



Holy Family

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Reminders for the
next few weeks:

Advent Penance
Service

12/12 7:00 PM

Holy Day

The Nativity of The Lord
(Christmas)

Vigil 12/24 4:00 PM

Mass 12/25 11:00 AM

Special Collection
Children and Family
Services Appeal
12/24 & 25/2018

Holy Day

Solemnity of Mary

Vigil 12/31 7:00 PM

Mass 1/1/2019 9:00 AM

Lessons & Carols

1/6/2019 2:00 PM

Please check your
bulletin and insert for
updates for Mass times
for Holy Days

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 11:00 AM

Weekday Masses

Monday through Friday

8:00 AM

Holy Days

Vigil-7:00 PM

8:00 AM Holy Day

Confessions

Saturday

3:00-3:30 PM

second Sunday of
ADVENT



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018



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PRAYER AND WORSHIP

MINISTRY SCHEDULE



4:00 PM | Saturday, December 8

Lector

Stan Materkowski

Eucharistic Ministers

Volunteer, Larry Risku, Bill Hughes

Altar Servers

Noah Lehner

11:00 AM | Sunday, December 9

Lector

Dan Landini

Eucharistic Ministers

Aleta Keegan, Armand Luzi, Volunteer

Altar Servers

Volunteer, Emma Smith

4:00 PM | Saturday, December 15

Lector

Stan Materkowski

Eucharistic Ministers

Volunteer, Mary Houseman, Ginger DeBlasio

Altar Servers

Emily Callaway, Volunteer

11:00 AM | Sunday, December 16

Lector

Noah Lehner

Eucharistic Ministers

Tina Quinn, Mary Ryckman, Bill Ryckman

Altar Servers

Volunteer, Volunteer

Saturday, December 8

4:00 PM

Vigil- Second Sunday of Advent

Peg Chopp—Anniversary of Death by Andy Chopp

Sunday, December 9

11:00 AM

Second Sunday of Advent

Patsy Brunory by Betty and Marvin Sleith

Monday, December 10

8:00 AM

Advent Weekday

Ann and Frank Balash by Family

Tuesday, December 11

8:00 AM

Advent Weekday

Dr. Ed Hogan by Gloria and Joseph Sbaffoni

Wednesday, December 12

8:00 AM

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Leah Schwet by Joy and Paula DeClaudio

Thursday, December 13

8:00 AM

St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Frank McGrogan by Janet L. Parks

Friday, December 14

8:00 AM

St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Cross

John Nohavicka, Sr. by the Nohavicka Family

Saturday, December 15

4:00 PM

Vigil- Third Sunday of Advent

Edwin R. Hogan by Christy and John Sweeney

Sunday, December 16

11:00 AM

Third Sunday of Advent

Nino Lombardozzi (10th Year Memorial)

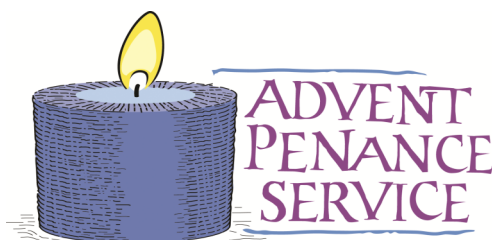
by Family

WEEKLY BELL CHIMES

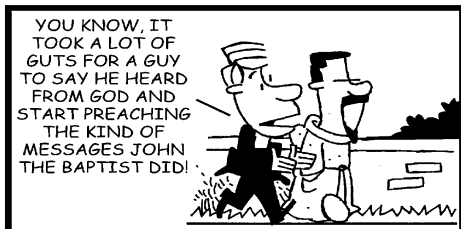
DAY	NOON	6:00 PM
SAT 12/08	Living and Deceased Mbrs. of the CCM	Michael Davies—Memorial
SUN 12/09		
MON 12/10		
TUES 12/11	Mary Beth Tamasy Palmieri—Birthday	Rita Gabonay—Birthday
WED 12/12	Hiiva & Ulyan Family—Memorial	
THURS 12/13		
FRI 12/14		
SAT 12/15		
SUN 12/16		

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celebratory/memorial/honorary Bell Chimes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT



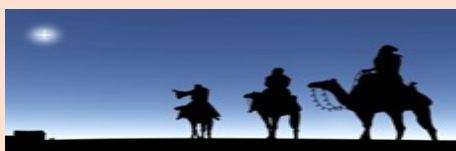
Faith Formation News

See the insert for recent Faith Formation updates.



