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SUNDAY LITURGY

Saturday Evening

5:00 pm

Sundays

8:00 am

11:00 am

5:00 pm



Daily Mass

Monday through Friday

7:00 am

12:05 pm

Saturday

8:00 am

CONFESSION

Saturday

3:00 pm - Cathedral

Thursday before First Friday

3:00 pm - Cathedral

Saint John Gualbert Cathedral Parish

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!



Sunday, November 25, - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Readings: Daniel 7:13-14/ Revelation 1:5-8/ John 18:33b-37

8:00 am: Judy O'Donnell, Wedding Anniversary

(Husband, Ed & Leech Family)

11:00 am: Carol Matevish (Matthew McVicker)

5:00 pm: Kay Hollern (Loving Nephew, Jeff)

Monday, November 26, - Weekday

Readings: Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5/ Luke 21:1-4

7:00 am: Joseph Delic (John & Sharon Delic)

12:05 pm: Joseph Bachani, Anniversary (Wife, Children, & Grandchildren)

Tuesday, November 27, - Weekday

Readings: Revelation 14:14-19/ Luke 21:5-11

7:00 am: Helen R. Huffman (Son, Charles & Family)

12:05 pm: Jennifer Apryle (Husband, Tom Apryle)

Wednesday, November 28, - Weekday

Readings: Revelation 15:1-4/ Luke 21:12-19

7:00 am: Dorothy A. Frick (Rebecca & Dale Wicks)

12:05 pm: Loretta Klug (Dave Ellis)

Thursday, November 29, - Weekday

Readings: Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/ Luke 21:20-28

7:00 am: Saint Anne Society

12:05 pm: Mary Krall (Family)

Friday, November 30, - Saint Andrew, Apostle

Readings: Romans 10:9-18/ Matthew 4:18-22

7:00 am: Ron Vogel (Cheryl Murgas)

12:05 pm: Leo W. Klug, Jr. (Mary Spenger)

Saturday, December 1, - Weekday; BVM

Readings: Revelation 22:1-7/ Luke 21:34-36

8:00 am: Roger Stoy (Stoy Girls)

5:00 pm: Charles Schuster, Sr., Anniversary (Wife, Daughter & Son)

Sunday, December 2, - First Sunday of Advent

Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16/ 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 / Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

8:00 am: Eileen Wehner (Mr. & Mrs. Ron Vogel)

11:00 am: Betty Weaver (Family)

5:00 pm: *For the Intentions of the People of the Parish*

From Our Pastor . . .

Christ the King Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. Today reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

During the early twentieth century, in Mexico, Russia, and in many parts of Europe, atheistic regimes threatened not just the Catholic Church and its faithful but civilization itself. Pope Pius XI's encyclical gave Catholics hope and—while governments around them crumbled—the assurance that Christ the King shall reign forever. Pope Pius XI says that Christ "reign[s] 'in the hearts of men,' both because of the keenness of his intellect and the extent of his knowledge, and also because he is very truth, and it is from him that all humanity must obediently receive truth."

In 2018, the Church faces pressures from without and crisis from within. In addition to the challenges that Christians in a secular society must confront, the body of Christ must also tend to the wounds inflicted on the Church by priests and bishops who either committed acts of sexual abuse themselves or failed to respond to abuse with justice when they had the opportunity. Pope Pius XI reminds the faithful that Christ reigns as king of the entire world forever. Let us rededicate ourselves this year to acknowledging the reign of Jesus Christ and his Sacred Heart in every aspect of our lives. (*Solemnity of Christ the King 2018: Lectionary Notes, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*)

Champagne Christmas Tea and Handbag-Basket Extravaganza Thank You This fun event generated \$1,900 for the Assumption Sisters of Nairobi, Kenya who serve the Cathedral's Sister Parish of Saint Croix and its mission church of Christ the King, Braes River. The Christian Life and Service Committee and Saint Croix Mission Team thank you.

Advent: 'Tis the Season for Reconciliation Our parish reconciliation service is Sunday, December 9, 1:30 PM. Several priests will be available for the hearing of confessions.

