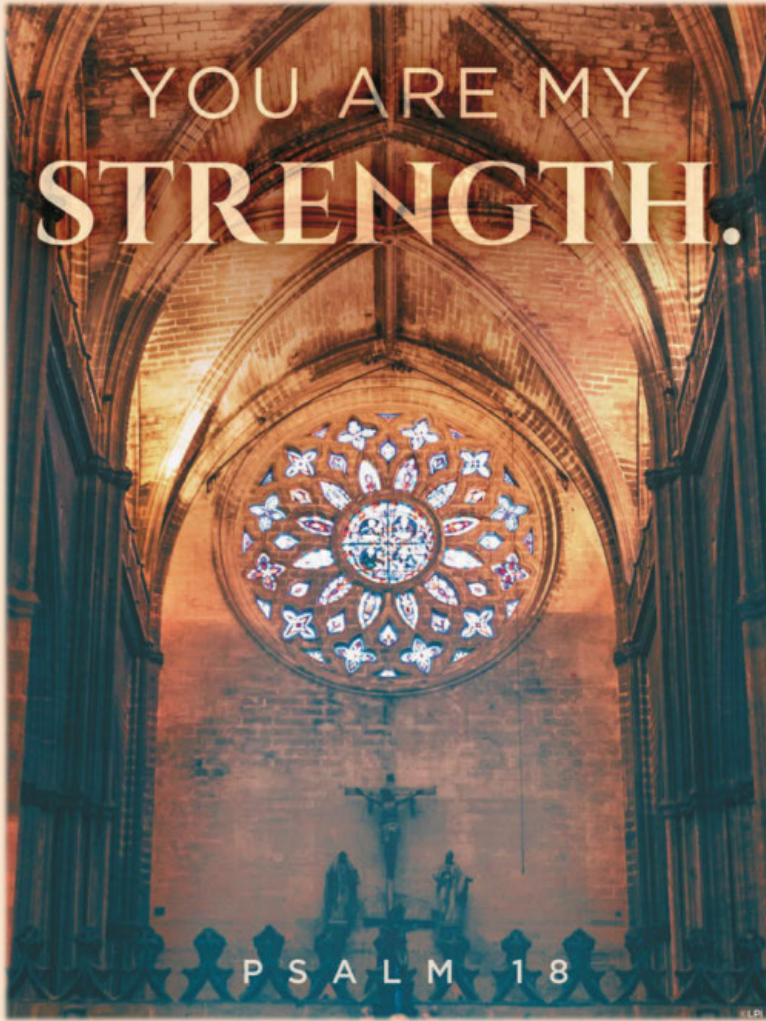


31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 3, 2024



New members are always welcome.
Please call the Parish Office to register.

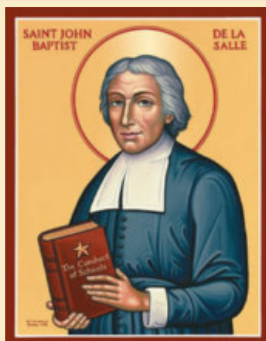
SACRAMENTS

Baptism:
Please contact Ellen Mady at MOS or Joann Giuffre at St. John and St. Mary at the Parish Office four months before the birth of your child.

Reconciliation:
Saturdays at 9:00 AM at MOS and 12:00 NN at St. John;
Tuesdays at 5:00 PM at St. Mary;
OR by appointment.

Marriage:
Please contact Monsignor Michael Begolly in the Parish Office at least one year in advance for information and scheduling.

Holy Communion
for those who are homebound:
Please contact the Parish Office.



St. John Baptist de La Salle

497 Athena Drive
Delmont, PA 15626
(724) 327-0647

Saturday anticipated Mass 4:00 PM
Sunday Mass 11:00 AM



Saint Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes

5900 Kennedy Avenue
Export, PA 15632
(724) 327-0647

Saturday anticipated Mass 6:00 PM
Sunday Mass 9:00 AM



Mother of Sorrows

4202 Old William Penn Highway
Murrysville, PA 15668
(724) 733-8870

Saturday anticipated Mass 4:30 PM
Sunday Masses 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM & 6:00 PM

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WORD OF THE WEEK

Faithful Citizenship ˈfɑːθ-fəl ˈsi-tə-zən-ˈʃɪp

Popular shorthand for the teaching document *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, published by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and drawing from Catholic scripture, tradition, and social teaching. It offers guidance to U.S. Catholics on the political responsibility to participate in their democracy.

