



Our Lady of the Alleghenies

Lilly, PA

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CCD Class Jubilee Pilgrimage



CCD classes on Pilgrimage in Loretto on September 28th

Thanksgiving Day November 27, 2025

*A Thanksgiving Prayer for your Table
Dear Lord, on Thanksgiving Day, we bow our
hearts to You in prayer.*

*We give You thanks for all You have done,
mostly for the gift of Jesus Christ, Your Son.
For beauty in nature, in which we see Your
Glory, for joy and health, friends, and family.*

*For our daily sustenance, Your mercy and
care, these are the blessings You kindly share.
So today we offer this response of praise with
a promise to follow You all of our days.*

Amen.



As you prepare for Thanksgiving, look back on this year to all the moments God visited your family in unexpected blessings, or disasters avoided, or kindness and compassion received. Realize and give thanks for “The Lord is with you.”

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Collection Basket, Family Life Office, November 2021

Collection Basket, Family Life Office, November 2022



November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Saturday, November 1 All Saints Day 8:00 am Mass 10:00 am Mass Vigil Mass Friday, October 31 6:00 pm Mass 		Sunday, November 2 All Souls Day 6:00 am Mass 8:00 am Mass 10:00 am Mass 		Sunday November 2 Daylight Savings Time Ends. Set clocks back one hour at 2:00 a.m 	October 31 All Saints Vigil Mass 6:00 pm 	1 All Saints Day Mass 8:00 & 10:00 NO 3:15pm Confession NO 4:00pm Mass
2 All Souls Day Mass 6:00am & 8:00 am & 10:00 am Daylight Savings Time Ends. Set clocks back one hour at 2:00 a.m	3	4 Election Day 	5	6	7 Mass 8:00 Confessions 8:30am – 9:00am Adoration 8:30am – 9:30am	8 Mass 8:00  Confession 3:15 – 3:45
9	10	11 Veteran's Day 	12  St. Vincent de Paul Society Lemke Meeting 12:30 PM Hall	13	14	15 Mass 8:00  Confession 3:15 – 3:45

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16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Mass 8:00  Confessions 3:15 – 3:45
23	24	25	26 Knights of Columbus (4th Wednesday of the month) 6:30 pm Church Hall 	27 Thanksgiving Day Mass 8:00am 	28	29 Mass 8:00  Confessions 3:15 – 3:45
30	The 2026 Easter Vigil Mass <u>The Easter Vigil Mass</u> may be celebrated any time after sunset on Holy Saturday but should be concluded before sunrise on Easter Sunday. Most churches want to get this Mass “out of the way” as early as possible thus choosing the start time at the earliest possible time after sunset on Holy Saturday.					

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Happy Birthday



1	Jeremy McIntosh	11	Brady Jones	21	Lilah Hoover
2	Cherri Heiss		William Mulhearn		Caleb Hurley
	Bridget Michina	12	Missy Erzal		Noah Jones
	Brenda Orr	13	Andrew Lee Sr.		Christopher Mulhearn
4	Donna Hritz		Sadie Scott	23	Brian Davis
6	Virginia Gallagher	14	Margaret Conrad	26	Joseph Gides
	Thomas Orr		Stephen Mardula Sr.		Debra Hartline
	Marianne Wheldon		Lauren Ronan		Michele Klayko
8	Sandra Miorelli		Ray Serre		James Lego
	Michelle Proctor	15	Joyce Pyo		Coleen Prostejovsky
	Reed Wilson	17	Nickole Bender	27	Richard Nadolsky
9	David Dunmyer		Tabitha Sibis		Grace Osman
	Guido Fabri	19	Justin Cox		Barbara Pyscher
10	Nancy Cassisi		Benjamin Kirsch	29	Patience Kick
	Frances McIntosh		Robin Lee		Taylor Tomlinson
	Lisa Tremel		Taylor Rabatin	30	James Daugherty
		20	Evelyn Gresko		Lori Rainey

Please call Fr. Matthew, the Pastor, if there are any necessary corrections.

Adult Christmas Social

Saturday, December 27, 2025

You are invited to our Adult Christmas Dance on Saturday, December 27th.

