22 NOVEMBER 2026 SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 11/22/26

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✠ George Smilo (req. by Barbara Glover)
Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✠ Patrick James Murphy (req. by Roseanne Gresh)
11:00 AM (E) ✠ Irene Jugan (req. by Richard Vasil)

27TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 11/29/26

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✠ Martin M. Pushchak (req. by Family)
Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✠ Kenneth and ✠ Helen Warner (req. by Debbie Warner)
11:00 AM (E) ✠ Anna Marie Shufran (req. by Debra Shufran)

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN US:
11/15/26 **$ 1978.00**

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH
Please remember in your prayers all of the sick and homebound of our parish. *Those in their own homes are as follows:* David Kearney, George Huzinec, Michael Molnar, Maureen Huzinec. *Those in nursing homes are as follows:* Helen Krajnik (Nightingale Nursing Center), Elizabeth Andrijiw (Pleasant Ridge Manor), Catherine Kasinec (St. Mary's Asbury Ridge). If you know of anyone who should be on this list, contact Fr. John

EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION
God with Us Eastern Catholic Formation is the official catechetical apostolate of the Eastern Catholic Bishops of the United States. The website address is: www.godwithusonline.org This website now makes available radio podcasts, online lectures, a monthly newsletter, books and other education materials which serve to promote a better understanding of Eastern Catholics and their expression of the Catholic faith in the United States. The resource material on this website is constantly updated or changed to better meet the needs of its users.

E.C.F. CLASSES – 9:15-10:30 AM
All students through 8th grade are WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED to attend. E.C.F. classes on one Sunday per month throughout the school year. Our next class will be on Sunday, December 6, at 9:15 AM.

LITURGY TIME CHANGE – Sunday, December 13, Erie 8:30 AM / Girard 11:00 AM

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE
We are collecting monetary donations for Emmaus Ministries and Pleasant Ridge Manor. Any checks should be made out to Sts. Peter and Paul Church. Please make donations by Sunday, December 6.

SCRIPTURE PRAYER - *May the Word of God dwell in our hearts and guide the actions of our lives.*

THE PROPER FOCUS
As Christmas draws near, people are rushing about to buy presents for friends and loved ones, set up Christmas trees and other decorations, send out Christmas cards and letters, prepare the menu for the Christmas feast, etc. And while all of this is well and good, this "busy-ness of the season" can become a way to "push Christ off the stage" of the celebration of His Incarnation.
When the Angel Gabriel visited Mary to announce that she would be the Mother of God, that is when her preparations began. Her life was changed forever, and by her consent, the course of history would be changed forever. Mary's focus was not just on her Motherhood that lay ahead. It was on God Himself. Her example is one that we need to imitate so that the hustle and bustle of the season doesn't overwhelm the true meaning of the celebration of Christ's birth.

Building Community

"You shall not bear hatred for your brother in your heart.
Though you may have to reprove your fellow man, do not incur sin because of him." (Lev 19:17)

Through Moses, God delivers these and other instructions for how the Israelite people are to treat each other. But they are just as useful for any group of people who are interested in preserving unity in their common life, a group like a church or a nation.
Hatred undermines the unity and solidarity that are essential for any community to survive. Yes, the Lord says, you may have to correct a sister or brother, but don't sin because of it.
Sin? I think the Lord means that "reprove" should not involve sarcasm, gossip, threats, carrying a grudge or the like. Offer your correction and then let the matter drop. Pray that the Holy Spirit will build unity for us around the truth. *-Living Faith*

MERCY CENTER FOR WOMEN CHRISTMAS COLLECTION – Today is the last day!!
The Mercy Center for Women serves women and children who may be homeless or need emotional, financial, spiritual, rehabilitative, or life-skills assistance. They house women and children at their facility while women go through various programs to get on their feet. This collection will help their Christmas celebration. We will be collecting $10 and $20 gift cards to Tinseltown movies, Target, Walmart, or Chick-Fila as well as nicer quality bath & body items, new socks for women and children, and postage stamps. Additionally, they always need liquid laundry soap, baby food, and diapers. This collection will end on Sunday, November 22.

IN THANKSGIVING

Thank you Father, for having created us and given us to each other in the human family.
Thank you for being with us in all our joys and sorrows, for your comfort in our sadness, your companionship in our loneliness.
Thank you for yesterday, today, tomorrow, and for the whole of our lives.
Thank you for friends, for health, and for grace.
May we live this and every day conscious of all that has been given to us.
With gratitude, we honor and praise You evermore. Amen.

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***JESUS PRAYER** – Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner*