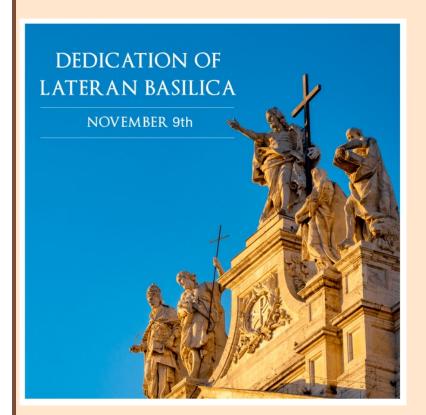
## **32ND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**



#### **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.

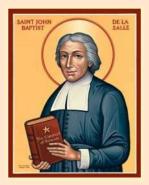
Reconciliation:
Saturdays at 9:00 AM at MOS
and 12:00 NN at St. John;
Tuesdays at 5:00 PM at St. Mary;
OR by appointment.

#### 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.

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



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

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

#### Sunday, Nov 09, 2025

#### The Lord's living house

How often, when we speak of church, we have to clarify whether we mean the faith community or the building where that community gathers. The fact that the memorial of the dedication of the Church of St. John Lateran today replaces even the Sunday liturgy reminds us that our faith reaches into the clay from which we are made. We celebrate this building—the pope's own cathedral, the mother of all churches—remembering that human beings need things that appeal to the senses to remind us of spiritual values. Saint Augustine says that when the community of faith gathers "they are hewn out, as it were, from mountains and forests, like stones and timber; but by catechizing, baptism, and instruction they are . . . shaped, squared, and planed by the hands of the workers and artisans" and finally are made into a house for the Lord, "fitted together through love."

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22 (671). "Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"

#### Monday, Nov 10, 2025

#### Called to account

It's easy to fall into the habit of blaming others when things go wrong. But Jesus challenges us to take responsibility for our own actions. At the same time, Jesus calls us to hold each other accountable: "If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him" (Luke 17:3). There's a tension here—justice and mercy—but they go hand in hand. For Saint Augustine forgiveness is a great gift we can give to others and ourselves: "There are many kinds of alms, the giving of which helps us to obtain pardon for our sins; but none is greater than that by which we forgive from our heart a sin that someone has committed against us." Avoid blame and focus on accountability and mercy, two sides of divine love.

Wisdom 1:1-7; Luke 17:1-6 (491). "Wisdom is a kindly spirit, yet she acquits not the blasphemer of his guilty lips."

#### Tuesday, Nov 11, 2025

#### A soldier of Christ

If conscientious objectors had a patron saint, it would be Saint Martin of Tours (316/317-397). Though Martin was born into a military family and named after Mars, the god of war, his conversion to Christianity led him to renounce military service and dedicate his life to the gospel. "I am a soldier of Christ," he said. "I cannot fight." Such a decision, then and now, is never easy for a soldier to make and, depending on the time or place, could lead to imprisonment (as it did for Martin), physical punishment, even death. As we rightly honor all those who have given military service to their country today, let us also remember those who have chosen to fulfill a different duty.

MEMORIAL OF MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP; VETERANS DAY

Wisdom 2:23–3:9; Luke 17:7-10 (492). "When you have done all you have been commanded, say, '... we have done what we were obliged to do."

#### Wednesday, Nov 12, 2025

#### Love rules

Jesus asks a good question in the story about the 10 lepers he cleansed after only one returned to offer thanks: Where were the other nine? We can only imagine they were off doing exactly what Jesus told them to do: showing themselves to the priests, a Jewish

ritual prescribed for the healing of leprosy. The tenth man, a Samaritan, wasn't bound by Jewish law. So he was free to return and thank the Lord. When it comes to leading a virtuous life, it's always a safe bet to follow the law, but not at the expense of the good news of God's saving love. Christ's whole purpose for becoming human was to teach us that lesson. Remember that the next time you use church law as a crutch or a cudgel instead of a path that leads to the abundant love of Christ.

Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19 (493). "Desire therefore my words; long for them and you shall be instructed."

#### Thursday, Nov 13, 2025

#### Good deeds build the Kingdom

The word *kingdom*, found in the frequently used New Testament phrase "kingdom of God," comes from the Greek *basileia*, meaning "kingdom," "reign," or most literally "foundation." Jesus laid God's foundation among us, and Christians continue to build on that foundation through lives of love and service. Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850-1917) desired to build her life on Christ: "Convert me, Jesus," she wrote in her diary, "for if you do not make me a saint, I will not know how to work in your vineyard." God's kingdom comes each time we do the right thing—fight a just cause, serve the needs of our community, follow God's command to forgive and show mercy. Without a desire to do God's will, we will, in the words of Mother Cabrini, "end by betraying God's interests, instead of rendering them successful."

MEMORIAL OF FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI Wisdom 7:22b–8:1; Luke 17:20-25 (494). "Behold, the Kingdom of God is among you."

#### Friday, Nov 14, 2025

#### Prepare for final approach

Old cathedrals preserve images of a sea of flames in which men and women are paying the penalty for their dissolute living. Replace the word "penalty" with "preparation," and the idea of a "place" where souls are sent with the concept of a "process." That comes closer to how the church speaks of purgatory today. Purgatory is a process whereby each soul is prepared for glory. If God is Love, then anything unloving or unyielding in our spirits must be surrendered before approaching final union with the Lord. Start the winnowing process now and let go of all that isn't heaven ready.

Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37 (495). "Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses it will save it."

#### Saturday, Nov 15, 2025

#### Science and religion: let's talk

As scientists probe ever more deeply into the mysteries of life, some people of faith feel threatened by the new terrain being traversed. But rather than retreat from the field, believers do well to bring their faith and ethics to the dialogue. We can turn to Saint Albert the Great (1193/1206-80) for inspiration. Albert was a Dominican friar and priest famous for his advocacy of the peaceful coexistence of science and religion. Tutor to Saint Thomas Aquinas, Albert brought Aristotle out of the shadows of the Dark Ages and ushered in the modern era of scientific inquiry. If we believe that God is Lord of all creation, we have nothing to fear from the exploration of the mysteries of that creation.

MEMORIAL OF ALBERT THE GREAT, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Luke 18:1-8 (496). "They beheld stupendous wonders."





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We commend to your prayers Cheri Acita and Dorothy Migliozzi, who died recently.

May God welcome them to the joys of Paradise and bring comfort and peace to their families.

#### THANK YOU

The Christian Mothers and Ladies Guild would like to thank our parishioners for the overwhelming response to our birthday card request for the Meals on Wheels project. It was a great success!

## HOLY HOUR FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD

Please join us for a time in prayer with and for those who have lost a child from miscarriage to losing an adult child. All are welcome on **Thursday, November 13** at 5:00 PM at Mother of Sorrows Church as we remember our beloved children and trust them to the mercy and love of God.

#### **THANK YOU**

We received a letter from Roni Salsa, representative of Land of Peace and Bethlehem Christian Families expressing appreciation to Mother of Sorrows Parish. The sales of the olive wood carvings totaled \$12,345.00.

"Thank you for your support in helping us and our brothers and sisters in Christ with compassion, dignity and respect, especially during these challenging times. May you be blessed abundantly by God's grace."

## MOS LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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Saturday	11/08	
9:00 AM		Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 PM	*	All Souls
Sunday	11/09	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
7:30 AM	*	All Souls
9:30 AM	*	All Souls + Sacrament of Baptism
11:30 AM	*	All Souls
12:30 PM		Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
6:00 PM	*	All Souls
Monday	11/10	
8:00 AM	*	Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary (Legion of Mary)
Tuesday	11/11	Saint Martin of Tours
8:00 AM	*	Deceased Members of the Martinelli Family (Mary Rose Martinelli)
Wednesday	y 11/19	Saint Josaphat
8:00 AM	*	Tom Sweeney (Family)
Thursday	11/13	Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini
Thursday 9:00 AM	11/13 †	Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini Patricia Mathews (Joan Lake)
9:00 AM		Patricia Mathews (Joan Lake)
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#### **OUR WEEKLY NUMBERS**