Pronunciation: <https://tinyurl.com/Take5-faithful-citizenship>

CONTEXT

In the Catholic tradition, responsible **citizenship** is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation.
—USCCB, Faithful Citizenship

By forming our consciences for **faithful citizenship**, we can better pursue the common good and thus obey the command of our Lord to love our neighbors.
—USCCB, Faithful Citizenship

WHY IT MATTERS

As Pope Francis explains, “Everything, including political life, belongs to Jesus Christ, and so participation in political life belongs to the mission of the Church.” Of course, “The Church cannot and must not replace the State,” says Pope Benedict. “Yet at the same time she cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice.”

From *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*: How can we meet this challenge of forming our consciences? Saint Paul gives us a way: Put on the “mind of Christ” (1 Cor. 2:16). [Step away from media] and “spend time with Holy Scripture and the Blessed Sacrament. . . . Listen in silence. Volunteer at a soup kitchen, a homeless shelter, a crisis pregnancy center. Serve the poor, the needy, the outcast. Pray often.”

RELATED WORDS

Pastoral Letters | Social Responsibility

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What is Catholic decision-making?

Church teaching emphasizes that the common good is an essential component in our decision-making. “The common good is the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfillment more fully and more easily” (CCC, 1906). If this sounds like a huge responsibility, you’re hearing it right. We advance the common good with five principles: defending human life, strengthening families, providing for the disadvantaged, welcoming the immigrant, and protecting the environment. The gravest imperative is to protect life. Direct assaults on life include abortion, capital punishment, euthanasia, genocide, torture, racism, unjust war, and exploitation of creation. The common good also includes ensuring access to healthcare and education, guaranteeing living wages, addressing hunger, encouraging debt relief, ending discrimination, promoting religious freedom, and pursuing peace.

—Alice Camille, from *Questions Catholics Ask* <http://tinyurl.com/QCA-Catholic-decision-making>

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

TUESDAY OF THE THIRTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME,
ELECTION DAY IN THE U.S. (NOVEMBER 5)

Please do not excuse yourself

In the parable of the wealthy man, the guests invited to a great feast send their regrets one by one with pathetic excuses. With the benefit of hindsight, we know those guests made a serious miscalculation and are now missing out on an everlasting banquet. Similarly, an invitation is offered to citizens in the United States each Election Day to exercise their right to vote. Yet, too many people offer weak rationales for not seizing the opportunity to help establish a more perfect union.

READINGS: Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 14:15-24 (486) <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/110524.cfm>. “But one by one, they all began to excuse themselves.”

FAITH IN ACTION

How will future citizens of the world—and, more important, the Creator of the Universe—rate the decisions we’ve made? It’s never too late to accept the invitation to act for justice and peace.

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www.catholicschoolsguide.org



DONUT SUNDAY



Join us at MOS for Donut Sunday after all morning Masses on **Sunday, November 3.**

FUNDRAISER BENEFITING LAND OF PEACE

This weekend, **November 2/3** following all Masses at Mother of Sorrows, Roni Salsa, representing the Bethlehem Christian Families, will be with us to speak about the Christian situation in the Holy Land. Crucifixes, rosaries, and religious articles, all made of olive wood, which is native to the Holy Land, will be available to purchase.

Please browse and buy some articles for a good cause. For more information, please see www.bcfmission.com.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Family Faith Formation will take place **Sunday, November 3** at 4:30 PM or **Wednesday, November 6** at 6:30 PM.

HOLY HALF HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

November 3 through 9 is National Vocations Awareness Week. This week we are encouraged to ask God what He wants for our lives and to pray for others as they discern what God has planned.

Please join us at MOS on **Thursday, November 7** from 3-3:30 PM or 5:30-6 PM to pray for increased vocations to priesthood, religious and marriage.

MOS LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday 11/2

8:00 AM † All Souls Day Mass at St. John
9:00 AM Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 PM † All Souls

Sunday 11/3

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM † All Souls
9:30 AM † All Souls
11:30 AM † All Souls
6:00 PM † All Souls

Monday 11/4

Saint Charles Borromeo

8:00 AM † All Souls
7:00 PM † Mass of Remembrance

Tuesday 11/5

8:00 AM † All Souls

Wednesday 11/6

8:00 AM † All Souls

Thursday 11/7

8:45 AM † All Souls
9:45 AM Eucharistic Adoration
3:00 PM Holy Half Hour for Vocations
5:30 PM Holy Half Hour for Vocations
7:00 PM Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 11/8

