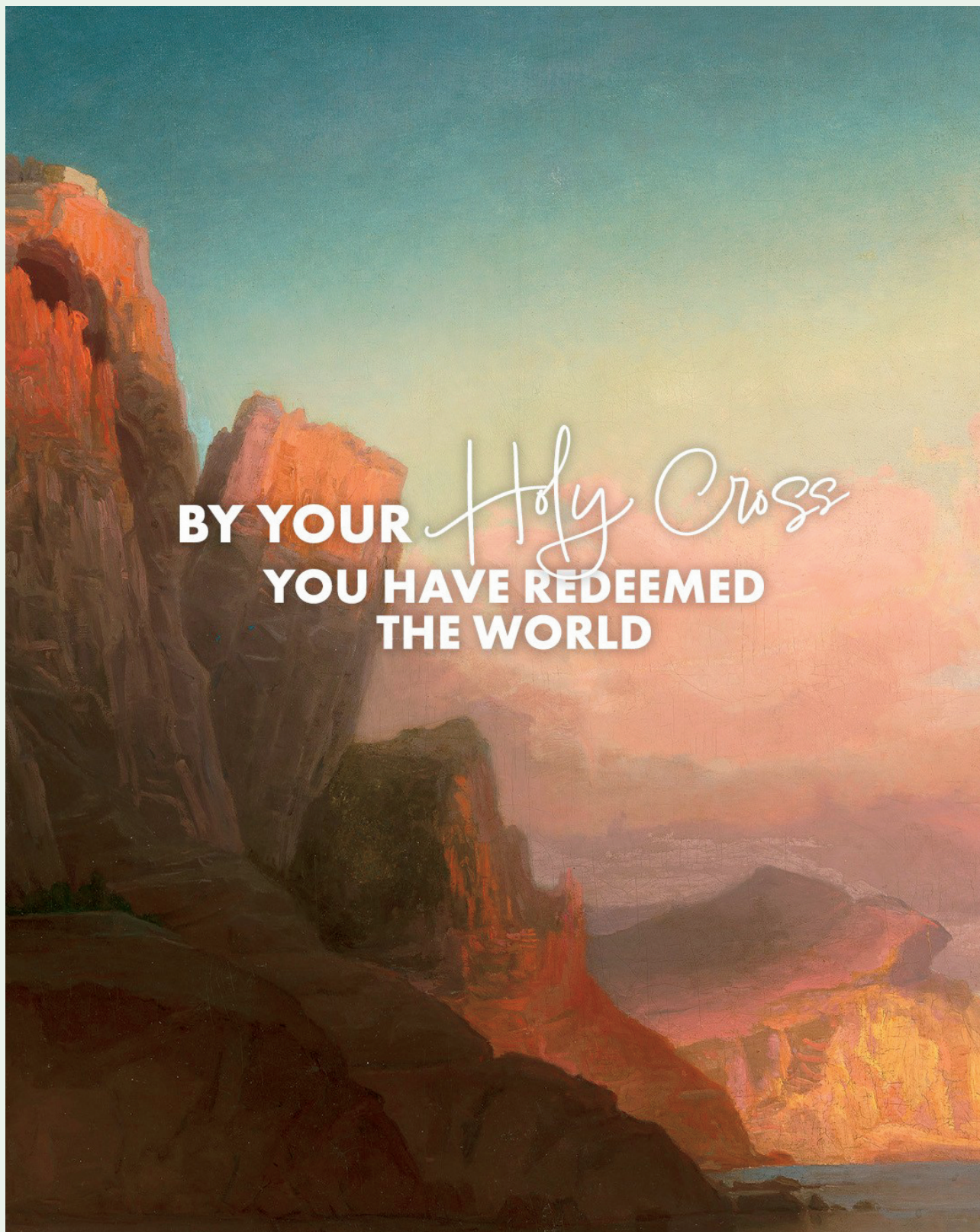


# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**September 14, 2025**

## GENERAL

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Deacon Mark J. Kuhn  
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Director of Family & Youth Ministry  
 Suzanne Kuhn (DRE)

Office Manager: Lisa Gallagher

Facilities Manager: Oleg Berezovski

### Parish Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 9:00AM - 4:00 PM  
 Closed for lunch from 12:00 PM -1:00 PM  
 Friday 9:00 AM -12:00 PM  
 The Rectory office is closed on all holidays.

