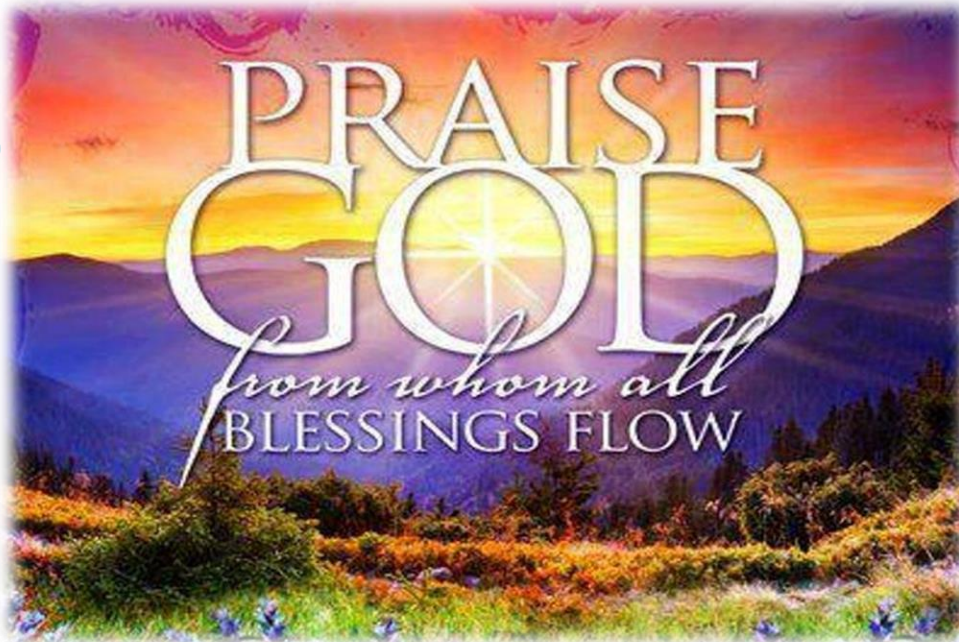




## Sisters of Saint Francis of the Providence of God

Grateful



Blessed

### CALENDAR

November 03	Investment Meeting 1 PM Zoom
November 07	Deceased Religious Mass - St. Paul's Retreat Center 2 PM
November 10	Leadership Meeting – Zoom
November 12	100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Meeting 10 AM Admin Office
November 13	Associate Meeting 10 AM, St. Germaine Community Room
November 14	Global Day of the Poor – Official Launching of Laudato Si Action Platform, Pope Francis in Rome
November 15-19	Thanksgiving Food Drive
November 18	Meeting on Wills-Power of Attorney, R Corsetti 9:30 AM, Admin. Office
November 19	CSLC Meeting 10 AM
<b>November 25</b>	<b>Thanksgiving</b> – Admin. Office and Daycare closed
November 26	Admin. Office and Daycare closed
November 27	Celebration of Sister Sylvia's Birthday – Willows 1:30 PM



### BIRTHDAYS & FEAST DAYS

November 03 S. M. Sylvia F  
November 12 Ir. Odete B



November 17 Ir. Juliana B  
November 22 S. M. Edward B



*November 27 S. M. Sylvia's 100th Birthday*



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## SISTER SYLVIA TURNS 100!

Just imagine all the experiences one has in a century of life! Born in Massachusetts as one of ten children, Sr. Sylvia kept up with her family and cared for both her father and brother for some years. And, Sr. Sylvia has certainly had many fruitful experiences of ministry throughout her religious life. She got her start as a teacher in New Amsterdam in a single classroom of kindergarten to third grade children for four years and went on to teach grades 1 to 7 for another 33 years.

After taking some time to care for her father in the 1970's, Sister Sylvia became the director of our Reading-Thinking-Reasoning (RTR) Center coordinating after-school tutoring by our retired sisters at the Motherhouse. Remember all the rooms, each nook and cranny she utilized for these lessons? Sr. Sylvia also coordinated our Craft Room for several years before caring for her brother. In 2003 she returned to the Motherhouse for her own care until moving to Presbyterian Senior Care in 2015.



On November 27 Sister Sylvia will reach the 100 year mark! And we'll be there to celebrate with her, along with her niece and several grand-nieces.



