

Holy Family Parish

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A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

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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

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Saturday at 3:30 PM

Save the Date:

12/11 Holy Name 9:30 AM

12/11 Christian Mothers 12PM LeGrande
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12/18 Faith Formation Gr 1-3 St Anne

12/19 Faith Formation Gr 4-8 Holy Fam

BE PATIENT, THEN, BROTHERS AND SISTERS,
UNTIL THE LORD'S COMING. SEE HOW THE
FARMER WAITS FOR THE LAND TO YIELD ITS
VALUABLE CROP, PATIENTLY WAITING FOR
THE AUTUMN AND SPRING RAINS.

JAMES 5:7



DECEMBER 11, 2022

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PARISH STAFF

The Reverend David J. Nazimek, pastor
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Saturday, 12/10

For: Pam Chopp & Deceased
Members of
Chopp/DeClaudio Family
From: Andy Chopp

Sunday, 12/11

For: Mary Risko
From: Dolores Floriani
Mass Intentions

Tuesday, 12/13

For: Living & Deceased
Members Of Holy Family
Church

Wednesday, 12/14

For: Tony DeMarchi
From: Gary & Linda Fedrow

Saturday, 12/17

For: Nino Lombardozzi
From: Family

Sunday, 12/18

For: Stanley & Agnes Minkus
From: Leonard & Jeanne

**4:00 PM | Saturday
December 10**

**Lector: Materkowski
Eucharistic Minister:
Balenovich**

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

**Lector: Null
Eucharistic Minister:
Quinn**

**4:00 PM | Saturday
December 17**

**Lector: Landini
Eucharistic Minister:
DeBlasio**

**11:00 AM | Sunday
December 18**

**Lector: Hughes
Eucharistic Minister:
Keegan**

First Reading:

Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, He comes with vindication; with divine recompense He comes to save you. (Is 35:4)

Psalm:

Lord, come and save us. (Ps 146)

Second Reading:

Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. (Jas 5:7)

Gospel:

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are You the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" (Mt 11:2-3)

Readings for the week of December 11, 2022

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

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

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Jn 5:33-36

Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Observances for the week of December 11, 2022

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent; St. Damasus I, Pope

Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tuesday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Wednesday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

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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.



Advent Reconciliation Services

12/12	6PM	Seven Dolors, Yukon
12/13	6:30PM	St Anne, Rostraver Twp
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12/16	6PM	St Edwards, Herminie
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WORSHIP TOGETHER

3rd Sunday of Advent - In the pre-Vatican Council II days with the Latin Mass, the priest would approach the altar after the prayers at the foot of the altar, he would reverence the altar and recite a verse from scripture while the choir was still singing the opening hymn. On this, the Third Sunday of Advent, the opening verse came from Paul's letter to the Philippians (4:4 – 5) – *"Rejoice in the Lord always!"* (and in Latin – "Gaudete in domino semper") – thus – Gaudete Sunday.

This Third Sunday of Advent is a time for rejoicing because Jesus Christ is near. His birthday is nearer to us than when Advent first began. We feel also the nearness of His second coming as we have reflected throughout this holy season upon the end of time and Jesus' return in glory as our king. On this Sunday, we pray that more and more people might look at their lives and the world around them through the eyes of faith, enabling them to see the glory of God all around us.

In the Bible readings for this weekend, the prophet Isaiah encourages the exiled Jews in Babylon to rejoice because their God is going to liberate them from slavery and lead them safely to their homeland. In the Epistle, James the Apostle encourages the early Christians to rejoice and wait with patience for the imminent second coming of Jesus. And in the first part of today's Gospel reading, Jesus encourages John the Baptist, who is in prison, to rejoice by casting away his wrong expectations about the Messiah and to simply accept Jesus' healing and preaching ministry as the fulfillment of the messianic prophecy of Isaiah.

We all face difficult moments in our lives. They can be as varied as you can imagine: job loss, family problems, faith crisis, living alone and loneliness, and so on. We can take heart in knowing that if John the Baptist, even after having had a direct encounter with Jesus the Messiah had his doubts about Jesus and His teachings, we too can have our moments of asking questions such as – "Does God even care about me?"

Sometimes we tend to give up hope for restored health, or our own personal problems. We think that miracles, such as Jesus performed 2000 years ago, don't really exist today. Or do they? If John the Baptist can persevere to the end, so can we. He sees his life as not being in vain – even though he is now in prison. His patience is not pointless. These direct us to the power of God's goodness and love, for which He is prepared to suffer for the sake of others. Sin and selfishness have no place in the believer who trusts in God's promise.

We are not immune to the troubles of this world, nor to the agonies that cause people to despair. But the seed of hope has been planted in each of us, and hope is bright. The risen Christ now has many hands and hearts to assist Him in His work. He offers His healing touch through the many people who form His body – the Church. These folks do not deal in spectacular wonders. Rather, they touch us in more ordinary ways: a smile, an encouraging word, a hug, a listening word, and the list could go on. Isaiah, in our first reading, shares a similar idea – we extending God's healing grace to those whose hands are weak, whose knees are feeble, whose heart is fearful. Whatever positive we can do for others, these bring what Jesus gave – healing and good news. This, then, is the reason we rejoice on this third Sunday of Advent – giving to others what God gives to us.

