Today is Sunday, April 24, 2016

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

How beautiful was the weather this past week! These great days of Spring make everybody feel so good. We hope it continues as we celebrate some annual parish events, such as First Holy Communion this Saturday morning at 11:00, as well as the always-beautiful May Crowning ceremony on Tuesday afternoon, May 3rd at 1:00 in Church.

On Monday evening, the ChristLife Program “Following Christ” will begin in the parish hall at 7:00 pm. The St. Monica Prayer Group will not meet this week.

On Tuesday, there will be No School because it’s an important Primary Election Day when we pick nominees for our Presidential Election in the Fall. Please make time that day to go to the polls and fulfill your American privilege. Also on Tuesday, the Christian Mothers Board will meet at 7:00 in the hall in order for the outgoing and incoming officers to have a chance to go over their duties. The St. Vincent de Paul Society will meet in the Rectory at 7:00.

On Wednesday, the Grandparents’ Luncheon will be held in the parish hall at Noon, preceded by a Prayer Service. The Legion Evangelization Group will meet in the Rectory at 7:45.

On Thursday, there will be No School due to a Diocesan in-service day. The Sr. Legion of Mary will meet in the Rectory at 9:45. Our popular Thursday Night Bingo gets underway at 7:00 in the parish hall.

On Friday, our First Communion Class will have practice from 8:00 to 12:00 Noon to prepare for their big day on Saturday.

Next Sunday, being the First Sunday of May, there will be a Holy Hour in Church at 7:00 pm.
On April 17th our Grade 8 student, Flaviana Shkoza, and former student, Arlen Hooks, were among 156 honorees at the annual Dr. Ben Carson Awards Banquet at Heinz Field. Flaviana represents our 7th Carson Scholar from St. Gabriel School. Arlen has been a repeat honoree for three consecutive years.

Scholars must meet the academic requirements of carrying a minimum grade point average of 3.75, in addition to demonstrating humanitarian qualities of community service, and representing role models for their peers. Flaviana and Arlen are among 1,457 Carson Scholars named nation-wide this year. We are so very proud of them as examples of our country’s best and brightest students. Our sincere congratulations to them and their fine families!

Congratulations to Joshua Egan, Peter Koltas, Lukas Obradovich & Lucas Raimondi who received High Honors, and Nico DelGatti & John O’Rourke who received Honors at Central Catholic High School for the third quarter.

Lights out!! Lock Doors!! - Rosemary Grogan for many, many years has done an outstanding job coordinating the schedule for the use of our parish hall. Hanging on the wall in the hall is a list of requirements for the use of the hall to be followed before and after an event. Many times people using the hall put all the lights on, even when only a small group is meeting, they walk out and leave them all on. The Duquesne Light Company is happy for this unneeded use of electricity. Please use only the lights you need when you are using the hall and also be sure that all the lights are turned off and the doors are locked when the meeting is over. If another group is in the hall when you leave, make sure they know they have to assume the responsibilities.

Don’t forget...when you are shopping for birthdays, anniversaries, garden needs, vacations, home repairs, etc., please continue to use St. Gabriel Food Club Cards when you shop (or dine) at the following: Atria’s Restaurant, Bruegger’s, Eat ‘n Park, Giant Eagle, Kohl’s, Macy’s, McGinnis Sisters, Olive Garden/Red Lobster Restaurants and Shop ‘N Save.

Finally...Accept that some days you’re the pigeon, and some days you’re the statue!

In charity, please remember all members, relatives, friends and benefactors of our parish and community, with special consideration for the sick, homebound and distressed members.

Pray for the repose of Fr. William Bovard, a retired Priest of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, who died during the course of this past week.

MARRIAGE BANNS
I Aaron Paul Carlson, St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Virgin & Joanna Marie Billanti, St. John Fischer
I Jonathan Henderson, St. Louise de Marillac & Jordan Vanerstrom, St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Virgin
II Christopher Adams & Amanda Stockhausen, St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Virgin Parish
III Bernard Jason Johnston & Christine Anne Steiner, St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Virgin Parish

Catholicscomehome.org
(check it out!)
RESPECT LIFE NEWS

No More Death ... In today’s Second Reading from Rev. 21, we hear the promise, “There shall be no more death.” Death was not part of God’s original plan, and in Jesus Christ, He has conquered this ancient enemy of humanity. We who stand with Christ therefore stand with life. While many things destroy human life, nothing takes more lives than abortion. Approximately 1,287,000 unborn children were killed by abortion in the United States in 2003. By comparison, there were 17,732 homicides, 31,484 suicides, and 109,277 deaths by accident in the United States that same year. Death still does its work in the world, but cannot have the final word any longer. Let us love and serve life, and proclaim life eternal in Jesus Christ!