8:00 AM † All Souls

Saturday 11/9 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

9:00 AM Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 PM † All Souls

Sunday 11/10 Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM † All Souls
9:30 AM † All Souls
11:30 AM † All Souls
12:30 PM Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
6:00 PM † All Souls

OUR WEEKLY NUMBERS October 26 and 27

Mother of Sorrows

Attendance 1,502

Offertory \$ 32,081.19

Outreach \$ 1,150.00



Diocesan assessments for The Accent and Technology, Catholic Education, Pastoral Healthcare, Property Insurance and Diocesan Support:

\$ 53,801.26

St. John

Attendance 301

Offertory \$ 4,306.00



St. Mary

Attendance 225

Offertory \$ 5,004.65



COLLECTION FOR RETIRED RELIGIOUS

The collection for Retired Religious and Diocesan Priests will be conducted in our Diocese this weekend. Please join in prayerful support and recall the role of religious in your life, the ways that they have nourished your faith and defined and strengthened your values.

We must remain mindful that with continued rising eldercare and daily living costs, many of our religious communities are still facing significant ongoing challenges in providing for the retirement needs of their aging women and men religious.

Please be generous and return your envelope to the Parish Office. Thank you for your support.

ST. JOHN AND ST. MARY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday 11/2

8:00 AM SJ † All Souls

12:00 NN SJ **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

4:00 PM SJ † All Souls

6:00 PM SM † All Souls + First Communion

Sunday 11/3

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM SM † Harry Whyel Jr.
(wife, Theresa & Family)

11:00 AM SJ † Marian O'Leary *(Family)* + Baptism

Monday 11/4 Saint Charles Borromeo

8:30 AM SJ † Gerri & Baldo Long *(Albert Bonati Jr.)*

Tuesday 11/5

8:30 AM SM † Paula Topolosky *(Arlene Quinn)*

12:00 NN SM Eucharistic Adoration

5:00 PM SM **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

6:00 PM SM Benediction and Reposition

7:00 PM SM Mass of Remembrance

Wednesday 11/6

8:05 AM SJ Novena to Our Lady
of Perpetual Help

8:30 AM SJ † Rose 'Elaine' Carbone
(Husband John and Family)

Thursday 11/7

8:10 AM SM St. Joseph Novena

8:30 AM SM † Loretta Thatcher *(Lee & Rose Mediate)*

Friday 11/8

8:30 AM SM † John Mogus *(Daughter Marilyn Mogus)*

Saturday 11/9 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

12:00 NN SJ **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

4:00 PM SJ † Josie Doyle *(Art & Anne Tucke)*

6:00 PM SM For the Parish

Sunday 11/10 Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM SM † Nick Orlic *(Son Nick & Family)*

11:00 AM SJ † Amil DiPadova *(Agnesa DiPadova)*

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

“And ‘to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself’ is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices.” (MARK 12:33)

Of all the gifts that God gives us, the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of our love for Him, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it's more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.

WITH SYMPATHY

We commend to your prayers Georgeanna Spinello and Clara Yerick, who died recently. May God welcome them to the joys of Paradise and bring comfort and peace to their families.

MASSES OF REMEMBRANCE

We will celebrate our annual Mass of Remembrance at MOS on **Monday, November 4** at 7:00 PM and at St. Mary on **Tuesday, November 5** at 7:00 PM. At this Mass we will pray for the souls of the faithful departed and especially the souls of our beloved parishioners who have died this past year.

We especially invite all those grieving the loss of loved ones to join us in praying for the dead. All are welcome.

A PEEK AT THE WEEK...

Sunday

November 3

8:30 AM	MOS	Faith Formation for those with special needs, Ave Maria Room
10:00 AM	SM	Faith Formation, Parish Center
4:00 PM	SJ	Handbell choir, Church
4:30 PM	MOS	Family Faith Formation, Church
7:00 PM	MOS	High School Youth Ministry, Social Hall

Tuesday

November 5 - Food Pantry

10:00 AM	MOS	Staff Meeting, Conference Room
6:30 PM	MOS	Bible Study, Social Hall

Wednesday

November 6

9:30 AM	MOS	Women's Bible Study, Social Hall
12:00 NN	MOS	Christian Mothers and Ladies Guild, Social Hall
6:30 PM	MOS	Family Faith Formation, Church
6:30 PM	MOS	Finance Council, Conference Room

Thursday

November 7

6:30 PM	MOS	Pastoral Council, Conference Room
7:00 PM	MOS	Walking with Moms meeting, Social Hall

