



SAINT PAUL OF THE CROSS PARISH

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Sunday, September 6, 2026

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Office Hours

Sunday: 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Monday: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Tuesday: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Wednesday: 8:30 - 7:30 PM
Thursday: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Friday: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Saint Anne Church & Parish Office

400 Hoodridge Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15234

Saint Winifred Church

550 Sleepy Hollow Road
Pittsburgh, PA 152284

MASS SCHEDULE:

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- Daily: 8:00 AM
- Tuesday Evenings: 6:30 PM
- Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM
- Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 6:00 PM

Saint Winifred Church

- Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM
- Sunday: 11:30 AM

CONFESSIONS:

Saint Anne Church

- Tuesdays: 5:15–6:15 PM
- Saturdays: 11:00–11:45 AM

Saint Winifred Church

- Saturdays: 4:45–5:15 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Saint Anne Church

- Tuesdays after 8:00 AM Mass with Benediction at 6:15 PM

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR:

Saint Anne Church

- Tuesdays at 3:00 PM

BULLETIN REQUESTS:

Submission Deadline

- Friday by 4:00 PM (10 days prior to the publication date)
- Make your requests via email to iheard@stpaulofthecross.com

SAFE ENVIRONMENT INFO:

- Parish staff and volunteers must meet Diocesan, State and Federal safety clearances
- For assistance, email safe@stpaulofthecross.com

HELP US PROTECT GOD'S CHILDREN:

- 24-Hour Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-932-0313
- Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline: 1-888-808-1235
- Call 911 if you suspect there is immediate danger of abuse

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

-Matthew 18:20



Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 6, 2026

- 8:00 AM (St. A) Joseph Szefti, *requested by Rudy & Elaine Richtar*
10:00 AM (St. A) James J. O'Donoghue, *requested by Mr. & Mrs. James John*
11:30 AM (St. W) Frank Bruni (BR), *requested by The Bruni Family*
6:00 PM (St. A) Gary Bowser, Sr., *requested by P & M Huwe*

Monday, September 7, 2026

- 8:00 AM (St. A) Joseph Mulvaney, *requested by Virginia Gates*

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

- 8:00 AM (St. A) Renee Swisher (AD), *requested by The Swisher Grandchildren*
6:30 PM (St. A) Frances Kelly (BR), *requested by Jane McClure & family*

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

- 8:00 AM (St. A) Bernadette Tobin, *requested by her family*

Thursday, September 10, 2026

- 8:00 AM (St. A) Gertrude Gallagher, *requested by Terry & John Barker*

Friday, September 11, 2026

- 8:00 AM (St. A) John Sheridan, *requested by The Sheridan & Bond Families*

Saturday, September 12, 2026

- 8:00 AM (St. A) Vincenzo Amendola & Giovanna Buccinna, *requested by Antonella Valforte & family*
4:00 PM (St. A) Fr. Anthony Gargotta, *requested by Bob & Kathy Cortese*
5:30 PM (St. W) Kathleen Bummer, *requested by Sandy Opferman & family*

Sunday, September 13, 2026

- 8:00 AM (St. A) For the People of Our Parish
10:00 AM (St. A) Stanley Kasiewicz, *requested by his niece, Madeline*
11:30 AM (St. W) Patricia Schneider, *requested by The Lowery Family*
6:00 PM (St. A) Keith J. Grierson, *requested by Eileen Beardsley*

Requiescat in pace

In your prayers please also remember to pray for **Richard Opferman** and all the deceased members of Saint Paul of the Cross Parish.

Parish News

From the Pastor

Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

This week's Scripture passages invite us to pray and reflect on forgiveness and reconciliation. These gifts that we both need to receive and offer to others allows us to follow what St. Paul writes in the Letter to the Romans. In the quote above, he says that *love fulfills the law*. If the law that God has written on our hearts beckons us to do good and avoid evil, then when evil is committed our response must be steadfast! *Love does no evil to the neighbor* and our *neighbor* is anyone who stands before us. Love seeks the good!

