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Mass Schedule:

Saint Anne Church

Every day: 8:00 a.m.

Tuesdays: 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Saturdays (Vigil): 4:00 p.m.

Sundays: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,
and 6:00 p.m.

Saint Winifred Church

M, W, F: 9:00 a.m.

Saturdays (Vigil): 5:30 p.m.

Sundays: 11:30 a.m.



Sunday, February 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Confessions:Saint Anne Church

Tuesdays: 5:15 - 6:15 PM

Saturdays: 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

Saint Winifred Church

Saturdays: 4:45 PM - 5:15 PM

**Eucharistic Adoration:**Saint Anne ChurchTuesdays, after the 8:00 AM Mass,
with Benediction at 6:15 PM.**Divine Mercy Holy Hour:**Saint Anne Church

Tuesdays, at 3:00 PM

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 9, 20268:00 AM (St. A) Jean Sniegocki, *requested by Bob & Catherine Topoleski*9:00 AM (St. W) Herman & Sallyanne Troppe, *requested by Madeline Troppe***Tuesday, February 10, 2026**8:00 AM (St. A) Giuseppe Strangis (WA), *requested by Maria Strangis & Family*6:30 PM (St. A) Phil Mullen, *requested by Catholic Men's Fellowship***Wednesday, February 11, 2026**8:00 AM (St. A) Margaret Abramowicz, *requested by Vivian & John Macurak*9:00 AM (St. W) The Aguilar Family, *requested by The Students of SHCA***Thursday, February 12, 2026**8:00 AM (St. A) Jean Sniegocki, *requested by Phyllis Feller***Friday, February 13, 2026**8:00 AM (St. A) Charles & Vera McTiernam, *requested by Barbara Paul*9:00 AM (St. W) Heidi Potter, *requested by Madeline Troppe***Saturday, February 14, 2026**8:00 AM (St. A) Living Members of LAOH Div. 21, Castle Shannon, *requested by Members of LAOH Div. 21*4:00 PM (St. A) Mary Burgundy Goodwin, *requested by Beverly & Richard Burgundy*5:30 PM (St. W) Anne Keiser (AD), *requested by George Keiser, Bob Keiser & Family***Sunday, February 15, 2026**8:00 AM (St. A) Brian Rafferty, *requested by Helen Rafferty*10:00 AM (St. A) Ken Weiland (BR), *requested by Kathy Weiland*11:30 AM (St. W) Donna Jean Granger, *requested by The Daugherty Family*6:00 PM (St. A) Tim O'Brien, *requested by P. M. Huwe*

I am
the light
of the world,
says the Lord;
whoever
follows me
will have
the light
of life.

- John 8:12

In your prayers please also remember to pray for **Alfiero C. Pollice**,
and all the deceased members of Saint Paul of the Cross Parish.

Parish News

From the Pastor

Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.

In this weekend's Gospel, our Lord teaches us that we are made to be shining lights in the world. As such, by word and deed, the example of our lives must lead others to *glorify your heavenly Father*. We do not do good deeds only that *others may see* them. What others witness in our fidelity to Christ should lead them to God himself! As no one comes to the Father except through the Son, so too, as members of Christ's Body on Earth we are called to draw all people, all creation itself, by allowing the light that is Christ himself shining through our lives. St. Paul writes in the epistle,

I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling, and my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of Spirit and power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Therefore, with a *demonstration of Spirit and power*, we are called to go out and show the world just what Christ Jesus has made us to be!

SOME EXCITING NEWS... I am happy to introduce a new member of our Parish Staff. **Mrs. Isabel Heard** has joined our team as the **Parish Communications Coordinator**. In this role, Isabel will oversee all parish media, including the bulletin (this being her first!), website, Flocknote, social media, and printed resources. She is a member of our parish, with her husband and their newborn son. She may be contacted at iheard@stpaulfothecross.com and 412-531-5964 x704. Please pray for her as she begins this new role and shares her gifts and talents with our parish family. Thank you!