#### MOTHER OF SORROWS November 1 and 2

Attendance 1,800 Offertory \$ 41,860.61 Outreach \$ 6,263.00



Diocesan Assessments for The Accent and Technology, Catholic Education, Healthcare, Property Insurance and Diocesan Support: \$ 30,660.00

#### November 1 and 2 St. John

Attendance 321 Offertory \$ 7,965.39



#### St. Mary

Attendance 201 Offertory \$ 7,381.56



#### STEWARDSHIP NOTES

"Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells within you?"

1 Corinthians 3:16

Simply remembering that we are "temples of the Holy Spirit" should make our daily decision making relatively easy. If we truly want to imitate Jesus, then our words and actions should reflect the love, mercy, and forgiveness that flow from His Sacred Heart. Try it for one week. Try to remember that we temples of the Holy Spirit and see how it affects the way that you live.

# COLLECTION FOR RETIRED RELIGIOUS

## A PEEK AT THE WEEK...

Sunday		November 9
8:30 AM	MOS	Faith Formation for those with special needs, Ave Maria Room
4:30 PM	MOS	Family Faith Formation, Social Hall
7:00 PM	MOS	High School Youth Ministry, Social Hall
Tuesday		November 11
10:00 AM	MOS	Staff Meeting, Conference Room
11:30 AM	MOS	Boomers and Beyond, Social Hall
1:00 PM		Support Ministry, Fortune Kitchen
6:00 PM	MOS	Virtus Training, Social Hall
6:30 PM	MOS	MOS Outreach, Conference Room
Wednesday		November 12
9:30 AM	MOS	Women's Bible Study, Ave Maria Room
6:30 PM	MOS	Family Faith Formation, Social Hall
7:00 PM	MOS	Choir Rehearsal, lower narthex
Friday		November 14
9:00 AM	MOS	Centering Prayer, Madonna Room
Saturday		November 15
7:00 AM	SM	Catholic Men's Fellowship, St. Mary Social Hall
9:00 AM	MOS	Men's Renewal Group, Ave Maria Room
7:00 PM	MOS	Square Dancing, Social Hall
Sunday		November 16
8:30 AM	MOS	Faith Formation for those with special needs, Ave Maria Room
10:30 AM	MOS	Baptism Preparation, Ave Maria Room
4:30 PM	MOS	First Holy Communion Sacramental Prep Social Hall
4:30 PM	MOS	Becoming Catholic, lower narthex
7:00 PM	MOS	High School Youth Ministry, lower narthex

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.

#### **FAITH FORMATION**

Faith Formation will meet beginning with the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Mary on Sunday, **November 9, 16** and **23.** 

#### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

The next Sacramental Preparation session for St. John and St. Mary students will take place **Wednesday**, **November 12** at 6:30 PM.

#### SUPPORT MINISTRY FOR WIDOWS

Support Ministry welcomes recent widows or those who have been widowed for many years.

All widows are invited to join us on **Tuesday, November 11** at 1:00 PM at Fortune Kitchen in the Shop and Save Plaza. Please RSVP to Sandy Martin at *sandymartin112@gmail.com or* 724-787-9305.

#### PINE BRANCHES NEEDED

St. John Parish is in need of fresh cut pine branches that will be used to build their Advent wreath that will be placed at the entrance of St. John Church.

Branches are needed the week of **November 14 through November 21**. Please call Bob Stackiewicz at 724–708–7832. Volunteers would be glad to pick up the branches.

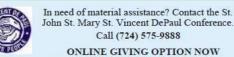
#### FUNERAL MINISTERS NEEDED

Are you looking for a meaningful way to fill your time, just once in a while?