2027 MASS INTENTION AND MEMORIAL OFFERINGS

Please take special note of the following page in this bulletin for the complete **St. Paul of the Cross Parish Mass Intention and Memorial Offering Policy**. Copies of this policy and the forms to request Mass intentions and memorial offerings are now available in church, the parish office and on the parish website. PLEASE take a copy if you wish to make a request for the 2027 calendar year.

- Fr. Joe

SPECIAL NOTE FROM FR. BENEDICT MWANGI

*Dear Parishioners,
Thank you sincerely for your generous contribution to support our seminarians, orphans, and the sick. Your kindness and generosity are deeply appreciated. May God bless you and your families abundantly.*

With gratitude and prayers,

*Rev Fr. Benedict Mwangi
Mission Appeal Director of Muranga Diocese in Kenya*

Please note that the parish office will be closed on September 6 and 7 for Labor Day weekend.

Parish Offertory: August 30, 2026

Offertory: \$22,598.57

Utilities: \$134.13

St. Vincent de Paul Collection: \$8,548.09

Parish Appeal Total To Date: \$125,557.66

The second collection for next week will support the Bishop's Education Fund.

Thank You From The St Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "...where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."



Our St Vincent de Paul Society is able to serve 'in the midst' of neighbors in need providing food, clothing, and shelter (as well as fellowship) to people within our parish community. Last week's fifth Sunday collection provided \$8,548.09 which makes it possible for us to provide help. Again, you can be assured that every penny of your contribution goes directly toward helping the people we serve. We thank you for your generosity.

Major Changes to the Parish Website

Please be aware that the parish staff is updating the parish website's platform and domain name. As part of this transition, our website domain will change from **stpaulofthecross.com** to **spocpgh.org** in the near future. Thank you for your understanding as we navigate this transition.

K-8 Faith Formation Register Is Due By September 14!

Help your child grow in their faith. Don't forget to register for K-8 Faith Formation Classes at St. Paul of the Cross Parish! Classes will be held

Monday evenings from 5:30 to 7:00

PM at Saint Anne Church. Registration forms are available by visiting our website or picking up a paper form in the church or at the parish office.



For more information about our program and to register, please scan the QR Code or visit <https://www.stpaulofthecross.com/youth-faith-formation>.



Baptisms



Last weekend, **Mac Thomas McNeal**, child of Christopher & Kindsay McNeal, and **Maximus Thomas Barlament**, child of Andrew & Lacey Barlament, received the Sacrament of Baptism.

Please pray for Mac & Maximus, their parents and Godparents. Congratulations!

SAINT PAUL OF THE CROSS PARISH 2027 INTENTION GUIDELINES

Mass ~ Sanctuary Tributes ~ Altar Flowers

Effective **Monday, October 5, 2026**, a new Mass Intention, Sanctuary Tribute and Altar Flower Intentions Request Policy will be in effect. The Intention Forms **MUST** be completed and returned to the parish office by mail, collection basket, or in person. All requests must be received on these forms; **NO requests will be accepted by phone or email**. Copies are available in the church, on the parish website, and in the parish office.

Mass Intention Requests:

1. Will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis, **in the order the forms are received at the office**.

2. The Mass locations and times are as follows:

Saint Anne Church

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4pm

Sunday Mass: 8am, 10am and 6pm

Weekday Masses: Monday – Saturday: 8am, Tuesday: 6:30pm

Saint Winifred Church

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:30pm

Sunday Mass: 11:30am

3. A Mass for the **People of the Parish** is to be celebrated weekly. These Masses are scheduled in advance of the opening of the Mass Intention Book. On a rotating basis, intentions for the **People of the Parish** will be scheduled for a weekend Mass and on Holy Days of Obligation. Additionally, Mass Intentions for the People of the Parish are scheduled for the following holidays: New Year's Day, Holy Thursday, Holy Saturday, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, All Souls Day, All Saints Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

4. At this time, each registered household can schedule a total of **three (3)** Masses, **one (1)** weekend Mass (Saturday Vigil/Sunday) and **two (2)** weekday Masses. A \$10 stipend (make checks payable to Saint Paul of the Cross Parish) for each Mass Intention is required and **must be included with the Mass Intention Request Form**.

