November 17, 2019

Welcome to Holy Spirit Parish in Lawrence County.

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See our website at hsplc.org

Parish Pastoral Team
Father Joseph McCaffrey, Pastor
Father Anthony Sciarappa, Parochial Vicar
Father Brendan Dawson, Parochial Vicar
Father Victor Molka, Jr., Parish Chaplain
Father Nicholas Spirko, In Residence

Deacon John Carran
Deacon S. Daniel Kielar
Sr. Annie Bremmer, OSF, Pastoral Associate
Sr. Barbara Ann Johnston, CSJ, Pastoral Care Minister

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Persevere

“You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed.”

-Lk 21:16-18
Perhaps one of the theme songs for Holy Spirit Parish should be this delightful ditty from the past. Bing Crosby and the Lennon Sisters sang a wonderful song entitled, Accentuate the Positive. I encourage you to read the lyrics or even go on the internet and listen to the song. If it doesn’t put you in a happy mood, then perhaps a little time spent in prayer may do the trick.

This song provides a wise insight into how we should deal with all the negativity in our world today. Our Savior came to proclaim Good News, in Greek, the word is gospel. We are not people of bad news, discouragement and depression; we are people of hope! We trust in a God who is more powerful and who has conquered the world and the evil one. The Lord even reminds us that in this world, we will find trouble, but to take courage, he has conquered the world.

How is our Savior conquering the world today? He is doing so through you and me when we trust in Him and focus on the positive and let go of the negative. At Holy Spirit, there are tremendous amounts of things for us to accentuate that are positive. Perhaps we do not acknowledge the positive enough. We tend to always focus on problems, challenges, difficulties and the bad news that swirls around us in the world. Let’s take some time to focus on what is going right.

Consider that Holy Spirit Parish, the largest merger in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, was established a year and a half ahead of schedule, welcoming some 6,000 registered families from seven former parishes. The Faith Formation program was rebuilt focusing on the Mass and attendance at Mass by both children and parents. There has been wonderful feedback. RCIA has 16 people enrolled to learn about Christ and the Catholic Church. Over 400 have attended ChristLife programs. All seven former parishes are now being consistently identified as Holy Spirit Parish. Holy Spirit Parish signs have been installed at all churches.

People from all our churches help fundraising activities continue successfully (pieroghi pinchers have been especially prolific). For the past two years, our Christian Women organizations have worked together to form Women of Faith. They now member 200 and are enrolled in several social ministry areas including support of our families who have lost loved ones. The men’s group is working on coming together.

St. Vincent de Paul Society is now one entity in our county rather than three. The Holy Spirit Parish Music Ministry was reorganized into two choirs and an adult bell choir with rotating appearances at our churches. There are new Pastoral and Finance Councils. Our full-time Parish Chaplain cares for parishioners who are in the hospital and/or nursing homes. Holy Spirit has also hired a full-time Youth Minister and a Building & Grounds Manager for all locations.

We now have an active website at www.hsplc.org, and an active Holy Spirit Parish Facebook page maintained by our Holy Spirit Communications Office. That office is also involved in promoting all Holy Spirit events and public relations including support of St. Vitus School. Finally, we have held training sessions for all Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Ushers, Greeters, Sacristans to provide them with what is expected in their ministries across the parish so that services are uniform at every location.

Are there other positive things you can think of? Help spread the Good News and be a true disciple of the Gospel! My sincere gratitude to all of you.

God love you,
Saturday, November 16th—Vigil: The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 am St. Mary—Memorial Mass for Robert Bremmer (does not fulfill Sunday Obligation)
4:00 pm St. Camillus—McCaffrey—Tom Fontana (Mom & Dad)
4:00 pm St. Vitus—Dawson—Mary & Vincent Pagliaro (Family)
5:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul—Molka—Minnie Buczek (Son & Daughter)
7:00 pm Westminster College Chapel—Sciarappa

Sunday, November 17th—The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am St. Vitus—Dawson—David Picolo (Family)
8:00 am St. Mary—Sciarappa—Walter Pierz & Family (Robert Pierz & Family)
8:45 am St. James the Apostle—Molka—Jim Goodge (Ray G. & Linda K. Goodge)
9:00 am St. Vitus—McCaffrey—Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
9:30 am St. Joseph the Worker—Spinko—Joseph Ostrowski (Family)
10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul—Dawson—Deceased Stachowiak Family (John & Rita Kotarba)
10:45 am St. Anthony—Molka—Lois Stambul (Kathleen Ciallella)
11:00 am St. Camillus—Sciarappa—Terry Shustrick (Matt McCosby & Family)
11:30 am St. Mary—McCaffrey—Alice Merolillo (Varga Family)

