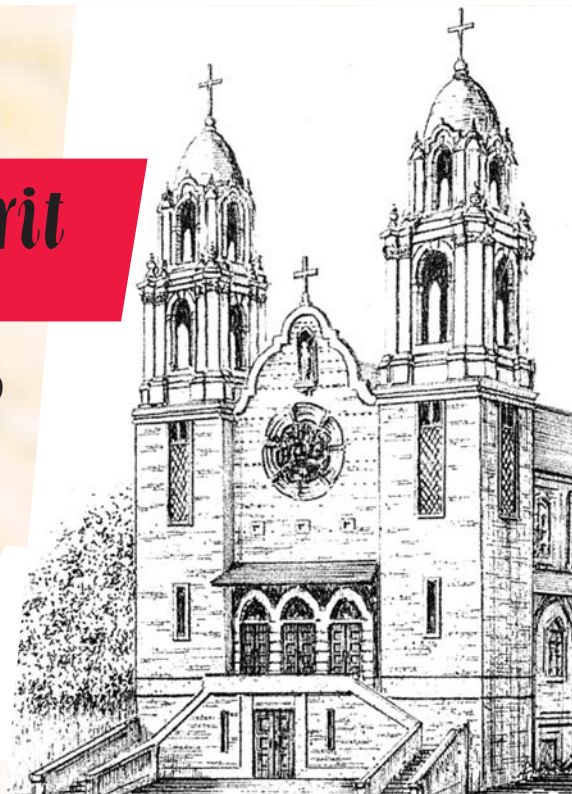


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December, 2016

Dear Parishioners, Friends & Neighbors,

Someone once said, “I get lost in thought. It’s unfamiliar territory!” Well, we do not want you to get lost in our Parishes. The purpose of this **2017 Guide Book & Directory** is to help you familiarize yourselves better with our Parishes: our groups, our activities, our liturgies, our community, and each other. It is designed to be read in an easy and convenient manner. Hopefully, the information provided will inspire more of us to be more involved and active in our Parishes. It is also a great introductory book for new parishioners.

This Guide Book & Directory will be reprinted each year, so it can and will change, just as our Parishes, parishioners, and activities do each year. Your suggestions to this end are always welcome.

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Finally, please remember that as a Parish we strive to be a welcoming community, but it is not always easy. That is why we need to be nourished by God’s love and respond to it. For our Parishes to be warm, welcoming and accepting, we need everyone’s participation. Our prayer is that this Guide Book & Directory will help us to that end.

God bless/Idi sa Bogem,

Fr. Jim Mazurek
Administrator

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH (HSP)

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HSP Mass Times

Sunday Mass: Saturday, 4:00 pm; Sunday, 8:00 & 10:00 am
Daily Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Friday, 8:00 am

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SNP Mass Times

Sunday Mass: Saturday, 6:00 pm; Sunday, Noon
Daily Mass: Wednesday only, 8:00 am

Sacramental Information

Please contact HSP Parish office concerning any sacraments.

Infant Baptism: Celebrated at HSP on first and third Sundays at 2:00 pm; or at HSP and SNP on a date and time agreed upon with the priest. A Baptismal Seminar is required.

Reconciliation: **HSP:** Saturdays at 3:00 pm; **SNP:** Saturdays after 6:00 pm Mass; or by appointment with the priest in church, home, office, etc.

Confirmation: For children, Confirmation is part of their CCD class program. For adults (over 18) who have not been confirmed please contact the Parish office.

Marriage: Consultation with the Pastor at least six months in advance is required. An initial interview must be scheduled, at which time further information will be provided.

Anointing of the Sick: For any parishioner at any time—as long as the priest is available. You are encouraged to see the priest after Mass. Visits to hospitals and homes can be made. Please call in advance if you know you are going into the hospital, having surgery, etc.

Communion Calls: For any homebound person(s), for any length of time.