Priests for Life

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

There was a so-so movie 10 years ago called “Failure to Launch.” The gimmick of the plot was parents trying to get their adult son to move out of the house on his own. That’s a step we need to take on our own pilgrimage. We need to move from being a disciple of Christ to being a “launched disciple” – a disciple willing to take the faith with us everywhere and to actively evangelize in making new friends for Jesus today. What steps do we need to take to become a “launched” disciple? To read more, check out “On Mission for The Church Alive!” on page 5 of this week’s Pittsburgh Catholic and visit www.OnMissionChurchAlive.org.

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

On Sunday, May 1st the Uniform Closet will be open from 1 to 2 pm to assist anyone with uniform needs. Please feel free to shop for next year; we are overstocked with boys’ clothes.

79th INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC ROSARY MARCH – SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2016

Join us on May 15th at Epiphany Church, 164 Washington Place, Pittsburgh, 15219. The Festival of Praise begins at 1:00 pm, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Liturgy of the Word. We will then process through the city with the Blessed Sacrament and a Statue of Our Lady of Fatima as we pray the Rosary. Details will follow in upcoming bulletins. Hope to see you there!

We acknowledge, with sincere gratitude, the following donations:

To St. Gabriel Awareness Fund:
$350 in thanksgiving from Ellen and David Lamar
$ 50 in memory of Aunt Betty Freilino from Howard and Donna Lawson

To Our Flower Fund:
$ 5 in loving memory of Elizabeth Reinsel from Daughter, Joan Henning

...A $5 dollar donation was made in memory of each of the following from the Christian Mothers: Gerald Lutz, Richard Dillon, Daniel Marcinowski, Helen Borst, Shirley Casamassa, Jack Zimmerman, Leona Saracco, Sheila Myers, Elva Letzkus, Ruth Malek, Cecelia Rodaitis, Estelle McCormick, Mark Umbel, Donna Grabowsky, Albert Wahlster, Virginia Laux, Virginia Riley, Leonard Biedzinski, Alena Rohe, Marie Etoe, Bob Brown, Frances Steele, Cora Sites, Robert Knoll, Robert Shanahan, Rose Bowen, Rose Marie O’Brien, Irene Hull and Carmela Calabrese

To St. Gabriel School:
$100 for a favor received given Anonymously
MASS INTENTIONS
April 25 to May 1, 2016

MONDAY – FEAST OF ST. MARK
7:30 am  Alma Dillon (Anniversary)  (req. Kids)
11:30 am  Rosemary Mellick  (req. Tony and Ellen Vetere)

TUESDAY – EASTER WEEKDAY
7:30 am  Sophie Macurak (Birthday)  (req. Flo and Barry Barnett)
8:45 am  Cheryl Moose  (req. Sharon Whitby)

WEDNESDAY – EASTER WEEKDAY
7:30 am  Edward Lantz (Birthday)  (req. Family)
6:45 pm  Rosary & Miraculous Medal Novena Devotions
7:00 pm  Special Intentions of John and Donna Matthews (Wedding Anniversary)  (req. Christian Family Movement)

THURSDAY – FEAST OF ST. PETER CHANEL & ST. LOUIS GRIGNION de MONTFORT
7:30 am  Ray Bahl  (req. Klapheke Family)
8:45 am  Neva Dell  (req. Mike and Cindy Watkins)

FRIDAY – FEAST OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA
7:30 am  Shirley Casamassa  (req. Louise Biddle)
11:30 am  Joan Bird  (req. Larry and Vicki Wallace)