5. Contact information must be provided to process the requests. A copy of the approved requests will be emailed and mailed to the contact information provided on the request form. If it is not possible to schedule an intention for the date requested, you will be notified by the parish office and asked to provide an alternate date. **An unavailable date is the only reason you will receive a phone call.**

6. **Due to the high demand, 2027 Mass requests will be accepted through the end of December 2026. In January 2027, additional requests will be taken, subject to availability.**

Sanctuary Tributes and Altar Flower Requests:

Four (4) memorials will be offered each week and published in the bulletin. Intentions can be offered for each sanctuary lamp (the red candles nearest to the tabernacle) and each flower arrangement on the Blessed Virgin Mother and Saint Joseph altars in St. Anne Church.

1. Beginning on **Saturday, October 10, 2026**, these memorials will be dedicated to one intention per week (Saturday to Saturday).

2. Each registered family can schedule a total of **four (4) Memorial Intentions**, which will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis, **in the order the forms are received at the office**.

3. A stipend of \$20 is required per sanctuary lamp and \$30 per flower arrangement (checks made payable to Saint Paul of the Cross Parish). **Payment must be included with the Intention Forms**.

4. No flower memorials will be accepted during the season of Lent (February 6 – March 26).

5. If it is not possible to schedule an intention for the date requested, you will be notified by the parish office and asked to provide an alternate date. **An unavailable date is the only reason you will receive a phone call or email.**

EXAMPLES OF MASS INTENTION REQUEST & MEMORIAL REQUEST FORMS

These examples should not be used for your intention submissions.

Copies of the intention request forms are available in the church, parish office, and on the parish website.

Saturday Vigil/Sunday Mass Request	
Mass Intention For: _____	Living Intention: _____
Requested By: _____	Mass Date Requested: _____
Please ✓ : ____ First Available ____ 4pm Saturday (St. Anne) ____ 5:30pm Saturday (St. Winnifred) ____ 8am Sunday (St. Anne) ____ 10am Sunday (St. Anne) ____ 11:30am Sunday (St. Winnifred)	
Alternate Date #1: _____	Alternate Date #2: _____

Memorial Request #1 (sanctuary tribute OR altar flowers)	
Please ✓ : Sanctuary Tributes \$20 Stipend: _____ Altar Flowers \$30 Stipend: ____ Blessed Virgin Mother Altar OR ____ Saint Joseph Altar	
For: _____	Living Intention: _____
Requested By: _____	Week Requested: _____
Alternate Week #1: _____	Alternate Week #2: _____

Beginning Saturday, October 10, 2026, sanctuary lamp and flower memorials will be published in the bulletin. Please note that because these memorials run Saturday through Saturday, our bulletin Mass intentions will now span from the Saturday of the current weekend through the following Sunday.

Below is an example of how the memorial announcement will appear in the bulletin in October.

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Saint Anne Church

Memorials

This week the Sanctuary Lamps burn in honor of:

John Doe & Joe Smith



This week the flowers for the Blessed Mother Alter are offered for:

Joe Smith

This week the flowers for the Saint Joseph Alter are offered for:

John Doe

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 5, 2026

8:00 AM (St. A)	Carol Lonergan, <i>requested The Lonergan Family</i>
4:00 PM (St. A)	Louis B. Wehar, Sr., <i>requested by 4 PM Mass Usher Team</i>
5:30 PM (St. W)	For the People of Our Parish

Sunday, September 6, 2026

8:00 AM (St. A)	Joseph Szefi, <i>requested by Rudy & Elaine Richtar</i>
10:00 AM (St. A)	James J. O'Donoghue, <i>requested by Mr. & Mrs. James John</i>
11:30 AM (St. W)	Frank Bruni (BR), <i>requested by The Bruni Family</i>
6:00 PM (St. A)	Gary Bowser, Sr., <i>requested by P & M Huwe</i>

Ministry Announcements

The 2026 Fall Journey of Grief Series

Our Fall Journey of Grief will be held beginning **September 10 and will continue for 10 consecutive Thursdays.** Please consider joining us as we explore the many facets of grief and the effect that loss has on our physical, emotional and spiritual lives. Whether you have experienced a recent loss or perhaps one many years ago, you are most welcome! There is no cost and you do not need to be a member of our parish to participate. Please contact Kathy at 412-344-9690 or moozie1217@verizon.net to register. God bless you!

