



# Holy Family Parish

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust  
A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

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## **Parish Telephone Numbers**

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St Anne Office.....724-872-3555

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## **EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES**

### **Holy Family**

Tuesday ... 8 AM

Wednesday ... 8 AM

Saturday.....4 PM

Sunday.....11 AM

Holy Days & Civil Holidays:

Consult the Mass schedule in the  
Bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday at 3 PM or by appointment

### **St Anne**

Monday....8AM

Thursday....8AM

First Friday .. 8 AM (preceded by Exposition  
of the Blessed Sacrament).. 7-8 AM

Saturday...4:30 PM

Sunday.....8 AM & 11 AM

Holy Days & Civil Holidays:

Consult the Mass schedule in the bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday at 3:30 PM

## **Save the Date:**

12/4 Faith Formation Gr 1-3 St Anne

12/5 Faith Formation Gr 4-8 Holy Fam

12/11 Holy Name 9:30 AM

12/11 Christian Mothers 12PM LeGrande  
Room

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be  
ready

for the Son of Man is  
coming at an hour when  
you do not think He will come

**NOVEMBER 27, 2022**  
**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

## **PARISH STAFF**

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### First Reading:

They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again. (Is 2:4)

### Psalm:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. (Ps 122)

### Second Reading:

It is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. (Rom 13:11-12)

### Gospel:

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." (Mt 24:42)

### Readings for the week of November 27, 2022

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

### Observances for the week of November 27, 2022

Sunday: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Wednesday: St. Andrew, Apostle

Saturday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Next Sunday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent; St. John Damascene, Priest and

**4:00 PM | Saturday  
November 26**

**Lector: Landini  
Eucharistic Minister:  
Landini**

**11:00 AM | Sunday  
November 27**

**Lector: Hughes  
Eucharistic Minister:  
Luzi**

**4:00 PM | Saturday  
December 3**

**Lector: Keegan  
Eucharistic Minister:  
Page**

**11:00 AM | Sunday  
December 4**

**Lector: Beneccio  
Eucharistic Minister:  
Beneccio**

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, 11/26

For: Andy Chopp  
From: Barb & Joe Puckey

#### Sunday, 11/27

For: John B Jamitor  
17 Yr Memorial  
From: Wife Elaine Janitor  
& Family

#### Tuesday, 11/29

For: Mary Ann Keegan  
From: Bernie & Louise Haluh  
& Melissa Boes

#### Wednesday, 11/30

For: Dolores Tegnella  
From: Don & Rita Dustolfo

#### Saturday, 12/3

For: John Janitor  
From: Elaine

#### Sunday, 12/4

For: Delores Novacek  
From: George & Gladys Mrvos



## WORSHIP TOGETHER

### 1st Sunday of Advent -

( Isaiah 2:1 – 5; Romans 13: 11 – 14; Matthew 24: 37 – 44)

Advent, like its cousin Lent, is a season for prayer and reformation of our hearts. It is a season that calls us to quiet ourselves in anticipation of the birthday of Jesus. It is a Season of Hope.

One thing that we might notice, if we were able to go to Church, is that the Psalm for this weekend is the same one that we used for the feast of Christ the King – last weekend: **"Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."** This is no coincidence. The Church wants us to see that the ultimate goal of faith is that, when our lives on this Earth are over, we might be found worthy – in the words of Isaiah – to climb the Lord's mountain.

As we begin Advent, our Scriptures invite us to reflect on this truth, and place before us a selection of images: from the pilgrim people ascending the Lord's mountain to the light and dark of Paul's Letter to the Romans. Even the very sobering Gospel reference to Noah and the great flood is heavy with meaning and worthy of reflection. Jesus doesn't mince His words. We need to be vigilant at all times and prayerful – to stay awake. There is going to be a judgment and, like the master who plans and guards his house should it be broken into, we also need to be prepared. Next weekend we will be hearing the fiery words of John the Baptist which continue to challenge us.

But do remember that the idea of final judgement is not limited to Advent. Each week, in our Creed (Profession of Faith), we express the belief that Christ *"will come to judge the living and the dead."* That judgment will be real – a review of life with its many choices and decisions, laid out before us in the light of God's revelation. We might find it difficult to reconcile this part of faith with our view of God as loving and forgiving, especially as many have a distorted understanding of God as being indulgent and accepting of all types of behavior.