SATURDAY – FEAST OF ST. PIUS V
9:00 am  Eugene Mitchell (Anniversary)  (req. Family)
11:00 am  First Holy Communion
3:30 pm  Wedding: Bernard Jason Johnston & Christine Anne Steiner
6:00 pm  James H. Meinert  (req. Regina and Anthony Frankenfield)

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2016 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
8:00 am  Joyce Shanahan  (req. Family)
10:00 am  William and Margaret Rau  (req. Family)
12:00 Noon  Ed Bak  (req. Wife, Helen)
4:30 pm  Bob Strittmatter (Birthday)  (req. Keith and Joann Holzer)

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**BINGO**

The next *St. Gabriel All-Paper Bingo* will be held **Thursday, April 28, 2016** in the parish hall. Bulls-eye game begins at 7:00 pm. For information, visit [www.stgabespgh.org/bingo](http://www.stgabespgh.org/bingo).

*Menu: Chicken Parmesan Sandwich * Dessert * Beverage*

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – April 25 to May 1, 2016**

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**ATTENTION ALL PARISH ORGANIZATION HEADS & SCOUT LEADERS**

**VERY IMPORTANT MEETING!**

Our annual Parish Calendar Meeting will be held this year on **Wednesday, May 18th** in the parish hall and will begin **promptly** at 7 pm.

**PARISH ORGANIZATION REPS & SCOUT LEADERS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND!**

If you are unable to be present at this most important meeting where we plan over 700 yearly activities, please make sure that another member of your organization will be there to represent you. We are asking all organizations to bring a list of Board Members and Officers for the 2016-2017 year.
BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN 2016

Thank you for filling your baby bottles and supporting the ministry of the Pregnancy Resource Center of the South Hills. Please leave your donation with a volunteer at the entrances to Church before or after all the Masses today. If you cannot return your bottle/donation today, please drop it off at the Rectory at your earliest convenience. Thank you for standing with us and for your support of LIFE. Your partnership is a blessing!

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Lost & Found...a ring was found a couple weeks ago in Church. Call Anne at 412-882-9255.

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FLEA MARKET

St. Valentine Women’s Guild is holding a giant springtime Flea Market on Saturday, April 30th in Frawley Hall from 9 am to 2 pm. Over 65 vendors will be there and admission is FREE. It’s easy to park, we’ll have a delicious hot lunch available and homemade bakery items – hope to see you there!

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SIPS & STRINGS

Please help support the Whitehall Public Library by attending Sips & Strings – a musical tea party featuring sweets, savories and the lovely string music of Joshua & Emily Kelly, professionals of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. Time & Place: 2 pm Saturday, May 7th at the Whitehall Borough Community Room. Tickets are available at the Library for $35 (advance sales only).

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MORE MISSION!

More Mission! is an initiative to increase and enhance the ministry of mission trips with the Diocese of Pittsburgh. The goal is to establish more parishes with mission groups that travel to the Appalachia region for a week each year to serve those in need. The call is inspired by Acts 1:8 – “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witness...to the ends of the earth.” If begun in our parish, some parishioners would travel with a group from another parish the first year, then set up our own travel group in the following years, eventually with the goal of training other parishes in the Diocese. Besides adults, the group is especially interested in young adults and youth group members who would like to participate. Interested in learning more? Please attend an informational meeting on Monday, May 16th at 7:00 pm in the parish hall to hear more and to consider how you may be called to participate. Any questions, call Kathy at 412-884-2268.

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GENESIS: MOTHERS DAY COLLECTION

Members of our parish will be outside the Church doors on Mothers Day weekend, May 7-8, collecting donations for Genesis of Pittsburgh, Inc. This nonprofit social service agency provides life affirming programs and services to pregnant women, to children, and to adoptive families in our community. They offer free counseling, temporary shelter, educational assistance, practical help in the form of infant needs, affordable adoption services and future planning for all in crisis. Your contributions will be directly used to support these programs. We thank you in advance for your donations. Our aim is to guarantee the unborn a “future” whether through responsible parenting or placement through adoption.
St. Gabriel School
Classic Spaghetti Sauce Sale

