

St. Maurice Parish

2001 ARDMORE BOULEVARD, PITTSBURGH, PA 15221

412-271-0809

Parish Website: www.stmauriceparish.org

LITURGIES

Saturday Evening	5:00 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM; 10:00 AM; 12:00 Noon
Monday	9:00 AM
	7:00 PM (with Novena)
Tuesday - Friday	7:00 AM; 9:00 AM
Saturday	9:00 AM

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Saturday 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Infant Baptism:

Seminar - First Sunday of every month at 1:00 PM in the Parish Center. Call the Parish Center Office to pre-register.

Sacrament - Administered third Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM. Call the Parish Center Office to register.

Initiation for Adults (RCIA Process):

Contact the Pastor or Pastoral Associate.

Marriage:

Contact the Pastor at least six months in advance.

Communion Calls: If you are unable to attend Mass, contact the Parish Center Office to arrange for Communion to be brought to your home.

Registration: New parishioners are welcome. Call the Parish Center Office to register.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday 2:00 PM

CENTURION HALL: 412-271-9676

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May 13, 2012

Sixth Sunday of Easter

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 13, 2012

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit.

John 15:16



STEP UP, STEP OUT: All current 8th graders are encouraged to Step Up to Senior High Youth Ministry. Please join us on Monday, May 21, from 7:00-9:00 PM when all 10th-12th graders will welcome you to the family of Senior High Youth Group.

CROSSING OVER: All current 6th graders are invited to Cross Over to Junior High Youth Ministry with the 7th graders on Thursday, May 17, from 6:30-8:00 PM.

BUILDING UP THE KINGDOM OF GOD: Our second annual Mission Trip to Villa Maria, PA will be held July 29-August 1. Once again we will be working on the farm at Villa Maria, Habitat for Humanity and St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen. The cost of the trip will be \$115. Please call Joann to register; space is limited! This trip is open to all current 8th-12th graders.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Today's Gospel challenges us to "love one another as I have loved you." Jesus is our model and he asks us to "lay down our life" (our time, attention, opinions and needs) for each other. This is the sacrament of the family, when God is made visible in our sacrificial love for one another.

FOOTBALL CAMP: The Viking Youth Football Camp for boys entering grades 4 through 9 will be held Monday, June 25, and Tuesday, June 26, at Central Catholic from 6:00-8:30 PM. For more information contact Mike Kennedy at 412-334-3886.



SECOND COLLECTION: next weekend, May 19/20, will be for the Catholic Relief Services. Thank you for your generosity.



ST. MAURICE SCHOOL: is seeking all former attendees and graduates of its elementary school for the 2012 Alumni Mass and Reception on Sunday, May 20, at 12:00 PM. The Alumni Mass and Blessing will begin at 12:00 PM at St. Maurice Church and the Reception will follow immediately afterwards in Centurion Hall below the Church. Former students are encouraged to bring their families to this celebration. Tour the school, see your former classmates, and enjoy the memories! RSVPs are strongly encouraged. For more information or to RSVP please contact the school office at 412-351-5403 or nkrushinski@comcast.net.



FOOD FOR THE NEEDY: This weekend, food for the needy will be collected at all Masses. We ask that you be generous in responding to this collection. Please make sure the food is nonperishable, in good condition, and has NOT EXPIRED.

FESTIVAL ENTERTAINMENT NEEDED: The festival is fast approaching in mid-June. If you have a dance troupe, band, or other performing group that may be interested in performing, please contact Grace Wilson either via email gmwilson62@comcast.net or at 412-260-7311. The schedule is filling quickly!



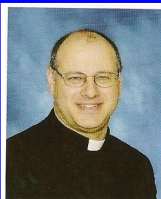
CELL PHONES, PAGERS AND MASS: Like most people, your cell phone has become one of those things you have with you all the time. As a courtesy to our Priests and other Parishioners, please remember to turn your cell phone off or leave it in your car before you enter Church. Thank you.

Flea Market Flea MARKET: The Flea Market Volunteer Party will be held Thursday, May 24, at 6:00 PM in the Parish Center. Please RSVP to Mary Ann or Paul at 412-351-2708.

ST. MAURICE



THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: We have a unique episode in the Acts of the Apostles today. A whole roomful of people are baptized with the Holy Spirit before they are baptized with water! The verb used—"the Holy Spirit 'fell' on them" (Acts 10:44)—is characteristic of the way the Spirit works throughout the book of Acts: powerful and surprising. Though this "baptism" is not the normative way the New Testament describes baptism, it is still a good reminder today that the Holy Spirit is not controlled by whether or not we pour water, but rather that our sacramental signs reveal the presence of the Spirit at work among us. And we have a double reinforcement of how this work is accomplished from a Letter and a Gospel bearing John's name. It is love, self-sacrificing and self-giving love, that manifests the Spirit of Jesus in our midst. It is love that is the greatest of commandments. The Spirit is manifested equally through those who live in that love.



