



Holy Family Parish

A Parish in the Diocese of Greensburg

225 North Second Street

West Newton, PA 15089



A Pennsylvania
Charitable Trust

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8 - 4

Friday - 8 AM - 12 NOON

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Phone Numbers

Holy Family - 724 - 872 - 6123

St Anne Church - 724 - 872 - 3555

Faith Formation - 724 - 872 - 3486 (office at St Anne)

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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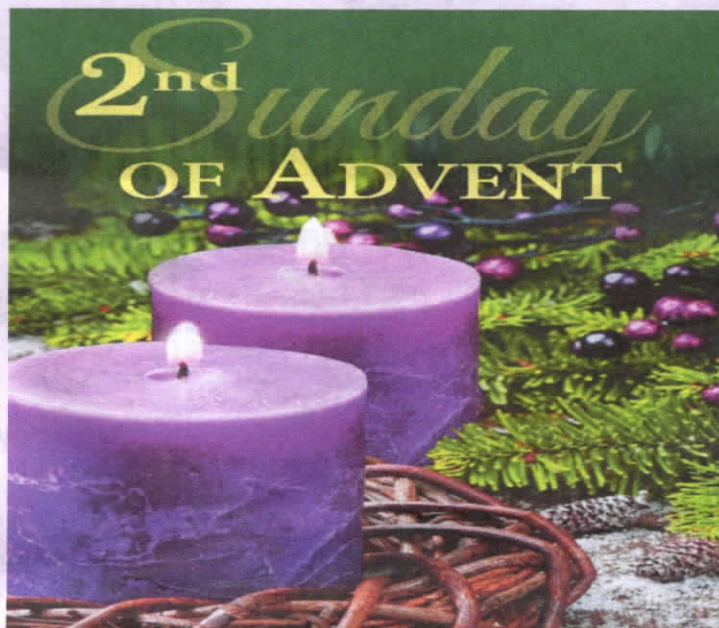
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December 10, 2023 *2nd Sunday of Advent*



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

Minister Schedule

11:00 AM -Saturday	11:00 AM - Sunday
December 9	December 10
Lector - Hughes	Lector - Materkowski
Eucharistic Minister	Eucharistic Minister
Quinn	Schehr
4:00 PM - Saturday	11:00 AM - Sunday
December 16	December 17
Lector - Landini	Lector - Null
Eucharistic Minister	Eucharistic Minister
Landini	Keegan

Financial Report for December 5, 2023

Offertory:	\$2,883.00
Loose:	\$81.00
Monthly:	\$532.00
Candle:	\$101.00
Thanksgiving:	\$105.00
Imm. Conception:	\$86.00
Sol. Of Mary	\$25.00
Christmas:	\$110.00
All Saints:	\$45.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$191.00
Parish Income:	\$4,159.00
Catholic Accent:	\$24.00
Poverty Relief:	\$30.00
Retired Religious:	\$30.00
Child & Family Svc:	\$25.00
Triennial Military:	\$20.00
World Mission Sunday	\$20.00
Total Income:	\$4,308.00

Readings for the week of December 10, 2023

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/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: 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
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Observances for the week of December 10, 2023

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. Damasus I, Pope
Tuesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Wednesday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 9

4:00 PM - Nino Lombardozzi
By Family

Sunday, December 10

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

No Mass - December 11 December 15

Saturday, December 16

4:00 PM - Melvin & Pauline Maleski
By Son Ken

Sunday, December 17

11:00 AM - Stanley & Agnes Minkus
By Leonard & Jeanne

Second Sunday of Advent. "Focusing on the True Meaning of Christmas"

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought many changes to our lives, including the way we celebrate Christmas. While we may feel disheartened by these changes, it is an opportunity to rediscover the true essence of Christmas. The first Christmas in Bethlehem was simple, with only swaddling clothes, a humble manger, and the presence of God. This pandemic is guiding us towards a more meaningful celebration, reminding us that Jesus is the reason for the season.

As Advent people, we wait with patience and faith. We believe in the coming of the Lord, not only in history but also in the sacraments and in His final glory. Our faith is strengthened through constant prayer, which nourishes our souls and keeps us connected to God's presence.

In Our Gospel today, St. John the Baptist teaches us the importance of humility. He humbly acknowledged his unworthiness to even untie the sandals of Jesus. Recognizing our own sinfulness, we approach God with humility, knowing that He comes to those with pure and humble hearts. Humility opens us up to receive God's grace and prepares us for His coming.