Monday, November 18th—Weekday

Noon St. Mary—McCaffrey—Anthony Allegro (Bob & Ginny McLaughlin)
2:00 pm Edison Manor Nursing & Rehabilitation Center—Molka
6:00 pm St. Joseph the Worker—Molka—Richard Mann (Jean)

Tuesday, November 19th—Weekday

8:30 am St. Vitus—McCaffrey—Rueben, Dolores & Rusty Kirb (Zarilla Family)

Wednesday, November 20th—Weekday

8:30 am St. Camillus—McCaffrey—Delores Ann Navarra (Jerry & Family)
Noon St. Mary—Sciarappa—Ryan Chlebowski (Aunt Joyce)
1:30 pm Cleary-Moore Place Assisted Living Community—Molka

Thursday, November 21st—The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am St. Camillus—Spinko—Virginia Elaine George (Family)
2:00 pm Avalon Place Nursing Center Molka—St. Lucy in Thanksgiving (Stephanie Mazzanti)

Friday, November 22nd—St. Cecilia

8:30 am St. Camillus—Sciarappa—Rosina Melchiorre (Annette Doran)
Noon St. Mary—Spinko—Violet Bayer (Eli & Mary Jo Eroig)

Saturday, November 23rd—Vigil: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

4:00 pm St. Camillus—Sciarappa—Ann & Andy Patrick (Family)
4:00 pm St. Vitus—McCaffrey—Marie Kraus & Joann Montini (Montini & Kraus Family)
5:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul—Molka—Joyce Falatko (Bob & Ginny McLaughlin)
7:00 pm Westminster College Chapel—Sciarappa

Sunday, November 24th—Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

7:00 am St. Vitus—McCaffrey—Sam Medure (Betty & Joe Cini)
8:00 am St. Mary—Molka—Phoebe Flynn (Ardie Mrozek)
8:45 am St. James the Apostle—Sciarappa—Jim Goodge (Ray G. & Linda K. Goodge)
9:00 am St. Vitus—Cleary—Antonietta May (May & Barnhart Families)
9:30 am St. Joseph the Worker—Molka—Deceased Members of Boren & Stillwagon Families (Bev, Krista, Marisa & Family)
10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul—Spinko—Helen Nastal (Judy & Ed Balmer)
10:45 am St. Anthony—Sciarappa—Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
11:00 am St. Camillus—McCaffrey—Ron Benedict (Wife, Marie, Children, Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren)
11:30 am St. Mary—Cleary—Emanuel Morrone, Jr. (Joe & Elmira DiNardo)

This Week, the Tabernacle Lamps are Dedicated For:

Adoration Chapel
Robert Bremmer by Women of Faith
St. James the Apostle
The deceased members of Holy Spirit Parish

St. Mary
Ryan Peter Chlebowski by Parents
St. Vincent de Paul
Anthony Allegro by Donna & Chamaaine
St. Vitus
Blanche Quathiero by Sons, Perry & Anthony
St. Vitus
Mary & Joseph Lamp Phillip A. Nerti by Wife & Family

The celebrant schedule is subject to adjustment.
The bulletin is printed several days ahead of the Sunday date.
Welcome Our Newly Baptized

Marlo Agnes Amabile
Daughter of Eric & Jenna (Flowers) Amabile
(St. Vitus Church)

Dominick William Pagley
Son of Christopher Pagley & Ashley Steines
(St. Camillus Church)

Luciana Rae Senchak
Daughter of Donald Senchak & Dana Rae Trout
(St. Vitus Church)

HOLY SPIRIT CHOIR SCHEDULE
November 24, 2019:
Choir A: St. Camillus 11:00 am
Choir B: St. Vitus 9:00 am

The Rosary is said on the 1st and 3rd Sundays
of the month at 7:00 pm in St. Camillus Church.
All are Welcome!

REST IN PEACE

Dorothy Bongivengo
Dorothy Dzemyan
Audrey Hromyak
Michelle Argiro Pilota
Mary Ann Seinker
Linda S. Shaftic
Ronald C. Vrabel
Samuel Zingaro

Please hold in Prayer those who are ill,
recovering or homebound;
our Priests, Deacons and Religious;
our Military and our First Responders
and those who reside in Nursing Homes
or Assisted Living Facilities.

