

PARISH MISSION

In a real sense the Lenten road to Easter is a microcosm of our life long pilgrimage to eternity!

*"You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You!"
(Saint Augustine, Confessions, Book 1, Chapter 1)*

Our Restless Hearts Need God's GPS

From Here to Eternity

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**Come join with friends and family
for the TRAVEL OF YOUR LIFE!**



Sunday - 7 pm

Where is that GPS when I need it?

Our destiny is mapped with the compass of Conscience and Creed.

Monday - 7 pm

That GPS is handed on to us!

Our Church lavishes Sacraments to set our eternal bearings.

Tuesday - 7 pm

People of Life leave no one by the wayside!

All lives matter – born and unborn –

rescued, welcomed and revered on the Way.

Wednesday – 7 pm

Our Life, Our Sweetness and Our Hope!

Our Lady points us to her Son, the Way on our journey,

Who in turn offers Truth and Life!

We close with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament Wednesday

**This particular mission was given at Most Blessed Sacrament Church, Bally, PA,
February 18-21, 2018**

More detailed description of each talk...

"Life is a journey to eternity and God has given us a GPS to best navigate our way. In this parish mission we review the basics that are often distracted and set aside by other worldly interests, so much that we forget the destiny we all have. Saint Augustine put it succinctly in the First chapter of the first book of the Confessions: "You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You!" We explore that restlessness and the compass called

conscience as we explore the “four last things: death, judgment, heaven, hell.” Purgatory as well, though this is a state of absolute certainty of reaching heaven.

Second evening - The Church hands us God's GPS. Once establishing the eternal goal as the most important aim in our lives, we get there through the means God has given us in the Church - the “What you bind on earth...” stated to Saint Peter directly by the Lord. This entails both the Papacy and the magisterial teaching of the Church through the ages. Besides steady routing through its teaching, it gives the engine fuel for the voyage in the Sacraments actually started by the Lord, the blue print of the New Testament (drawing the Old as well, especially Commandments and Covenant), and of course the overview of belief map: the Creed, from the earliest times of the Church. At the heart of the engine is the “Bread of Life” a means and a promise of reaching that destiny at the eternal banquet.

Third evening - “People of Life leave no one by the wayside.” Driven by the patience and generous spirit of the Good Samaritan, no one is left without our attention who is in great need, especially the “least of His brethren” including the unborn innocent babies in the womb, whom the Evil One, not able to kill God, incites the snowballing of evil behind the scenes in a charade of Choice. We as people of Life must not only observe but promote “Thou Shalt not Kill” from womb to tomb, but especially give the only decent choice for those who have no choice whether they live or not – the Right to Live. Prayer, Persuasion, Presence, Political responsibility, and Perseverance all matter as all lives matter.

Fourth evening - “Our Life, our Sweetness, and our Hope” - Our Lady to whom on this journey we aim over and over: “Pray for us, now and at the hour of our death.” Not knowing if “hour” is 80 seconds or 80 years from speaking those words. But beyond our own needs Mary is always there in Church needs, as She is the model of the Church to be. Immaculately free from original and all sin, a unique and paramount Grace given by God to be Mother of the Savior (Luke, chapter 1), ever-virgin, and Assumed into heaven as a model of hope for us. With confidence though the social climate around us falters, with hearts turned back to Her who simply points to Jesus, who points Him out on and as the Way, we will reach our destination. For in the end her “Immaculate Heart will Triumph.” (Fatima promises).