### New Parishioners

We are always happy to welcome new parishioners!  
 If you are interested in joining our wonderful  
 Parish family, contact the rectory office at 215-646-0494.



### Prayer Requests for:

|                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Jimmy Cowman           | Anthony D'Acunto |
| Clare Di Donato        | Emily Gudas      |
| Kathleen/Franicis Hart | Joan Sontag      |
| Jessica Hummel         | Rita Malozzi     |
| Maryann Osowski        | Jeanne Stabilito |

Please continue to pray all who are ill or in need of prayers. Names are removed monthly unless notified.

We continue to remember and pray for Father William Atkinson's 'call to Sainthood'.

### Welcome Father Andrew "Drew" Heiman

We extend a warm welcome to Father Drew from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary where he serves as Director of Spiritual Formation for the College Seminary and College Propaedeutic Program. Father Drew will be assisting in the celebration of Masses at both St. Anthony and St. Joseph Parishes.



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday Vigil

4:00 PM Patrick J. Murphy

### Requested by

Family

### Sunday

7:30 AM Orlando/Vittoria Tosi

Rose Spier

1:00 PM N/A

### Monday

6:30 Communion Service

### Tuesday

6:30 AM JoAnn Stewart

Teresa/Renzo Araco

### Wednesday

6:30 AM Communion Service

### Thursday September 11th Patriot Day

6:30AM Carmela Raiti  
 (living)

Peter/Joan Raiti

### Friday

6:30 AM Communion Service

### Candle Memorials



Mary



Tabernacle  
 Patrick J. Murphy



St. Joseph

### St. Joseph Church

### Saturday Confessions :Saturday 2:45 PM-3:45 PM

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30AM

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 6:30 AM

Tuesday & Thursday: 6:30 AM Communion Service

Holydays of Obligation 12:05 PM

### St. Anthony of Padua Church

Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 5:00 PM

Spanish: 1:00 PM Second Sunday of the month

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:15 AM

Tuesday & Thursday: 8:15 AM Communion Service

Holydays of Obligation: 8:15 AM

## Applying this week's Gospel

### Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross is a celebration of what Jesus Christ accomplished for us on the Cross. The greatest way we can thank him and honor him for this is to tell others about the cross and the Good News of God's love for them. We are called to help those who do not know Jesus Christ to become his disciples and to help those who do know him to become the best disciples they can be. This of course is the mission of evangelization, and every individual Catholic is to embrace this mission. Evangelization is not just the mission of every Catholic, it is also the mission of every Catholic parish, and if we are honest, most of our Catholic parishes need to get much better at this. This week, do what you can to help your parish get better at evangelization

Yours in Christ,  
Father Jim

**BLACK and INDIAN**  
**MISSION COLLECTION**

There is a second Collection for the Black and Indian Missions. Thank you for your generosity.



### Bosco's Helping Friends

Our Annual Bosco's Helping Friends is back! Wednesday, October 22, 2025 you can shop at Bosco's from 8AM to 11 PM.

For one day only in-store or online you can get a 25% off shopping pass.

There is a \$5 Donation per pass.  
100% of your donations benefit directly to St. Joseph Church in Ambler.  
Thank you for your participation in our 'Fun-raiser'.  
Hope you have fun shopping.

The 25% pass is available at St. Joseph Rectory Office during business hours.

The passes will also be available on Sunday, September 20th after the St. Joseph 4:00 Vigil Mass.