Friday

November 8

9:00 AM	SM	Women of Faith, Social Hall
9:00 AM	MOS	Legion of Mary, Ave Maria Room
9:00 AM	MOS	Centering Prayer, Madonna Room

Saturday

November 9

7:00 AM	SM	Catholic Men's Fellowship, Social Hall
9:00 AM	MOS	Men's Renewal Group, Ave Maria Room

Sunday

November 10

8:30 AM	MOS	Faith Formation for those with special needs, Ave Maria Room
10:00 AM	SM	Faith Formation, Parish Center
4:00 PM	MOS	Middle School Youth Ministry, Social Hall
7:00 PM	MOS	High School Youth Ministry, Social Hall

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Every year the diocese requests parishes to submit attendance numbers for weekend Masses during the month of October. Why October? Because by then, summer vacations are over, kids are back in school and Mass attendance pretty much reflects the average weekly attendance as seen throughout the year (excluding holy days, summer vacation and special celebrations).

A review of the numbers for the past several years seems to indicate that we do not need the number of Masses that we currently have, according to the diocesan *Guidelines for Evaluating the Quality and Number of Sunday Masses*.

Average Oct. Attendance

		St. Mary	St. John	MOS			St. Mary	St. John	MOS
2023	Sat.	4:00		160	2024	Sat.	4:00		132
		4:30		321			4:30		325
		6:00	52			6:00	64		
	Sun.	7:30		221	Sun.	7:30			204
		9:00	140			9:00	171		
		9:30		335		9:30			417
		11:00		108		11:00		86	
		11:30		256		11:30			280
		6:00		231		6:00			265

This document notes that “in the early days of the Church, the community came together under one roof to celebrate the Eucharist on the Lord’s Day. In this way, by sharing together the one Bread and the one Cup, the community was joined together as the one Body of Christ. Only when the ideal of one Eucharistic assembly became impractical or impossible as the community grew in size did it become necessary for the community to divide into smaller assemblies, and thus to multiply Masses on the Lord’s Day.”

“Over the centuries the multiplication of Masses became a growing problem and even an abuse in some places. When permission was granted to allow the Saturday evening Mass, many parishes simply added extra Masses for convenience, rather than for the real need of the community or for the sense of unity that is celebrated in the Eucharist. In general, Masses were added to the weekend schedule to provide more opportunities for people to participate in Sunday Eucharist. In some cases, the proliferation of Masses, accompanied by shifts in population and the declining number of clergy, has become detrimental to the unity envisioned in the celebration of the Sunday Eucharist.”

With this in mind, I have begun a consultation with staff and members of the Pastoral and Finance councils of our three parishes to examine the weekend Mass schedule. After this, I will consult with Bishop Kulick and hope to announce a decision at the beginning in December regarding the Mass schedule for the new year.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS
SCHEDULE**

If you did not receive an email with the Liturgical Minister Schedule for November and December, please contact Joann at 412-327-0647. The schedules are also located in the back of the church.

**SUPPORT MINISTRY
FOR WIDOWS**

Support Ministry is a group of widows who have experienced a deep loss. The group gathers monthly to share a meal, have conversation and build friendships. All widows who have lost a spouse are welcome. The next luncheon will be held at North Park Lounge in Murrysville on **November 9** at 1:00 PM. Please RSVP to Sandy Martin by calling 724-787-9305 or at sandymartin112@gmail.com.



The Delmont Christmas Pilgrimage needs your help this holiday season!

When: 3-hour shifts on Saturday, December 7 (4:30-9:30 PM) & Sunday, December 8 (1:30-7:30 PM).



Volunteer opportunities include:

- **Speaking & non-speaking Actors** to portray Christmas-story characters in our live, walk-through nativity.
- **Bus Guides** to ride on shuttle buses, greet guests, answer questions, & sing Christmas carols.
- **Path Guides** to lead visitors on the outdoor live nativity walk-through at Shields Farm in Delmont.
- Help is also needed with **costume prep, baking cookies, assisting those in wheelchairs, & more.**

I want to help. How do I volunteer?

▶ Scan the QR code to submit your contact information online. We will follow up with you!

I want to learn more before I commit.

▶ That's okay too! Please scan the QR code, enter your inquiry & info, & we will follow up!



Call (724) 454-1535 with questions.

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WOMEN OF FAITH

The next gathering will take place on **Friday, November 8** at 9:00 AM in St. Mary Social Hall. Moms and small children are welcome. Please contact Emily Kelly at emilykelly98@yahoo.com for more information.

