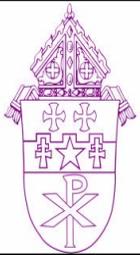




Holy Family CATHOLIC CHURCH



Save the Date:

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

Bible Study: Wednesday's in the Social Hall 9:00-11:00 AM

Confession:

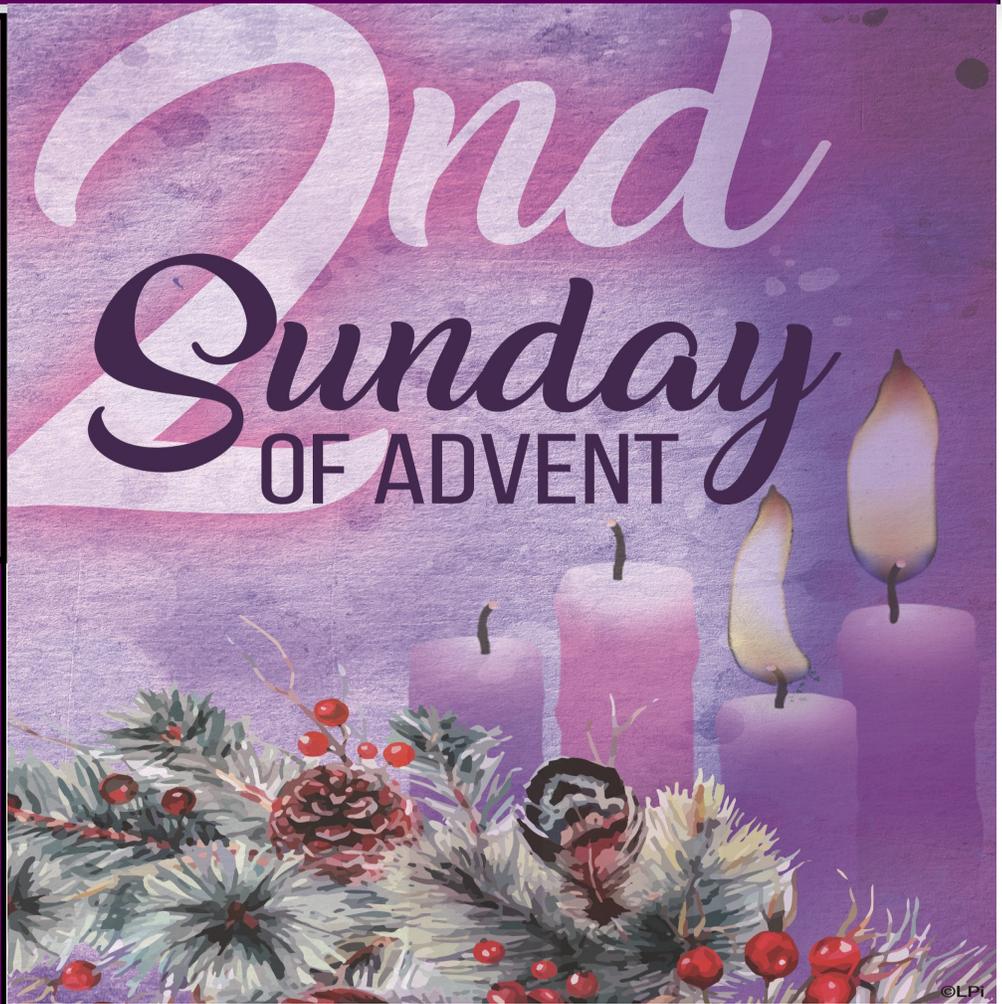
12/15 & 12/16 7:30 AM till 8 AM
12/16 7PM till 8PM

Weekend Masses
Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 11:00 AM

Weekday Masses
Tuesday & Wednesday
8:00 AM

Confessions
Saturday
3:00-3:30 PM

Weddings—Baptisms:
Contact Parish Secretary for appointment. 724-872-6123 or email hfamilywn@comcast.net



DECEMBER 6, 2020 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Reverend David J. Nazimek, Pastor
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PRAYER AND WORSHIP

4:00 PM | Saturday, December 5

**Lector
Dan Landini**

**Eucharistic Minister
Ann Page**

11:00 AM | Sunday, December 6

**Lector
Aleta Keegan**

**Eucharistic Minister
Tina Quinn**

4:00 PM | Saturday, December 12

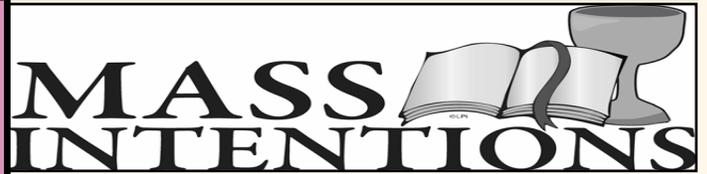
**Lector
Christina Null**

**Eucharistic Minister
Dennis Balenovich**

11:00 AM | Sunday, December 13

**Lector
Dan Landini**

**Eucharistic Minister
Darlene Schehr**



Saturday, December 5

Vigil-2nd Sunday of Advent

Theresa Merlino

by Christian Mothers

Sunday, December 6

2nd Sunday of Advent

Living & Deceased Members

of Holy Family Church

Tuesday, December 8

Weekday

Robert Kemmery

By Family

Wednesday, December 9

Weekday

Marie Egros

By Family

Saturday, December 12

Vigil-3rd Sunday of Advent

Peg Chopp

By Andy Chopp

Sunday, December 13

3rd Sunday of Advent

Melvin & Pauline Maleski

By Son Ken

Matters of Sexual Misconduct Information

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.

