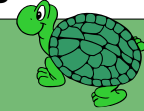


Turtle Creek Community Calendar



Who	What	When	Where
Opportunity Hub Red Lantern Bike Shop	Thrift Store Bike Shop	Friday-Saturday 11 am-2 pm Wednesday, Thursday 6pm-8pm Saturday 11am-2pm	125 Shaw Avenue
Food Pantry Distribution	Food Pantry 2nd Saturday of each month: 8:30—10:30 am	July 11th August 8th September 12th	Human Svcs. Ctr. 413 Penn Avenue
Rotary Club	Rotary Meeting	First and third Fridays at noon.	Papa Rocks Pizza (Haymaker Village) 4512 Broadway Blvd, Monroeville
Turtle Creek Borough	Council Meeting First Monday of each month: 7 pm	July 13th August 3rd September 14th	Borough Building
Turtle Creek Development Corporation	Monthly Meeting	TBA 5:30 pm	1st Christian Church 201 Pine Street
Human Services Center Mon Valley	Hosts offices for service agencies	Open Monday—Friday 8 AM—5 PM	519 & 413 Penn Avenue
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Empowerment Center Veterans Place Office Winner's Circle University of Pittsburgh Communication Van New PA Project Education Fund 	Receive free one-on-one financial coaching Veterans job search, employment assistance AA Hearing loss services Provides voter education	Every other Wednesday 8:30am-4:30pm 2nd Thursday 9am-12pm Friday's 6pm-7pm 1st Thursday of each month 10AM-2PM 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 3-5PM	519 Penn Avenue 519 Penn Avenue 519 Penn Avenue 519 Penn Avenue 519 Penn Avenue
Turtle Creek Senior Center www.eaas.net	Classes	Cost	519 Penn Avenue
Monday	Chair Exercise 10am-11am, Cards 12:00pm	\$2.00 donation	519 Penn Avenue
Tuesday/Thursday	Silver Sneakers 9am - 10am	Both Free with Silver Sneakers card, \$2.00 for non-members	519 Penn Avenue
Tuesday	Bingo 12:00pm		519 Penn Avenue
Wednesday	Painting class - 12pm Cards-12:00pm Cardio Drumming-12:30pm	Free – supplies provided	519 Penn Avenue
Friday	Yoga 10am - 11am Relaxation Class– 12:30pm	\$2:00 per class	519 Penn Avenue

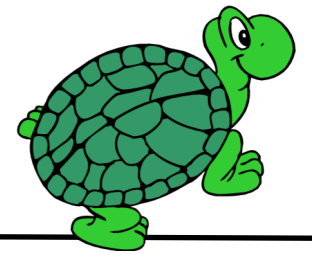


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THE Turtle Creeker



After 144 Years: The End of an Era



In 1882, during the height of the Second Industrial Revolution, many significant events unfolded across the United States. Thomas Edison launched America's first commercial power plant, and the nation celebrated its first Labor Day Parade, to name just two. In the small town of Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania, another seemingly modest but deeply meaningful event took place. That same year, the first Roman Catholic parish in the Turtle Creek Valley—St. Colman Parish—was established to serve the area's small but steadily growing Catholic community.

The first Mass was celebrated in the local public school before moving to Black's Hall. Eventually, land was purchased and a small frame church was built. In 1887, the church was expanded to include a school. As industry flourished throughout the Valley, the congregation grew rapidly, and by 1889 it became clear that a larger church was needed.

The new church, dedicated on May 10, 1903, was modeled after St. Colman Cathedral in Cobh, County Cork, Ireland. Together with its school, it faithfully served the parish community for more than seventy years. By 1975, however, the structure required extensive repairs. A devastating fire in January 1976, followed just months later by a lightning strike, ultimately led to the decision to build a new church. That church was dedicated on May 14, 1978.

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In response to declining Mass attendance and a shortage of priests, the Diocese of Pittsburgh initiated a series of restructuring efforts. One significant change came in 2018 when St. Colman Parish merged with Good Shepherd (Braddock), Madonna del Castello (Swissvale), St. Maurice (Forest Hills), St. John Fisher (Churchill), St. Jude the Apostle (Wilmerding), and Word of God (Swissvale), creating the new St. Joseph the Worker Parish.

In 2025, after continued population decline across the parish's seventeen communities and decreasing attendance, the difficult decision was made to close all but one of the parish's eight churches. On March 11, 2026, the final Mass was celebrated at St. Colman, and the church officially closed its doors.

While this marked a profoundly sad day for the parishioners of St. Colman, the Turtle Creek community, and members of six other church communities facing similar farewells, it also marked the beginning of a new chapter. United as one parish on the campus of the former St. Maurice Church in Forest Hills, we now worship together as one faith community.

Slowly but surely, St. Joseph the Worker Parish is growing into a vibrant and unified church family—honoring the rich histories of the many congregations and communities that came before us while embracing a hopeful future together. We warmly welcome all to join us and experience the joy and strength this new parish community is bringing to the faithful.


Deacon Herb Riley
St. Joseph the Worker Parish
May 2026



UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH UPMC

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at the Human Services Center Mon Valley
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June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, October 1, November 5

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