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS
ROSARY CENACLE GROUP
Please Join Us! All Are Welcome!
Sundays at 4:00 pm (sharp) until 4:30 pm
at the Adoration Chapel.

Readings for the week of November 17, 2019

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9/2 Thes 3:7-12/
Lk 21:5-19
Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53,
61, 134, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6,
8 and 15/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/
Lk 19:41-44
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Chrn 29:10bcd, 11abc,
11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/
Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/
Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Eucharistic Adoration
The Adoration Chapel
on North Beaver Street
(across from St. Mary’s Church)
is open for adoration and prayer.
Anyone wishing to visit may come
between dawn and dusk.

Adoration Chapel Hours:
Open Sundays at 1:00 pm until Saturdays at 2:00 pm
Closed Saturdays at 2:00 pm until Sundays at 1:00 pm
Those interested in becoming Adorers may do so by
calling Vickie at 724-652-5538 x 8.
Adorers Are Needed for the following times:
Thursdays: 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
Fridays: 9:00 pm to 10:00 pm

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and those who reside in Nursing Homes
or Assisted Living Facilities.
J. M. J.

From the Desk of Deacon John:

We have completed the new boiler installation in St. Vitus School, and not a moment too soon as the cold weather moved in on us. The total cost of the new boiler was $65,000.00. Fortunately our boiler insurance covered all but our $1,000.00 deductible. We still have some repairs to make to the thermostats for the system. The thermostats are not properly reading the temperature within each room, and it is causing heat to be called for when it is not needed. Work to replace/repair the thermostats started this past week.

Please remember that the second collection next weekend is the Annual Collection for Retired Religious. This is an important collection to help support all religious who worked so unselfishly, and with little or no pay, in order to carry out the work of the Church. Many religious have served here in Lawrence County over the many years. They worked in parish schools and in health care. I know my family was blessed by the presence of the nuns who came to work in our local neighborhood. Contributing to this annual collection helps support the care for these wonderful individuals who gave so much of their time to help pass on the faith to us.

In your envelope packets you will find an envelope for the Christmas Flower Offering. It is a nice way to honor or memorialize a loved one. Please note due to Christmas and New Year’s, we have advanced bulletin deadlines. This is the first Christmas of our new parish, and our Christmas Flower list will be extensive. We ask that you return the Christmas Flower Offering by 12-1-19 so we can be sure to get the list prepared in time for the bulletin.

Thanks for all you do in supporting our good parish through your gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure.

Blessings to you and yours.

God love you,

Deacon John

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**Time, Talent & Treasure: Financial Stewardship**

**BUDGET OVERVIEW**

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**Number of Families Registered in Holy Spirit Parish:** 5,936

**Number of Envelopes Mailed Out:** 5,334

**# of Envelopes Used 11/10/19:** 1,177

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

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**FUEL & UTILITY**

*Included in Weekly Total $ 1,295.50

**2019 PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN**

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<th>Parish Share Goal: $ 424,989.00</th>
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<td>Parish Share Bal. Owed: $ 209,594.90 (49.3%)</td>
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Notice: Regarding the status of St. Lawrence Church

The Finance Council and Pastoral Council unanimously agreed, at their most recent meeting on Oct. 29, that it is time to petition the Bishop to officially close St. Lawrence Church. The St. Lawrence Church building was rendered unusable when engineers examined the building and closed it for public safety. The beams no longer support the roof and there is a true danger that the roof could collapse at any moment. Salvaging the building would be an enormous financial hardship for the Parish and, with already 29 buildings to maintain, the Parish has no choice but to let go of St. Lawrence Church at this time. It has been over three years since any Mass has been celebrated in the building.

Deacon John and I have already met with county officials regarding tax assessment for the church because once we are no longer able to use a church for worship, it goes back on the tax rolls. However, due to the deplorable condition of the building, our tax liability is minimal. Our public safety liability, however, is a very serious concern. We have no choice but to act responsibly and lay to rest what was a building used for sacred worship.

What happens next? The bishop will receive our request and then make his own decision regarding rendering St. Lawrence Church no longer suitable for Catholic worship. And we will then remove all religious items from the structure and dispose of it according to church law.