St. Gabriel CCM is bringing “Saucey” back. For a limited time you can order a quart (or more) of the classic spaghetti sauce made from the original Mrs. Geis/Meis recipe that was served in the cafeteria during the 70s, 80s, 90s, and early 2000’s. If you were not a student during these years, and did not have the opportunity to try our sauce, we believe you won’t be disappointed. This meat sauce has a thick hearty texture and full body flavor with every bite. One taste and you will see why this was the most popular school lunch. The classic meat sauce was also a favorite for so many other parish functions for the Men’s Club, Athletic Association, Advent Night and Christian Mothers. Cost is $8.00 per quart. All sauce will be frozen at pickup. Please make checks payable to St. Gabriel CCM. Deadline for ordering is Wednesday, April 27. **Pickup will be Friday, May 6 from 4-6:30.** Just in time for an easy Mother’s day meal. Pre-orders ONLY. To order call Cathy Ziegler at (412) 478-5853. Any questions, contact Cathy Pawlowski at (412) 881-6454 or Karen Leonard at (412) 833-3458. **Thanks for ordering and supporting our parish!**

NAME __________________________________________ PHONE ______________________

NUMBER OF QUARTS __________ @ $8.00 TOTAL DUE ____________________________________________________________________________

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS NEWS

**Notes from the President** - Please join us for our last general meeting of the year on May 3rd as I pass the gavel on to Donna! Don’t miss out on our “Classic Spaghetti Sauce Sale” coming in May! See details above. Fun was had by all last Friday at our 4th Annual Vera Bradley Bingo! Thanks to all who attended – I hope you went home with one of the beautiful game or raffle prizes. Special thanks to Sue Gibson and Karen Kublack for chairing this event. They did an outstanding job organizing the many details that made it an amazing night for all! Special thanks to all the amazing ladies & gentlemen who volunteered to help make this event a success. To those in Virginia on our annual Spring Trip this weekend – bless your travels and have fun!! ...Amy Bacik, CCM President

**Meeting** - Our final meeting for the year will be held on **Tuesday, May 3rd.** The **Installation of our New Officers & Board** will take place at the 7 pm Mass (Rosary at 6:45). After Mass, a light meal will be served in the parish hall. Our guest speaker for the evening will be **Officer Dave Stanton** from Peters Twp. Police Dept. He will give us some pointers on crime prevention. For planning purposes, RSVP to Donna Szymanski at 412-527-2621 or email donnals1121@gmail.com. ...Donna Szymanski, CCM Vice President

**Thank you** - Our 4th Annual Vera Bradley Bingo was held last Friday evening and it was a huge success thanks to so many wonderful volunteers. Over 300 ladies attended the event. The lucky ladies in attendance had a chance to win beautiful bags selected by Jackie (Neice) Jakubowski and Dereen Neice. Jackie and Dereen spent months shopping for the basket raffle prizes and purses that were on display to be won. Kitchen chairladies Lisa Rennie and Donna Szymanski organized a great kitchen staff that served a delicious dinner, dessert, snacks and drinks. Karen Brown and her 50/50 team sold raffle tickets while Lizzy Geis and Cathy Ziegler walked around selling tickets for additional Vera Bradley purses to be won. Thank you to volunteers from Kohls – South Hill who sold raffle tickets throughout the night. A heartfelt thank you to Roxanne Gray for an amazing job with ticket sales, advertising and program design. A special thank you to Ed Henke, Bill Brennan and all of the bingo workers who came out to help us at the event. Also, a special thank you to the group of 7th grade volunteers who helped serving snacks and drinks to the ladies attending the bingo while cleaning up the hall throughout the evening. Events like this are never possible without the support of generous donors. Our sincere thanks to: Amy Bacik, Mary Balogh, Rose Ann Brown, Camp Bow Wow-South, Pat Caraccia, Katherine Corrado, Sue Gibson, Christine Gray, Roxanne Gray, Jackie Jakubowski, Paula Knerr, Jeff Koury, Karen Kublack, Lana Vita Massage & Skincare, Karen Leonard, Dereen Neice, Cathy Pawlowski, Lorraine Rosso, Debbie, Mary & Missy Ruffing, Theresa Rusnak, Cindy Smith, Elaine Soukup & Vicki Wallace. Congratulations to all of the lucky winners! ...Karen Kublack & Sue Gibson, Chairladies
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**Notes:**
- **We Salute You!**
- Memorial Day
- No School