We are so pleased that Sr. Sylvia, the woman who was always so refined and proper, is still with us as she welcomes the love and attention given to her at the Willows in Oakmont and by Sr. Eliana and Pat Enscoe who meet her every need.

# Happy 100<sup>th</sup> birthday!



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## FORMER STUDENT APPOINTED AUXILIARY BISHOP OF PITTSBURGH

Our deepest congratulations to Fr. Mark Eckman, pastor of Resurrection Parish in Bethel Park, PA who was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Pittsburgh by pope Francis and will be ordained bishop on January 11, 2022.

*"I am honored that the Holy Father has placed such trust and confidence in me and I will serve wherever needed," Bishop-elect Eckman said. "I have chosen as my episcopal motto: 'To serve in faith and charity.' I hope to faithfully live out this motto as I continue to minister in the Diocese of Pittsburgh."*



We offer our congratulations and prayers to Mark, our former student at St. Valentine School.

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## SISTERS PLACE IS ON THE MOVE



After months of delays due to Covid and lots of work at moving furniture and materials, Sisters Place held its Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony on October 4, 2021. Sister Althea Spencer, as Board President did the honors of cutting the ribbon as Melissa Ferraro, CEO and Patricia Woods, Chief Program Officer look on.

The new location is central to many Pittsburgh resources and near a multitude of local apartments for the families in the program. The new space offers meeting rooms, a small store, offices and welcome area.

Cognizant of the founding congregations that have supported Sisters Place since it's incorporation, Melissa had a Founders Wall installed with the names of each congregation. Multiple artistic features of encouragement and hope are found throughout the space.



Following on the heels of the ribbon-cutting and Open House, Sisters Place hosted their virtual "Coming Home" fundraiser on October 8. Melissa Ferraro shared the work of Sisters Place and several clients gave testimonies to the help they have received to better their lives and those of their children because of the staff and resources offered by Sisters Place. This fundraiser is one of several held throughout the year. Our congregation was happy to be a sponsor of this event.





## ST. FRANCIS DAY AND JUBILEES CELEBRATED WITH GUSTO

The Feast of St. Francis was celebrated with a joint prayer service with Sisters from both Brazil and the United States joining together via Zoom. The prayer, prepared by the Ongoing Formation committee in Brazil offered a beautiful reflection on our charism. What a joy, despite the language difference, it was to be together across many miles!



Here in Pittsburgh, we combined our St. Francis Day Celebration with the Jubilees of Sisters Miriam, Edward, Francine and Elise. We celebrated at St. John Capistran Church with our chaplain, Fr. Fred Cain as celebrant, and were treated to a catered luncheon after the Liturgy.



*Sister Miriam-80*



*Sister Edward-75 years*



*Sister Francine-75 years*



*Sister Elise-65 years*





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## IN GLASGOW OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 12



The United Nations climate talks (also known as the Conference of Parties or COP), will take place 31 October - 12 November 2021 in Glasgow. COP26 will be biggest summit ever hosted in the UK - Covid permitting - with around 30,000 attendees expected.

It is the most significant climate event since the 2015 Paris Agreement. That is because COP26 is the first summit when countries must report back on their progress since the Paris

Agreement and set out more ambitious goals for ending their contribution to climate change.

In the lead-up to the meeting, people of faith are joining their voices to those of the most vulnerable to call on the world's leaders to commit to dramatic reduction of greenhouse gases. The Laudato Si' movement's petition, Healthy Planet, Healthy People, urges leaders participating in COP26 to increase their commitments to cutting greenhouse gas emissions, stop all new fossil fuel infrastructure, and redirect subsidies toward responsible renewable energy and farming practices.

The Catholic Climate Covenant has letters for individual and institutional signatures urging President Biden and members of Congress to demonstrate global leadership to address the sources and threats of climate change. LCWR sent letters to President Biden and Special Presidential Envoy for Climate Kerry in solidarity with the religious conference of Brazil urging US representatives to COP26 to listen to the demands of the Indigenous peoples of the Amazon to protect this precious resource. Our congregation has signed the letter urging USA leadership on the climate.



leaders at the Department of State to share the statement issued by Pope Francis and faith leaders in preparation for COP26 and to pray for the US delegates to be bold in their commitments in Glasgow.

While world leaders are meeting to address climate change, we, too, are intensifying our efforts to live sustainably as we live out the General Chapter Directions to care for our Common Heart and Common Home. Our local communities and schools are engaged with this effort.

