

OUR LADY OF MERCY BUS TRIP TO PITTSBURGH



Our Lady of Mercy is organizing a bus trip to Pittsburgh, to visit two of "The Shrines of Pittsburgh"

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2024

The trip will include:

A guided tour of St. Anthony Chapel, home to the largest collection of Christian relics (5,000) in the world, outside of the Vatican. Among the collection are relics of the apostles, martyrs, confessors, virgins, widows and saintly penitents, as well as particles of the True Cross. The Chapel also includes life-size statues of the Stations of the Cross.

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ITINERARY:

- Bus will depart from Our Lady of Mercy at 8:00 am.
- Stop at Strip District for lunch and shopping from 10:30-12:30 pm
- St Anthony Chapel guided tour - scheduled for 1:00 pm.
- The Chapel and the Gift Shop are open till 3:00 pm.
- Mass at 4:00 pm at St. Stanislaus Kostka church.
- Stop in Cranberry for dinner on the way home.
- Arrive back at Our Lady of Mercy by 9:30 pm.

See reverse side for more details

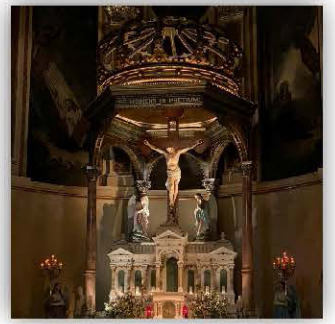
IMPORTANT:

- A Sign-up Sheet will be in the Gathering Space.
- **Space is limited, so reserve your spot soon.**
- Cost is \$65 per person. Lunch and dinner will be on your own.
- **Deadline to sign up is May 1. Payment will be due by May 15.**
- Note: No alcohol will be allowed on the bus.

For questions or additional information, contact Rose Galeza at 814-873-9501 or Adriana Grosch at adriana.alma18@gmail.com

Mass at St. Stanislaus Kostka church, the first ethnic Polish Parish in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. In 1969, Pope John Paul II visited and offered prayers there, and commented on how beautiful the church was and how it reminded him of the churches in Poland.

<https://pghshrines.org/st-stanislaus>



A stop for lunch and shopping at the Strip District, a one-half square mile shopping district full of ethnic grocers, produce markets, bakeries, and sidewalk vendors.



Be sure and check out “Peace, Love and Little Donuts” – a fan favorite, with their “Groovy, Far Out and Funkadelic” flavors, frosting and toppings.

<https://www.peaceloveandlittledonuts.com/>

Also located in the Strip District and open for touring are:

The John Heinz History Museum, recently voted the #1 History Museum in America by USA Today’s **Readers’ Choice Awards**. Six floors of interactive exhibitions that feature iconic artifacts like the TV set from “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood”, the world’s oldest jeep, and the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum.



<https://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/visit/heinz-history-center/>



St. Patrick Church, another of “The Shrines of Pittsburgh”, is a small, historic church where the Holy Stairs or “Scala Sancta” are located. It consists of 28 stairs which are a replica of the originals at St. John Lateran Basilica in Rome. According to tradition, the Holy Stairs were the steps leading up to where Jesus was judged by

Pontius Pilate during the Passion. They are meant to be ascended on the knees, with a prayer for each step. Those who wish to walk or who are unable to kneel can use a small side staircase.

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