Adult Initiation: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process sees to the needs of those who are inquiring about faith and the Catholic Church.

Holy Spirit Parish Mission Statement

We, the parishioners of Holy Spirit Parish, are empowered by the presence of the Father, redeemed by the Son, and led by the Holy Spirit. Filled with the Spirit, we as Catholics, communally and individually, worship, minister, evangelize, catechize, and serve the needs of others. Like the disciples at Pentecost, we grow daily in the Holy Spirit.

Holy Spirit Parish History

St. Ann's Church was founded in 1874 as the first Catholic Church in Millvale and consisted of about seventy-five German and thirty English speaking families. Some of these early German Catholics founded their own school in 1876 in an effort to educate their children in Christian values and to maintain their German heritage. This German population continued to grow and in 1886, they received permission to build their own church and separate from St. Ann Church; they named this new church St. Anthony's. In 1887, St. Ann's built its own school.

Both parishes grew and thrived in Millvale and as a result both erected new church buildings. A new St. Anthony's Church was constructed in 1914, and St. Ann's Church was completed in 1924. In 1936, as St. Anthony's prepared for its fiftieth anniversary celebration, a tragic fire caused great damage to the interior of the Church and major repair work was done.

Due to declining enrollment and rising expenses, in 1989 St. Anthony and St. Ann schools merged into Holy Spirit Regional School. In 1994, due to a declining number of parishioners and rising expenses, St. Anthony and St. Ann Churches merged into Holy Spirit Parish. Both churches were maintained until February 1998 when St. Ann's was closed and St. Anthony's church building officially became the church of Holy Spirit Parish.

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Altar Servers

Elaine Magill 412-821-2099

The role of the server is integral to the celebration of the Mass by assisting the priest. The ministry is open to both males and females in 4th grade and up. Training is provided.

Christian Mothers' & Women's Guild ("CM&WG")

Mary Miller 412-821-0865

Is a National Council of Catholic Women, in which Holy Spirit Parish has an active Confraternity, under the patronage of Our Lady of Sorrows. The women are united in religious, educational and social activities. They assist the pastor in spiritual and material undertakings for the welfare of the parish. Examples of this are: host the Parish Picnic, hold spring and fall Bingos, have a Millvale Days Basket Raffle; as well as, provide hospitality support for the Parish events and fundraisers such as: Parish Eucharistic Day dinner, Mass of Remembrance, Anointing of the Sick, Cash Bash, Night at the Races, Parish Family Dinners, and the Wine & Beer Tasting Party. CM&WG provides Bibles to CCD students and organizes food drives. All adult women welcome to join this ministry which meets every third Monday.

Cleaning Crew

Mary Miller 412-821-0865

A group of volunteers who clean, dust, and vacuum every Thursday to beautify our church for Mass and special occasions.

Environment Committee Rose Schnarrenberger 412-487-6158

Volunteers assist in decorating the church throughout the year, especially Christmas and Easter seasons.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Elaine Magill 412-821-2099

Parishioners, 18 years or older, are commissioned after special training to assist the priest at Mass in the distribution of Holy Communion and the Precious Blood. Holy Communion is taken to the homebound.

Faith Formation

Elaine Magill 412-821-2099

- CCD - Religious education is provided to students in grades 1-8, including sacramental preparation for First Holy Communion, Reconciliation, and Confirmation. Classes are held Sunday mornings, 8:25-9:45 am, followed by participation at the 10:00 am Mass. Catechists, aides, and substitutes are needed to help with the catechetical program. Books, training, and support are provided.
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A) - Adults interested in learning about the Catholic Faith and wishing to become members of the Church can learn more through regular meetings with trained catechists.

Knights of Columbus, North Hills Council #4029 Grand Knight,

Richard Barie 412-821-8697

Catholic men from SNP, HSP, and other local parishes provide charitable activities for the community.

Lectors

Deacon Steve Kisak 412-821-4424

Sacred Scripture is read by the lector to the faith community. Upon occasion, the lector announces the General Intercessions. Training is provided for parishioners 18 years of age or older.