Notes from the Pastor

MOTHER'S DAY: Let us all give praise and thanksgiving to our mothers today – both living and deceased – who have taught us the love of God and nurtured us to maturity. Through the intercession of our Blessed Mother in this month of May we ask almighty God to bless and protect these wonderful women. Happy Mother's Day!

ASCENSION THURSDAY: This Thursday, May 17, is Ascension Thursday, a holy day of obligation. There is no Vigil Mass on Wednesday evening, but our schedule for the day is 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, and 7:00 PM.



FR. JOHN AWAY: I will be away during this coming week visiting my sister and her family in Florida, but I will be back in time for next weekend's Masses. It's tempting to call this short trip a vacation, but I will be helping to take care of four children, ages 1 thru 6, so I'm not sure that vacation would be the correct term!

A MOTHER'S LOVE

There are times when only a Mother's love can understand our tears, soothe our sadness and calm all our fears.

There are times when only a Mother's love can share the joy we feel when something we have dreamed about quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a Mother's faith can help us on life's way and inspire in us the confidence we need from day to day.

For a Mother's heart and a Mother's faith and a Mother's steadfast love were fashioned by the Angels and sent from God above.

Amen.



THE LADIES OF CHARITY: will hold their final meeting of the year on Monday, May 14, at 7:30 PM in the Lawrence Room.



DEACON KEVIN'S GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP:

Deacon Kevin's Guatemala Trip Presentation is this coming Monday, May 14, at 7:40 PM in Centurion Hall. Come explore with him the experience of helping the very poor in Guatemala. Everyone is welcome and the people that gave a free-will offering to International Samaritan during the Lenten Series can see how their donations help the very poor.

★  **TIME CHANGE:** The Baccalaureate Mass for our St. Maurice High School Seniors has been changed to the **10:00 AM** Mass on Sunday, May 20. The graduates and their families are invited to a reception, in conjunction with Donut Sunday, for a special celebration in Centurion Hall. Please RSVP to the Parish Center Office at 412-271-0809 by Tuesday, May 15.
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Mass Intentions For The Week



Saturday - (12th) Easter Weekday

5:00 PM - John T. Danko

(Daughter-Dorothy J. Danko)

Sunday - (13th) Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM - People of St. Maurice

10:00 AM - Matt Rydeski (Mary Jo Lesniakowski &
Nancy Witt-daughters)

12:00 PM - Rita Kline (Mary Kline)

Monday - (14th) St. Matthias, apostle

9:00 AM - Berniece Yuros (Clara & John Sullivan)

7:00 PM - Maureen Fitzwilliams (Matvey Family)

Tuesday - (15th) Easter Weekday

7:00 AM - Betty Collins (Gerry O'Connor)

9:00 AM - St. Maurice Ladies of Charity

Wednesday - (16th) Easter Weekday

7:00 AM - Robert Palermo (Palermo Family)

9:00 AM - William Seng (Fran & Leo Spaeder)

Thursday - (17th) The Ascension of the Lord

7:00 AM - Bill Seng (Family)

9:00 AM - Elizabeth Sturdy (St. Maurice 7th Grade)

7:00 PM - Catherine Brivec (Family)

Friday - (18th) Easter Weekday

7:00 AM - Ann Pollak (Margaret Morrin)

9:00 AM - Berniece Yuros (Ladies of Charity)

Saturday - (19th) Easter Weekday

9:00 AM - Barbara Kareis Haggerty-Annv.
(Barbara & Richard Kareis)

5:00 PM - 55th Wedding Anniversary of
Tom & Nancy Tanney

Sunday - (20th) Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM - People of St. Maurice

10:00 AM - Angeline Martino (Family)

12:00 PM - John D. Kushner
(Wife-Mary T. & Family)



**IF YOU ARE SCHEDULED TO
CARRY THE GIFTS DURING MASS,
PLEASE LET THE USHERS KNOW**

**WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT CHURCH. WE
APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION.**

THANK YOU.

MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of **Rosemary Valentic** from Agnes Balogh;
Valeria Pollak; St. Maurice Prayer Line; Kathy & Don
Conville; Betty & Joe Merz; Mimi & Tom Merz; and
Paul Merz.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48).

Psalm — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — Let us love one another, because love is of God (1 John 4:7-10) *or* 1 John 4:11-16.