HANDBELL CHOIR

Handbell choir will meet Sunday, **November 3** at 4:00 PM and **Tuesday, November 12** at 7:00 PM at St. John Church.



In need of material assistance? Contact the St. John St. Mary St. Vincent DePaul Conference. Call (724) 575-9888

ONLINE GIVING OPTION NOW AVAILABLE, VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE

www.stjohnstmary.net

PARISH RECEPTIONIST NEEDED

St. Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Export is seeking a part time Parish Receptionist, 4 hours per day, Monday through Thursday. Responsibilities include welcoming visitors, answering the phone, scheduling Masses, collection posting and coordinating calendar events. Qualifications include strong interpersonal, communication and computer skills, including Microsoft Office. Please send a letter of interest and resume to Karen Munson at kmunson@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

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 - GINGERBREAD COOKIES
 - SUGAR COOKIES
 - LADY LOCKS
 - OATMEAL COOKIES
 - SNICKERDOODLES
 - THUMBPRINTS



@Dina-Colangelo
last 4 of cell 1244



venmo

**Orders will be taken after weekend masses
Nov 24th & Dec 1st or Venmo \$25 to the
attached QR code with the message "cookies".**

**Pick up date:
Dec 22nd from 10am-1pm @ St John's Social Hall**

Contact Dina Colangelo to volunteer or for more info
dina.colangelo@gmail.com or cell 410-300-1244

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers at St. John Church this weekend were donated in memory of Marian O'Lear.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED:

Persona Christi:
The Catholic Priesthood

The Catholic priesthood comes to us from Jesus Christ. Building on this pattern of priesthood from Old Testament times, Jesus chose twelve men to act in His place as priests of the new and everlasting covenant. This film explores the essential nature and theology of the sacred priesthood.



BOOMERS AND BEYOND

Join us on **Tuesday, November 12** at 11:30 AM in the Mother of Sorrows Parish Social Hall for a presentation on “Westmoreland County Area Agency on Aging” presented by Danielle McMahan, Aging Care Manager, Westmoreland County Area Agency on Aging.

The Westmoreland County Area Agency on Aging has been providing services and opportunities to older adults since 1967, yet many are unaware of the services offered. Danielle McMahan will be discussing general benefits available for older adults in Westmoreland County

Boomers and Beyond is a ministry serving the ‘baby boomers’ and all adults of Mother of Sorrows Parish and the surrounding communities. Lunch and learn sessions are held on the second Tuesday of each month. Topics are varied and reservations are not required. Participants are encouraged to bring a ‘brown bag’ lunch and a friend.



THANK YOU

The Catholic Charities database includes 600 teenagers in need throughout our diocese, however, these students are too old for most Giving Tree type

programs. We all know that teens do not wear coats, but they do wear hoodies. We have helped to keep these teens warm with **our collection of 115 hoodies** for the Catholic Charities Hoodies for Teens program. We have also let these students know that we care about them and we stand by them. Thank you so very much for taking the time to think of a teen and to buy a hoodie.

MERRY MITTENS



The holidays are approaching and we are getting ready for the Merry Mittens program - gifts to be given to the children of our Food Pantry families and to residents of local nursing homes.

Tags will be available at all Masses on November 9 and 10. Please take a tag, purchase one or more gifts listed on the tag, and return the unwrapped gifts to the deck boxes by November 24.

If you are not able to pick up a tag, you may still participate by buying something for a child or an elderly nursing home resident. We will make sure that it goes to someone in need.



All parishioners of St. Mary, St. John and MOS are invited to come and see how the Walking with Moms group supports moms in our parishes and in our communities. A meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 7** at 7:00 PM in the Mother of Sorrows Social Hall

HIGH SCHOL YOUTH MINISTRY



Last Sunday, Deacon Brandon Feikles spoke to us on discerning the vocation that God has planned for us and then shared his personal story of how he felt called to become a priest. We also had some fun by playing musical chairs and dining on Toaster Strudel and Pop Tarts! We concluded the evening with some time in adoration in the Eucharistic Chapel, as Deacon Brandon led us in prayer for our vocations.

All High School Youth are invited to join us on **Sunday, November 3** for the second annual Team Saint Scavenger Hunt! Bring your friends for a great time as the teams compete for the glory of first place.