It is always painful to say goodbye or to let go of something or someone we love. At times like this, we must be compassionate and understanding with each other and remember that everything in this life is temporary—even our own life—in this world. It is the next life that is eternal.

Everything that happened under the roof of St. Lawrence still lives on. All the sacraments that were celebrated and all the love and sacrifice that built the church lives on. We all must partake of the Pascal Mystery of the Dying and Rising of Christ. This is a kind of dying; but it is also a rising to new life. And we will continue to experience both until we, ourselves, die and rise in Him our Savior.

God love you,

Fr. Joseph McElroy
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

3 & 4 Year Old Children

PRE K/ CGS is only at ST. CAMILLUS
9:30—10:45 AM Sessions
November 17, 24
December 8, 15, 22

Parents (and parishioners) are welcome to join us for parent sessions so that they can reinforce what is happening in the atrium at home:
Join us Wednesday, Dec. 4,
Also coming:
Jan. 8, Feb. 5, Mar. 4, Apr. 1

6:30—7:30 pm in the Religious Education Building at St. Camillus, room 7

All Pre-K through 5 Parents are invited during Faith Formation hours:
December 8 for Stations of the Crib
December 22 for Faith Formation Open House

DID YOU MISS IT????
THERE’S STILL TIME!!!!

If you missed our opening weekend of the CGS Level I certification course, there is still time!

We are calling interested parishioners to come and join us on Saturday, December 14 to see what this course is all about.
It is two-fold: formation and retreat, and reminds us of what it is to be the young child.

No commitment required!

Come See, Hear, and Experience the Mystery of God in the atrium through the eyes of the child within you!

Please RSVP with Vicki: 724-498-0904

Kindergarten—5th grade

PARENT MEETING

Reconciliation and all things 2nd grade will be covered at the parent meeting on Thursday, November 21st at 7 pm in the church at St. Camillus.
(One parent meeting to cover it all.)

FIRST RECONCILIATION FOR 2ND GRADE

First Reconciliation for our 2nd graders is December 7th St. Vitus Church 10:00 am
Children must be accompanied by a parent ♥

Mitten Tree donations begin next week! Bring in mittens, gloves, and scarves in your child’s size to keep area children warm.

K—5 Faith Formation

SUNDAYS’ FAITH FORMATION SITES

St. Camillus
Faith Formation
CGS (Pre K) through 5
9:30—10:45 am

St. Vitus
Faith Formation
(K—5) no PreK
10:15—11:30 am

Sessions

November 17, 24, December 8, 15, 22

Cathy Frank 724-654-9371, #1
Kathy Gabriel 724-654-9371, #3
Holy Spirit Parish Faith Formation Office
915 S. Jefferson St., New Castle, PA 16101

All Pre-K through 5 Parents are invited during Faith Formation hours:
December 8 for Stations of the Crib
December 22 for Faith Formation Open House
Middle School  Grades 6-8

Do you have a calling to work with children in grades 6-8?
All skill levels welcome for subbing.
Must have Safe Environment clearances and a love for children!
Please contact Brian Burick at 724-654-9371, ext. 2

There is CCD/Faith Formation November 17 & 24

HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

LOOK AHEAD
Date  Topic
11/17  Off for Fall Retreat
11/24  Social

CONTACT
Patrick Neve, Youth Minister
pneve@hsplc.org
(724) 652-3422 ext 2211

No High School Faith Formation November 17th!
Bible Study Opportunity:

- **iWonder! Bible Study CGS style!** A contemplative journey through Advent.
- **Nov. 20, Dec. 11, 18,**
  6:30—7:30 pm at St. Camillus Religion Education Building, Room 7
  You can join us at any time!
  Vicki Pavalko
  at 724-498-0904

iTHIRST will be on Tuesday, November 26
at the Crane room from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Ilana Ialongo from HSP and Rachel Kustra from Butler will give
their take on what it means to be a "Thankful Pilgrim." If you
have any interest in pilgrimages, this is your chance to visually and
verbally walk with them through their experience along the way of
the Camino de Santiago (The Way of St. James) in Spain.

ALL are welcome!
  There is NO age limit!
  Bring an appetite!

**St. Vitus School:**

**MATH SPONSOR NEEDED**

**St. Vitus School is embarking on an in-depth strategic plan to improve Math Scores.** We are modifying the schedule to allow for more instructional time and greater opportunity for intervention. We are focusing on teacher training and providing more opportunities for collaboration within as well as from outside sources.

