



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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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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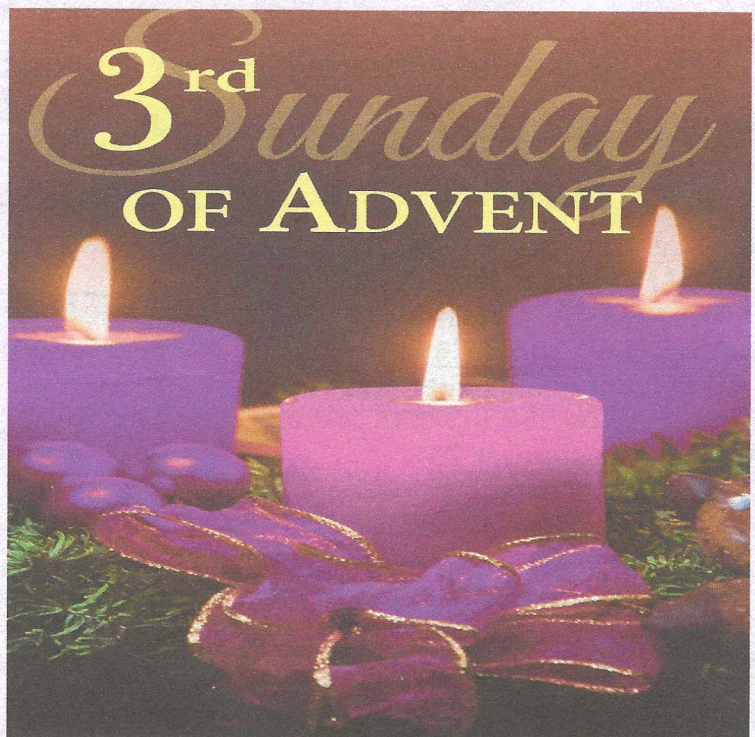
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December 17, 2023 *3rd Sunday of Advent*



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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 16

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

Sunday, December 17

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

Monday - December 18

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

Tuesday, December 19

8:00am - Alma Zima
By Carla Koft

Wednesday, December 20

8:00am - Andy Chopp
By Gene, Ceil, Eileen Sheith

Thursday, December 21

8:00am - No Mass

Friday, December 22

8:00am - *Mass at St Anne, Rostraver*

Saturday, December 23

4:00 PM - Nino Lombardozzi
By Family

Sunday, December 24

11:00 AM - Billie Jean Pavlic
By: Family

Sunday, December 24

4:00 PM AM - Christmas Eve

Monday, December 25

11:00 AM - Christmas

Readings for the week of December 17, 2023

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

Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Observances for the week of December 17, 2023

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Thursday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: St. John of Kanty, Priest

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve

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Minister Schedule

4:00 PM - Saturday

December 16

Lector - Landini

Eucharistic Minister

Landini

11:00 AM - Saturday

December 23

Lector - Materkowski

Eucharistic Minister

Balenovich

11:00 AM - Sunday

December 17

Lector - Null

Eucharistic Minister

Keegan

11:00 AM - Sunday

December 24

Lector - Beneccio

Eucharistic Minister

Beneccio



Youth Faith Formation will be on Christmas break December 24th & December 31st.

All classes will resume January 7th.

From all the Catechists, we wish our families a blessed Christmas and Happy

3rd Sunday of Advent (B) Is 61:1-2, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

The Mass of the third Sunday of advent begins with this antiphon: ***Gaudete in Domine semper!*** (Rejoice in the Lord always!). Traditionally, we call this day "***Gaudete Sunday***" or "***Sunday of Rejoicing***" in order to encourage people to remain enthusiastic in waiting for the Lord's coming.

During advent, the priest wears purple or violet vestments to signify that this is a time for repentance. Yet, during the third Sunday of advent, the priest uses "rose vestments" in order to show that in their sorrow and regret, penitents remain peaceful and hopeful because the time of salvation is very near. The first reading tells us that we are to rejoice because the Messiah will come to set us free from all bondages, physical and spiritual.

The gospel presents to us John the Baptist who bears witness to Jesus, the light of the world. The coming of the Lord calls for joy because he will remove darkness from the world and will enlighten those who chose to follow Him.

As Christmas draws near, the Church calls us to become like John and to bear witness to Jesus, the light of the world. Let us reflect his light in our lives so that we may illuminate the lives of people around us. How are we going to do this? Saint Paul, in the second reading, has some proposals: ***Rejoice always.***

We can attract people to Christ only if they see us rejoicing. But what does this mean? Does God expect us to be happy all the time? What if we do not feel happy or merry? What if, we feel overwhelmed by the hardships, problems and tragedies in life? How can we become happy (and celebrate Christmas)?

