



**Mass Intentions**



SUNDAY 10:30 AM The Epiphany of the Lord  
**Raymond & Audrey Schollaert**  
 (Daughters)

TUESDAY Christmas Weekday  
 Mike Stull  
 (Rita Stull)

THURSDAY 8:00 AM Christmas Weekday  
**Kathleen Gaitens**  
 (Morning Mass Attendants)

SUNDAY 10:30 AM The Baptism of the Lord  
**Catherine Pilarski**  
 (daughter, Jennifer Greenawald)

**GROUP 329 MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY VIGIL**  
 4:00 PM St. Alphonsus, St. Michael  
 5:00 PM Our Lady of Lourdes  
 6:30 PM St. Columbkille

**SUNDAY**  
 8:00 AM St. Columbkille  
 8:30 AM St. Alphonsus  
 9:00 AM St. Ann, Our Lady of Lourdes  
 10:30 AM St. Patrick  
 11:00 AM St. Columbkille, St. Michael

**SCHEDULES**

Sunday - 10:30 AM  
 January 13 - Priest

**Lectors:**  
*D. Kaminski*

**Altar Servers:**  
*Olivia Foreman Makenna Galish*

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
*B. Foreman  
 J. Sacco  
 C. Mercer*

**Homebound E. M.:**  
**Homebound:** *J. Sacco*  
**Kindred:** *H. Kennedy*



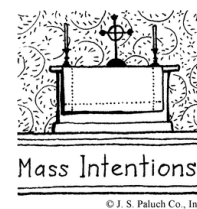
**HOLY HOUR/BENEDICTION:** The next scheduled Holy Hour and Benediction will take place Wednesday, January 9th, at St. Patrick from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

**VALENTINE'S DAY CARE PACKAGES:** This year the parishes of Group 329 will be sending care packages to any **PARISHIONER** (please, no relatives who do not attend this parish) who is away from home for Valentine's Day attending college (in the continental U.S.) or serving in the military. Please complete a form and submit it to the rectory office (via mail, dropped off at the office or placed in the offertory basket at Mass) by **Sunday, January 20th. Please adhere to this deadline.** The address needs to be a good address for February 2019. (Each year a new form will need to be submitted.)



**VALENTINE'S DAY CARE PACKAGE DONATIONS:** We are appealing to all of our parishioners to help fill the boxes! Cookie bakers, please get out your baking supplies and make some goodies! If you are unable to bake, we will also need packaged cheese and/or peanut butter crackers, candy bars, granola and/or cereal bars, microwaveable items (hot chocolate, popcorn, oatmeal, mac 'n cheese, etc.), small Pringles, gum, Ramen noodles ... anything that won't crush! Monetary donations that enable items to be purchased for the packages are also greatly appreciated. Place your monetary donation in a clearly marked envelope and place it in the offertory basket, drop it off or mail it to the parish office. **We will need cookies and other donations dropped off in the parish social hall by 11:30 AM on Sunday, February 3rd.** Thank you for your participation in this project.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Masses are still available in the months of January, February and March 2019. **Please note we cannot at this time except any Mass requests after March 31st.** Requests will be accepted on a first-come/first-served basis. Since the book has been caught up, there is no limit on the number of Masses to be requested at this time. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per Mass; please clearly mark your check "**Mass Intention.**" Please stop by the office or drop your request in the collection basket and you will be contacted as to which dates are still available; no over-the-phone requests will be accepted.



**ANNUAL FISH FRY:** St. Patrick Church is seeking an individual to coordinate and manage the 2019 Fish Fry. If interested, please contact the parish office (724.693.9260).



## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Monday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Ceasar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called “pontiffs” were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named “The Last Year of Confusion.” The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia’s Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

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## ROOTEDNESS

The flower does not bear the root. The root bears the flower. The rose is merely evidence of the vitality of the root.

