

February 19, 2012 • Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Pio of Pietrelcina Parish

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MASS SCHEDULE



SATURDAY/ SUNDAY

Saturday Vigil: *St. Francis*4:00 p.m.

St. Edward4:00 p.m.

Sunday: *St. Edward*.....8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

St. Francis.....9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

DAILY

St. Francis 8:00 a.m.....(Tues., Thurs.)

6:30 p.m.....(Wednesday)

St. Edward 9:00 a.m...(Mon.,Wed., Fri., Sat.)

6:30 p.m...(Thursday)

Pastor:.....Rev. Joseph F. Keenan

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Director of Music:.....Lynn Pivarski

Finances:.....Peter Yohe

Youth Minister:.....Tristan Robinson

Safe Environment Coordinator.....Anna Trovato

Maintenance:.....Rada Karlusic and Todd Daigneau

DEVOTIONS: Daily at 8:30 a.m. Stations and the Rosary at St. Edward.

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament from 12:00 noon with closing Mass at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at St. Edward;

First Saturday of the month following the 9:00 a.m. Mass, Fatima Devotions.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday : 9:30 a.m. at St. Edward, Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF INITIATION: The Sacrament of Baptism can be celebrated during one of the Sunday Liturgies or after Mass by appointment. Contact the parish office to make arrangements.

MARRIAGE: Diocesan regulations mandate that one meet with the priest who is to witness the marriage at least six months prior to date.

CARE OF THE ILL: Please advise the parish office if you are in the hospital for an extended stay. Contact the parish office to make an appointment for Anointing of the Sick, especially if you are undergoing either major or minor surgery.



Jottings from Fr. Joe...

WINTER finally arrived last weekend. Thanks to the great crews at both of our worship sites for their prompt response to make pathways safe. I am reminded of winters that I spent during my seminary days in East Aurora, New York about twenty minutes from downtown Buffalo. We were located in the snow belt that had its border at N.Y. State Route 78. It was a different world once you past this road marker to get to the seminary. When forecasters were predicting flurries for the city of Buffalo, you could expect at least a foot of snow in East Aurora. Snow fences and wall barriers were put up at the end of October so that once winter arrived one would be able to maneuver around campus. And classes were never cancelled! (And I had to walk three miles to school).

LENT is just about upon us. The church begins the observance of this penitential season on Ash Wednesday, February 22. There is an insert for your referral to the activities scheduled for the parish. Once again a reminder that Ash Wednesday is a day of fast for Catholics aged 18-59 years and abstinence for all Catholics over the age of 14 years.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION THIS 'N THAT. A Copy of the Bulletin and the Pittsburgh Catholic will be distributed to all of our religious education students each week. It is the hope that by having this information coming into the homes, our parish families will be attuned to the events of the parish and the diocese. I'm also going to ask our teens to submit questions about the faith and the church (anonymously) to me to be answered in the bulletin. March 18 is not far off. Confirmation candidates should have their required paperwork to Mr. Toney by now.

IT AIN'T OVER 'TIL IT'S OVER. Last week the government announced that a compromise was presented in response to the outcry concerning elements of the health care mandate that would require Catholic institutions such as hospitals, universities, Catholic Charity programs, etc to violate the teachings of the Catholic Church in regard to several health care protocols. It is not immediately clear if the compromise respects religious liberty. The National Conference of Catholic Bishops has not yet accepted the proposal but cautiously regards it as a step in the right direction. The bottom line issue has to do with certainty conscience and the practice of one's religious faith without interference from the government. Currently there are 2 bills in Congress to deal with this issue: House Bill 1179 and it corollary Senate Bill 1467 Respect for Rights of Conscience Act. It would behoove us Catholics to contact our representatives in support of these two bills.

Mom is planning to visit for the Mardi Gras and Ash Wednesday and then in March to the Polish Fest. I guess I should make reservations (and you should too!).