**"The Lord is close to
the brokenhearted
and saves those who
are crushed in spirit"**
- Psalm 34:18



Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites

On **Sunday, September 13**, the community of Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites will meet in the DePalma Room at **10:30 AM**. The Secular Order is a community of lay people called to live according to the teachings and example of the Discalced Carmelites. Any Catholics who feel called to live the spirituality of Carmel are welcome to join! To learn more, please visit pittsburghocds.org or contact them at carmelitespittsburghpa@gmail.com.

**Happy
Labor Day**

Dear Lord,
Please bless and protect the men and women whose work contributes to the labor force and supports families and those in need. Give them strength when they face challenges, grace in times of stress, and renewal as they rest.
Amen.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tues., September 8

8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration at St. Anne Church
3:00 PM Divine Mercy Holy Hour at St. Anne Church
5:15 PM Confessions at St. Anne Church
7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul meeting in the DePalma Rm

Wed., September 9

8:30 PM AA meeting in the Convent Dining Rm

Thurs., September 10

7:00 PM Journey of Grief Fall Session meeting in the DePalma Rm

Sat., September 12

11:00 AM Confessions at St. Anne Church
4:45 PM Confessions at St. Winifred Church
9:00 PM NA meeting in the Convent Dining Rm

Sun., September 13

10:30 AM Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites meeting in the DePalma Rm

The Elijah & More Tour

This weekend is your last chance to get your tickets for The Elijah and More Tour!

Join our Women's Guild in Sugarcreek, Ohio, on **September 17th from 7:30 AM to 7:30 PM**. There will be opportunities for shopping, a delicious lunch buffet, and the chance to see the production of *Elijah: Prophet of Fire*.

Tickets are **\$140 per person (checks only)**. Checks can be made payable to Passport to Pittsburgh and must be given to Darlene Vietmeier or dropped off at the parish office no later than **September 7th**.

On the day of the event, please park on the side of the St. Anne Church lot along Hoodridge Drive. For more information, please contact Darlene at 412-608-9581. We hope you will join us and invite your friends!



Ministry Announcements

PENNSYLVANIA MARCH for LIFE

September 21, 2026

Please join the Respect Life Ministry on **Monday, September 21** as we travel to Harrisburg for the PA March for Life! We will travel via luxury bus to stand for LIFE along with thousands of Pennsylvanians. Adults are \$25 and Students are only \$10. Snacks and bottled water included. Please bring your own lunch.

The itinerary is as follows:

- Leave St. Anne parking lot at 7:00 AM
- Arrive in Harrisburg in time to hear pro-life speakers
- Begin the March at 12:00 PM
- Attend Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral at 1:30 PM
- Depart Harrisburg and stop on the way home for dinner
- Return home by approximately 9:00 PM

Please contact Kathy or John Raimondi at 412-344-9690 for more information and to make a reservation. Thank you!