Consider becoming a Funeral Minister. St. John and St. Mary are in need of sacristans, greeters, lectors and altar servers to help at parish funerals. Training will be provided. If you are interested in joining this fulfilling ministry, please call the Parish Office at 724–327-0647.

# ST. JOHN AND ST. MARY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday 11/08				
12:00 NN SJ	11/00	Sacrament of Reconciliation		
4:00 PM SJ	<b>\rightarrow</b>	Anne Dunn (Jim Dunn & Family)		
Sunday	11/09	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica		
9:00 AM SM	*	Rose Orlic (Lance Orlic)		
11:00 AM SJ		For the Parish		
Monday	11/10	Saint Leo the Great		
8:30 AM SM	*	Art DeSabatine (Bill & Lee Anderson)		
Tuesday	11/11	Saint Martin of Tours		
8:30 AM SJ	*	Marge & Carmen Costa (Jean Tomkovicz)		
12:00 NN SM		Eucharistic Adoration		
5:00 PM SM		Sacrament of Reconciliation		
6:00 PM SM		Benediction and Reposition		
Wednesday	11/12	Saint Josaphat		
8:05 AM SM		Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help		
8:30 AM SM	*	Paula Topolosky (Mike Aducci)		
Thursday	11/13			
8:10 AM SJ		St. Joseph Novena		
8:30 AM SJ	*	Angelo & Ida Bortot ( <i>Bonati Family</i> )		
Friday	11/14			
8:30 AM SM	*	Nick DePasquale (Wife & Family)		
Saturday	11/15			
12:00 NN SJ		Sacrament of Reconciliation		
4:00 PM SJ		For the Parish		
Sunday	11/16	Thirty-Third Sunday		
Sunday		in Ordinary Time		
9:00 AM SM 11:00 AM SJ	* *	in Ordinary Time Linda Wesley (Diane & Shawn Lynch) Sacrament of Baptism Stephen "Kip" Paha, Jr. (Maureen Zufall & Family)		



ONLINE GIVING OPTION NOW AVAILABLE, VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE

www.stjohnstmary.net



#### ST. JOHN AND ST. MARY CHRISTMAS ANGEL GIVING TREES

The Christmas Angel Giving Trees will be displayed **November 15 and 16**. The trees will have tags for you to take to purchase gifts for others who need a little help this year.

The tag will display the normal pertinent information: boy or girl, wish list, sizes, etc. It will also let you know if the gifts should be wrapped or just put into gift bags. Please make sure that you remove price tags from gifts.

Please return the gifts by the return date listed on the tag so that the gifts can be delivered to the different centers. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Regina Schrello at 724-468-8165, Cindy Woods at 724-561-7467, Joan Barone at 724-461-7146, or Patty Zaccagnini at 412-915-7844. Thank you for your generosity.



# LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

We are excited to announce that our parish will begin offering Liturgy of the Word for Children during Sunday Mass.

This special celebration helps our young parishioners hear and understand God's Word in a way that speaks to our hearts. Children are invited to gather before the readings to hear the readings and Gospel proclaimed in words they can understand. They will return to the assembly for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Let your children grow in faith and love for the Word of God! All children 4 years old to 2nd grade are invited to join the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month during the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Mary, beginning November 23.



Once again, the St. John and St. Mary Community Outreach Committee will be joining with the Lamplighter Restaurant to provide meals to local families in need for Thanksgiving. Each meal costs \$20. If you are able to assist, please purchase a meal the weekends of Nov 8th/9th and Nov 15th/ 16th after the Masses at St. Mary and St. John



## FUNDRAISER ATTENTION HOLY ROLLERS! WE NEED YOU:

WE WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP ROLL AND BAKE THE REMAINING COOKIES NEEDED FOR OUR ALL 3 PARISHES COOKIE FUNDRAISER. JOIN US DEC 13TH @ 8AM AT ST JOHN'S SOCIAL HALL.