...Father Joe

Prayer to St. Michael... *Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

Pope Leo XIII (1810-1903)



St. Pio of Pietrelcina Parish

Family Mardi Gras

Come and join us
on
Fat Tuesday, February 21, 2012

The celebration begins with dinner,
6 - 7 PM
in the St. Francis of Assisi Social Hall.

We will have "un feu de joie" (a bonfire) at **7 PM** for the burning of palms and the old sacramentaries and will end the evening with a short prayer service in the church.

The cost for dinner is a free will offering.

Please RSVP to help us in preparing,
by calling the parish office
(412-828-4066)
no later than Monday, Feb. 20th.

Merci beaucoup!
(Thank you very much!)



In the event that CCD classes must be cancelled due to weather conditions, the information will be available on:

KDKA radio & television, kdka.com,
WPXI television, wpxi.com,
WTAE television, and thepittsburghchannel.com

The cancellations will be listed under: **St. Edward / St. Francis CCD**



Mark your calendars for...

THE POLISH FEST
Saturday, March 3, 2012

The evening begins with 4 PM Mass at St. Edward Church with traditional Polish hymns and instruments, followed by dinner and dancing in the social hall from 5:30 - 9:30 PM. Delicious food...Pierogies, Kielbasa and Sauerkraut, Ham, Cabbage and Noodles, Fruit and Cookies, Beverage and Mixers (BYOB).

Music by Jack Tady and the Tady Bears!

Tickets: \$10 - will be sold after all Masses and by calling the parish office at 412-828-4066.
No tickets will be sold at the door.



CCD NEWS...

February CCD Mass will be on Sunday, February 26, 2012 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Edward Church. All CCD students are to attend Mass with their class.

Confirmation Candidates: There is a meeting for the parents/ guardians of candidates on Sunday, February 26th at 10:00 a.m - a letter with more information will be sent home with candidates **Confirmation Retreat** on Saturday, March 10th beginning at 9:00a.m. in the St. Edward social hall.

***St. Pio Choir Practice on Wed., Feb. 29th at St. Edward Church**

St. Pio Parish News...

St. Vincent DePaul Meeting on Monday, Feb. 20th at 1 PM in the St. Edward rectory.

St. Pio Youth Ministry meets on Monday, Feb. 20th at 7 PM in the St. Edward School - 1st Floor.



The February Homeless Shelter Dinner Tuesday, February 21, 2012

The dinner menu will be: meat loaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, green bean casserole, tossed salad, rolls, and pie for dessert. There are sign-up sheets at both churches. Your help in providing a hot, cooked meal for the homeless is greatly appreciated!

What to do with your old cell phones? donate them to the women's shelter. The phones will only be able to dial **911** and will enable calls for help. Our parish will be collecting cell phones for this purpose.

There will be boxes in the back of both churches.

St. Pio Parish Support... February 12, 2012: \$5,601.00

Food Bank and Pantry Items for February

At St. Edward : Cookies and Crackers
At St. Francis: Canned tuna



Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Helen Petronic
of St. Pio of Pietrelcina Parish

Eleanor Sullivan
of St. Pio of Pietrelcina Parish

Toll Free Victim's Assistance Hotline: 1-888-808-1235
For help with pregnancy: 1- 800-848-LOVE

Support the St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry
and have a delicious meal on **Sunday, February 26th**
at **la Cappella** in the Waterworks Mall!

The Food Pantry, located in the basement of St. Mary Church in Sharpsburg, serves the entire Fox Chapel Area School District.

Tickets will be in the back of church...Dine at **la Cappella** and present the ticket to your server and 20% of your sales will benefit the Food Pantry! (Sunday hours at la Cappella: Noon - 9PM)

In our Diocese...

Mardis Gras Children's Prize Bingo at St. Joseph (O'Hara) on Sunday, Feb. 19th, 12:30 - 2:00 PM in the social hall. Tickets are \$4 /child (ages 4-10 yrs), includes hot dog, drink and bingo! *Must have 1 adult (no charge) per 2 children.* *Tickets sold at the door.