At least seven additional opportunities exist for your celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the Birth of Our Lord. These are: St Anthony, Windber – Thursday, November 29, 6:00 PM; Transfiguration, East Conemaugh – Wednesday, December 12, 6:30 PM; St Elizabeth Ann Seton, Windber – Thursday, December 13, 6:00 PM; St Patrick, Moxham – Thursday, December 13, 7:00 PM; St. Benedict, Geistown – Sunday, December 16, 5:00 PM; Our Mother of Sorrows, Westmont – Monday, December 17, 6:00 PM. and Resurrection, Cambria City – Monday, December 17, 6:30 PM;

Advent Wreath Helpers We invite volunteers to light the Advent wreath candles. We welcome at least two Advent wreath helpers and especially enjoy seeing entire families bringing the light of Advent forward. One person carries a small candle to the Advent Wreath, and another person uses a taper to light the Advent wreath candles from the carried light. Other family members may accompany the candle and taper bearers. A sign-up paper for each week is at both the Clinton Street and St. Anne Shrine entrance ways. You may also volunteer by contacting Fr Jim at the rectory (536-0117). The procession to the wreath is a beautiful preparation for Christmas. Please volunteer now.

Grade 10 Confirmation Candidates will celebrate the Rite of Commitment at the 11:00 AM Mass on December 2. Candidates and their parents or sponsors should gather at 10:45 AM in the Saint Anne Shrine.

FROM OUR PARISH

Religious Education New:

- Saturday, Dec. 1- 10th Grade Gifts of the Holy Spirit Retreat -2:00 to 4:30pm at St. Benedict's school gym. Parents are required to attend. Sponsors are welcome if available.
- Sunday, Dec. 2 - Confirmation sessions- this is your last opportunity for sessions 9A, 10 A and 11 B -3:00 to 5:00pm at St. Benedict St. Johns Paul II Building. Parents are not required to attend sessions.
- Monday, Dec. 17 - West End Penance Service 6:30pm at Resurrection Parish

Take an Angel Home with You - Angel Tree Ornaments will be available at all Masses this weekend Nov. 24/25 and next weekend Dec. 1/2. The tag that you take with you contains needed items and optional further suggestions for a child's gift and instructions for using the tag. The needed item(s) are required. You may add the suggested items. Please purchase and wrap gift. Be sure to attach the Tag to your gift bundle. The tag is the way we will match your gift bundle with intended child recipient. Return your gifts at any Mass the weekend of December 8/9. If unable to return the gifts to the church, the gifts can be dropped off at the Rectory prior to December 9th. All gifts **MUST** be returned by **December 9th**.

Our Christian Life and service Committee sponsors this event and invites your participation. Please take time to make this Christmas special for a deserving child. The committee volunteers thank you in advance for your generous support. Look for them "hanging out with the angels" at the entrances to our cathedral.

2019 Envelopes will be available for pick-up beginning next weekend.

FROM OTHER PARISHES & THE COMMUNITY

The **Church of the Transfiguration**, Church/School Hall, 231 3rd Street, Conemaugh, PA 15909, will sponsor a Lasagna or Meatloaf Dinner on Sunday, December 2nd from 10:30am to 2:00pm. Cost: \$10 per Dinner. Eat-in or Take-out Available, Take-out Call: (814) 535-2698.

This fall, the **177 Project** is partnering with 22 different artists to bring an **evening of Eucharistic Adoration** and music to every single diocese in the US! On Nov. 30th we'll be at St. Clement Church in Johnstown, PA and we want you to join us. Tickets to the evening are completely free and can be picked

up in the St. Clement church office. Can't wait to see you there!

St. Andrew — November 30

By Priscilla Marck

“The feast of Saint Andrew invites us to ponder his response to Christ’s call: ‘Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men. At once they left their nets...’ (Mt. 4:19-20). With his brother Peter, Andrew immediately left his fishing nets to catch souls for the Kingdom.

Are we hesitating to respond to Christ this Advent because we are waiting for just the right moment, those perfect circumstances that will allow us to be just as quick as Andrew? Sadly, we may discover that while we were waiting for that illusive moment, we failed to be attentive to the here and now invitations of everyday life, missing opportunities to respond with the generosity of a true follower of Christ.”

