



Holy Family Parish

A Parish in the Diocese of Greensburg

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A Pennsylvania
Charitable Trust

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Monday - Thursday 8 - 4

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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 receiving contribution envelopes to support the Parish for a minimum of four months.

Young adults of parishioners who have earlier been under their parent's registration and who are now on their own and remain in the Parish must register as an adult parishioner and receive envelopes. All requests for a certificate should be made four weeks in advance of the designated date needed for sponsorship.

Eucharistic Liturgies

Holy Family

Tuesday - 8:00 AM Wednesday - 8:00 AM

Saturday - 4:00 PM Sunday - 11:00 AM

Holy Days & Civil Holidays:

Consult the Mass Schedule in the bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday @ 3:00 PM or

Call Fr. Roselo for an appointment

St Anne

Monday - 8:00 AM Friday - 8:00 AM

First Friday - 8:00 AM (preceded by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00 - 8:00)

Saturday - 4:30 PM

Sunday - 8 AM & 11 AM

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December 3, 2023

1st Sunday of Advent



Matters of 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 Child-Line 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 make the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724 837 0901, ext 1221.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick & Holy Communion - are available upon request to those who are sick, elderly or homebound. Families are requested to

Readings for the week of December 3, 2023

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Monday: Is 2:1-5/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: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

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

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

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 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Observances for the week of December 3, 2023

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: St. Nicholas, Bishop

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

Friday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 2

4:00 PM - Living & Deceased Members of Holy Family Church

Sunday, December 3

11:00 AM - Armand & Violet Luzi
By Family

Monday - December 4

8:00 AM *Mass at St Anne, Rostraver*

Tuesday, December 5

8:00 AM - Deceased of the Balash Family
By Family

Wednesday, December 6

8:00 AM - Neal Genemore
By Cheryl, Werner Jr & Melissa Boes

Thursday, December 7

6 PM - The Immaculate Conception Eve
Mass at Holy Family

Friday, December 8

8:00 AM - *Mass at St Anne, Rostraver*
6 PM - *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary At St Anne*

Saturday, December 9

4:00 PM - Nino Lombardozzi
By Family

Sunday, December 10

11:00 AM - Living & Deceased Members of Holy Family Church

4:00 PM - Saturday December 2	11:00 AM - Sunday December 3
Lector - Keegan	Lector - Beneccio
Eucharistic Minister Page	Eucharistic Minister Luzi

11:00 AM - Saturday December 9	11:00 AM - Sunday December 10
Lector - Hughes	Lector - Materkowski
Eucharistic Minister Quinn	Eucharistic Minister Schehr

Advent Candle Memorials

1. Lynn DeBlasio - from - Ginger DeBlasio
2. Joni Floriani - from - Dolores Floriani
3. Alma Zima - from - Joanne Geshinsky
4. Armand & Violet Luzi - from Armand & Patti Luzi

December 3rd - 2nd Grade
Reconciliation Practice 9:30 AM - St Anne
(Parents please attend)

December 9th - 2nd Grade
Reconciliation
10:00 AM - St. Anne

First Sunday of Advent

Today marks the beginning of a new Liturgical Calendar Year in the Catholic Church. It opens with the season of advent, consisting of four Sundays and starting with the Sunday closest to November 30th. The word "advent" comes from the Latin *adventus*, which means "coming" or "arrival."

The advent season has a two-fold character. First, it is a time to prepare ourselves for Christmas when Christ's first coming in Bethlehem two thousand years ago is remembered. Second, it is a time to anticipate Christ second coming as King and Judge at the end of time.

The liturgical color for the season of advent is purple, which was the color used by kings in olden times to signify their royal status. Today, purple implies the lordship of Christ; it also indicates repentance and patience of God's people as they await the coming of their savior. Some Churches use royal blue, a color of hope and expectation, to distinguish advent from lent, which is another penitential season of the Liturgical Calendar.

A most popular symbol used by Christians during advent is the "advent wreath". It is a circle of evergreen branches with four candles placed around it. The evergreen circle stands for the eternal life that Christ won for us. The lighted candles signify the near coming of Christ, the light of the world. Of the four candles, three are colored purple (a color of expectation) and one is pink (a color of rejoicing). On the first Sunday of advent, a purple candle is lit, with another one lit on each succeeding Sunday. The pink candle is lit on the third Sunday of advent, otherwise known as Gaudete Sunday. *Gaudete*, the Latin word for "rejoice", ("Rejoice for the Lord is near!").

Advent reminds us to always have the coming of Christ in mind. We need to spend our daily lives in preparation for our meeting with the Lord, no matter when that encounter comes. The gospel warns us to stay awake because the Lord will come to our lives anytime of the day. Like good servants, we have to fulfill our daily tasks of loving and serving, so that when the owner of the house arrives, we can honestly tell him, "Master, we always tried to do our best."

An old monk prayed many years for a vision from God. It came one day, just at the minute the monk was scheduled to feed the poor who gathered daily at the monastery gate. If he didn't show up with food, the people would leave, thinking the monastery had nothing to give them that day.

The monk was torn between his duty to the poor and his heavenly vision. Then, with a heavy heart, he made his decision: He would feed the poor.

An hour later, the monk returned to his room. When he opened the door, he could hardly believe his eyes. There was the vision, waiting for him. It smiled and said, "My son, had you not gone to feed the poor, I would not have stayed."

Let Us Pray for the Conversion
of the World & for Peace!