Fish Fry at Christ the Divine Teacher Academy Friday, Feb. 24th
Take out only orders: 11am - 1 pm, dinner served: eat in /take out, 4 - 7 pm. Order forms will be in the back of church on Feb. 18th.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE Feb. 22 - April 1st. The ecumenical 40 day campaign to end abortion, ...will kick off on Sunday, February 19, 6 PM at the First Presbyterian Church (320 Sixth Avenue, Pgh.)
For info. or to volunteer: Nikki Bruni@ 412-926-9413
nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com www.40daysforlife.com/pittsburgh

An Introduction to Centering Prayer Workshop at St. Joseph Parish (O'Hara) on **Sat., February 25**, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Discover the way God leads us beyond anxiety into inner stillness and peace. Donation of \$25 includes workshop, materials, lunch, and follow-up sessions held throughout Lent. For information or to register: Jack Shaw @412-508-538 or shaw.jack@verizon.net.

World Day of Prayer 2012 will be held March 2 at 11:30 am at the Aspinwall Presbyterian Church, 299 Center Ave. - in the sanctuary. A fee of \$8 is requested for the lunch which follows in the fellow - ship hall. Reservations: call 412-781-2884 by February 27.



Remembering those who serve our country...

United States Navy 2nd Class Petty Officer Matthew Stough serving in Afghanistan, is the nephew of Lois and Don Allen.

United States Air Force Airman First Class James J. Thomas serving in Seoul, Korea, is the grandson of Tillie and the late Joseph Thomas.

United States Air Force Staff Sergeant Nathaniel Lee Gross serving at Langley Air Force Base, is the son of Tony and Diane Gross.

United States Marine Captain Pierce Butler Frauenheim serving at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, San Diego, California as a Marine Aviator. He is the son of Gil and Ginny Frauenheim.

Please keep them in your prayers.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 18 ~ Weekday, BVM

St. Edward 9:00 a.m. Mass

Vigil : Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Edward 4:00 p.m. Gertrude Swab (Trudy)

St. Francis 4:00 p.m. Joseph C. Thomas (Julia Marie Janoski)

Sunday, February 19 ~ Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Edward 8:00 a.m. Esther Thompson (Robin)

St. Francis 9:00 a.m. Rosary

9:30 a.m. Robert Goldbach (Maria Durrant) ~ *Choir Mass*

St. Edward 11:00 a.m. The Strandberg, Britting, and Parling Families
(Pat, Jim and Harley)

St. Francis 6:30 p.m. For all members of St. Pio Parish

Monday, February 20 ~ Weekday

St. Edward 9:00 a.m. Ray and Joe Johns (Mary)

Tuesday, February 21 ~ Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

St. Francis 8:00 a.m. In Honor of the Holy Face of Jesus (Carolyn Peternal)

Wednesday, February 22 ~ Ash Wednesday

St. Francis 8:00 a.m. Mary Sudall (James and Eileen Boyle)

St. Edward 9:00 a.m. Henry Klak (Mary)

St. Edward Noon Liturgy of the Word

St. Francis 6:30 p.m. Jayne Frick (Mary Grace Miller)

St. Edward 6:30 p.m. For our veterans

Thursday, February 23 ~ Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

St. Francis 8:00 a.m. For the intentions of Kelly and Mark Rulle (Mom and Dad)

St. Edward 6:30 p.m. Lou Petraglia (Joanne)

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

7:30 p.m. Confessions

Friday, February 24~ Lenten Weekday after Ash Wednesday

St. Edward 9:00 a.m. Lois O'Friel (George O'Friel and Family)

Saturday, February 25~ Lenten Weekday after Ash Wednesday

St. Edward 9:00 a.m. Helen Petronic (The Malec Family)

Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

St. Edward 4:00 p.m. Helen and Joseph Gasper (Dorothy and Don)

St. Francis 4:00 p.m. Regis Timpson (Family)

Sunday, February 26~ First Sunday of Lent

St. Edward 8:00 a.m. For all members of St. Pio Parish

St. Francis 9:00 a.m. Rosary

9:30 a.m. Regis Ritz (The Welsh Family)

St. Edward 11:00 a.m. Dom Maiello (George and Mary MacZura)

St. Francis 6:30 p.m. Alfred Stankovich (sister, Virginia Paulovich and nephew Paul (Darlene))

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***Out of respect for our Lord present in the Most Blessed Sacrament  
and in reparation for our sins,  
please keep prayerful silence in Church and wear appropriate clothing.***

**Sanctuary Candle for the Week of February 19, 2012**

***St. Edward*** ~ For Ron Sanders

*Requested by wife, Pat*

***St. Francis*** ~ For the intentions of Fr. Tony

*Requested by the Hughes Family*

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### ***Please remember in your prayers...***

Amor Angara ~ Joan Bailey ~ Anne Bent  
Helen Jane Boerger~ Alfred Bonomo ~ Wanda Brozda  
James Buby ~ Ed Brown ~ Nancy Brown ~Tom Burkhart  
Helen Capuano ~ Joe Casile ~ Archille Celo ~ Helen Celo  
Ellen Chirico~ Bob & Farrah Corverry ~ Robert Craig  
Penny & Joe Dabecco ~ Daniel~ Victoria Dabrowski  
Joanna Davis~ Rebekah Davies ~ Lia DiPietro  
Jane Doerfler ~Jean Doka ~Gerri Densmore  
Kathleen Driscoll ~ Clementine Ecroyd ~Dora Fabiano  
Kim Gallo ~ Mary Galore  
Mary Ann Goldbach ~Lois Vizlay Golish  
Lorraine Haburchak ~ Ed Handzlik ~Andrew Hauber  
Peg Heiry ~ Audrey Healy~ Renee Horm  
Edwina Hughes~Brian Jeffrey ~ Gerry Johns  
Joey Johnston~ Baby Trevor Johns~ Mary Johns  
Carolyn Kealy~ Kim Kinney ~Mike Killian~ Paul Kozlowski  
Attilio Lamagna ~Lou Lanyi ~ Irene Leskovic~ Joe Londino  
John Kiss ~ Lisa ~ Manja Lalevic ~ Gloria Martineck  
Edward McCague, Jr. ~ John McMunn, III  
Jim McCoy ~Julie McCoy ~Anna Miller~ LaVerne Miloser  
Alan Miller~ Pat Miller ~ Kay Neiswonger ~ Edward O'Friel  
Tracy Marie Pasternak ~ Kelly Pallone ~Jo Pavlock  
Kristie Peace ~ Agnes Penn~ Julie Pennington  
Mark Pisano ~Al Quagliotti ~ Jim Ricca ~ George Saxon  
Patricia Schach ~ Mary Claire Shurman ~Earl Sims  
Ron Smith ~ Kate Sole~ Paul Spaniol~ Lance Snyder  
Madeline Stofan ~ Anna Swab ~ Ed Swab  
Jason Venturella ~ Josephine Vitari  
Ruth Vukelich ~ Peg Wachter ~ Linda Wiegand  
Wilgress-Pipe Family~ Marie Worthy ~ Frances Yohman

**Please notify the parish office weekly of your prayer Intentions  
for those who are ill, hospitalized or had recent surgery.**

**Also, if the name of someone on the prayer list is to be removed,  
please notify the parish office.**

*May Jesus comfort you in all your afflictions.  
May He sustain you in dangers,  
watch over you always with His grace,  
and indicate the safe path that leads to eternal Salvation.  
And may He render you always dearer to His Divine Heart  
and always more worthy of Paradise.*

*Amen.*

*~ Padre Pio*

