



# 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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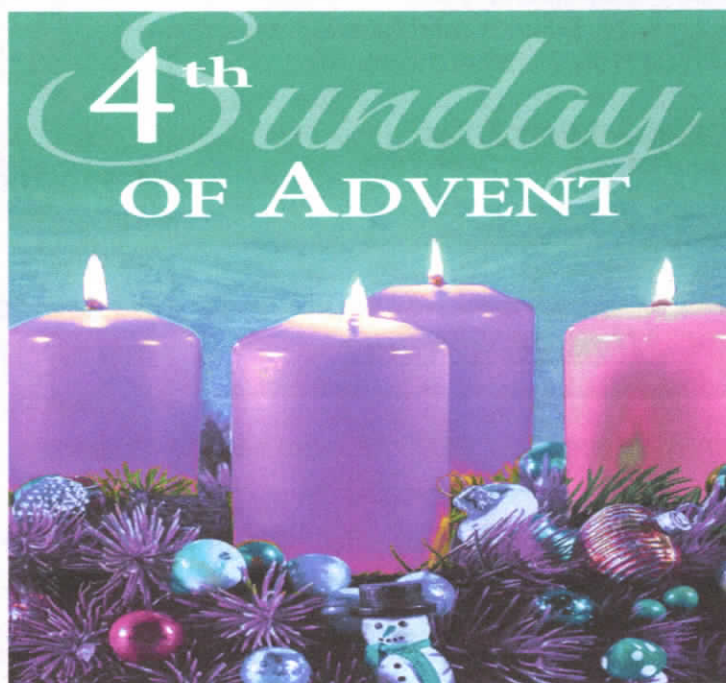
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*December 24, 2023*

*4th 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 23

4:00 PM - Billie Jean Pavlik  
By Family

### Sunday, December 24

11:00 AM - Living & Deceased  
Members

### Sunday, December 24

4:00 PM AM - Christmas Eve

### Monday, December 25

11:00 AM - Christmas

### **NO MASS FROM**

### December 26-December 29

### Saturday, December 30

4:00 PM AM - Hazel Keegan  
By Family

### Sunday December 31

Living & Deceased Members  
Of Holy Family Church

### Monday, January 1

10:00 AM - for the New Year

## Minister Schedule

11:00 AM -Saturday December 23	11:00 AM - Sunday December 24
Lector - Materkowski	Lector - Beneccio
Eucharistic Minister Balenovich	Eucharistic Minister Beneccio

4:00 PM - Saturday December 30	11:00 AM - Sunday December 31
Lector - Hughes	Lector - Keegan
Eucharistic Minister Houseman	Eucharistic Minister DeBlasio

## Readings for the week of December 24, 2023

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

Monday: *Vigil*: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 *Night*: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 *Dawn*: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

*Day*: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

## Observances for the week of December 24, 2023

Sunday: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve

Monday: The Nativity of the Lord

Tuesday: St. Stephen, First Martyr

Wednesday St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Thursday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Friday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

Sunday: The Holy Family; New Year's Eve

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Youth Faith Formation will be on Christmas break  
December 24<sup>th</sup> & December 31<sup>st</sup>.

All classes will resume January 7<sup>th</sup>.

**From all the Catechists, we  
wish our families a blessed  
Christmas and Happy New  
Year!**





## Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Romans 16:25-27;  
Luke 1:26-38

*5-year-old Olivia and her best friend Claire were participating in a nativity play at school. Claire was playing Mary, and Olivia was an angel. Before the show, a young boy was going around the dressing room repeating, "I'm a sheep, what are you?" Each child responded politely, including Olivia, who proudly declared she was an angel.*

*The boy then turned to Claire, still struggling into her costume with her mother's help, and repeated the question to her: "I'm a sheep, what are you?" Claire simply said, "I'm Mary."*

*Realizing he was face to face with a lead character, he felt he needed to justify his own role. "It's hard being a sheep, you know," he said with all the seriousness of a 5-year-old actor with a big part.* <sup>[L]</sup><sub>SEP</sub>

*Claire's equally serious response was humorously profound. "Yes," said Claire innocently, "but it's also hard being a virgin, you know." (The story is told by Msgr. Dennis Clarke)*

The gospel is an account of the Mystery of the Annunciation when the angel Gabriel declares unto Mary that she is to conceive the Son of God by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is the fulfillment of God's promise to king David that from his heirs will come the Savior of humankind.