Gospel — This is my commandment: love one another as I love you (John 15:9-17) *or* Jn 17:11b-19.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13
[1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20 (for Ascension);
or Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103;
1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19 or for Ascension
Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23 or
Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20

The Offertory Collection for last week: \$14,407.00

250 CLUB WINNER: #608 Honey Meglio

Prayer Line 412-823-5228 or 412-871-3245

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 13, 2012

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Food Collection

Monday, May 14, 2012

7:00 PM - PTG Board Meeting - Coyle Room

7:30 PM - Ladies of Charity - Lawrence Room

7:40 PM - Deacon Kevin Guatemalan Presentation -
Centurion Hall

Tuesday, May 15, 2012

9:30 AM - Prayer Shawl Meeting - Lawrence Room

7:00 PM - Choral Concert - Centurion Hall

7:30 PM - Knights of Columbus - Lawrence Room

Wednesday, May 16, 2012

7:00 PM - Band Concert - Centurion Hall

Thursday, May 17, 2012

6:30 PM - Jr. High Youth Group - Parish Center

8:00PM - Bible Study - Lawrence Room

Friday, May 18, 2012

7:00 PM - Variety Show - Centurion Hall

Sunday, May 20, 2012

Donut Sunday

1:00 PM - Baptisms

5:00 PM - Christian Family Movement - Parish Center

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



As another school year is rapidly coming to a conclusion, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all those who have so unselfishly given their time, talents and treasures to our Religious Education Program and all the youth of our Parish! We are blessed to have such wonderful catechists who will share their faith so openly and lovingly! Many thanks to Teresa Mason, Janet Engleson, Michele Prior, Darlene Hoover, Mel Wolz, Annmarie Rodrigues, Katie Biehl, David Kirkland, Brooke Taylor, Sarah Letson, Sara Kennedy, Elise Wilson and Emily Scifo. Thanks also to Father John and Deacon Kevin for their constant support and encouragement!

Cheryl Kirkland



Report cards are being mailed out to the families in Religious Education. Parents: please review the comments with your children, sign the bottom portion and return to the Parish Center Office by May 20. Thanks!



OUTDOOR MEN'S RETREAT: The Catholic Men's Fellowship of Pittsburgh and The King's Men of Philadelphia are sponsoring a retreat for men called "Into the Wild" at Raccoon Creek State Park from June 14-17. This experiential weekend features fishing, orienteering, outdoor cooking, archery, and faith presented in a masculine modality. No experience is necessary and space is limited. "Into the Wild" is excellent for single or married men as well as fathers and sons. More information is available at www.intothewildweekend.com or call Damian Wargo at 215-906-8878 or Jim Zern at 412-818-3226. A 15% discount is being given with the mention of this bulletin announcement. Financial aid is also available based on need.



DONUT SUNDAY: will be held next week, May 20, in Centurion Hall, hosted by the Apostolate Committee. Please join us after Mass for coffee, tea, juice and donuts. **Also, the school uniform exchange will be open and available for families during Donut Sunday.**

RETRouvaille: 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, listening, and understanding. Call today to begin the healing process beginning with a weekend on July 13, 2012. Contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434 or e-mail 3041@retrouvaille.org. More information is available at www.helpourmarriage.com.



WHAT'S NEW AT YOUR HOUSE?: You may say "nothing" - but is that really true? Have there been changes - children moving away, an adult child moving back home because of family circumstances, elderly parents coming to live with you, etc., etc., etc.? Please let us know if there have been any changes at your house over the last few years. **Adult children over the age of eighteen who are living at home should be registered under their own name and receiving envelopes as adult members of the Parish community.** If elderly relatives are living with you, arrangements can be made for them to receive Sacraments if they are unable to attend Mass. Help us to minister to you by keeping us informed. Thank you.

DIOCESAN DATABASE & REGULATIONS FOR ALL MINISTRIES: All ministers including catechists, staff, choir, ushers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, etc., are required by the Diocese of Pittsburgh to be cleared in the following ways: (1) Be registered on the Diocesan Database; (2) Sign the Code of Pastoral Conduct; (3) Be cleared by the Dept. of Public Welfare for Child Abuse; (4) Be cleared by the State Police Criminal Record Check; and (5) Attend Protecting God's Children for Adults Workshop. If you have not completed the above or have questions, and are presently involved in any ministry in the Parish, please call Kelley Rodgers at 412-271-0809. All costs are covered by the Parish. A Protecting God's Children Workshop will be held at **St. Bernadette on Thursday, May 17, at 6:30 PM.** For reservations, please call Marlene Kopper at 412-373-1797.