- Doors open at 5:30 pm.
- Light Appetizers from 5:30-6
- Dinner 6:00-7:00.
- Live Band - Hot Wax will be playing from 7pm-10pm.
- \$25.00 - Single ticket
- \$45.00 - Couple tickets
- B.Y.O.B. & MUST BE 21 TO ATTEND
- Contact Anna Leahey at 814-935-4501 for tickets



November Wedding Anniversaries



5	Bill and Joanne Dunmyer	23	Robert Sr. and Debora Rabatin
12	James IV & Pamela Lego	25	Fred and Gloria Kuntz
12	George and Tammy Nesbella	25	Thomas Jr. and Patricia Muldoon
14	Alfred and Donna Hritz	26	Ronald and Linda Sweeney
15	Michael and Shelley McIntosh	28	Kerry and Kathleen Hammond
21	James and Carmella Drass	29	James and Mary Kozak



Anniversary Milestones

Congratulations to the following couples
celebrating golden anniversaries and beyond this month.

Fred and Gloria Kuntz	58	James and Carmella Drass	55
Thomas Jr. and Patricia Muldoon	58	Robert Sr. Debora Rabatin	51
Alfred and Donna Hritz	55	Michael and Shelley McIntosh	50

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Call to order: 6:05pm

Present: Fr. Matthew, Bill Mulhearn (chair), Ted George, Gary Nagy, Matt George, Pat Rainey, Liz Wilt

Excused: Andy Ronan, Rich Giraud, Jenny Schilling

Absent: Deacon Sam

1. We discussed the 2024 - 2025 Parish Fiscal Year Report and the 2024 - 2025 St. Brigid Cemetery Report and the 2024 - 2025 Mt. Carmel Cemetery Report
 - a. July 2024 through June 2025
 - i. Total Income = \$350,734.61
 - ii. Total Expense = \$252,278.19
 - iii. Net Income = +\$98,456.42
 - b. After all reports were reviewed & members of the Council signed the documents to be sent to the Diocese. (*Excused members will need to sign these*)
2. Our Chairman reported that the M.A.P. checks have not arrived. We usually receive a check every quarter.
3. Fr. Matthew reported estimates for replacement of church bells. We just need the main section. The suggested model is \$8,005.00, \$4,495.00 head and installation, with a five-year warranty.
 - a. "Supreme Touch" model at a discount price would be \$4495.00 – Head unit only (includes delivery, installation is a plug and play by customer, 5 yr. warranty, free training and support)
 - b. The company will send a representative on site to verify our needs
4. Question about Small Games Account and Mass Account arose
 - a. Small games of chance account funds are used for the benefit of the community at large, such as youth functions and festivals.
 - b. Mass account required by the Church to separate Mass intentions from General operating funds

Meeting concluded at approximately 7:00 pm.

****Respectfully submitted by Liz Wilt, Finance Council Secretary***

Spotlight on the Knights of Columbus



Council 11084 - Lilly, PA

For more information, contact these leaders of our local council:

Officers for 2024-2025

Grand Knight.....Gary Nagy
 Deputy Grand Knight Deacon Sam Albarano
 ChaplainVACANT
 Financial SecretaryJames R. Secriskey
 ChancellorRobert Kunrod
 Treasurer.....Patrick J. Rainey
 RecorderGeorge W. Nesbella



Bloodmobile 2025

Our Council will be sponsoring a blood drive.

Friday December 12

12:30 – 5:pm



1. Call to Order: 6:00pm
 - a. **Attended:** John Hurley, Michael Summerville, Jim Secriskey, Matthew Hoover, Amber Hoover, Barbara Bart, George Nesbella, Colleen Keagy, Joy Eckenrode (Asst. DRE & Youth)
 - b. **Excused:** Alexis Eckenrode and Deacon Sam
2. Opening Prayer - Fr. Matthew
3. Reading of minutes of last Parish Council meeting (August 18, 2025). Motion was made to approve, was seconded, and passed unanimously.
4. Finance Council Report
 - a. Current Balances 2025/2026 as of 10/6/2025
 - i. Cash in bank, general 192,015.86
 - ii. Cash in bank, maintenance 7,398.46
 - iii. Cash in bank, small games 2,392.00
 - iv. Cash in bank, mass stipend 3,050.00
 - v. Net Income + \$831.20
 - b. Next scheduled meeting, Thursday, October 9th to finalize last fiscal year report
5. Old Business
 - a. Gabriel Project to be announced
 - b. Baby Bottle collection - May 2026
 - c. Cash chance tickets (\$500.00) are currently being sold - drawing Dec. 27, 2025
6. New Business
 - a. Active Shooter Presentation will be presented by Bubba Fatula - date to be determined
7. Reports from Committees
 - a. Cemetery Committee - no report
 - b. Vocation Committee Joan Walters and Renee Behe (as representatives)
 - i. A letter from the Bishop to Priests & Diocesan Initiative was read to council
 1. Call by Faith Campaign to happen in November 2025
 - ii. February 1, 2026, CCD vocational speaker, Nancy Spence CCW
 - iii. Currently working on a vocational library
 - iv. Continue to sign up to take the Vocation Prayer Crucifix home