The Angel Tree and Mitten Tree are returning this year!

The Mitten Tree and Angel Tree are set up in the vestibule. Please consider helping those in need this Christmas!



Plans are underway for an Epiphany party on January 6, 2019. Please mark your calendars for this new, fun event and celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany with the youth of our parish! If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Cheryl at 724-872-2106.

Advent Penance Service Schedule

12/10	7:00 PM	St. Edward	Herminie
12/12	7:00 PM	Holy Family	West Newton
12/17	6:30 PM	St. Sebastian	Belle Vernon
12/18	7:00 PM	St. Anne	Rostraver
12/19	7:00 PM	St. John the Baptist	Perryopolis
12/20	7:00 PM	Epiphany of Our Lord	Monessen

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wednesday, December 12

When Mary appeared to Juan Diego as Our Lady of Guadalupe, she had encouraging words for him. "Am I not here, I who am your mother?" In the image on Juan Diego's tilma (tunic), Mary identifies herself with the Aztec people. She has their hair and features, their symbolic maternity dress. She incorporated their important symbols of the sun, moon, and stars. Today's Mass includes two Gospel options. Both are familiar passages from the Gospel of Luke - the Annunciation and the Visitation. Both are equally relevant to today's feast because Mary's yes to Christ isn't only to care for him but to come to us. Our Lady of Guadalupe is pregnant. The image bears witness to Mary's yes to conceive the Savior of the World. But even in her pregnancy, she goes to care for Elizabeth. Now Mother to all the world, Mary comes to the aid of her children, reminding them of her presence among them.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Food Bank

Anyone interested in volunteering for the local Food Bank should know that the Food Bank is open on the 2nd Saturday of each month. You may volunteer by calling Rosie @ (724) 493-9355. There is no commitment but your help will be greatly appreciated. The Food Bank usually serves between 45 and 55 families between 10:00 AM and noon. It takes place at Mt. Zion Baptist Church on N. Second Street. Thank you for considering this volunteer opportunity.

Read the bulletin and the latest Church news online at:
www.parishesonline.com

Financial Report for 12/02/2018

Parish Income:	
Offertory:	\$2316.00
Loose:	244.00
Candles:	75.00
Monthly:	105.00
Holy Days:	337.00
Total:	\$3077.00
Parish Budget	\$4,000.00
Total Income	\$3077.00
Under Budget	\$923.00
Total Offertory \$3118.00	
Includes special collections	

DAILY ADVENT CHALLENGE

Light a candle, preferably on your Advent wreath if you have one, and reflect on what it means to have the light of Christ inside of you.

Concerns Regarding Sexual Abuse

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone — please contact PA Childline immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the Childline number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, Ext. 1221

12/09/2018

Save the Date

Here is a list of upcoming activities. Watch the bulletin for news of activities. Listed below are some of the dates you will want to reserve in the coming months.

December 9 – Bingo at the Social Hall @ 12:30 PM

December 10 – Penance Service @ St. Edward 7:00 PM

December 12 – Penance Service @ Holy Family 7:00 PM

December 24 & 25 – Special Collection, Children and Family Services Appeal

December 31 – Vigil Solemnity of Mary

January 1 – Mass Solemnity of Mary

January 6 – Lessons and Carols

March 17, 18 & 19 – Lenten Musical Revival at Holy Family

May 11 – Wine and Cheese Social at the Greenhouse Winery, Irwin – Limited to 120 tickets.