### Pray for our Nation

Our country, our military, police and first responders all need our prayers now! Please continue to pray for all in harms way who help protect us and our country. God bless and protect them all. Many have returned home and need both physical and emotional care. They cannot be forgotten. Pray for all those who have unselfishly given up their lives for our freedom. Jesus has said, *"There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for a friend"*. May God give them strength and courage to continue to fight the battles they struggle with abroad and here at home!



### OUR LADY OF EINSIEDELN

**September 14**

The tradition of devotion to Our Lady at the shrine in Einsiedeln, Switzerland, began with the hermit Meinrad in 853, when he placed a statue of the Blessed Mother with the infant Jesus in a small chapel near his cell. It is thought that the present statue, known as the Black Madonna, was carved in 1466.



### OUR LADY OF SORROWS

**September 15**

Mary is venerated under this title to commemorate the seven sorrows that she suffered: The prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt, the loss of the child Jesus in the temple, meeting Jesus carrying his cross, the Crucifixion, receiving the body of Jesus from the cross, and the burial of Jesus. A devotional image of her shows her heart pierced with seven swords to represent these sorrows.

### OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE

**September 19**

In 1846, at La Salette in France, the Blessed Mother appeared to two young teens, Maximin Giraud and Mélanie Calvat. She told them to make her message "known to all my people." The La Salette missionary order is founded on the reconciling message of this apparition.

# THE SACRAMENTS



## Sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation Role of Sponsors

A baptismal preparation class is for all parents who are requesting Baptism. Baptisms are scheduled with the Deacon. Please contact the rectory office for more information.

Godparent or Sponsor Eligibility- You must be a practicing Catholic, in good standing, and attend mass regularly, (married validly if married), at least 16 years of age, and have received the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist).

Requested eligibility certificates for another Parish- We cannot issue certificates of eligibility to any parish if a person is not regularly attending Sunday mass and/or isn't properly registered in St. Joseph Parish.

**Sacrament of the Sick** In case of serious illness, please contact the Rectory.

## Sacrament of Marriage

Parishioners planning a wedding, contact the office to book an available date at least six months or more prior to that date. Marriage Preparation Class can be made online at [www.philamarriageprep.com](http://www.philamarriageprep.com) or call 610-873-2017.



*Anointing of the Sick*

## Sacrament of the Anointing

This sacrament takes place after the 4:00 PM Vigil Mass on the Second Saturday of the month. After the mass is ended, those who wish will be invited to gather around the baptismal font. Please write your name on the sign up sheet after receiving the sacrament. so it will be recorded.



**Donut Sunday** will resume on Sunday, September 28th after the 11:00 AM Prep Mass at St. Anthony of Padua's Friendship Hall.

All are Welcome!

# ADULT

## St. Joseph Annual Pasta Night Dinner

St. Joseph Church's Heritage Room

Sunday, September 28, 2025

Seating begins at 4:00 PM Reservation required limited number of seating

Cost: \$20 per adult

Children: (ages 6-12) \$5

Children 5 and under: Free

(Salad, dinner, dessert and beverage included) along with a great time!

All Are Welcome!

All RSVP's must in by Monday, September 22, 2025

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Chil-  
dren \_\_\_\_\_

Total number in your party \_\_\_\_\_ (for table seating purposes)

\*\*Phone \_\_\_\_\_



Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ check  
(payable to St. Joseph Church)

\_\_\_\_\_ cash

Please enclose money with form.  
All proceeds benefit St. Joseph's Church.

There are also flyers on all of the tables.

## Ambler Young Adult Catholic Ministry Next Potluck & Prayer

The Ambler Catholic Young Adult Ministry welcomes you to our monthly gathering for young adults, ages 18 to 39! Join us the second Tuesday of the month 6-8 PM. We meet in the St. Anthony Parish Center, 259 Forest Avenue, Ambler. Young adults with little ones are welcome! This ministry is hosted by St. Anthony & St. Joseph parishes. 6 PM: Potluck Dinner Bring a dish or beverage to share 7:15 PM: Discussion—7:45 PM: Eucharist Adoration & Prayer (Confession available) 8 PM Departure Please RSVP to let us know if you are bringing a dish or beverage using the QR code or text Nicole— (215) 622-8146.