8. Non-Committee Reports

- a. Youth Ministry - Joy Eckenrode (Head)
- b. Family December Christmas Decorating will be December 19th beginning at 6:00pm in the church
 - 1. It will include Family Game Night - Family and friends are all invited
 - a. Foods, Drinks, and Movie included as part of the evening
- c. Youth Religious Education & Sacramental prep Fr. Matthew (DRE) and Joy Eckenrode (Assistant DRE)
 - i. CCD classes occurred in Loretto to learn about Prince Gallitzin on Sept.28
 - 1. It included a Mass at St. Michael Basilica. 90 attended.
 - ii. A presentation from Diocesan Pro-Life Committee (Stu Sibold) was presented to the high school CCD students October 5th
- d. 2025 Jubilee Year - Amber Hoover (Parish Ambassador)
 - i. Status on Rome/Vatican City State Pilgrimage October 2025
 - 1. 23 people are going from Oct. 10-17
- e. Adult Education - Colleen Keagy (Chair)
 - i. Tuesday, September 23rd bus trip to Padre Pio Centre
 - 1. 31 people attended.
 - 2. The relic glove worn by St. Padre Pio was viewed on the altar.
 - ii. Adult Education class led by Deacon Sam – yet to be announced
- f. Maintenance Issues
 - i. Electronic Bell System for the church will need to be replaced
 - 1. Currently looking into a new system “The Supreme Touch Music of Bells” by the Verdin Company. Representative to meet with Fr. Matthew
 - ii. Sidewalks to be completed by the end of the week weather permitting

9. Comments from Fr. Matthew

- a. October 25/26 weekend Masses - Fr. Brian Norris (Diocesan Vocation Recruiter)
- b. November 1st and November 2nd Masses
 - i. Fri., Oct. 31 at 6:00pm and Sat., Nov. 1st at 8:00am and 10:00am
 - ii. Sunday, Nov. 2nd Sunday Masses at 6:00am and 8:00am and 10:00am
- c. December 8th Holyday of Obligation Mass schedule
 - i. Monday, Dec. 8th at 6:00am and 8:00am and 6:00pm
- d. Easter Vigil Mass
 - i. Time to have Rule: Must begin after sunset on Holy Saturday and must be done by sunrise on Easter Sunday
 - ii. Sunrise at 6:52 am on Easter Sunday April 5, 2026
 - iii. Trying something new...Start time 5:00 am on Easter Sunday April 5, 2026
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10. Comments

- a. Concern was brought up regarding one way entrance to the parking lot
 - i. Fr. will follow up with Lilly Borough about traffic directions for our entrances

11. Closing Prayer

12. Adjournment 7:18 pm. (***Next Parish Council meeting will be December 8, 2025, Monday, 6:45 pm to 7:45 pm after the Holyday of Obligation Mass which begins at 6:00 pm.***)

On September 23, our Parish sponsored a bus trip to The National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, PA.

A group of over 30 toured the grounds, attended Mass with Fr. Matthew Reese as co-celebrant.



In April of 1966, Vera and Harry Calandra were thrilled to welcome their fifth child to the world. But Vera Marie, born with congenital defects of the urinary tract, was ultimately given a death sentence before the completion of her first year of life.

After all medical hope had been given up, the Calandras relied even more heavily on their faith. After being introduced to the life of Padre Pio through reading a book, Vera began to experience signs that her prayers were being heard. Padre Pio began making his presence known to her, first through the fragrance of roses, and then by distinct locution: *“Bring your little girl here to me in Italy and do not delay, come immediately.”*

Vera obediently listened to Padre Pio’s call. With her oldest child Michael, newborn Christina and now two-year-old Vera Marie in tow, Vera traveled to San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy, to meet the “priest who worked miracles.” The young mother was granted two audiences with Padre Pio where he blessed her and children, placing his sore, wounded hands on their heads. Vera kissed his hand and spoke to him through her heart. *“Please God, make a miracle so that all the people will believe.”* She made a silent promise to Almighty God that if her daughter were to



live, the whole world would know the greatness of Padre Pio.