*Help Us Save Lives and
Change Hearts!*



Forward In Hope

Donor Recognition & Memorial Plaque

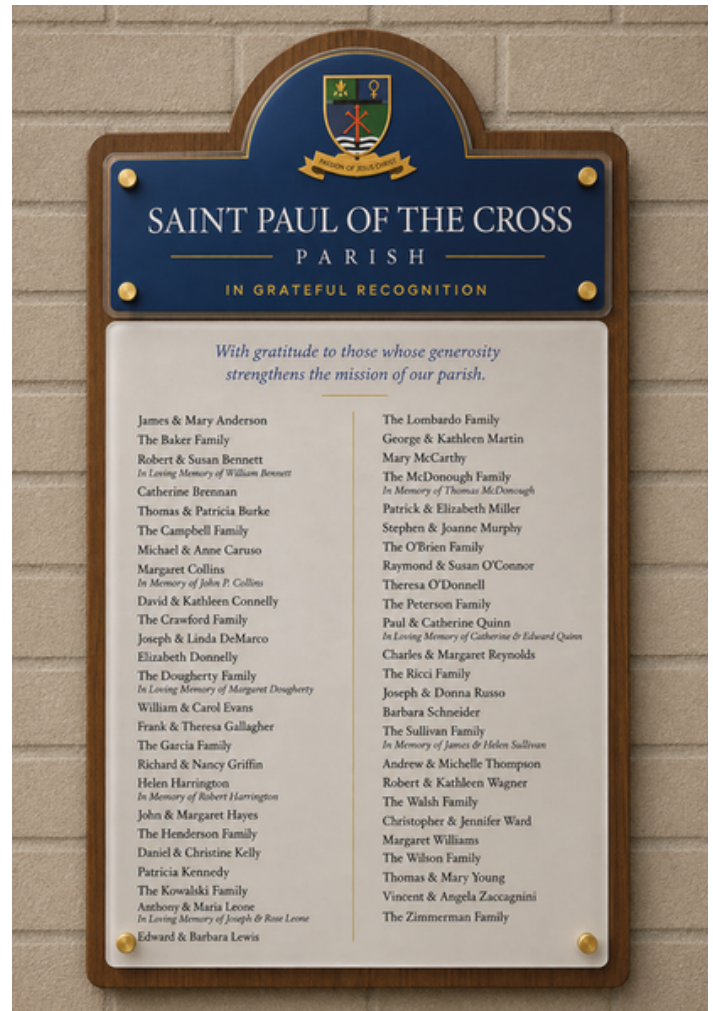
The design process is now underway for the donor recognition and memorial plaque honoring those who supported the St. Paul of the Cross Parish "Forward In Hope" Capital Campaign.

Below is the proposed design that we feel will best suit the interior of our church.

If you have made a donation to the campaign and would like your gift to be made in memory of a deceased loved one, please contact the Church Office to make your wishes known. The memorial inscription will appear on the donor recognition plaque.

Please call or write to Beth Guzowski at **412-531-5964**.

Thank you for helping us honor the memory of those who remain forever in our hearts.



Community Announcements



Two Weeks Until FestPGH!

Do You Have Your Tickets?

FestPGH is almost here. On **Saturday, September 19**, join thousands of people at FNB Stadium in Station Square for an afternoon and evening packed with live music, art, family activities, community organizations, service, prayer, and Vigil Mass. The lineup includes Switchfoot, Jervis Campbell, The Arcadian Wild, The Scally Brothers, Josh Blakesley Band, DJ Code, and more. Tickets are free but required. Reserve yours now at FestPGH.org or by scanning the QR code before the festival arrives.



St. Vincent Archabbey Oblate Director Presents Joy in Christian Life

On **Sunday, September 13** we welcome Father Donald Raila, OSB who will present the meaning and expression of authentic joy.

"They continue joyfully...because of Him who so greatly loved us" (Romans 8:37 and the Rule 7:39). How can we seek to grow in our capacity to be immersed in joy?

Father Donald has presented at least two retreats on this theme and has written the book,

Joy in the Life of a Follower of St. Benedict: An Exploration of Joy in Lent and in the Whole of Christian Life.

We will begin with Liturgy of the Hours **at 1:30 PM** in St. Louise deMarillac Church LeGras Hall Conference Room and **end at 3:00 PM**. Please join us in welcoming Father Donald!



Saints Fall Classic Golf Outing benefitting South Hills Catholic Academy

Monday, September 28, 2026

Valley Brook Country Club
425 Hidden Valley Road, McMurray, PA 15317

Please join us for our 4th Annual Saints Fall Classic!

This event brings together our school community and raises funds to enhance our educational programs and facilities.

Every dollar raised impacts our students directly.

REGISTRATION

Format: Scramble

Twosome: \$750 Foursome: \$1,400

INCLUDES

Greens Fees • Breakfast Sandwiches • Lunch Buffet •
Post-Round Reception • Beverages on the Course

Silent Auction • Putting Contest • Hole in One Challenge
& More

Please register or purchase your sponsorship by September 10. Please contact Amy Martin or Mary Olson for additional details at saintsclassicGO@gmail.com



To register or for more information, scan QR code or visit:
secure.qgiv.com/for/southhillscatholicacademy/event/golf2026/

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH)