Anyone who is interested in volunteering your time for... adult altar server, lector, cantor or religious prep please contact the rectory office.

**Video & Discussion after St. Anthony's 8:15 Mass —** Wednesdays Starting September 17th—Friendship Hall Meeting Room. Featuring the Metanoia videos with Fr. Dave Pivonka. Metanoia contains 10, half hour episodes shot in locations all throughout the Holy Land. The audience will be able to encounter the Lord in the settings of some of the holiest sights in the world. Metanoia is a spiritual journey through the places where Jesus physically taught His Church the meaning and the way of metanoia. It is a transformation of the heart, a spiritual conversion, which comes about through repentance. This conversion may be in how we see Jesus, the Father, our self, and others. This follow-up series focuses on eight different areas that invite us to a deeper metanoia of who Jesus is and how He desires us to know Him. When one views this series, the viewer will have a much broader understanding of Jesus' message.

### Bearing our Crosses with Joy

We may have any number of crosses throughout our lives. Some may be small, some may be big. Some may be heavy, some may be light. Some may be temporary, some may be long lasting. As Christians, we are called to bear those burdens, not begrudgingly but joyfully. Sometimes that seems downright impossible. How can I have joy in my life when every moment is filled with pain (whether that be physical or emotional)?

The answer is, it is not possible without a profound relationship with our Lord, that includes constant surrender to His will. In His great love for us, He often allows things to happen that we don't understand, but are for our good or for the good of others. After all, the goal for each of us is eternal salvation, not earthly comfort.

But whether we suffer rejection, loneliness, illness, pain, hunger, cold, or even torture and death, we know that He has experienced it all and knows exactly how it feels. We can ask Him to walk with us each step of the way and be our strength when our own fails.

We may get to the point where we are able to rejoice in our sufferings like St. Paul, or endure them without complaint or remember to offer them up. But above all, may our crosses be a constant reminder to us of today's powerful Gospel passage: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Tami Urcia

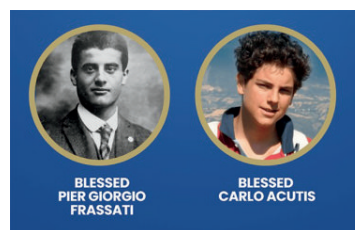
## FAMILY & YOUTH



**Congratulations!** Reyna Mendez Diaz made her Quinceañera on Saturday, September 6th. In our Hispanic families, the young girls' 15th birthday is the moment of passage from girlhood to young womanhood.

This is a faith tradition for Reyna as she made a prayer of thanksgiving to God and a personal commitment to lead a Christian life as a

young adult. She received a special blessing from Father Jim, the celebrant asking God to bless her with His love and friendship so she may grow in wisdom, knowledge and grace and always love her family and be faithful to her friends.



On Sunday, September 7, 2025 Pope Leo XIV canonized Saint Carlo Acutis and Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati at St. Peter's Basilica. Their devotion to the Eucharist, their service to those in need, and their joyful witness continue to inspire people of all ages. These new saints continue to inspire young people and the whole Church.

We give thanks to God for these new saints, shining examples of holiness for our time. May their example guide us closer to Christ.

"Saint Pier Giorgio touches young adults, and inspires with his love of the Eucharist, his friendship with those who suffer, and his willingness to challenge himself, always climbing "Verso l'alto".

And Saint Carlo reaches out to teens, especially, making sanctity approachable, even for them, even in our current time. They both prove that sanctity is a universal call, for young and old." St. Carlo Acutis the 15 year old was deemed "God's influencer".

## FINANCE

**September 7, 2025**

**Sunday:** \$ 3433.00

**Spanish:** \$ 562.00

Please know that if you attend St. Anthony's Church for Mass, your envelope contribution is forwarded to St. Joseph Church and the same with St. Anthony's envelopes.