—Woodrow Wilson

## AN EVENING WITH FATHER JACQUES PHILIPPE:

What does it mean to be holy? How can you become a saint right where you are in your life? Father Jacques Philippe, international author and authority on prayer, interior freedom and peace of heart, will speak on the universal call to holiness on **February 25th** at 7:00 PM at Saints John and Paul Church. Father Philippe, a member of the Community of the Beatitudes, has written 10 books which have become modern Catholic spiritual classics. His books have sold more than one million copies and have been translated into 24 languages. These works have been lauded for insightfully presenting the pillars of Catholicism in a profound, yet accessible way. The event will include Evening Prayer, Father Philippe’s talk, and Q&A. All ages welcome. No cost. Visit PGHPriest.com for a courtesy registration.

**MARCH FOR LIFE:** The parish grouping is taking a bus to the March for Life on Friday, January 18th. It will leave from Our Lady of Lourdes at 5:30 AM, and from St. Columbkille at 6 AM. Cost: \$30. To register, contact St. Columbkille at [stcolumbkilleparish@comcast.net](mailto:stcolumbkilleparish@comcast.net) or 724.695.7325. Anyone under 18 needs a permission form from the parish office. Scholarships are available for college students and anyone who has trouble paying.

## THE WAY TO HEAVEN

Love of heaven is the only way to heaven.

—John Henry Newman

**ATTENTION GRADES 9-12:** We will be going on a Catholic Heart Work Camp mission trip to Steubenville, OH, from July 14th – 19th. This is an opportunity to serve the needy, grow in your faith, make new friends, and have a ton of fun. For more info, go to [www.heartworkcamp.com](http://www.heartworkcamp.com)<<http://www.heartworkcamp.com>>. There will be an information meeting in early January. Stay tuned for more details.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** If any adults with clearances are interested in chaperoning the mission trip, or with helping the youth group in other ways, please contact Fr. Zach at 724.947.3363 or [zgaliyas@diopitt.org](mailto:zgaliyas@diopitt.org).

**CAMINO 2019:** Since the ninth century, millions of world travelers have embarked on an epic pilgrimage across northern Spain that is known to be profoundly enlightening, spiritually nourishing, and physically challenging. This summer, 20 young adults from Pittsburgh will embark on this mostly unpaved path with little more than a backpack and a pair of boots. For more info/to register, visit <https://www.diopitt.org/camino2019>.

**CULTIVATE: A YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY COMMUNITY MEALS ON WHEELS OF MCDONALD:** are currently in need of food donations and volunteers. They are interested in receiving and will accept donations of food including baked goods and individually-wrapped non-perishable items. Items can be dropped off from 8:00 – 10:30 AM. They are also in need of energetic volunteers to assist their cook in preparing and packaging the meals in their kitchen Monday through Friday from approximately 8:30 – 11:00 AM. They are also in need of volunteer drivers on weekdays to deliver the meals to our clients; drivers typically volunteer one day a week, from 10:00 – 11:30 AM. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact Janet Lauff, Meals on Wheels Cook, at 724.926.2104. Please contact Mike Slates, our Volunteer Driver Route Coordinator, at 724.492.1117, if you could assist as a volunteer driver and deliver meals.

**A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES:** Retrouvaille offers help to couples experiencing trouble in their marriage. The Weekend and Post Sessions focus on rebuilding marriage through better communication and understanding. The next weekend begins **February 1st**. For confidential information, please call 412.277.3434 or email [3041@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3041@retrouvaille.org). More information is available at [www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org](http://www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org). Call today to begin the healing process.

**SICK LIST:** Your prayers are requested for Gabriel J. Belak, Paul Belak, Tim Berty, Joyce Buzzanell, John Halvorson, Rosalyn (Belak) Heleniak, Parker Sendek, Adeline Slovic, Joe Swider, Minnie (Hribar) White and Virginia Shattuck Zang. Please pray also for those in hospitals, nursing homes, and at home.

## STEWARDSHIP:

**Due to an earlier transmission deadline for the bulletins, the offertory collection information December 30th will be printed in a future bulletin. Thank you.**