Mary's Gardeners

Judy Berg 412-731-4710

A group of volunteers who care for Mary's Garden to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, and show reverence for Mary by planting and maintaining the shrine. The group meets 2-3 times a year to look after the flowers and plants. Meeting notices are in the bulletin.

Millvale Ministerium

Elaine Magill 412-821-2099

Various local Christian churches and the North Hills Community Outreach in the Millvale area work together to offer a variety of services including food pantry, job counseling, disaster response teams, seasonal prayer services, etc.

Money Counters

Lucy Lawless 412-821-5247

Each Sunday, a group of parish volunteers gather to count the donations placed in the weekend's collection and prepare them for deposit.

Music Ministry

Terry Schiebel 412-821-4424

- Adult Choir - An ensemble of men's and women's voices that provides essential service music and strong hymn singing to amplify God's sacred Word. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings, 7:00 pm. New members always welcome.
- Cantors - Solo singers who lead the congregational singing for weekend liturgies, weddings, and funerals. Cantors are members of the Adult Choir. Voice instruction and practice tapes are available.
- Hand Bell Choir - An ensemble of parishioners who rehearse Monday evenings, 7:00 pm, and receive instruction on proper ringing technique, music reading, and hymn playing. Bells are rung at select liturgies and every other week from Thanksgiving through Trinity Sunday.
- Instrumentalists – Always seeking brass, woodwind, percussion, and string instrumentalists who are willing to share their talents at special events and various weekend liturgies.

Reservations

Pam Ebner Simard 412-821-4424

Please contact us if you are interested in renting the Lyceum or Cafeteria (for parties, sports team practices, etc.)

St. Vincent de Paul

Elaine Magill 412-821-2099

A Catholic lay organization inspired by the Gospels, this organization serves the poorest of the poor responding in a confidential manner to a person's call for assistance. The Society leads women and men to spiritual growth through person-to-person service, assistance with necessary home items, counseling, and some bill payments. New members are always welcome to help serve those in need.

Ushers

Tim Donovan 412-523-0373

Men and women who assist at Mass with seating, collecting weekly envelopes, directing parishioners at Communion time, distributing bulletins and Mass programs, and assisting in emergency situations. The ushers meet quarterly, host 2 breakfasts during the year (Mother's Day, and Fall), and are engaged in parish fundraising activities. New volunteers are always welcome.

HSP Events

If interested in helping in any capacity with the following parish events, please call the Parish Office.

Basket Raffle @ Millvale Days (September)

CM&WG

Sponsor and coordinate donations for themed baskets which are offered as a Chinese Raffle during Millvale Days annual community celebration.

Bingo (April & October)

CM&WG

Limited number of tickets sold for themed luncheon and bingo.

Cash Bash (November)

Email - hspfundraiser@yahoo.com

Parish Office 412-821-4424

Cash giveaway event includes dinner, beer, & mixers, plus silent auctions & basket raffles.

Christmas Cookie Sale (December)

CM&WG

Bake and package Christmas cookies and sell after weekend Masses during two weekends prior to Christmas.

Eucharistic Day (May)

An annual celebration near Holy Spirit's patronal feast day, Pentecost. Includes Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and special closing liturgy with Holy Spirit novena, Eucharistic procession, and visiting priests. Christian Mothers' & Women's Guild hosts a free Parish Dinner for priests and parishioners.

Family Dinner (2-3 times per year)

Email - hspfundraiser@yahoo.com

Kevin Simard 412-492-7536

A social event which includes socializing along with either various kinds of pasta & sauces, or a German dinner. A chance for parishioners to get together for a relaxing dinner and have some fun.

Family Movie Night (November-March)

Email - hspfundraiser@yahoo.com

Kevin Simard 412-492-7536

FREE event once a month where children and families of the community are invited to watch a movie-of-the-month while enjoying popcorn and drinks.