Thank you for your contribution to St. Joseph Church. We appreciate all that you do.

## HISPANIC MINISTRY

Le messe in spagnolo si svolgono la prima e la terza domenica alle 1:00 PM.

### NUESTRA SEÑORA DE EINSIEDELN

**14 de septiembre**

La tradición de la devoción a Nuestra Señora en el santuario de Einsiedeln, Suiza comenzó con el ermita Meinrad en 853, cuando colocó una estatua de la Santísima Madre con el Niño Jesús en una pequeña capilla cerca de su celda. Se piensa que la estatua presente, conocida como la Virgen Negra, fue tallada en 1466.

### SANTOS CORNELIO (año 253) Y CIPRIANO (año 258) **16 de septiembre**

Cornelio era un ciudadano romano que sucedió a san Fabián en el papado, luego de 14 meses sin obispo. El candidato que aspiraba al cargo le creó serios problemas, pues calificó de ilegítima la elección papal de Cornelio. Además, se oponía a que se recibiera en la Iglesia a los apóstatas, mientras que el Papa Cornelio sostenía que sí, que podían ser readmitidos luego de una penitencia. En el 253 se declaró una persecución contra los cristianos y Cornelio fue desterrado sufriendo el cautiverio y posteriormente la decapitación. Durante su destierro recibió una carta del obispo Cipriano, quien le felicitaba por sufrir en nombre de Cristo. Este obispo se había convertido a los 45 años al cristianismo, renunciando a su vida placentera y abrazando no sólo el Evangelio, sino también a los autores cristianos, entre ellos a Tertuliano, quien le influyó notablemente. Gracias a su conocimiento de oratoria y retórica impulsó enormemente el cristianismo en África. Como obispo, fue firme y caritativo, enfrentó la persecución y fue decapitado. Ambos, Cipriano y Cornelio son recordados en la Plegaria Eucarística I del Rito Romano.—Miguel Arias

## LITURGY AND MUSIC

### Scripture Readings

#### **Sunday Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

#### **Monday Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows**

1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

**Tuesday Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop and Martyrs** 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Lk 7:11-17

**Wednesday** 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 7:31-35

**Thursday** 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10; Lk 7:36-50

**Friday** 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday Memorial of Saint Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs** 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15

### Treasures From Our Tradition

On this date in 335 two churches and a shrine erected by Constantine over the empty grave of Jesus and over the place of the crucifixion were dedicated. After these were destroyed by the Persians in 614, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, which still stands, was erected by the Crusaders in 1149. Today also commemorates the event that led to the building of the churches dedicated in 335: the discovery of the "true cross" by St. Helena, Constantine's mother, in 326.

According to one legend, St. Helena traveled to Jerusalem on pilgrimage, in search of the true cross. Workers she hired dug through a pagan temple that had been erected on the site of the Crucifixion by Hadrian and found three crosses. A dying woman was brought in, and touched by each cross in succession, the last of which healed her. Helena ordered that this cross be divided in three parts, one to be kept in Jerusalem and the other two to be sent to Constantinople and Rome. The pieces in Jerusalem and Constantinople were ultimately lost. Slivers were taken from the portion that went to Rome until eventually it was scattered around the world.

Of course, the significance of the true cross lies not in the wood itself but in the burden that it bore. As a faithful Christian, what crosses do you accept in your life today?