Fr. Joe

Last weekend, **Elliot Christopher Welling**, child of Collin and Ava Welling, received the Sacrament of Baptism. Please pray for Elliot, his parents and Godparents. Congratulations!

Parish Offertory: February 1, 2026

Offertory: \$16,756.45
Utilities: \$906.63

Ash Wednesday: February 18

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026. Please consider attending one of our Masses or prayer services.

- 8:00 AM Mass at Saint Anne Church
- 9:00 AM Mass at Saint Winifred Church
- 12:00 PM Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes at Saint Anne Church
- 4:00 PM Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes at Saint Anne Church
- 6:30 PM Mass at Saint Anne Church

Preparing for Lent

As the Lenten season approaches, please consider participating in these additional offerings:

Stations of the Cross - Walk the way of our Lord every Friday in Lent at 6:30 PM in Saint Anne Church

Lenten Confessions - In addition to our regular confession schedule, a special evening dedicated to making a Lenten confession will be offered on Monday, March 30 from 6 PM to 8 PM in Saint Anne Church.

Adoration - spend time in front of the Holy Eucharist every Tuesday following the 8 AM Mass and ending with Benediction at 6:15 PM in Saint Anne Church

2026 PARISH FISH FRY - VOLUNTEERS

Lent is right around the corner and we are gearing up for another great round of our delicious Fish Fry fundraiser. We are looking to gather a list of volunteers to ensure we are able to staff the 7 services during Lent. If you plan to or are interested in volunteering for one or more fish fry nights this year, please register with the parish in advance. Please scan the QR code below, visit our parish website, or call the parish office to register. Questions? Please contact Eric Keefe at (ekeefe24@gmail.com).



Parish & Community Announcements

Retake the Disciple Maker Index Survey

As communicated in previous bulletins, the survey opens on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026 and runs through March 29, 2026. This is the exact same survey that parishioners took in Lent of 2023. The primary purpose of this second assessment is to measure the impact and growth of our evangelization efforts since the initial survey. Your honest feedback is essential for understanding where we have successfully grown and where we still need to focus our energies.

The results of the DMI Retake will directly enable our parish leadership to review and revise our current plans in light of Bishop Eckman's vision: that all parishes embrace the call to serve others through faith and works of charity. The data will help us ensure that the spiritual and corporal works of mercy remain front and center in the life of our parish community.

Please note that the survey is administered by Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI) primarily as an online survey. To ensure accessibility by all, paper copies are available upon request by calling the parish office. All responses are anonymous and the parish only receives aggregated results for the community as a whole. CLI will provide comprehensive and interactive reports that allow parish leaders to see their results, identify strengths and opportunities, and benchmark their performance against other parishes across the country and in their diocese.

Your input is extremely valuable. Please take time to complete the survey sometime during the Lenten season before Passion Sunday, March 29, 2026.

Seton LaSalle 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following students who made the 2nd quarter honor roll at Seton LaSalle Catholic High School:

Highest Honors: Marie Hendrickson, Natalie Pascarella, and Megan Richardson

High Honors: Kathryn Ahlborn, Samuel Anania, Samantha Barker, Cayden Johnson, Ethan Paolicelli, Olivia Sibbet, and Sawyer Sisk

Honors: Caleb Anthony, Alyssa Bartko, John Madl, Kylee Michalski, and Daniel Mueller

Ladies of Charity Meeting

All ladies are welcome to join us at our next Ladies of Charity meeting on Saturday February 21st at noon in the Convent dining room. We will also be assembling 300 lunch bags for our Red Door Ministry starting at 11:30AM with our meeting starting immediately afterwards.

We have much to discuss. Come and see how you can support our parish and parishioners. Hope to see many old and new faces there!



Women's Guild Meeting

The Saint Paul of the Cross Parish Women's Guild will meet on February 22 at 1 PM in the Convent Dining Room at Saint Anne

Church. Current and interested members are welcome to attend. We will brainstorm new ideas, so come prepared to share your thoughts.