WEEKLY BELL CHIMES

DAY		12:00 PM	6:00 PM
SAT	12/5	Don Hiiva	
SUN	12/6	Dominic Letterio	Harriet Swick
MON	12/7		
TUES	12/8	Living & Deceased Member of CCM	Michael Davies
WED	12/9		
THURS	12/10		
FRI	12/11	Mary Beth Tamasy Palmieri	Rita Gabonay
SAT	12/12	Hiiva & Ulyan Family	
SUN	12/13		

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INSPIRATION

2nd Sunday of Advent

As we continue our Advent Journey, we are hearing of a future in which unbelievable things occur: the wolf and the lamb live together in peace, children guide calves and lions, babies play at the mouths of cobras' dens. This imagery suggests a world in which there are no distinctions, where everyone is treated fairly. This is the reign of God – this is the reign of God's Justice. In the first reading from the prophet Isaiah, who lived eight centuries before the birth of Christ, the prophet looks towards a time when God's people will rejoice in a ruler on whom the Spirit of the Lord will rest, who will rule with justice, who will bring peace, who will fill the country with knowledge of the Lord.

When we turn to the Gospel, there we are introduced to John the Baptist – he is just beginning his public ministry and his theme rings out throughout the country-side and into the minds and hearts of all who wish to listen and follow: "Repent, the kingdom of Heaven is close at hand!" And if the kingdom is close at hand, so too is its King, the King that was promised long ago. In essence, what John is saying is "the promises of old are about to be fulfilled." And so the call goes out: "Make ready for the coming of the King!" Without the Old Testament we would never have known how perfectly Jesus fulfills the hopes and yearnings of people who lived long before Him. It would be like hearing the climax of the story of our salvation without hearing the lead-in/ the final chapter without the first.

During the Season of Advent we are invited to share in the longings and yearnings of Old Testament times so that we may celebrate worthily the birth of the King at Christmas. The Infant of the stable is the fulfillment of the whole of the Old Testament, the realization of everyone's hopes and dreams, and He is also destined to come again in glory at the end of time. We are to repent, says John the Baptist: that means that we are to have a change of heart, a change in the way we think and view life and consider what is important. It may well result in our finding a little extra time for prayer and scripture reading during these days before Christmas, but the main part of the preparation will be the way we lead our daily lives and interact with one another. After insisting that "everything written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us", St Paul sets before us some very practical consequences of listening to the scriptures: each of us is called to live in harmony with one another and with nature itself. We must strive "to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treats us" – apparently squabbles were familiar even in the time of Paul – the first generation Christians. (It seems that the more things change, the more things remain the same – sometimes an unfortunate thing). For us today, the appeal is: How can we be ready to receive the Prince of Peace if we are not at peace with our brothers and sisters, or perhaps not at peace with our very selves?

But there is something more. Paul speaks of the immense hope that the scriptures bring, for they are centered upon Jesus Who is the God of hope in our midst. And so Paul concludes with a prayer – unfortunately not included in today's selection. It is a beautiful prayer which includes such wonderful Christian key words as hope, joy, peace, faith, the power of the Spirit. It's a prayer that we might make our own on this Advent Sunday. *"May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in our faith, so that in the power of the Holy Spirit we may be rich in hope"* (Romans 15:13). AMEN.

And the Prince of Peace is not for us alone. This Advent Season, I am asking each of us to assume the role of Ambassador for Christ as we look around ourselves, in our pews, our streets and neighborhoods, asking – "who haven't we seen in church for a while?" Perhaps health, or inability to drive, or a past hurt separates them from us. I am asking each of us to invite or bring someone home to our Parish family this year – for Advent, for Christmas, forever. And if necessary, extend the gift of forgiveness, on my behalf, if it is a hurt that separates them from us.

Let us Pray for the Conversion of the World & for Peace

Hanukkah – Thursday Dec 10 – Friday Dec 18

As we prepare to celebrate our Christian "Celebration of Lights" with the birthday of Jesus – the "Light of the World", let us remember our Jewish brothers and sisters who will be celebrating their Festival of Lights. Hanukkah commemorates the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem at the time of the Maccabean Revolt. According to the Talmud, one of Judaism's most central texts, Judah Maccabee and the other Jews who took part in the rededication of the Second Temple witnessed what they believed to be a miracle. Even though there was only enough untainted olive oil to keep the menorah's candles burning for a single day, the flames continued flickering for eight nights, leaving them time to find a fresh supply. This wondrous event inspired the Jewish sages to proclaim a yearly eight-day festival.