Financial Report for November 28, 2023

Offertory:	\$2,150.00	Accent:	\$6.00
Loose:	\$80.00	Child Family Service	
Monthly:	\$526.00	Appeal:	\$25.00
Candles:	\$62.00	Poverty Relief	\$23.00
Advent Candles:	\$80.00	Triennial Military	
Christmas:	\$170.00		\$10.00
Imm. Conception	\$25.00		
Sol. of Mary:	\$25.00		
Christmas Flowers:	\$265.00		
Thanksgiving:	\$370.00		

Parish Income:

\$3,753.00

Total Offertory:

\$3,817.00

Financial Report for November 21 2023

Offertory:	\$2,559.00
Loose:	\$90.00
Monthly:	\$275.00
Candle:	\$46.00
Thanksgiving	\$203.00
Parish Income:	\$3,173.00

Diocesan Poverty Relief:

\$452.00

Retired Religious:

\$20.00

Triennial Military:

\$50.00

World Mission Sunday

10.00

Total Income:

\$3,705.00



UPCOMING EVENTS

12/3	Christian Mothers Christmas Party	
12/10	Holy Name	9:30 AM
1/6	Burger Bash Parish Hall	after Mass
1/7	Burger Bash Parish Hall	after Mass

Christmas Penance Services

12/11	6:30 PM	Holy Family, West Newton
12/12	6 PM	St Edward, Herminie
12/13	6:30 PM	St Anne, Rostraver
12/14	6:30 PM	Epiphany, Monessen
12/18	6 PM	St Johns, Perryopolis
12/19	6 PM	Seven Dolors, Yukon
12/21	6:30 PM	St. Sebastian's, Belle Vernon

Holy Family Parish looking for YOU

As we slowly return to pre-Covid measures we need your help.

We are looking for anyone interested in becoming, Lectors, Cantors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and Altar Servers – Adults and Children (Who have made their First Communion).

There will be instruction for the above ministries if interested.

If it is a Mass that you have scheduled, you or someone you designate may take the gifts up to the Altar.

Please contact the Church Office at (724) 872-6123 or talk to Denise, Dan or Barry. You can also email: dmanley@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Exciting Times for RCIA

Last Sunday was a special day at **St. Anne Church**. We welcomed RCIA Inquirers Tahlia and Tyler Smith, Hailey Sable, Louis Davies, and Kayla Hussar into the Church and the Catechumenate Phase through the **Rite of Acceptance**. These six people are the candidates who are proceeding through this 9-month faith formation journey who have never been baptized.

Next Sunday, December 3, we will be at **Holy Family Church** to welcome, using the **Rite of Welcoming**, Nicole and Delaney Homer into the Church. The Rite of Welcoming is the liturgy designed to celebrate and sign with Christ's cross, those who have previously been baptized but are seeking ongoing conversion and deepening of their faith. At Easter Vigil, these candidates will make their first Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

On Sunday, December 10, Everett (Rick), Natalie, and Kaley Ricker, Nate Farley, Gino Scalise, Tiffany Smith, Laynee and Angelo Spoto, and Lucy and Michael Sitzman will be welcomed into **St. Anne's** church family.

Please join us in praying for all of these candidates as they step into this next phase of the RCIA process. Also pray for our faithful RCIA leaders - Regina and Mark Hopewell, Stephanie Boyer, Andrew and Jim Kurta, Dan Landini, Shirley Lazar, Barb Zucconi, and Andy Cannizzaro. We are also so grateful for Father Roselo's support of RCIA.

Feel free to stop by and join a session on Tuesday evenings at St. Anne's social hall from 6:30-7:30 PM. We welcome visitors!

CRS Spotlight for Sunday, 12/3/23

Why was a delegation of Catholic leaders from Côte d'Ivoire in Washington, DC last month to talk with decision-makers about the growing violence in the central Sahel region? Because the people of Côte d'Ivoire are directly affected by the violence in at least 3 ways:

1) Threat of terrorist attacks: Côte d'Ivoire faces the threat of terrorist attacks who have expanded their operations from the Sahel to the coastal countries of West Africa, including Côte d'Ivoire. 2) Influx of refugees and displaced people: Côte d'Ivoire must deal with the influx of refugees and displaced people from the neighboring Sahel countries, especially Burkina Faso and Mali, who are fleeing from violence, poverty and hunger. 3) Impact of climate change: Côte d'Ivoire must cope with the impact of climate change and environmental degradation that affect the Sahel region and beyond. Climate change exacerbates the risk of conflict over scarce resources, such as land and water, between different groups and communities. Visit www.crs.org today to see how you can help!

St. John the Baptist Parish, Perryopolis, hosting November 2024 pilgrimage to Holy Land

St. John the Baptist Parish, Perryopolis, is hosting a pilgrimage to the Holy Land Nov. 4-14, 2024, led by Father Rody Mejia, Pastor. Walk with us in the places the Jesus walked: Nazareth, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Bethlehem, Bethany, Jerusalem and more. Cost is \$4,190 per person and includes round-trip bus transportation to and from the airport, a round-trip airline ticket, double occupancy hotel accommodations, all meals and nine days in the Holy Land. For more information, email sjbperry@dioceseofgreensburg.org or call 724-736-4442.



The West Newton Community Singers will be holding their Christmas concert on Friday December 8, 7:30 PM at The West Newton Presbyterian Church.

Evening of reflection planned at St. John the Baptist Parish, Perryopolis,

St. John the Baptist Parish, Perryopolis, will host an evening of reflection Monday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. in the social hall. Father Rody Mejia will speak on "The Incarnation."



Live Nativity Dec. 8 at St. James Parish, New Alexandria

A Live Nativity is planned Friday, Dec. 8, from 5-8 p.m. at St. James Parish, New Alexandria. All are invited to walk and experience the beauty and wonder of the Scriptures coming to life with live animals and actors. There will be activities for the entire family, plus lessons and carols. Refreshments will be served.