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

ANNUAL MOS, SJ & SM Christmas



## FUNDRAISER ATTENTION ALL BAKERS! WE NEED YOU:

FOR OUR COOKIE FUNDRAISER WE ARE ASKING FOR BAKED DONATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF COOKIES:

CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES PEANUT BUTTER BLOSSOMS SUGAR COOKIES LADY LOCKS SNICKERDOODLES THUMBPRINTS CHOCOLATE COOKIES



\*WE NEED YOUR HELP BY BAKING A MINIMUM OF 4 DOZEN OF ANY OF THE COOKIES LISTED. PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT TYPE OF COOKIES YOU ARE MAKING SO WE CAN KEEP TRACK ON A MASTER LIST. \*YOU CAN VOLUNTEER FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR HOME.

\*YOU CAN USE YOUR OWN RECIPE OR WE CAN PROVIDE ONE. \*BAKING SHOULD HAPPEN BEFORE 12/19/25

\*YOU CAN BAKE THEM FRESH FOR 12/19 OR WE CAN MEET YOU IN ADVANCE AND WE'LL FREEZE THEM AT ST JOHN'S SOCIAL HALL WALK-IN-FREEZER.

\*PLEASE BRING THE COOKIES IN A CONTAINER OR WRAPPED IN SOMETHING THAT YOU DOES NOT NEED TO BE RETURNED. IF YOU HAVE TIME, PLEASE BAG THE COOKIES IN QUANTITIES OF 6 THAT WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED.

\*ASSEMBLY OF PLATTERS OCCURS THE MORNING OF 12/20(IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN ASSEMBLING, THAT IS A SEPARATE SIGNUP)

Contact Vicki McGuire to volunteer or for more info email xmascookiefundraiser@gmail.com or cell 412-848-6821

#### **HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW**

The Christian Mothers and Ladies Guild Holiday Craft Show will be held in the MOS Social Hall on Saturday, December 6 from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM and on Sunday, December 7 from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. The show will feature 50 crafters, Chinese Auction gift baskets and door prizes. Admission is free and refreshments will be sold.





Mother of Sorrows, St. John and St. Mary Parishes are now subscribed to FORMED, a Catholic Streaming Platform, and now so can you!

Go to <u>formed.org/</u>individuals and simply enter your email address, search for "Mother of Sorrows," and you will have access to countless hours of movies, documentaries, Bible studies, devotionals, children's TV shows and more.

#### This week on FORMED:

Foretold From the beginning, God had a plan to save man from sin. With Jesus, that plan was fulfilled. But he also has a specific plan for you. Watch Foretold to rediscover God's providential love for you.

#### Information for Parish Volunteers Regarding Clearances

The Diocese of Greensburg has set forth clearance requirements for individuals who volunteer at Parishes throughout the Diocese. The following clearances must be renewed every five years: FBI Fingerprint Check, Affidavit, Pennsylvania Criminal History Clearance, Pennsylvania Child Abuse Clearance and Virtus Protecting God's Children Training.

There are over 240 volunteers in our Parishes who will need to update their clearances before the end of 2025. We are making every effort to simplify this process by having in-person training classes, having a notary available at the Mother of Sorrows Parish office, and meeting with individuals to assist with the renewal process. Both the Virtus Training and Mandate Reporter Training can be completed on line or at an in-person training session.

The last in-person class for Virtus Training for 2025 will be this Tuesday, **November 11**, at 6:00 PM in the Mother of Sorrows in the Social Hall. You can register for this class by logging into your Virtus account, click on 'Training,' click on 'Pre-register for an upcoming live training session in your area,' enter your phone number, click in the circle for Mother of Sorrows and click on 'Submit Registration." Please note that if your Clearances have expired or are expiring, you will receive an email regarding how to renew them. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Linda Kuchar at <code>lkuchar@dioceseofgreensburg.org</code>.



Almighty God, thank you that you can satisfy our every desire and need. Hear our prayer of thanks for our veterans who made great sacrifices on our behalf. We ask that you would bless them and meet their needs. We pray that you would give them peace when they suffer from past trauma. We acknowledge the debt of gratitude that we owe them for the freedom of our country. Lord, bless them and keep them, make your face shine upon them. Turn your face towards them and give them peace. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.



