

**JULY 12, 2015 - FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Saint Susanna Parish**



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**Mass Schedule**  
 Saturday Vigil .....4:00 p.m.  
 Sunday .....9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

**WEEKDAY CLUSTER MASS SCHEDULE**  
 St. Susanna - Mon., Wed., Fri. - 9:00 am  
 St. Bartholomew - Mon., Thur., Fri. - 10:00 am  
 St. Gerard Majella - Tues., Wed., Thur. - 9:00 am  
 St. Irenaeus - Tues., Wed., Fri. - 8:00 am  
 St. Joseph - Mon., Tues., Thur. - 9:00 am

**Nestled in the heart of Penn Hills since 1960, our parish community at St. Susanna encourages stewardship and spirituality. We are believers in Jesus Christ, nourished by the Eucharist and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Our family strives to connect the faithful to God, offering healing words and services to our surrounding community. Parishioners strive to share the truths of our faith with all, and encourage families, young and old, to become involved in our church. In communion with Jesus, we are committed to keeping St. Susanna Parish as a vital and vibrant place of worship.**

**PASTORAL STAFF**

Rev. Martin F. Barkin, M. Div..... *Pastor*  
 Sandy Baer .....*Parish Secretary*  
 Mary Lou Bender .....*Minister of Music*  
**Religious Education Program Committee:**  
 Chris Hong, Irene Swackhammer  
**Children/Youth & Family Ministry Program Managers:**  
 Julia Kulwik, Susan Sciacca,  
 Stephen Bober, Josie Michaux - Smith  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
 Saturdays, 3:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.  
**Sacrament of Baptism**  
 Last Sunday of each month (with prior arrangements)  
**Sacrament of Marriage**  
 Couples planning to marry are to contact the Pastor at least six months before the desired date. Marriage

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**SENT BY GOD**

In Amos' time the vocation of prophet had achieved a very formal status in Israel. The prophets had arisen, originally, to act as God's voice when Israel was no longer led by the spiritual/civil figures known as "judges," but by monarchs. Over time, the monarchy had appropriated the offices of priest and prophet, established them into companies, and reserved the right to appoint courtly prophets. Then, as now, when those in power also got to choose who would act as their official conscience, things sometimes went awry. At such times, God raised up prophets from unlikely places, and this is how Amos received his vocation as prophet. In last week's Gospel we heard how Jesus was raised up as God's anointed from a place many viewed as unlikely. As we continue to discern our own vocation as baptized disciples, we can be assured that we are, in Paul's words, "chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will" (Ephesians 1:11). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**Bible Study** .....Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.  
**RCIA** Tuesday evenings, 7:00 p.m.  
 St. Joseph, Verona  
**Contemplative Prayer Group:**  
 Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.  
**Children's Liturgy of the Word:**  
 Sunday, 11:00am  
**Parish Office Hours:** M-F 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
**Anointing of the Sick** will be the 3rd Sunday of every other month ( 7/19/2015, 9/20/2015)

**UNFINISHED MISSION**

Here's a simple test to find out whether your mission on earth is finished: If you're alive, it isn't.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**July 12, 2015**

Week 3 of Psalter

- 13 Mon. Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
9:00 am - In Honor of Most Reverend William J. Winter -  
Jeannie Halterlein
- 14 Tues. Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha**  
- *No Morning Liturgy*
- 15 Wed. Memorial of Saint Bonaventure**  
9:00 am- In Honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary for -  
Judy and Ron Gratz
- 16 Thu. Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
- *No Morning Liturgy*
- 17 Fri. Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
9:00 am - Emma LaFrance - Mariann Rovnyak
- 18 Sat. Optional Memorial of Saint Camillus de Lellis**  
3:15 - 3:45 - Sacrament of Reconciliation  
4:00 pm - Albert Delmontagne - Dennis & Mary Ann Navish  
And Family
- 19 Sun. Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9:00 am- Roy Friend - Elmer & Joannie Durden  
11:00 am - Rosemary Mathieu - Jerry & Dolores Price

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8;  
Mt 10:34 — 11:1
- Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34;  
Mt 11:20-24
- Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27
- Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27;  
Mt 11:28-30
- Friday: Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15,  
16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8
- Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15;  
Mt 12:14-21
- Sunday: Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18;  
Mk 6:30-34



**VBS-**

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE**

The Churches of St. Susanna, St. Joseph,  
St. Gerard & St. Bartholomew will be having  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
Ages 4 through 6th Grade  
**SUNDAY, JULY 26 - THURSDAY, JULY 30**  
6:30 To 8:30 p.m. Location: St. Susanna  
(CALL IRENE AT 412-977-2721)

**2016 MASS BOOK**

The 2016 Mass Book will be opening , Monday, August  
3rd. Please remember that each Family will be allowed  
4 Masses per year (2 weekend days and 2 weekdays)  
Sanctuary Candles will be 2 per family.  
We appreciate your cooperation.

**BUSY MOMS' RETREAT - JULY 31ST THRU AUGUST 1**

**SAINT EMMA'S IN GREENSBURG**

Reflections by Mother Mary Anne, OSB  
Not possible to be away the whole weekend?  
This retreat is for you! Friday dinner at 6pm  
Option #1 - Friday 5pm - Saturday 5pm.... \$85  
Option #2 - Friday 5pm - Sunday brunch \$150  
Please call 724-502-2600 for more info

**WE COULD USE A HELPING HAND**

Occasionally we have members from our Parish who reach out  
to us, who have no family members/friends who could get  
them to Church. We are asking for volunteers who could be  
Angelic Transporters to give a  
Parishioner a ride to Church.  
If you would be interested in helping,  
please call the office for more  
information. Thank you for your help.