On **Sunday, November 10**, we will return to our study of the catechism with *God's Salvation: Law and Grace*. God gives us His Law to guide us and His Grace to sustain us as we work out our salvation. Jacob will lead us in a night of teaching and discussion, food and fun, so please join us from **7:00-9:00 PM** in the lower narthex

A promotional poster for an Open House event. At the top left, it says "GCC" in large white letters, with "GREENSBURG CENTRAL CATHOLIC" underneath. To the right is a crest with a shield and a banner that says "SOLI DEO GLORIA". The main image shows two young women in school uniforms smiling and talking. At the bottom, it says "OPEN HOUSE" in large yellow letters, followed by "SUN • NOV 3 • 1-3 PM" in white. Below that, it says "PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS • 7-11 GRADE" and "» LEARN MORE" in white.

MEN'S RETREAT

All men of MOS, St. John and St. Mary are invited to the annual Men's Retreat **November 15-17** at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center in Pittsburgh. This year's theme is Pilgrims of Hope. For more information, contact Kevin Bohner at 724-327-5457. To register, please visit stpaulsretreatcenter-pittsburgh.org.



VOCATION VOCABULARY

BROTHER

Men who belong to a religious community and promise to serve the Church in a special way for life (unlike a priest, they do not administer sacraments).

DEACON

An ordained minister who may preach the Gospel, teach, baptize, lead prayers, witness marriages and conduct wake and funeral services. A married man can become a deacon if he is over the age of 35.

DIOCESAN PRIEST

Priest ordained to serve in one particular diocese, or area of the Church overseen by a bishop or archbishop.



MONK

A member of a men's religious community who lives a life of prayer in a monastery.

ORDINATION

Ceremony for men who have fulfilled all the requirements to become a priest; they receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

PRIEST

Men who offer leadership and service to the Church and administer the sacraments to God's people.

SEMINARY

School specializing in classes for students who are studying to become a priest (seminarians).



MOTHER HOUSE

The main home/headquarters for sisters.

NUN

Women in religious orders (sisters) living a cloistered (secluded) life of prayer in a monastery.

NOVIATE

Time of intense spiritual formation in which candidates (often called novices) learn about the community they want to join.

SISTER

Woman who takes vows to serve God in a special way, such as teachers, doctors, parish workers.

MONASTERY

Home of monks or nuns devoted to prayer.

PERPETUAL VOWS

Promise made to commit oneself as a priest, sister or brother for the rest of one's life.

RELIGIOUS ORDER/ CONGREGATION

National or international group of priests, sisters or brothers who take vows to serve the Lord in a special way, such as teaching or missionary work.

TEMPORARY VOWS

Promise a man or woman makes to spend a period of trial and testing with a religious order.



SACRAMENTAL MARRIAGE

A covenant between a baptized man and woman that establishes a partnership of the whole life, which is ordered toward the good of the spouses and procreation and education of offspring.

APPEAL FOR TYPHOON RELIEF

Recently, the Philippines, especially the home province of Fr. Jay Jacinto, was ravaged by a devastating typhoon, leaving a trail of destruction and despair. Many homes were submerged underwater, including the home of Fr. Jay's mother and sister. The worst flooding in the history of Naga City and the Archdiocese of Caceres has claimed precious lives and displaced countless families with their livelihood shattered.

Rescue relief and operations are ongoing, as people urgently need food, water, clothing and shelter. Your generous support in this appeal is greatly appreciated. Every contribution counts, bringing hope and relief to affected communities. Donations can be made via WeShare by visiting motherofsorrowschurch.org and clicking on "Giving" and then "WeShare." Donations can also be made in the Parish Office. May God bless and protect our brothers and sisters in need.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at Mother of Sorrows on **Thursday, November 7 from 9:45 AM until 7:00 PM.**

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary will take place on **Tuesdays** from 12:00 NN until 6:00 PM.



BIBLE STUDY

Join us on **Tuesday, November 5** at 6:30 PM in the Ave Maria Room at Mother of Sorrows Parish for "Lectio Eucharist," a video and discussion-based Bible study that focuses on our Scriptural understanding of the Eucharist. All are welcome!

THANK YOU

A huge Thank You to all those who decorated a trunk or donated candy for Trunk or Treat. The event was a great success and we could not have done it without the participation of our parishioners.



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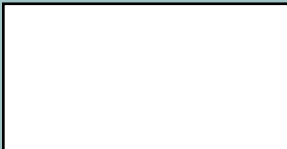
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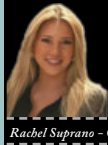
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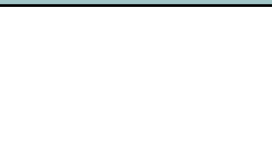
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