#### **MOS OUTREACH**



Tags for our Merry Mittens program were distributed last weekend. Please purchase one or more of the gifts listed on the tag

and return the unwrapped gifts to the deck boxes by **November 19**.

If you were 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.

#### MEN'S RETREAT

Do you need some time away to "go up the mountain" and pray always and all ways with Jesus? A group of men from Mother of Sorrows, St. John and St. Mary parishes will be spending a weekend retreat at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center, on the Southside slopes Pittsburgh, from **November 21 to 23, 2025**.

There will be presentations and workshops, as well as daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, group prayer, time for confessions, as well as time for your own quiet prayer and reflection in a beautiful setting with excellent meals. For more information, or to register, visit <a href="https://passionistsspiritualplaces.org/st-paul-of-the-cros">https://passionistsspiritualplaces.org/st-paul-of-the-cros</a> or contact Kevin Bohner at 412-580-6811.

## **SQUARE DANCING**



Join us for an evening of square dancing on Saturday, November 15 at 7:00 PM in the

Mother of Sorrows Social Hall.

Dances are always taught, so no previous experience is required. Bring your favorite snack or beverage to share. The suggested donation is \$10 per family or \$4 per person.

#### **BOOMERS AND BEYOND**

Join us on **Tuesday, November 11** at 11:30 AM in the Mother of Sorrows Parish Social Hall for a presentation on "Alcohol and Alcohol-Use Disorders" presented by Sabato Stile, MD and Michael Flaherty, PhD.

The presentation will discuss trends in alcohol and other substance use, the impact of use on the brain, healthy vs. problematic alcohol use and alcohol use disorders. It will also focus on treatment, recovery and community strategies to help individuals and families affected by alcohol and other substance use disorders.

Sabato Stile, MD, is a board-certified psychiatrist and Michael Flaherty, Phd, is a clinical psychologist. Both have extensive clinical experience helping individuals and families affected by substance use disorders.

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 gather at 11:30 AM and are encouraged to bring a 'brown bag' lunch and a friend. Presentations follow from 12:00 - 1:00 PM.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**



Congratulations to the McPherson Family on the baptism of Josephine Gloria. May she grow strong and always know that she is a beloved child of God.

Congratulations to Don and Joann Merola, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last weekend. May God continue to bless them and their family and may they have many more happy and healthy years together.



#### **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**

Family Faith Formation will take place on **Sunday**, **November 9** at 4:30 PM and on **Wednesday**, **November 12** at 6:30 PM in the MOS Social Hall.

# FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION SESSION

A First Holy Communion Preparation Session for MOS students will take place **Sunday, November 16** at 4:30 PM or on **Wednesday, November 19** at 6:30 PM in the MOS Social Hall.

#### **BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS**

If you are planning to have your baby baptized at MOS, St. John or St. Mary, join us for our upcoming Baptism Preparation Class on **Sunday, November 16** at 10:30 AM in the Ave Maria Room at Mother of Sorrows Parish.

#### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Last Sunday, Lisa Martinelli came to talk to the teens about the opportunity to be catechists for students with special needs. She explained the role they can play in preparing these students to receive their Sacraments, and described the rewarding experience of taking part in the faith formation of these young people. Joining her were three high school students currently involved with the program who shared what it meant to them to grow closer to God by helping others to know Him and His Sacraments.

On **Sunday, November 9**, please join us for a discussion about Mary's important place in Salvation History and why we honor her and love her as our Mother. Marian doctrines come to life when viewed in the context of Scripture as a whole, so we will explore the images, stories, and foreshadowings that form the basis for our understanding of the Mother of God. We will meet from **7:00 to 9:00 PM** in the lower narthex.











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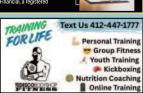


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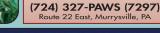


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