Little Rock Bible Study

The next meeting of the Little Rock Bible Study Group will be on Wednesday, December 12th. The group meets in the Social Hall weekly on Wednesdays from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Please attend a session and learn the details of this year's study. All are welcome to attend. Watch the bulletin for more news about the Bible study.

Thank you Note

To All at Holy Family Church,

I am not good at setting words to paper or you would have received this soon after this gift arrived and for that I am sorry.

Every time I wrote my feelings down to express my thanks and gratitude it seemed all wrong. I am humbled by this gift from you.

Your thoughtfulness and compassion has given me peace of mind and I deeply appreciate that.

Thank you so very much.

Anonymous

The committee has chosen to keep the recipients anonymous but want to acknowledge their thank you letters and share them with the parishioners.

Low Gluten Hosts

Low Gluten Hosts are available for persons who are unable to receive regular Hosts at communion. If you need to receive a low gluten Host you must see the Priest before Mass and let him know of your need. He will instruct you about the special procedure you must follow to insure that you will receive the Host without any gluten coming into contact with the Host you will receive. If you suffer from severe Celiac disease or are highly sensitive to wheat you are welcome to ask about the Host and the procedure prior to attending Mass. Call the office and make an appointment to talk to Fr. Bump.

Eric's Music Notes

God's word is a message of hope, and it has long been proclaimed in difficult times of exile, imprisonment and political turmoil. For those of us weary of dark news, the message may be a momentary relief on this Sunday. But do we believe it? What will it take for this word

to settle deep in our hearts and even motivate us to take hopeful action on behalf of those for whom hope is meaningless? If not us, then who? We are reminded in our readings and hymns today that the Messiah is on the way. Our Opening Hymn, On Jordan's Bank and our Preparation Hymn, Ready the Way, echo the exhortations of John the Baptist that we must prepare. Our Communion Hymn, Christ, Be Our Light, reminds us that we are a people in darkness searching for the light that can only be found in Christ. In our Recessional, Soon and Very Soon, we celebrate that Christ will soon be at the door. May the Lord be near to us at all times and may we be ever aware of his closeness to us.

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend our Second Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols, presented by Holy Family Parish Music Ministry, on Sunday, January 6, 2019, at 2:00 PM. This year, students from our Faith Formation Program will be serving as Readers for the Service. After the program, an Epiphany Party, prepared by the Faith Formation Program, will be held in the Social Hall for all. We encourage all Faith Formation students and their families, as well as all parishioners and friends, to come and share the joy of the Christmas season! More details will follow.

Our 2019 subscription to Breaking Bread Missalette has begun. The annual cost of the books is approximately \$10.00 with shipping costs. Would you consider giving an EXTRA \$10.00 donation this month to help defray this expense?

Eric

Bingo Social

A BINGO Social will be held on Sunday, December 9th at Holy Family Social Hall. Bingo starts at 12:30. This is an all paper BINGO. The \$8 admission includes a packet of 20 cards, door prize, Red Ball, and a delicious luncheon. The Jack Pot is \$275.00. The Bonzai jackpot is \$400.00 and the Green Ball jackpot is \$100.00. All Jackpots will be awarded at this Bingo. The December Bingo is sponsored by the Holy Family Parish. Proceeds will benefit Parish projects. Come on out and have some fun.

BINGO will continue next year under the leadership of Tony Lovato and a team to assist and guide him as there will be a new structure as well as bigger payouts. However, to make this new format work, MORE PLAYERS are needed. The more players, the bigger the payouts. So, please support this fundraiser that helps all the Parish organizations as well as the Parish itself. Thank you.

Faith Formation News

Our next class will be **Sunday, December 16**. You may pick your child up in the social hall at 10:45 am and take them to 11:00 am Mass with you.