One very important component to the plan is the purchase of a Digital Math Program. **DreamBox Learning Math** is an adaptive, online K-8 math program designed
to complement classroom instruction.

*It assesses and meets students’ skills and abilities where they are*
and adapts instruction to students’ actions to meet them at the right level.

This supplemental program will help us close math gaps, promote student growth, and provide a deeper conceptual understanding. The game-like environment motivates students to persist, progress, and achieve success. This program will make math relevant for students resulting in better engagement.

A **twelve month license for DreamBox Learning Math is $2,650.** We are reaching out to the Holy Spirit Parishioners in search of a sponsor for this worthy cause. As our parish prayer says,

“we treasure our children, and we ask for the courage to sacrifice, to love and to build in His Name.”

If you feel God calling you to support this program, expect He will
give success to the work of your hands and keep you in His peace.

For more information call Ed Sharbaugh at (724) 944-4702
TO BE IN SERVICE TO CHRIST CALL:

Bereavement/Funeral Home/Prayers: Sr. Annie Bremmer
724-652-3422 x 2205

Candle Bearers: Sr. Barbara Ann Johnston
724-652-3422 ext. 2712

Follow up Calls to Bereaved: Edna Hill
724-654-5620

Journeying Through Grief: Mary Ann Isaac
724-971-8539

Cards for Nursing Homes: Paula St. Clair
724-714-1567

Confirmation Blankets: Susan Kearns
724-651-1992

Rosary-Craft: Barbara Strittmatter
724-656-0942

Seven Sisters: Monica Leihy
620-877-7351

Nursing Home Masses: Madalaine Nuzzo
724-614-3453

Stitching Angels: Sara Kalata
724-944-7104

All women and men of the parish are invited to participate in these ministries.

Will you share your Thanksgiving?

Thanksgiving is a time when we give thanks to our good and loving God for the blessings of family, food and friends! Yet, so many people will not have the means to celebrate a meal this year.

We, the people of Holy Spirit Parish, want to make a difference. Please consider providing a full meal for a family. Perhaps when you do shopping for your own meal, you could buy enough for another family.

Suggestions: Canned Yams, Stuffing Mix, Canned Gravy, Evaporated Milk, Pie Crust Mix, Pie Filling (Pumpkin or Fruit), Cranberry Sauce, Canned Vegetables and Fruit, Frozen 10—12 lb. Turkeys

These meals will go to the City Rescue Mission and St. Vincent De Paul Society.

Boxes/bags of the Thanksgiving meals may be dropped off at the St. Camillus site kitchen Wednesday, November 20th, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm; Saturday, November 23rd, from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm (before Mass); and November 24th, from noon to 1:00 pm (after Mass). Please call Barb Strittmatter at 724-656-0942 if you will be dropping off donations. Thank you for your help.

Pies are Needed for the St. Vincent de Paul

Thanksgiving Dinner to be delivered to home bound individuals, individuals living alone, seniors, and disabled individuals in our parish and community. Pies, especially pumpkin and apple, can be brought to the Social Hall at St. Vincent de Paul site after 3:00 pm on Wednesday, November 23rd. They will be appreciated and any pies left over will be taken to the City Rescue Mission and The Crisis Shelter. Thank you!

COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS

A Free Workshop For the Bereaved
Wednesday, November 20th 7:00 pm
St. Camillus site, McGurk Hall
314 W. Englewood Ave. New Castle, PA 16105
To Register, please call
Sr. Barbara Ann at 724-652-3422 ext. 2712

The Holy Spirit Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is the official name of the newly merged St. Vincent de Paul Societies. The individual conferences are now one conference.

The new officers are:
President, Lynne Watson; Vice President, Lisa DeCarbo; Vice President, Susan Pfahles; Treasurer, Vincent Lamorella and Secretary, Judy Martwinski. The Society meets most months on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm in St. Mary church, lower level. New members are welcome. Our recent fundraiser, Walk for the Poor, is complete. The total money raised, and the winners of the Walk for the Poor Raffle will be announced soon.

Currently, Society members are working in conjunction with St. Elias Church in organizing and gathering supplies, along with cooking and delivering a Thanksgiving Meal for Lawrence County senior citizens who live by themselves and people who are unable to leave their homes so that they can have a hot meal on Thanksgiving Day. The meal will consist of turkey, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, corn, gravy, cranberry sauce, and dessert.

