 pm	Girl Scouts Prov. Room
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts Church Hall
Wednesday, May 16		
	9:30 am	Sr. Dorothy's Art Class Prov. Room
	7:00 pm	Centering Prayer Rectory
Thursday, May 17		
	9:30 am	Sr. Dorothy's Art Class Prov. Room
	7:30 pm	Baptism Seminar Rectory
Friday, May 18		
Saturday, May 19	8:30 am	Men's Fellowship Rectory

DIOCESAN ABUSE HOTLINE

In the continuing effort to reach out to anyone
 abused in the church, our diocesan church has a
 confidential hotline (1-888-808-1235) for anyone
 who may have been abused to call for support and
 healing.