Vera’s prayers were answered: upon returning to the United States with Vera Marie, her doctors discovered a “rudimentary bladder” growing in place of the one that had been removed. Vera Marie’s health improved greatly, her prognosis was strong, and Vera kept the promise she made to God in Italy. The Calandras devoted their lives to bringing souls to God through the intercession of Padre Pio, eventually founding the National Centre for Padre Pio in 1971.

Today, Vera Marie serves as the Centre’s Assistant Manager and Vice President, working alongside two of her sisters and several of her nieces and nephews to lead the Centre into a future of growth.

Born 1887 - Died September 23, 1968

Padre Pio, born Francesco Forgione in 1887 in Pietrelcina, Italy, is one of the most beloved saints of our time. Raised in a humble farming family, he entered the Capuchin Franciscan Order in 1903 and was ordained a priest in 1910. Within a month of his ordination, (September 7, 1910), as Padre Pio was praying in the Piana Romana, Jesus and Mary appeared to him and gave him the wounds of Christ, the Stigmata - the wounds of Christ—which remained with him for 50 years and drew countless faithful to witness his devotion.

Throughout his life, Padre Pio was known for his deep spirituality, dedication to prayer, and tireless service in the confessional. Despite periods of illness and restrictions from Church authorities, he continued to guide souls and offer Mass. In 1956, he founded the “Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza” (Home for the Relief of Suffering), a hospital that stands as a testament to his compassion.

Padre Pio’s reputation for holiness spread worldwide, and many miracles have been attributed to his intercession. One notable story involves Vera Calandra, whose daughter was miraculously healed after Padre Pio’s blessing, inspiring the founding of the National Centre for Padre Pio in the USA

On September 22, 1968, Padre Pio sings Holy Mass before the large crowd of members of his Prayer Groups gathering in San Giovanni Rotondo to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his stigmatization. He collapses at the altar at the end of Mass.



The incorrupt body of St. Pio of Pietrelcina is carried in procession in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican Feb. 5, 2016. (CNS photo/Paul Harin- National Centre for Padre Pio : National Centre for Padre Pio <https://www.padrepio.org/>

On September 23, 1968, having received the Last Sacraments and renewing his religious vows, Padre Pio dies with his Holy Rosary in his hands and the words “Gesù... Maria” (Jesus... Mary) on his lips. In the days leading up to his death, the stigmata had slowly started to vanish, and on the morning of the 23rd, there are no traces of the wounds on Padre Pio’s body.

He was beatified in 1999 and canonized as St. Pio of Pietrelcina in 2002 by Pope John Paul II.

In the most discreet manner possible, St. Pio was exhumed by medical experts on March 3, 2008, while government and Church representatives observed. Archbishop of Manfredonia, Domenico D’Ambrosio, declared St. Pio’s body to be “very well preserved,” thus the classification of “Incorrupt.”

Today, his legacy continues to inspire faith, healing, and devotion around the world. The National Centre for Padre Pio remains dedicated to sharing his message and leading souls to God through his example.

The Souls of the Just are in the Hands of God...

Since last All Soul's Day, we pray for these souls who now rest with the Lord.

November 2, 2024, to November 2, 2025

May they rest in peace.

Rest in Peace

November 17, 2024	Mary Agnes Slebodnik
January 2, 2025	Joan Agnes Sibis
January 6, 2025	Dolores Marion Forst
January 9, 2025	William Thomas Latoche
January 11, 2025.....	Frances Nellie Albarano
January 18, 2025	Bryce George
January 30, 2025	Mary L. Martino
February 2, 2025.....	Vernita Louise Kaminski
February 14, 2025.....	Elizabeth "Betty Ann" Agosta
March 3, 2025	Matthew Charles Corwin
March 14, 2025.....	Karen Marie Sibis
March 30, 2025	John William Patterson
April 21, 2025	Pope Francis
April 29, 2025.....	Sandra L. Courvina
June 12, 2025.....	Margaret Mary Lukacs
June 28, 2025	Kimbro J. Maurer
July 7, 2025.....	Bernadette Ann Hmiel
August 26, 2025	Christopher J. Bost
August 28, 202	John Fitzgerald Behe
August 29, 2025	Donna Gates
September 2, 2025.....	Ronald Stephen Martynuska
October 19, 2025.....	William C. Clinemyer, Sr.



*May Their Souls and the Souls
of All the Faithful Departed
Rest in Peace!*