Giving Tree (November/December) Elaine Magill 412-821-2099

During Advent, the parish coordinates with local charities to provide wrapped Christmas gifts for underprivileged youth and seniors.

Lottery Calendar (Year-round) Georgeann Brennan 412-213-1161

Calendar raffle ticket with 3-digit number sold November through January. Winners based on PA daily 3-digit evening drawing January 1-December 31. Prizes: weekday winners-\$20, weekend winners-\$50, one holiday winner per month-\$100.

Night at the Races (February) Email - hspfundraiser@yahoo.com

Parish Office 412-821-4424

Social event for 21+ includes video horse races, food, beer, BYOB, raffles, and games of chance.

Oktoberfest (September) Email - hspfundraiser@yahoo.com

Parish Office 412-821-4424

Co-sponsors HSP and G.T.E.V. D'Lustigen Isartaler (Co-Chairs: Sharon Funderlich, Karen Ferrari, and Bela Pater).

Family event emulating the feel of a true German Oktoberfest complete with a live German band, costumed dancers, German style food, not to mention locally brewed and imported beers.

Paper Recycling (Year-round)

Deposit newspaper and household paper in the recycling bin at Medicap. Sale monies received benefit the parish.

Parish Picnic (August)

CM&WG

An afternoon for parishioners to mingle, eat, play games, and have fun. Main dinner and paper items provided by CM&WG. Parishioners contribute side dishes and desserts.

Parish Raffle (September)

Parish Office 412-821-4424

Karen Ferrari 412-821-6396

An annual fundraiser supported by parishioners, community, and friends of HSP. Prizes awarded include: \$5,000, \$2,000, or \$1,000, and are drawn at the last day of Millvale Days.

Plant Sale (May)

Rose Schnarrenberger 412-487-6158

An annual spring fundraising event selling flats of flowers and vegetables and hanging baskets, all provided by local greenhouses.

Steelers Football Pool (September-February)

Email - hspfundraiser@yahoo.com

Terry Schiebel 412-821-4424

Entrants get set pool blocks, but new numbers each week. Winners based on Steelers half-time and end-of-game scores.

Super Bowl Football Pool (February)

Email - hspfundraiser@yahoo.com

Terry Schiebel 412-821-4424

Operated like the Steelers pool.

St. Nicholas Parish Mission Statement

St. Nicholas Parish is the oldest Croatian Catholic Church in the United States. Our ethnic heritage instills in us a deep abiding faith in Jesus Christ and love for His Blessed Mother. Our church's magnificent murals by Maxo Vanka continue to remind and inspire us to preserve our rich religious heritage. We are nourished and strengthened by the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, as we strive to share faith, hope, and love with all God's people.

St. Nicholas Parish History

In the latter half of the 19th century, the Croatian community in the city of Pittsburgh founded a parish to nurture their Catholic faith and preserve their Croatian language and customs. Established in 1894, the Parish was named in honor of St. Nicholas, and became the first Croatian ethnic parish in America.

As the number of Croatian immigrants in Pittsburgh increased, the Parish's original worship site, a renovated former commercial building on the City's North Side, was too small. After a parish-wide vote, armed with their recommendation, Fr. Franjo Glojnaric, the native Croatian pastor at St. Nicholas, was granted permission to build a new church building in nearby Millvale. On October 16, 1899, a farm was purchased and temporarily used for parish needs. On January 21, 1900, plans for the new church were unveiled, and by November 25 of that same year, the first Mass was celebrated in the newly constructed church.

Because the Croatian community continued to grow, almost immediately after the Millvale church was started, a second church was approved, and construction began on the city's North Side where the church also claimed the original Parish as its "mother church," and retained the heritage of the St. Nicholas name.