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A November Feeling

November is the season to settle down before the fireplace and look back, to remember and to be grateful. Also, it can be seen as the in-between season—the lull period of post harvest and pre-Christmas. It is the month when the leaves have fallen, and the weather turns gray. November is a time for saints, for poor souls, for veterans and for giving thanks.

The lectionary readings have a “November” feeling to them, an “end time” appeal, but filled with hope. The real question to be asked in November is not if there is life after death, but is there life after death. John H. Rhoads wrote:

“Do more than exist, live.
Do more than touch, feel.
Do more than look, observe.
Do more than read, absorb.
Do more than hear, listen.
Do more than think, ponder.
Do more than talk, say something.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson said: “We are always getting ready to live, but never living. God is not a God of the dead but of the living.” Are you among the living? Are you alive for God?

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COLLECTION: 11/18/2018

Collection – cash	\$ 1,015.19
Collection – envelopes	\$ 3,041.95
Second collection	\$ 300.70
Maintenance	\$ 45.00
Christmas	\$ 50.00
All Souls	\$ 5.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 135.00
All Saints	\$ 31.00
Food Collection	\$ 20.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 877.00

Total \$5,520.84

Thank you for your Stewardship

Families and the Gospel: Jn 18:33b-37 - When we are young, our parents "tell us about Jesus" and we believe what our parents believe. At some point we must leave our parents faith and ask Pilate's question: "Are you the King?" Do we listen to Jesus' voice and belong to the truth? - *Reprinted with permission from: A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar*

Liturgical Reflection... Throughout this liturgical year the inserts have reviewed the funerary rites of the Church with special attention to the care and final disposition of the body. The deceased Catholic normally has the following rites prayed at death: Vigil for the Deceased, Funeral Mass, and Committal Rites. If cremation was chosen, the Church asks that the body of the deceased be present for the Vigil and Funeral Mass. Both the body and the cremated remains of the deceased Catholic are to be formally buried in a cemetery accompanied with the Committal Rites

- 2018, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

Stewardship Reflections - Christ the King

Today's second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests in the service of God. How am I using my gifts to serve God and others? Am I Helping to make the true Kingdom of God Visible by my actions? - *Parish Office Life, 925 S. Logan Blvd, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648*

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, CCA GiftCards and Audio Operators, Dec 1-8**Saturday, December 1, 5:00 PM**

Reader: Christine Brothers, Dixie Lochrie
Eucharistic Minister: Elizabeth Gramlich, Russ Gramlich, Elizabeth Rhoades, Terry, Rhoades, Christine Russell
Server: Randy Russell, Rylee Russell
Audio Operator: Michael Stoskey

Sunday, December 2, 8:00 AM

Reader: Dave Harteis, Gloria Stephens
Eucharistic Minister: Carmen Grasso, Sam Grasso, Irene Ott, Rich Ott, Rose Ann Schellhammer
Server: Lorenzo Favor, Request one server
Gift Card: Lisa Leckey
Audio Operator: Rose Eckenrod

Sunday, December 2, 11:00 AM

Reader: David Wilson, Request one reader
Eucharistic Minister: Esperanza Bair, Jodie Hall, Rachel Hall, Lonnie Rietscha, Geoffrey Stumpo
Server: Damien Byer, Request one server
Gift Card: Brian King
Audio Operator: Jim Horner

Sunday, December 2, 5:00 PM

Reader: Charlotte Amenti, Rose Batzel
Eucharistic Minister: Patricia Loughlin, Vi Najjar, Pat Roth, James Sandoval, Request a minister
Server: Namita Gallo, Eli Updyke
Audio Operator: Mattie Updyke

Friday, December 7, 6:00 PM Vigil, Immaculate Conception
Saturday, December 8, 7:00 AM Immaculate Conception
Saturday, December 8, 12:05 PM Immaculate Conception
 Request ministers, servers etc... for the various ministries – Please check the ministry schedule.

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An Advent of Christmas Concert

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The Christmas Choral Works of John Rutter

7pm, Saturday, December 22, 2018

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