—James Field



## OUTSIDE NEWS

### Corpus Christi Church

900 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale  
Presents Lunch and Bingo— September 20, 2025  
Admission: \$40.00 (includes lunch and bingo)  
Doors open at 9:00AM Bingo starts at noon  
Door Prizes 50/50 Pull Tabs  
For advanced sales and Table Reservations call:  
Laurie Ponticello 610-584-5694  
email: [geraldponticello@comcast.net](mailto:geraldponticello@comcast.net)

### Catholic Women's Conference 2025

10 Year Anniversary Saturday, October 18, 2025— 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa 654 Ferry Road Doylestown, PA Our theme is "Women on Mission: The Feminine Genius in the New Apostolic Age" based on the book , From Christendom to Apostolic Mission: Pastoral Strategies for an Apostolic Age. At this year's conference, we will explore the beauty of our feminine genius and the unique position of Catholic women, transformed by Christ, to bring the light of the Gospel to a society that no longer knows it needs Him. Breakout sessions will feature examples of holy Catholic women who lived this reality in the midst of their own apostolic times. Visit <https://www.catholicwomensconference.org/> To learn more, volunteer and to register!

### Cardinal Dougherty High School Reunion

The cutoff for reservations is now October 1st.

### Lansdale Catholic HS Class of '70-



#### 60th Reunion

**Cardinal Dougherty High School  
Class of 1965**

Saturday, October 25, 2025  
Noon to 4pm

Sandy Run Country Club

200 East Valley Green Road, Oreland, PA 19075

\$45 per person includes music, buffet, soda & iced tea  
Cash bar

RSVP by September 1 to Marie Maguire

[mariem@caramanico.com](mailto:mariem@caramanico.com)

Checks payable to: Marie Maguire '65

[Venmo@marie-maguire-3](mailto:Venmo@marie-maguire-3)



55th Reunion Come join us for laughter and reconnecting! Saturday September 27, 2025 - 2 PM to 5 PM Smokehouse Tavern, 155 Pennbrook Pky Lansdale, PA \$35 cash at door - Call or text RSVP by September 13<sup>th</sup> : Marianne Monzo - 215-872-0883 or Pat O'Hara - 267-973-0378 or Louise Linden - 215-933-8606

### Bishop McDevitt

50th Reunion Celebration

Date: Saturday, October 18, 2025 Time: 5:00-9:00 PM

Location: Sandy Run Country Club

200 E. Valley Green Road Oreland, PA 19075

Cost: \$75.00 per person Includes: Buffet Dinner (cash bar)

Dress Code: Country Club Casual

RSVP by October 1 by mailing your check to:

Mary Pat Wilkinson P.O. Box 5

Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

Please make checks payable to Mary Pat Wilkinson.

Also accepting Zelle – [Mpwilk0211@aol.com](mailto:Mpwilk0211@aol.com)

Please include your contact information with your payment and maiden names for the ladies.

Let's reconnect and celebrate 50 years of memories, laughter and Lancer Pride.

Any questions contact: Mary Pat Wilkinson -

[mpwilk0211@aol.com](mailto:mpwilk0211@aol.com) Audrey Brabson Durkin -

[abd328@gmail.com](mailto:abd328@gmail.com)

### RETROUVAILLE: Rediscover the love in your marriage

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of October 3 - 5 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, call 215-766-3944 or send an email [retrodelvalley@gmail.com](mailto:retrodelvalley@gmail.com)

### Festival of the Word

Saint Charles Borromeo  
Seminary – 1440 Evans Road,  
Ambler, PA  
Saturday, October 4,  
2025 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM



### A Baby's Breath Run for Life

Come Run, Walk or Wheel at Tyler State Park Rt. 332 (Richboro-Newtown Road) at No 1 Lane Trail Richboro, PA 18954 (Earth Center for the Arts Entrance)

- Saturday October 4th 2025
  - Check-in/Day of Registration — 8:00 AM
  - 1-Mile Fun Run / Walk — 9:00 AM
  - 5K Run — 9:30 AM
  - Awards Ceremony — 10:30 AM
  - \$25 — Adults (\$30 for Day of Registration)
  - \$15 — Children 17 & Under and Students 21 & Under
- A \$50 cash award will be given to the top male & female finisher in the 5K race. Medals will be awarded to the top three males and females in each 5K age group. Visit: [www.ababysbreath.org](http://www.ababysbreath.org) to register



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