Questions can be directed to Darlene Vietmeier at 412-608-9581

40 Days For Life - Lenten Kick-off Event

From February 18 - March 29, join us for 40 Days For Life - 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. On Tuesday, February 17 a kick-off mass will be held at Divine Mercy Parish, Epiphany Church at 6 pm. The mass will be immediately followed by a Eucharistic Procession, lead by Bishop William Waltersheid, to Planned Parenthood for a brief time of prayer on the sidewalk.

For more information, please contact Nikki Bruni at nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com.

Magnificat Prayer Breakfast for Women

Join us on Saturday, March 7 from 9:00 a.m.-noon, for a prayer-filled breakfast at the Marriott North, 100 Cranberry Woods Drive, Cranberry Twp. In addition to a delicious breakfast, praise and worship, fun and fellowship. Our featured speaker will be Most Reverend Mark A. Eckman, D. D., Bishop of Pittsburgh.

Registration is \$35 and includes music by Living Praise, speaker, and breakfast. For more information, to register online, or to download a mail-in registration, visit: <https://www.magnificatpittsburgh.org/>.

Adult Religious Education & Programs

From Nothing to Cosmos: God & Science

Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J., PhD., dispenses with the contemporary statement, "science has proven God does not exist," and then goes on to demonstrate God's existence from science, philosophy, medicine, the transcendentals, and metaphysical proofs.

All sessions will be held on the following Sunday evenings at 7 PM in the DePalma Room at Saint Anne Church.

***Please note: The session scheduled for February 8 has been cancelled.**

March 8: A Summary of Evidence for a Creator and a Soul & The Question of Atheism

May 3: The Bible, Evolution, & Aliens

Jesus and the Dead Sea Scrolls

The greatest archeological discovery of the 20th century gave the world the Dead Sea Scrolls. As the oldest sacred documents of Judaism, the scrolls have many surprising connections to early Christianity.

Please join us for this special FORMED series. Biblical scholar Dr. John Bergsma and Franciscan University of Steubenville president Father Dave Pivonka, TOR, discuss the history and mysteries of the scrolls, what they reveal about Jesus Christ, the sacraments, and the early Church, and why they matter to believers and non-believers today.

All sessions will be held on the following Tuesday mornings from 8:45 AM to 10 AM in the DePalma Room at Saint Anne Church.

February 10:

Pt. 3: Baptism and the Scrolls

Pt. 4: The Eucharist and the Scrolls

March 10:

Pt. 5 & 6: Marriage, Celibacy, Holy Orders, and the Scrolls

May 5:

Pt. 7: St. Paul and the Scrolls

Pt. 8: Qumran & the Church

Pub Theology

Calling all young adults 21 and older!

Join us on February 19 at 7PM for beer, pizza, and a theological discussion at Caliente Pizza and Draft House in Castle Shannon. Our discussion will be led by Lucas Broila, Assistant Professor of Theology at St. Vincent College.

Pre-Cana 2026

As a prerequisite to sacramental marriage, engaged couples must participate in a marriage preparation class called Pre-Cana.



Saint Paul of the Cross Parish will offer its annual Pre-Cana class on Friday, February 27 from 7PM - 9PM and Saturday, February 28 from 9AM - 5PM in Harkins Hall.

For more information and to register, scan the QR code above. Questions? Please contact Don Fontana at dfontana@stpaulofthecross.com

A Prayer for Married Couples

Saturday, February 7 is World Marriage Day. In observance of this day, please consider offering this prayer for married couples courtesy of the USCCB.

*Almighty and eternal God,
You blessed the union of married couples
so that they might reflect the union of Christ
with his Church:*

look with kindness on them.

Renew their marriage covenant,

increase your love in them,

and strengthen their bond of peace

so that, with their children,

*they may always rejoice in the gift of
your blessing.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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