St. Anne Division 21 Annual Card Party & Luncheon

Saturday, October 3, 2026

11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

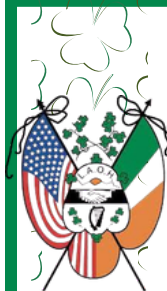
\$25.00 per ticket

Location: Harkins Hall, St. Anne Church
400 Hoodridge Dr. Pittsburgh, PA 15234
Elevator access available to Hall

Lunch, Beverages, Irish Auction, Lottery
Tree, Cash Raffle, 50/50, Grab Bags,
Designer Purse Drawing,
Gift Card Frame

For more information
e-mail Tara Chevdar at
tchevdar@gmail.com
or call 732-693-6166

All proceeds benefit local charities.



DePaul School: Concerned About Your Child's Speech or Language?

If your child or grandchild (ages 3-5) has difficulty communicating or is hard to understand, DePaul School for Hearing and Speech's SAILL (Speech and Integrated Language for Literacy Preschool) may be the right fit. Led by early childhood educators and licensed speech-language pathologists, this specialized full-day preschool offers small class sizes, individualized speech therapy, and a language-rich curriculum that helps children develop communication, social, and early literacy skills. To learn more about SAILL or schedule a visit, call DePaul School at 412-924-1012.



Weekend Retreat for Post-Abortion Healing

Rachel's Vineyard, a weekend retreat for women and men, who struggle and suffer from the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion. It will be held **October 23 - 25, 2026** at The Ark and the Dove. The retreat begins at **1:00 PM on Friday**. In a confidential and supportive atmosphere, the retreatant will find the love and acceptance of the retreat team and will experience the healing, peace, and love of Jesus. To register or for more information, contact Toni Jester at 412-352-5348, or email toniafj1@comcast.net. You can also visit our website www.rvofpgh.com or scan the QR code. **All inquiries are confidential.**



40 Days For Life Is Back This Fall!

From September 23 through November 1, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life, a 40-day campaign of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.

You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood at 933 Liberty Avenue in Pittsburgh, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach.

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

To sign up for the campaign, please scan the QR code or visit www.40daysforlife.com/pittsburgh.

You can also check out their blog at www.40daysforlifepittsburgh.com.



Come One, Come All To The Fantastic Fall Flea Market!

Come to enjoy the search for that just right item among a large variety of vendors at our Flea Market. The Flea Market will be held on **Saturday, October 3, 2026** in the St.

Elizabeth Gym, One Grove Place, Pittsburgh 15236 from **8:00 AM to 1:00 PM**. If you are a seller, hurry to reserve your table by calling or texting Eileen at 412-417-0821.



We Are HIRING

Position :

- **Full-Time Pre-School Aide**
Monday-Friday

Are you someone who is caring, dependable, and enjoys working with young children?

Help our preschool students learn, play, and discover each day in a nurturing Catholic school environment.

Apply Now

Please submit letter of intent and Resume to:
caiello@ama.srces.org



Mt. Lebanon Campus

Birthright Needs Volunteers

Birthright is seeking compassionate volunteers to help support pregnant women in our community. Whether you have a few hours each week or month, your time can make a lasting difference in the lives of these mothers and their babies. If you feel called to serve in this growing ministry, please scan the QR code or visit birthrightpittsburgh.org to learn more about our volunteer opportunities.



Birthright of Pittsburgh



birthrightpittsburgh.org



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MOTHER OF MERCY ACADEMY'S

HOWL-O-WEEN SPOOKTACULAR

5K Walk/Run

AND KIDS 1 MILE FUN RUN

October 31 | 9 AM

WHITE OAK PARK, MCKEESPORT, PA

REGISTRATION:

- 5K: \$30
- 1 MILE KIDS FUN RUN: \$20
- FAMILY 4-PACK: \$85

EVENT DETAILS:

- TOP FINISHER AWARDS
- COSTUME CONTEST
- DJ & FAMILY FUN
- DonutNV FOOD TRUCK

REGISTER BY 10/2 FOR BEST PRICE & GUARANTEED T-SHIRT

REGISTER NOW!

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BENEFIT:



TIMING
PROVIDED BY:



SCAN TO REGISTER:



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IF YOU DARE!**