If you are interested in volunteering, you may come to one of our meetings or contact Lynne Watson at 724.656.8452 for more details.
Next weekend, November 23rd and 24th, our Angel/Giving Trees will be placed at each of our worship sites. (Helpful for you Black Friday shoppers!)

Christmas is the celebration of God-with-Us!

One way to say “thank you” to God is by passing on the Gift. Through your generosity many children, adults in nursing homes, and those in need will be able to celebrate Christmas.

Watch for trees at Holy Spirit Parish churches!

The Holy Spirit Health Ministry would like to commend all the participants in the Election Day Blood Drive at the St. Camillus site. We collected 27 units of blood in just five hours! These units will be used to keep the holiday supply stable. Please consider helping out with a donation next time. (Most people can safely donate 3-4 times per year.) If anyone would like to be the host at a different church site in our parish please contact: Dr. Sheila Burick at sheilaburick@yahoo.com. It’s simple to coordinate and it makes a huge impact. Thanks again and God Bless you and your families with health and safety!

The Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be taken up at all Masses the weekend of November 23rd & 24th. Please give generously to support those who have given a lifetime.

For the 30,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who benefit from the Retirement Fund for Religious, service is a way of life. Most ministered in Catholic schools, hospitals, parishes and social service agencies, usually for little or no pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious offers vital support for necessities such as medications and nursing care.

Prayer Support Needed for Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat: November 22-24, 2019

The link listed below will direct you to a SignUpGenius web page that will explain the prayer process. Here is the link to sign up: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a044aaeaf2dabf85-prayer1

Nursing Home Mass Schedule Changes: Quality Life Services (formerly Golden Hill)

Thursday Masses have been moved to the Third Thursday of every month starting November 21st and December 19th. This routine will continue into the New Year 2020.
**November 23**
**Lector Training**
9:00 am—11:00 am  
St. Mary site, Marian Room

**November 23 & 24**
**Giving Trees Go Up**
All Holy Spirit Parish Churches

**November 24**
**Joy To The World Celebration**
Noon  
St. Camillus site—McGurk Hall

**November 26**
**iTHIRST**
6:00 pm—8:00 pm  
Crane Room Grille

**November 30**
**Eucharistic Minister Training**
9:00 am—11:00 am  
St. Mary site, Marian Room

**December 1**
**Handel’s Messiah**
3:00 pm  
First Alliance Church

**December 1**
**Villa Maria Nativity Display**
Noon—5:00 pm  
Villa Maria Conference Center

**December 6**
**Children’s Christmas Pageant**
7:00 pm  
St. Vincent de Paul Church

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**THE FIRST CHRISTMAS:**

**A Children’s Christmas Pageant**
by Louise Egan

Friday, December 6th  
at 7:00 pm  
in St. Vincent de Paul Church

All Children of Holy Spirit Parish, Grades K—12 are welcome!  
For more information or Practice Schedule call:  
Rosanne Palladino at 724-658-9917  
or Vickie Onufrak at 724-652-5538, ext. 8.

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**HOLY SPIRIT PARISH**

**Joy to the World CELEBRATION**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24th**

**NOON—2:30 pm**  
ST. CAMILLUS McGURK HALL  
ALL ARE WELCOME!

**Families—Singles—Young Adults—Teens**

Meet St. Nicholas!  
Make an Advent Wreath!  
St. Vitus School Choir!  
Ugly Sweater Contest!  
Photo Backdrop!  
Minute to Win It Games!  
(Kids & Adults)  

Pizza!  
Beverages!  

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RSVP appreciated:  
yanno2711@gmail.com
The New Castle Music Club Chorus, under the direction of Harry Cunningham, will present Handel's **MESSIAH** on December 1st at 3:00 pm at First Alliance Church, 111 Mission Meade Drive, New Castle, PA 16105. Admission and Parking are free. A Free-Will Offering will be collected to help defray production costs.

For more information including directions to First Alliance Church, please visit [www.ncmusicclubchorus.org](http://www.ncmusicclubchorus.org)

**CHRISTMAS WAFERS (Oplatki)** will be available in the vestibules of all Holy Spirit Churches from November 24th until Christmas Day. These traditional wafers remind us that Christ is the “Bread of life.” They are shared with family and friends before the Christmas Eve supper and during Christmastide as a gesture of love, forgiveness and as a blessing.