Oftentimes, we associate happiness with things or external circumstance: like material abundance, passing the board exams; successes in business, promotions in jobs, etc. It is true that Christmas carols, for many of us, bring joy and inspiration – lifting up our souls. Reunions or gatherings, Christmas parties, exchanging of gifts, bring about joys in our life. Even those who are non-believers of Christmas (because, according to them, this cannot be found in the Bible), also experience JOY provoked by this Christmas season. All these really affect our feelings. But sad to note that as our feelings go, so goes our ability to experience Christmas. As it were, if these things are already gone or spent, the feeling of joy is also gone.

However, in the Christian perspective, to rejoice is not only a matter of feeling but a decision. It is a decision to rejoice because we have with us the greatest JOY: not only the source of JOY, but the JOY himself, Jesus Christ. In Jesus, we find JOY, because He is God's Messiah, sent to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to prisoners.

We have to rejoice because Jesus, who is the LIGHT as John proclaims, in the gospel can truly help us in finding our way through the hard times and in facing or confronting the dark nights and difficult days

Our joy, then, is a product of a peaceful heart, not of material possessions and worldly honors. Genuine Christians remain positive and hopeful even in the face of trials and difficulties because they are confident in God's help and protection. Despite the suffering and sadness we encounter each day, we are assured that God is with us in our humanity. Our God, in Jesus, has chosen to live our fragile humanity – assuring us that God cares for us.

Advent Candle Memorials

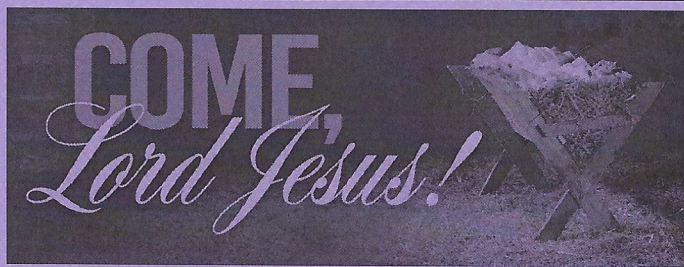
1. Lynn DeBlasio - from - Ginger DeBlasio
2. Joni Floriani - from - Dolores Floriani
3. Alma Zima - from - Family
4. Armand & Violet Luzi - from Armand & Patti Luzi

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



Christmas Penance Services

12/18	6 PM	St Johns, Perryopolis
12/19	6 PM	Seven Dolors, Yukon
12/21	6:30 PM	St. Sebastian's, Belle Vernon



UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULE

December 23	4:00 PM	Eve Mass for 4 th Sunday of Advent
December 24	11:00AM	4 th Sunday of Advent
December 24	4:00 PM	Christmas Eve
December 25	11:00 AM	Christmas Day
December 30	4:00 PM	Eve Mass for The Holy Family
December 31	11:00 AM	The Holy Family
January 1	10:00 AM	Solemnity of Mary

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS UPCOMING EVENTS

1/6	Burger Bash Parish Hall	after Mass
1/7	Burger Bash Parish Hall	after Mass

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 26-29.

Financial Report

December 11, 2023

Offertory:	\$2,497.00
Loose:	\$185.00
Candle:	\$56.00
Thanksgiving:	\$25.00
Assumption:	\$10.00
Sol. Of Mary:	\$20.00
Christmas:	\$130.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$152.00
Imm. Conception:	\$562.00
Monthly:	<u>\$60.00</u>
<i>Parish Income:</i>	\$3,697.00

Triennial Military:	\$20.00
Children & Family.	\$50.00
Catholic Accent:	<u>\$18.00</u>
<i>Total Income:</i>	\$3,785.00

DCCW Pray for Life Day Jan. 19 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg

Everyone is invited to join in a day of prayer hosted by the Greensburg Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg, on Friday, Jan. 19, the day of the March for Life in Washington, D.C. The day will begin with the Rosary for Priests at 11:30 a.m., followed by Mass at noon, Rosary for Life, Stations of the Cross for Life, Divine Mercy chaplet at 3 p.m., Litany for Life at 3:30 p.m. and closing prayer at 4 p.m. There is no cost, and those attending can stay all day or part of the day. The DCCW will also be accepting donations of baby items for pregnancy centers in the Diocese.

R I P - In Christian Charity we are asked to remember the soul of Barbara Puckey. Who died recently and was buried from our Parish. May she Rest in Peace and our Condolences to the family.

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.

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."

CRS Spotlight for 12/17/23

Climate change is a moral issue. A life issue. And an essential way to protect life is to confront the changes happening to our environment. With time running out to act before a dangerous tipping point, the upcoming 28th session of the United Nations Climate Change Conference of Parties in the UAE must signify a profound transformation. Please visit www.crs.org for more information and to see how you can help!

"We must move beyond the mentality of appearing to be concerned but not having the courage needed to produce substantial changes." ~ Pope Francis, Laudate Deum

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