**SANCTUARY CANDLES**

The Intention for the week of -  
July 11/12 is in Memory of:  
**Concetta Carolis**

**SAINT SUSANNA PARISH PRAYER LIST**

Please keep our friends in your prayers.



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|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Jenny Baer        | John & Dolores Delaney        |
| Marlene Brienza   | Chuck Schoffstall             |
| Judy Pasquarelli  | Pat Carson Darryll Sommers    |
| James Pasquarelli | Kathy Griffin Mark Ruffner    |
| Larry Conte       | Julie Kulbage Joe Palmieri    |
| Richard Paul      | Andrew O'Neil Sweetie Cyphers |
| Virginia Gloz     | Lou Montanari Floyd Hunkele   |
| Frank Potocnik    | Mike Holodnik Sally Garfold   |
|                   | Frank Trujillo                |

**ANNUAL DIAPER DRIVE**

**The next time your at the grocery  
store, could you throw a package  
of diapers, wipes, etc. into your  
shopping cart...**



We are collecting diapers and other  
items to distribute them to low income families and  
single moms who struggle to make ends meet. Our  
participation helps these families who are unable to  
provide an adequate monthly supply of fresh  
diapers for their children. Please donate diapers  
and/or other baby items, such as lotions, wipes,  
shampoo, etc. **The drive will be held  
July 11/12 and will be extended to July 18/19.**  
Nothing will be turned away to help our youngest  
members of our community. Thank You!

PLEASE LET US WELCOME FOR OUR MISSIONARY CO-OP FATHER GONCHAR FROM THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS TO SAINT SUSANNA PARISH ON THE WEEKEND OF JULY 18/19, 2015 (PLEASE SEE THE ENCLOSED PAMPHLETS IN THIS WEEKS BULLETINS) Thank You!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**  
 This Summer and Fall, Saint Colman, Madonna/Word of God and Saint Maurice Parishes will be offering three pillar courses for interested adults to take for general knowledge and catechetical credit. Saint Colman is offering **Sacraments the week of July 6th thru 10th** from 6:00 - 9:30 pm. The cost is \$30, Contact Betsy Krygowski ant 412-823-2564 to register. Madonna/Word of God is offering **Creed at Madonna the week of August 17th** from 5:30 - 8:30 pm. The cost of the course is \$30. Contact Deacon Keith Kondrich at 412-243-9457 to register. Saint Maurice is offering **Morality starting on Thursdays, September 24th and running for seven weeks through November 5th** from 6:30 - 9:30 pm in the Parish Center. The cost is \$40 per person. Please contact Cheryl Kirkland at 412-351-6710 or stmauriceparish-ccd@comcast.net to register. All checks should be made payable to The Diocese of Pittsburgh. Thank You.

**WELCOME TO SAINT SUSANNA PARISH**

In order that we may better serve your needs please fill out this form, check interests and drop it in collection basket, mail or bring to the Office. Thank you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_, Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone #-H: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Work \_\_\_\_\_

New Address/Phone       Interest in taking Communion to Shut-ins.  
 Moving out of Parish       Interest in being an Altar Server.  
 New Parishioner       Interest in being a CCD Teacher/Aide.  
 Returning to Parish       Interest in being in the Choir.  
 Need Envelope       Interest in being a Eucharistic Minister  
 Entering/In Hospital       Interest in Ladies of Charity.  
 Shut in       Interest in being a Lector.  
 Interest in doing Altar Linens.       Interest in being an Usher.  
 Interest in Gardening       Interest in Funeral Ministry.  
 Interest in maintenance work       Interest in Pastoral Council.  
 Interest in HS/MS Youth Group.  
 Interest in the Children/Youth & Family Ministry.  
 Interest in Catholicism/Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AT 412-798-5596 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.  
 THANK YOU


**FINANCIAL CORNER**

**GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS - 7/5/2015**

	<u>4:00</u>	<u>9:00</u>	<u>11:00</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Amount	1,736	1,870	1,241	4,847.00
Number of Envelopes	56	62	47	165

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**  
 Many marriage customs stand in tension with modern American attitudes and values, notably “giving away the bride,” which is no longer in the Catholic liturgy, and reminds us of a time when marriage was a contract between men (the groom and the bride’s father). A Mexican custom, now approved for use in the United States, has a very different message. An ancient Roman custom called for smashing pieces of gold and silver so that bride and groom could each keep half. This is the origin of today’s Mexican practice of the groom giving thirteen gold coins to the bride, symbolically placing all his worldly goods into her care, and a sign of his unconditional trust. The coins are often given in beautiful gift boxes and are retained as an heirloom. Why thirteen? The standard explanation is that they represent Jesus and the apostles. The priest blesses the coins and pours them into the bride’s cupped hands. Then she entrusts them to the groom, who later pours them back into her hands. This enduring ritual is in such harmony with our tradition’s view of marriage that it is now increasingly performed by English-speaking Hispanic Catholics at weddings in the United States.—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch

**ATTENTION GOLFERS**  
 It’s time for the Fifth Annual Benedictine Nuns’ Golf Classic, Tee Time for a Nun, Monday, August 31st, 2015. Once again it will be at Hannastown Golf Cub. Your \$100 donation will include a round of golf, lunch and a steak dinner. There will be a raffle for Lexus club seating at a Pirates game, silent auction, games with prizes, door prizes and even a chance to win a new car!!! Truly a hole-in-one of a day! Please see our website, [www.stemma.org](http://www.stemma.org), under “Upcoming Events” on the home page, for more information and registration details.



**God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.” Psalm 46:1**

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