**Donations of $2.00 can be placed in the “poor boxes” located in each church vestibule. The donations benefit the Saint Vincent de Paul Society of the Parish.**

**Villa Maria’s Annual Indoor Nativity Display**

Featuring Hundreds of Nativities from Around the World!

Live Entertainment! Free Admission!

**Sunday, December 1st**
**Sunday, December 8th**

Noon to 5:00 pm both days

Villa Maria Conference Center, Villa Maria, PA
Questions?
Want to Volunteer to help at the Holy Spirit Christmas Festival?
Call or Text Jean Pascale at 330-770-1635 or email jpascale@hsplc.org

PIEROGI PREP:
November 18th—prepare filling
9:00 am St. Mary site—Parish Center
November 19th—pinch
9:00 am St. Mary site—Parish Center

WOMEN OF FAITH NUT ROLL PRE-ORDERS:
PICK-UP DATE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18th
St. Vincent de Paul site 9:30 am—4:00 pm

Sunday, December 8th
9:00 am to 1:00 pm
St. James the Apostle site
4019 US 422, Pulaski, PA 1 1/2 mi. East of Ohio/PA line

HOLY SPIRIT BREAKFAST BRUNCH CREW MEETING
NOVEMBER 19th 7:00 pm—8:30 pm
St. James Social Hall
ALL ARE WELCOME

MARDI GRAS PLANNING MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20th
St. Mary site—Marian Room
7:00 pm—8:30 pm
ALL ARE WELCOME
NEW LOCATION!
The Parish Center
Corner of North & Beaver Streets
in the Heart of
Downtown New Castle

Convenient to the Holiday Parade
and Light Up New Castle
on Saturday!

Breakfast with Santa
Saturday 9:00 am—11:00 am
Adults $7.00    Children (under 12) $5.00
French Toast Sticks, Hash Brown
Casserole, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs,

Basket Raffle & 50/50
Craft Vendors
Holy Spirit Gift Shop

FOOD MENU:
Eat In or Take Out
11:30 am—5:00 pm

Cavatelli $8.00
Meatball Sandwich $7.00
Sausage Sandwich w. Peppers & Onions $7.00
Eggplant Sandwich $7.00
Pizza by the Slice $2.00
Whole Pizza $12.00
Quarts of Sauce $8.00
Meatballs by the Dozen $12.00
Quart of Wedding Soup $8.00
Pop & Water $1.00

HOLIDAY FOOD SALE!
9:00 am until Sold Out!
Cabbage Rolls
Pierogies
Nut Rolls
HOLY SPIRIT PARISH OFFICE
910 South Mercer Street, New Castle, PA 16101
724-652-3422

HOLY SPIRIT SITES:

SAINT ANTHONY site
411 W. Poland Ave., Bessemer, PA 16112

SAINT CAMILLUS DE LELLIS site
314 W. Englewood Avenue, New Castle, PA 16105

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE site
4019 US 422, Pulaski, PA 16143
724-964-8276

SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER site
1111 South Cascade Street, New Castle, PA 16101

ST. MARY site
124 North Beaver Street, New Castle, PA 16101

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL site
1 Lucymont Drive, New Castle, PA 16102

SAINT VITUS site
910 South Mercer Street, New Castle, PA 16101

SAINT VITUS SCHOOL
915 South Jefferson Street, New Castle, PA 16101
724-654-9297

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- Father Sciarappa: asciarappa@hsplc.org
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- Deacon John: jcarran@hsplc.org
- Deacon Dan: dkielar@hsplc.org

HOLY SPIRIT GIFT SHOP
12 Maitland Street
(Parking at the corner of Maitland & Jefferson Streets)

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Hours:
Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00 am—4:00 pm
Sundays 10:00 am—Noon
Other times by appointment: call 724-654-8851

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North Regional Office
2636 Ellwood Road, New Castle, PA 16101
(724) 323-0033 cpca@cpca-pgh.org

Victim’s Assistance Hot-Line:
If you are a person who has been hurt by abuse from clergy or others associated with the Church,
the Diocese of Pittsburgh offers assistance with counseling, spiritual direction
and referrals to other supportive services.
We invite you to contact our Diocesan Assistance Coordinator toll free at 1-888-808-1235
To report abuse to Childline, please call (toll free) 1-800-932-0313
Call 911 if a child is in immediate danger.