In Addition St. John the Baptist's message was clear: "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand!" In our preparation for the Lord's coming, we must examine ourselves, acknowledge our sins, and seek forgiveness. Sadly, society has lost the sense of sin, often justifying immoral actions. St. John fearlessly condemned sinful behavior and called people to repentance. We too must be willing to confront our sins and seek reconciliation through the sacrament of Confession.

This Advent season, let us prioritize our spiritual preparation. Let us take the opportunity to go confession on December 16 @ 12 Noon at St Anne Parish Church.

As we await the coming of the Lord, may our faith remain strong, our hearts humble, and our lives marked by repentance. Let us not be hindered by earthly distractions but instead eagerly seek to meet our Savior. May God grant us the grace to turn away from sin, grow in humility, and deepen our faith as we prepare for the coming of Jesus in history, mystery, and glory.

Dear Parishioners of St Anne and Holy Family Parishes

Good day everyone.

We have a change in schedule for our Advent Penance service. It will now take place on December 16, 2023, at 12 noon, at St. Anne Parish. This year, the Advent Penance service will be combined for both St. Anne and Holy Family parishes due to time constraints, and it is important for everyone to participate. Let us come together in this service to spiritually prepare for the arrival of Jesus in our hearts and in our lives during this Christmas season.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Prayers and Blessings,
Fr. Roselo

Advent Candle Memorials

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

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

12/12	6 PM	St Edward, Herminie
12/14	6:30 PM	Epiphany, Monessen
12/16	12 PM	St Anne, Rostraver
12/18	6 PM	St Johns, Perryopolis
12/19	6 PM	Seven Dolors, Yukon
12/21	6:30 PM	St. Sebastian's, Belle Vernon

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

KNOW HIM: St. Nicholas the Gift Giver and the Gift of the Eucharist Friday, December 15, 2023 2PM

Christ Our Shepherd Center, 2900 Seminary Drive, Greensburg A Bishop from the early church became an international icon, whose story and likeness have been woven into the fabric of Christmas tradition around the world. St. Nicholas, his love for children and gift giving in the spirit of Christ transformed a man into a legend known by many names. Learn about the gift of the Eucharist, watch how artist Pipka Ulvilden creates St. Nicholas-inspired collectables, experience the cultural versions of Santa Claus; Sinterklaas, Christkindle, Papa Noel and Babbo Natale, and enjoy the theology behind some of your favorite carols. Cookies and vendors inside St. Nick's workshop are also a part of this immersive experience.

– <https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/evangelization/eucharistic-revival/know-him-st-nicholas-the-gift-giver-and-the-gift-of-the-eucharist/>

Country Christmas on Broad Dec. 17 at St. Sebastian Parish, Belle Vernon

St. Sebastian Parish, Belle Vernon, will host the annual Country Christmas on Broad Sunday, Dec. 17, beginning with a parade at 2 p.m. A horse and carriage, bonfire, treats and more are planned.

Reconciliation at Holy Family

Saturdays at 3:00 PM before 4:00 PM Mass

Weekday Mass

There will not be weekday Mass for the week of December 11-15 and December 26-29.

Celebration of St. Nicholas Dec. 15-16

Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg

Two special events are planned Friday and Saturday, Dec. 15 and 16, at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. St. Nicholas the Gift Giver and the Gift of the Eucharist, a free immersive experience, is set for 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Dec. 15. The event will feature artist Pipka Ulvilden and her St. Nicholas-inspired collectibles, Christmas carols, cookies, vendors and St. Nick's workshop. Register at

DioceseofGreensburg.org/EucharisticRevival

1. Breakfast with St. Nicholas, a faith-focused event for children and families, is set for Dec. 16 at 9:30 a.m. The morning will include a buffet, visits from several cultural versions of St. Nick and St. Nick's workshop; Bishop Larry J. Kulick will lead a prayer, and children will make a craft with Ulvilden. Register at

DioceseofGreensburg.org/StNickBreakfast.

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."

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

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.

CRS Spotlight for Sunday, 12/10/23

Your voice is needed now to protect lifesaving, international development and humanitarian assistance! The U.S. House introduced an appropriations bill that would reduce foreign aid in the fiscal year 2024 federal budget by \$7 billion. At a time when global hunger and poverty are on the rise, these cuts would have devastating consequences for millions of people around the world.

Foreign assistance accounts for less than 1% of the U.S. budget. You can make a difference to ensure this critical aid isn't reduced further! Please contact your U.S. Representative to oppose the proposed cuts and to support robust funding for hunger-reducing international assistance. By lifting your voice today, you help smallholder farmers diversify and improve their crops so they can feed their families and earn a living, you help children receive the daily nutrition they need to grow and reach developmental milestones, and you help communities access emergency food aid during hunger crises caused by conflict and climate change. Visit www.crs.org to see how you can help!



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