In 1921, a fire destroyed much of the Millvale church. In May, 1922, the rebuilt church was rededicated. Most notably, during the 1930s, at the instigation of the Pastor Fr. Albert Zagar, the famed Croatian artist Maxo Vanka was engaged to paint murals that still adorn most of the walls of the Millvale church. The murals are striking with theological and social justice themes, depicting Bible scenes and the Blessed Mother, as well as the Croatian immigration to the United States, the hardships of life, the atrocities of war, and more. The murals are world famous and have been the subject of magazine articles, TV programs, documentary films, etc.

Both St. Nicholas parishes flourished with schools, convents, staff, parishioners, and priests until 1995, when the declining population required the closure of the North Side church and its merger with the Millvale Parish. The North Side church and buildings were razed in 2013 for the much needed reconstruction of Route 28. Today, St. Nicholas Parish in Millvale carries the 19th century spirit of the first Croatian immigrants to Pittsburgh into the 21st century, unified not only by their ethnicity, but most importantly by their Roman Catholic faith.

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Altar Servers

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The role of the server is integral to the celebration of the Mass by assisting the priest. The ministry is open to both males and females in 5th grade and up. Training is provided.

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors **Mary Anne Librich 412-821-8556**

- Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist - Parishioners, 18 years or older, are commissioned after special training to assist the priest at Mass in the distribution of Holy Communion and the Precious Blood. Holy Communion is taken to the homebound.
- Lectors - Sacred Scripture is read by the lector to the faith community. Upon occasion, the lector announces the General Intercessions. Training is provided for parishioners 18 years of age or older.

Hall Reservations

Pamela Ebner Simard 412-821-4424

Please contact us if you are interested in renting the space in the basement of the church.

Holy Rosary Society

Sandy Koch 412-486-5983

Parish women who gather together to socialize, pray, and help the parish, under the patronage of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Knights of Columbus, North Hills Council #4029 Grand Knight,

Richard Barie 412-821-8697

Catholic men from SNP, HSP, and other local parishes provide charitable activities for the community.

Millvale Ministerium

Elaine Magill 412-821-2099

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Money Counters

Bob Ehrman 412-821-4118

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Ushers

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SNP Events

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Bingo (Spring & Fall)

Debbie Oberle 412-821-3934

Held 4-5 times a year on Saturdays, including the Labor Day bingo. Includes 50/50 and other raffles, plus instant raffle tickets and light food sold.

Croatian Language Mass **2nd Sunday each month, Noon**

The Catholic Mass of that Sunday, entirely in the Croatian language.

Enjoy Coupon Books (August-November)

Jan Kopec 412-821-4106

Annual fundraiser. A large coupon book honored at area retailers, venues, special events, and more.

Eucharistic Day (September)

An annual event celebrated near the Feast of St. Jerome, a patron of Croatia, includes Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and Special Closing Liturgy with Eucharistic procession.

Flea Markets (Spring, Mid-Summer, Fall)

Mary Jaksic 412-821-1893 & Donna Schmitt 412-252-2661

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Lottery Tickets (January & May)

Jan Kopec 412-821-4106

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RENEW Group

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The RENEW Group meets on Tuesdays at 10:30 AM in the St. Nicholas Parish Convent during the entire year. We participate in Bible studies, faith sharing, and watching movies and programs concerning our faith.

Society to Preserve Millvale Murals of Maxo Vanka

412-407-2570

Work with Society to make community aware of murals and their artistic significance. Offer tours every Saturday, or by appointment. Website: vankamurals.org

Spaghetti Dinner (November)

Sandy Koch 412-486-5983

An annual social event includes "Croatian spaghetti," festive music, BYOB, and socializing. A free will donation event.

St. Nicholas Day Party (December)

Sandy Koch 412-486-5983

An annual social celebration near St. Nicholas' Feast Day. Croatian food, music, and festivities. An appearance by "St. Nicholas" and gifts for children.

Valentine's Social (February)

Sandy Koch 412-486-5983

An annual social event includes Valentine Dinner and "Not so New, Newlywed Game."