The first thing that we notice about the Annunciation is the simplicity of the event: A messenger of God visiting a poor young woman in a small, hidden and silent place. Nobody sees it and there is no other who knows about it except Mary. Yet, this incident is the turning point of the history of salvation. Mary's humble acceptance of the will of God leads to the Incarnation or the becoming human of God.

In the first reading, king David expresses his desire to build a huge, beautiful dwelling place for God. And yet, through the prophet Nathan, God declares: It is not David who will build a house for Him; rather, He will build a house for David. The house that David has in mind is a building; but the house in God's plan is the people who will unite in the name of Jesus His Son. David's house is made of worldly materials; but the house of God is to be founded on the love of Christ.

As a whole, the liturgy reminds us of the true meaning of Christmas and helps us to celebrate it meaningfully today. Christmas is God's revelation of His great love for humankind. God wishes to become one with His beloved creatures, and for this His Son is to be called "Emmanuel" (meaning, "God is with us"). A meaningful celebration of Christmas is achievable not through parties and the exchange of material gifts but by our humble acceptance of Jesus in our lives. Mary's "Yes" has opened for us the gates of salvation. And in the same way, we are saved in Christ through our submission to the will of God.

Today's worldwide ongoing economic crisis provides us with a unique opportunity to celebrate Christmas in the spirit of simplicity and generosity. Let us celebrate simply because God himself has shown us that genuine love does not depend on material things. And like Jesus, let us be giving of ourselves (time, talent and treasure) this Christmas so that the poor will also experience the love of God in 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!





#### UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULE

December 24	11:00AM 4 <sup>th</sup> 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

## MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

The office will only be open on Thursday December 28 from 9-3. If immediate assistance is needed any other day, please call my cell at (724) 640-4019 and leave a message. I will get back to you asap.

#### Support Ukrainian Refugee Fund

Support is needed for the Ukrainian Refugee Fund administered by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg, which provides assistance to individuals and families who have been forced to leave their homelands because of war. Visit [ccharitiesgreensburg.org/donate/donate-now/](http://ccharitiesgreensburg.org/donate/donate-now/) to donate. More than 100 families are on a waiting list to resettle in Western Pennsylvania.

#### Financial Report

**December 19, 2023**

Offertory:	\$2,245.00
Loose:	\$67.00
Candle:	\$63.00
Sol. Of Mary:	\$20.00
Christmas:	\$230.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$30.00
Imm. Conception:	\$60.00
Monthly:	<u>\$15.00</u>
<b>Parish Income:</b>	\$2,730.00
Triennial Military:	\$10.00
Children & Family:	\$110.00
Catholic Accent:	<u>\$3.00</u>
<b>Total Income:</b>	\$2,853.00

Join us for an afternoon learning about the Torah

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024**

**1:30 – 3:00 pm at St Anne in the Church**

Come to the 11 AM Mass – with a light lunch served at 12:30 PM or just come to Church at 1:30.

Rabbi Lenny Sarko from Congregation Emanu-El Israel & Davarium Institute has created the world's first Hebrew Braille Sefer Torah. He will be here to teach us about the Torah

(if planning to attend the lunch please call Rachel at (724) 872-3486 or email [rlewis@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:rlewis@dioceseofgreensburg.org).)

#### **CHRISTIAN MOTHERS UPCOMING EVENTS**

In the Parish Hall:

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



**CRS Spotlight for Bulletin for Sunday,  
12/24/23**

Climate change adaptation programming is cost-effective. In 5 Central American countries, more than 40,000 farmers have learned to protect their soil, to plant cover crops to build soil fertility, to apply the right fertilizer, and to capture rainwater to boost crop yields. Visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) for more information and to see how you can help!

"The destruction of the environment is an offence against God, a sin that is not only personal but also structural, one that greatly endangers all human beings, especially the most vulnerable in our midst and threatens to unleash a conflict between generations... Climate change is a global social issue and one intimately related to the dignity of human life... Are we working for a culture of life or a culture of death? To all of you I make this heartfelt appeal: Let us choose life! Let us choose the future! May we be attentive to the cry of the earth, may we hear the plea of the poor, may we be sensitive to the hopes of the young and the dreams of children! We have a grave responsibility: to ensure that they not be denied their future." ~ Pope Francis



**TO ACCESS ON-LINE GIVING FOR YOUR  
CONTRIBUTIONS:**

Scan the QR code, select [osvhub.com](http://osvhub.com), then in top right log in or create an account (Our Sunday Visitor.) Select which fund you would like to donate to, select Give now, then you will see Configure gift, Here you can schedule recurring and one-time contributions. If questions, please call (724) 872-6123.

**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](mailto:dmanley@dioceseofgreensburg.org)



**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.