How easy it is to be like the people at the time of Noah – indifferent to what was about to take place. How many hear the message, but prefer to push it off to the side or to ignore it and so lose the opportunity to be prepared. Paul puts it so well – *our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.* The Gospel selection for today similarly challenges us to stay awake, to be like that good master. Paul is almost pleading with us to *put on Christ* – a wonderful image to reflect upon as we begin this holy season. We must remind ourselves often that this season is more than decorating and baking and shopping for Christmas Day. It is about our salvation.

We do know how the story ends / the final outcome in the conflict between good and evil: the victory of Christ! Our job is to make sure that we are on the side of victory by living lives worthy of Him. We shouldn't take eternal life for granted, but, each and every day we should renew our commitment to the Gospel and to our Baptismal call. As Christians and Catholics we are called to be realistic, to face the fact that our world is broken and in need of healing. Yet we are never without hope. For the Christian view is to see worldly imperfection not as a lost cause but as an opportunity for improvement and redemption. This is what we celebrate in this Advent time of preparation and anticipation. We look forward to the coming of Christ, striving to be vigilant and worthy to stand before our Maker and His Son, our Redemer.

Let us pray for the Conversion of the World & for Peace.



#### Advent Reconciliation Services

|       |        |                                 |
|-------|--------|---------------------------------|
| 12/6  | 6:30PM | Epiphany of our Lord, Monessen  |
| 12/7  | 6:30PM | Holy Family Church, West Newton |
| 12/12 | 6PM    | Seven Dolors, Yukon             |
| 12/13 | 6:30PM | St Anne, Rostraver Twp          |
| 12/15 | 6PM    | St Johns, Perryopolis           |
| 12/16 | 6PM    | St Edwards, Herminie            |
| 12/17 | 12PM   | St Sebastian, Belle Vernon      |



# NOVEMBER

## Upcoming

|                      |       |        |             |
|----------------------|-------|--------|-------------|
| Faith Formation      | 12/4  | 9:30AM | St Anne     |
| Faith Form. Teachers | 12/4  | 1PM    | Holy Family |
| Faith Formation      | 12/5  | 7PM    | Parish Hall |
| Adult Bible Study    | 12/7  | 9AM    | Parish Hall |
| Faith Formation      | 12/11 | 9:30AM | St Anne     |
| Holy Name Meeting    | 12/11 | 9:30   | Holy Family |
| CCM Holy Family      | 12/11 | 12PM   | LeGrande Rm |
| Adult Bible Study    | 12/14 | 9AM    | Parish Hall |



## ALL OF THE FOLLOWING EVENTS HELD AT ST ANNE'S

**Saturday, December 10** - Reconciliation - 10:30 AM

### First Communion Dates

**Sunday, February 5** - Communion Parent Meeting 9:45 - (cry room area)

**Saturday, March 4** - Workshop - 9:00 - 12:00

**Sunday, April 2** - Practice during class

**Saturday, April 15** - First Communion 10:00 AM

## St. Anne Parish, Rostraver

Craft/vendor show Dec. 3

The Christian Mothers of St. Anne Parish, Rostraver, will hold a craft/vendor show Dec. 3 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The Holy Name Society will sell homemade ravioli, and lunch and snacks will be available. For information, contact Maty Kovscek at [mkovscek@comcast.net.ion](mailto:mkovscek@comcast.net.ion).



## CRS Spotlight

As we near the end of The United Nations Climate Change Convention COP27, Catholic Relief Services continues to advocate at COP27P for what is fair. This includes the acknowledgment that the South, particularly Africa, is impacted by Climate Change more than any other continent, yet they only contribute less than 4% of the total emissions. Visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) for more information and to see how you can help!