12/7 The Immaculate Conception Vigil mass
at Church of St Anne at 7PM
12/8 The Immaculate Conception Mass at 8 AM
12/14 Cantor Practice 6:30 PM
1/11 Cantor Practice 6:30 PM

Financial Report for 11/30/2020

Offertory: 2898	Poverty Relief: 30
Loose: 12	Catholic Accent: 12
Monthly: 376	Children & Family: 35
Candles: 53	Retired Religious: 10

Thanksgiving: 275

Immaculate Conception: 85

Solem. Of Mary: 35

Christmas Flowers: 77

Christmas: 355

Parish Income: 4166

Parish Budget: 4000

OVER BUDGET: 166

Total Offertory: 4253

Diocese of Greensburg plans televised Christmas Masses

With concerns over a resurgence in coronavirus cases, particularly in the four counties of the Diocese of Greensburg, diocesan leaders have decided to televise Christmas Masses to engage the faithful at home. A Christmas Vigil Mass from Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg celebrated by the Cathedral Rector, Monsignor Raymond E. Riffle, will be broadcast at 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Diocesan Administrator, Monsignor Larry J. Kulick, will celebrate a Mass from Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, which will be broadcast at 10 a.m. on Christmas Day. Both Masses will air on PCNC, the Pittsburgh Cable News Channel.

First Reading:

A voice cries out:

In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our
God! (Is 40:3)

Psalm:

Lord, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

Second Reading:

The day of the Lord will come like a thief,
and then the heavens will pass away with a
mighty roar
and the elements will be dissolved by fire,
and the earth and everything done on it will be
found out. (2 Pt 3:10)

Gospel:

“One mightier than I is coming after me.
I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs
of his sandals.
I have baptized you with water;
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” (Mk
1:7b-8)

Readings for the week of December 6, 2020

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14
[8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14
[Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
[1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and
10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab
[8]/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn
8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,
10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38
or Lk 1:39-47

Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50,
51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Observances for the week of December 6, 2020

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Friday: St. Damasus I, Pope

Saturday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

December 14, Week of Grace.

During that week additional opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available.

At **Church of St Anne**, in addition to Confessions on **Saturday at 3:30 PM**, we will have Confessions on **Monday (Dec 14)** and **Thursday (Dec 17) – ½ hour before the 8:00 AM Mass**, and **½ hour after**. The Sacrament will also be available at Church of St Anne on Tuesday, **December 15 at 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM**. Confessions take place in the Cry Room area. At **Holy Family Parish**, in addition to Confessions on **Saturday at 3:00 PM**, we will have Confessions on **Tuesday (Dec 15)** and **Wednesday (Dec 16) – ½ hour before the 8:00 AM Mass**, and **½ hour after**. The Sacrament will also be available at Holy Family on **Wednesday, December 16 at 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM**. Confessions take place at the front of the Church – the room to the left of the Sanctuary.

At **Church of St John the Baptist**, in addition to Confessions **on Saturday at 4:00 PM**, we will have Confessions on **Mon (Dec 14) thru Thurs (Dec 17) – ½ hour before the 9:00 AM Mass**, and **½ hour following**. The Sacrament will also be available at Church of St John the Baptist on **Thursday, December 17 at 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM**. Confessions take place in the Cry Room area.

Children and Family Services Appeal Collection

As you are aware, every year the second collection at all Christmas Masses has been for those people living within our own diocese who are less fortunate. This collection is titled the “Children and Family Services Appeal.” Your support could can the future of an individual, a family or a child through the good work of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg.

Catechetical certification courses scheduled monthly

The Office of Faith, Family and Discipleship will continue holding catechetical certification courses each month “live” on Zoom. The next course will be the Basic Certification Course-Liturgy and Prayer which is scheduled for 6:30-9 p.m., Dec. 7 and Dec. 9. Participants are required to attend both days of the course to receive credit for that course. Registration is available at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org under online registrations.



Any questions about the below items need to be addressed to Lauretta Stanley 724-872-3486 or 724-787-0989, Istanley@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

We will soon be opening up our RCIA program for the Churches of Saint Anne and Holy Family. If you, or anyone you know is interested in learning more about the Faith, what Catholics believe, and why please let us know by contacting Father Dave at 724-872-2555 or Lauretta Stanley at 724-872-3486. Learning more about the Church, Scripture, and Sacraments and preparing to receive them is richly rewarding.

Clearance Requirements Must Be Met

Beginning this year, the policy for Virtus, Protecting God’s Children has changed. We are now required to do a Recertification Course every five years. This course is a brief refresher and may be completed on-line by accessing it on the Diocese of Greensburg website.

As a reminder, other clearance requirements have a 5-year expiration as well. These include the Criminal Background Check, the Child Abuse Clearance, and the Affidavit. If you have not renewed these documents since 2015, you must update them or you will not be able to continue in your parish ministries. This is the law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the policy of the Diocese of Greensburg.



Thank you!

We send a big thank the Community Foundation of Fayette County for the donation of three-ply masks to our Parish.

We continue to get donations once a month through this foundation. If at all possible consider donating to this worthy organization.