

## PITTSBURGH'S HISTORIC CHURCHES & BREW WORKS

Monday June 11, 2012

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Westlake, Elyria, No. Olmsted, Middleburg Hts, Independence, Beachwood, Boston Hts, As Applicable

Journey with us today a couple of hours over to Pittsburgh, the location of a number of historic churches. One of the highlights will be Pittsburgh's first Roman Catholic Church, established in 1808. Each year it draws Pilgrims to see the beautiful monastery garden and the famous "Holy Stairs" replicated from the original Holy Stairs in Rome. St. Stanislaus Kostka is a beautiful European-style church which became known as the "Mother Church" of Pittsburgh, Polish community.



While specific churches visited are always subject to scheduling with other events or other reasons, we also anticipate visiting the Third Presbyterian Church, first organized in 1833. Located in the city's East End, the exterior shell of the sanctuary and chapel is constructed of sandstone, all from a single quarry. The beautiful interior wood is almost entirely seasoned oak. One of the features of this 1000-person church is a large Muller Organ that boasts over 6,800 pipes. Over its 150 years, the Rodef Shalom Jewish congregation has grown to be the largest in the city. Their home will be the third visit today.

Our luncheon today will be "totally unique" in that we will be dining at the Church Brew Works. After the Pittsburgh Diocese closed the doors of St. John the Baptist church, a small group purchased it, putting fourth much effort to restore the building to its original grandeur. When booking your reservation, please advise us if you would prefer "chargrilled chicken breast" or chargrilled fillet of salmon" as your entree; chicken will be provided to those not making a selection.