In our prayer this week, let us remember with grateful hearts the people who have touched us with healing and hope and the good news of Jesus Christ. Let us also take part in Jesus' healing mission with our prayers for all who suffer in mind or body, especially those who feel most trapped or alone, helpless or hopeless.

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

DECEMBER

Upcoming

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
Faith Formation	12/18	9:30AM	St Anne
Faith Formation	12/19	7PM	Parish Hall
Adult Bible Study	12/21	9AM	Parish Hall



ALL OF THE FOLLOWING EVENTS HELD AT ST ANNE'S

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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

St Edward Parish will be holding a pancake and sausage breakfast on December 18 from 10AM till Noon. There will be Pancakes, Sausage, Bloody Mary's and Mimosa's, Coffee and Orange Juice also. The cost will be Adults: \$10 and Children 10 and under \$5.

Financial Report from 12//2022

Offertory: \$2,816.00	Loose: \$140.00
Candle: \$87.00	Monthly: \$320.00
Christmas \$265.00	Thanksgiving \$45.00
Christmas Flowers: \$197.00	
Immaculate Conception: \$126.00	
All Saints \$20.00	Uplift & Faith: \$40.00
Parish Income: \$4,056.00	
Accent: \$ 22.00	World Mission: \$45.00
Poverty Relief: \$ 25.00	Religious Ret.: \$25.00
Children & Family Appeal: \$35.00	
Total Offertory: \$4,208.00	

December 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe

On December 9, 1531, ten years after the Spanish conquest of Mexico, the Blessed Virgin appeared on the Tepeyac hill, then three miles from Mexico City to Juan Diego, and Indian convert who was on his way to catechetical instructions. She told him that she wished a shrine to be built there. When Juan Diego told the local bishop what had happened, the bishop refused to believe him and asked for a sign. Three days later, on December 12, the Blessed Mother appeared again to Juan and told him to gather in his woven cloak, roses which she arranged. When they were presented to the bishop he saw a picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe impressed on the cloak. The shrine at Guadalupe, where the picture is kept, was built in 1709 and is one of the great Marian shrines in the world, as well as a national treasure for the Mexican people. You may recall how the United States is under the patronage of Mary under the title - The Immaculate Conception. The Americas - North, Central, and South is under the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe, as declared by Pope Pius XII.

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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.

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.

CRS Spotlight for Sunday, 12/11/22

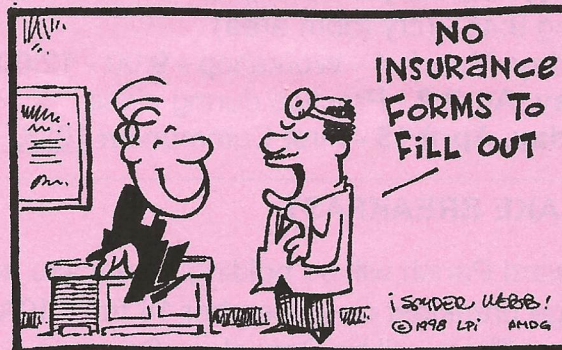
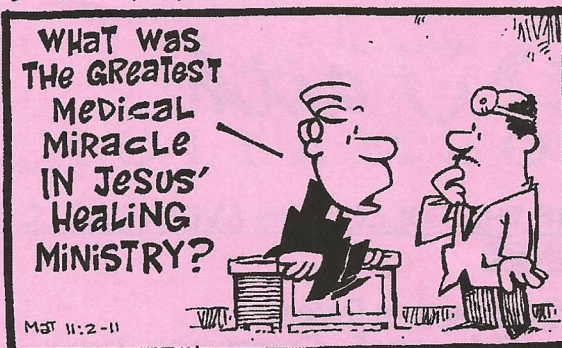
The sharply worsening conflict in the Central Sahel, the mass displacement it's caused, and a new global hunger crisis have created a humanitarian catastrophe in Mali, Burkina Faso, and Niger in 2022. It has caused more than 2,000 civilian deaths in the first 8 months of 2022, which is more than all of 2021. As a result, 3 million people have fled from the violence. The Sahel Crisis requires a well-coordinated, rapid, and robust humanitarian response to save lives, reduce suffering, build resiliency, and support social cohesion and peacebuilding.

As outlined in the Humanitarian Response Strategy, CRS and local partners are attempting to address both shocks and longer-term precarity. Layered, sequenced, holistic programs respond to shocks with life-saving rapid assistance where and when it is most needed, while supporting dignified recovery in face of the unknown so families can construct a foundation on which to build a future. Visit www.crs.org to learn more about our plan and to see how you can help!

Seven Dolors Parish, Yukon
Healing prayers offered Dec. 16

Hem of His Garment will lead an evening of healing prayers Friday, Dec. 16, at 6:30 p.m. at Seven Dolors Parish, Yukon. The evening will include eucharistic exposition, corporate prayer for healing and individual prayer ministry. If you would like to be a part of a prayer team, join us Thursday, Dec. 15 from 5:30-9 p.m. for training. RSVP for training only; dinner will be provided. For information, contact Kim Hutchins at hutchins@hssop.org, 412-817-5465 or hemofthisgarment.org.

3rd SUNDAY IN ADVENT



The Accent On-Air:

"The Symbols of Christmas," 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.