****Please note:** Class on **Sunday, January 6** will be at 2:00 pm – we will join our parish and participate in the Second Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols. We are looking for students in grades 6 through 8 to do a reading. Faith Formation will be sponsoring an Epiphany social immediately following. Bring your family and enjoy the story of Christmas being told through readings and carols.

Youth Mass is returning on Sunday, February 3. We are in need of children to participate in various roles, greeters, collecting the offertory, trained lectors, altar servers etc. Please let Cheryl know which role your child would like to partake in. Children should know the various ways they can serve and be involved in their parish – they are our future Church!

First Reconciliation

ATTENTION SECOND GRADE: First Reconciliation which will be held here on Wednesday, December 12 at 7:00 pm during the regional Penance service please plan to arrive at 6:45 pm.

Prayer hands are available in the vestibule. Please take a hand of one of our students preparing to receive their sacraments and pray for them.

Youth Ministry

Calling all youth in grades 9-12, we are trying to get Youth Ministry going in our parish. Please plan to come to St. Edwards next Youth Ministry meeting with your friends on Saturday, December 15 after the 6:00 pm Mass, 7:00-9:00pm for a fun night of games and pizza. Check out the youth ministry room we have created for the youth of both parishes located in the school at St. Edwards.

**Attention Youth in grades 8 to 12**

NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) will be held on November 20-23, 2019 in Indianapolis, Indiana. First deposit is due in January. Please contact Cheryl at 724-872-2106 if you are interested. Don't miss out on this fun trip!

Mitten Tree is up and located in the church vestibule. We are collecting new gloves, mittens, scarves and hats for the Salvation Army. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please take a mitten and write your name on it, hang it on the tree and place your monetary donation in the bag under the tree. Please consider helping our neighbors in need this winter season.

The Giving Tree – "Treasures for Children" is ready and in the vestibule. We will have 26 children in need at this time and may receive more if needed. Gifts should be brought unwrapped, wrapping paper donations are accepted and gifts are due by Sunday, December 16. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Collection for Residents at Bishop Morrow Home

The Sisters of Mary Immaculate run the Bishop Morrow Personal Care Home in Leechburg where they presently have 8 female residents. They have asked if our Parish would help support the home, especially at Christmas time, by making donations of toiletries, paper products (toilet paper, napkins & tissues) and non-perishables (boxes of cereal and other snacks). A collection box will be placed in the back of the Church for your donations. This collection will end on **December 15** in order to deliver to the Sisters in time for Christmas. May God bless you as you consider this project and shower you with blessings for making a donation.

Lessons and Carols

Holy Family Parish, West Newton, will celebrate its second annual Festival of Lessons and Carols, on Sunday, January 6, 2019, at 2:00 PM. The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is a service celebrating the birth of Jesus that is traditionally followed at Christmas. The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short Bible readings from Genesis, the prophetic books and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns and choir music. All are welcome!

Advent Reflections

There are "Little Blue Books" for Advent Reflections available for parishioners to take home and use during Advent. They are located in the vestibule. These books are a gift from Fr.

Calendars

2019 Catholic Appointment Calendars are available compliments of J. William McCauley, Jr. Funeral Home. They are in the vestibule.

Oplatki

Traditional Oplatki Christmas wafers are available in the vestibule. Many of our parishioners use these wafers as part of their Christmas tradition. The usual donation for Oplatki is \$3.00 for each packet.

St. Anne Home Lottery Calendar

Proceeds from the St. Anne Home Lottery Calendar have provided funding for many programs designed to enhance the lives of residents in both the nursing facility and personal care community at St. Anne's.

The Lottery Calendar is assigned a three digit number and the winning numbers are based on the 7 PM Pennsylvania Daily Number. One is eligible to win every day of the year and as many times as his or her number is selected!

The cost is \$25 per calendar with 365 days to win! If you wish to purchase a calendar call St. Anne Home @ 724-837-6070 and request one mailed to your home. (Just ask the receptionist and give her your information.)