"With regard to climate change, the advances have been regrettably few. Reducing greenhouse gases requires honesty, courage and responsibility, above all on the part of those countries which are more powerful and pollute the most... International negotiations cannot make significant progress due to positions taken by countries which place their national interests above the global common good. Those who will have to suffer the consequences of what we are trying to hide will not forget this failure of



## Financial Report from 11/22/2022

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Offertory: \$1,895.00         | Loose: \$34.00        |
| Candle: \$86.00               | Monthly: \$110.00     |
| Christmas \$20.00             | Thanksgiving \$216.00 |
| Christmas Flowers: \$25.00    |                       |
| Immaculate Conception: \$5.00 |                       |

Parish Income: \$2,391.00

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| Accent: \$ 3.00            |
| Poverty Relief: \$ 281.00  |
| Retired Religious: \$20.00 |
| Military Service: \$35.00  |

Total Offertory: \$2,730.00



**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Baptism Preparation Catechesis is required for parents and sponsors prior to the child's baptism. Please call the Office of Faith Formation to register and arrange a time for the ceremony.

**SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND HOLY COMMUNION:** Anointing and Holy Communion are available upon request to those who are sick, elderly or homebound. Families are requested to call the Parish Office (724) 872-6123 to arrange a visit.

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**GODPARENT/CONFIRMATION SPONSOR CERTIFICATE:**

For a Catholic to be a sponsor for the Sacraments of Baptism or Confirmation, one must be a practicing Catholic regularly attending Sunday Mass and receiving the Sacraments, a registered member of the Parish and a faithful contributor to the support of the Parish for a minimum of four months. All requests for a certificate should be made four weeks in advance of the designated date needed for sponsorship.

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**Catholic Charities seeks donors for Teen Christmas Program**

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg is preparing for its annual Teen Christmas Program, which matches families in need with sponsors who provide gifts for children ages 13-18. Other community programs provide gifts for children 12 and under, but very few do for teens, which is why this program is important. If you would like to participate, please contact Donna Hagan at [dhagan@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:dhagan@dioceseofgreensburg.org) or 724-837-1840, ext. 1661.

**Breakfast with St. Nick Dec. 3 at St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon**

St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon, will host Breakfast with St. Nick Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9-11 a.m. The morning will include photos with St. Nick, card making, face painting, crafts, games and a service project. There is no charge, but those attending are asked to take donations for Catholic Charities' Baby Closet (size 3-5 diapers, wipes, 6-month and up onesies, bibs, bottles, gift cards). For information, call the parish office at 724-863-2626.

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**Job Opportunity**

Positions available at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg  
Christ Our Shepherd Center, the Diocese of Greensburg's conference center and adjacent priests' retirement home, is seeking a full-time housekeeper. Duties include cleaning and laundry in retired priest apartments, cleaning and light custodial work in retreat center guest rooms, meeting areas and public spaces, and cleaning of offices. Hours are daylight Monday-Friday, with occasional weekend hours for event coverage. Competitive wage and attractive benefits package. Apply to [HR@DioceseofGreensburg.org](mailto:HR@DioceseofGreensburg.org).

**Diocese of Greensburg Catholic schools seek substitute teachers**

The Catholic schools of the Diocese of Greensburg are accepting applications for substitute teachers. Send current resume to the Office of Catholic Schools at [CatholicSchools@DioceseofGreensburg.org](mailto:CatholicSchools@DioceseofGreensburg.org). For more information, call 724-552-2594.

**The Accent On-Air: The Symbols of Christmas**

"The Accent On-Air: The Symbols of Christmas," premieres on WTAE-TV Channel 4 on Sunday, Nov. 27, and airs again Sunday, Dec. 4, at 11:30 a.m. In this episode, the staff of *The Catholic Accent* explores the popular symbols of Christmas, including St. Nicholas, one of the most recognizable figures in the world. Bishop Larry J. Kulick talks about his visit to the Vatican, his audience with Pope Francis and the importance of the gift of the Eucharist. Plus, learn about the meaning behind the Christmas decorations in your home; the wreath, Christmas tree and luminary lights are all steeped in symbolism. Bells will be ringing this season as churches across the Diocese join together to ring church bells as a reminder to many to celebrate the birth of our Savior. And Bishop Kulick is back in the kitchen with a traditional Slovak Christmas Eve soup. "The Accent On-Air" is always on at [TheAccentOnline.org](http://TheAccentOnline.org).