



## St. Louise de Marillac Parish

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ of St. Louise Parish,

Beginning our Lenten season we enter into a special moment in which to reflect on our relationship with the Lord and with the Church. In Lent we are called to deepen and renew our faith through prayer, penance and works of charity. I am grateful to God and continually amazed at how much He is at work in our parish community. We can never fail to recognize how people indeed encounter Christ Jesus in our parish through the Sacraments and our worship, through their experience of Christian community, and through the service, prayers and love of so many individuals who call St. Louise de Marillac Church their home. We also share a common work with people of other parishes to bring Christ's presence to others throughout our diocesan Church.

Our annual participation in the **Parish Share Program (PSP)** is vital to continuing the daily work of the Church throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh and right here at St. Louise. Your support of the PSP makes it possible for our bishop and those who work with him to serve and lead Catholics and our neighbors, to extend charity to many people in our region, and to further the work of the Church in many more ways. This year **St. Louise de Marillac Parish's assessment is \$225,438.00**. I remind you of how important it is that we meet our goal through this annual campaign, since any 'shortfall' must be paid from our parish operating accounts. However, any donations to PSP received in excess of our goal returns directly to our parish – with the added benefit of remaining free from any future assessment.

Once again **I am asking each family or individual to seriously consider a pledge of \$350.00** (certainly more or less as your finances permit). For those of you who are not able to give regularly to the Sunday collection, a pledge or a one-time gift to the PSP is a convenient and significant way in which you can support St. Louise Parish.

Enclosed is your 2018 pledge card. Please fill it out and return both the "Parish" and "Diocese" copies to the Parish Office. There are several ways available for you to make payment:

- If you wish to make a full or partial payment, you can include a check payable to "St. Louise de Marillac Parish."
- If you would like to make monthly payments, you will receive monthly reminders by mail.
- If you use *Faith Direct*, you may call them at 1-866-507-8757 to arrange payment toward your pledge; or you may do so through their website at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net). Our parish code is PA27.

Thank you for your goodness in furthering the work of our Church throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh through this year's PSP appeal. With gratitude and prayers that each of us and those who come to St. Louise Parish will continue to grow in faith, in hope, and in love, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Joseph E. Sioli  
Pastor