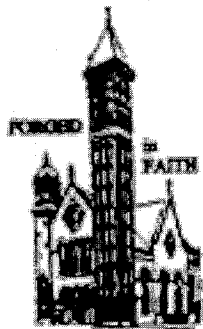


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SUNDAY LITURGY

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

Show us, Lord, your love;
and grant us your salvation.



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*

Monday, December 3, - Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5/ Matthew 8:5-11

7:00 am: Saint Anne Society

12:05 pm: George Wehner (Larry & Jeanne Wehner)

Tuesday, December 4, - Advent Weekday, Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10/ Luke 10:21-24

7:00 am: Joann Nagrant (Brother, Jim)

12:05 pm: Kathleen Grady (Dick & Janet Grady)

Wednesday, December 5, - Advent Weekday

Readings: Isaiah 25:6-10a/ Matthew 15:29-37

7:00 am: Tim Obringer (Diane Keafer)

12:05 pm: Evelyn Kapoor (John & Sharon Delic)

Thursday, December 6, - Advent Weekday, Saint Nicholas, Bishop

Readings: Isaiah 26:1-6/ Matthew 7:21, 24-27

7:00 am: Jim D. Gainer (Kizzira Cekada-Dietz)

12:05 pm: Mary C. O'Donnell (Ed O'Donnell & Family)

Friday, December 7, - Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Readings: Isaiah 29:17-24/ Matthew 9:27-31

7:00 am: Sister Rita Murillo, Birthday Remembrance (Murillo Family)

12:05 pm: Carole Vogel (Larry & Jeanne Wehner)

6:00 pm: Ann Edwards (Tim & Karen Heptner)

Saturday, December 8, - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: Genesis 3:9-15, 20/ Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12/ Luke 1:26-38

7:00 am: Ronald Vogel (Irene Rok)

12:05 pm: Rose Concannon (Mary Ann Yanko)

5:00 pm: George Najjar (Wife, Children, & Grandchildren)

Sunday, December 9, - Second Sunday of Advent

Readings: Baruch 5:1-9/ Philipians 1:4-6, 8-11/ Luke 3:1-6

8:00 am: Phyllis Thompson, Birthday Remembrance (Russ & Tracy Smith)

11:00 am: Krall & Leech Families (Frank Krall)

5:00 pm: Jennifer Apyrle, Anniversary (Husband, Tom & Mother-in-Law, Ann Marie)

From Our Pastor . . .

Holy Day of Mass Obligation The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary had its origin in the Byzantine Church as the "Conception of Mary by Saint Anne." It spread through the whole of Europe during the Middle Ages as the "Immaculate Conception" and was extended to the entire Western Church in the eighteenth century. The feast celebrates Mary, preserved from sin from the moment of conception. She is the first fruits of her Son's redemption and a prophetic model of what God calls his people to be.

This year the observance of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception retains its obligation of participation in the celebration of the Eucharist. Masses celebrating of Mary's selection to be our advocate with God and our pattern of holiness are Friday evening, December 7, at 6:00 PM, Saturday, December 8, at 7:00 AM and 12:05 PM.

Please note that the only Saturday morning Mass on December 8 is at 7:00 AM and that the only Saturday evening Mass on December 8 is at 5:00 PM. The Saturday evening Mass is the anticipated Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent.

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: Transfiguration, East Conemaugh – **Tuesday, December 11 (correction of date)**, 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; Resurrection, Cambria City – Monday, December 17, 6:30 PM; and Visitation, Eight Ward – Thursday, December 20, 5:30 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.

Anticipated Seasonal Concert The Greater Johnstown Diocesan Festival Choir and the Greater Johnstown Diocesan Youth Chorale join the Hilltop Chamber Orchestra to present an Advent of Christmas Concert, "What Sweeter Music: The Christmas Choral Works of John Rutter," Saturday, December 22, 7:00 PM at our Saint John Gualbert Cathedral. We invite all and will gather a free will offering.

FROM OUR PARISH

Religious Education New:

- Monday, Dec. 17th – West Wed Penance service will be held at Resurrection Parish at 6:30pm.
- 11th Grade Confirmation Candidates please make sure to turn in all your sponsor information as soon as possible.

Take an Angel Home with You - Angel Tree Ornaments will be available at all Masses this 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. 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 are available for pick-up beginning **this** weekend.

FROM OTHER PARISHES & THE COMMUNITY

Citizens Concerned for Human Life and St. Benedict Church is coordinating a bus to the **46th Annual March for Life in Washington, DC** on Friday, January 18, 2019.

The theme for this year is "Unique From Day One: Pro-Life is Pro-Science." The bus will depart from St. Benedict Church at 7:15am. Mass will be offered at 6:30am at St. Benedict. The cost to reserve a seat is \$10/student and \$15/adult. Money must be received prior to January 18th. All people under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Please do not let the cost of a ticket defer you from attending - if you need financial assistance, please contact Fr. Crowe at the rectory. The bus will return back to St. Benedict at about 10:00 pm the same day. We will stop for dinner, but please pack a breakfast and lunch. Please contact Joe Boito to register at (814) 266-1554 (leave a message if no one answers).

The Church of the Transfiguration will be having a **Fish Fry Dinner** On Friday December 14, 2018 from 3:30PM to 6:30PM at the Church Hall, 201 Third St., Conemaugh, PA. Come join us for a nice meal. The cost is \$10.00 for the meal and take-outs are available by calling the Church Hall at 535-2698 to reserve your take out order.

How to Keep Greed at Bay

Hoping to keep your kids from unmitigated greed this holiday season? You've got to get to them before Madison Avenue does. Since December marks the most profitable month for most retail stores, ads targeting children peak during this time as well.

While parents want to give their children a magical Christmas morning, nothing spoils the warm feeling of parental generosity like a case of the gimmes. Each December you'll need to work harder than usual to insulate children from the pull of materialism:

‡ Think in terms of protection. Children do not realize they're being manipulated by commercials. Make a conscious point to limit TV. Choose meaningful DVD's for kids to watch during their normal TV time.

‡ While grandparents, aunts and uncles may call with requests for present ideas for the kids, encourage children to think about what they can make for their relatives. Provide them with the craft kits or materials to make simple gifts.

‡ Do your shopping without the kids. The axiom of "Out of sight, out of mind" applies to the clothes, toys, and electronics that children and teens see in stores.

‡ Make a service project part of your Advent.

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Family Ritual A Christmas Pledge

We believe in the true spirit of Christmas so our commitment is to:

- Remember those who truly need our gifts.
- Express our love in more direct ways than gifts.
- Examine our holiday activities so they reflect our deepest values.
- Be a peacemaker within our circle of family and friends.
- Recognize our need for more spiritual growth.

COLLECTION: 11/25/2018

Collection – cash	\$ 1,050.00
Collection – envelopes	\$ 3,126.07
Second collection	\$ 289.71
Maintenance	\$ 55.00
Christmas flowers	\$ 50.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 155.00
All Saints	\$ 3.00
Catholic Register	\$ 10.00

Total \$4,738.78

Thank you for your Stewardship

Families and the Gospel: Lk 21:25-28, 34-36 - At this time of the year we are very conscious of our family as we make preparations for Christmas. Today's gospel warns us not to be consumed by all the consumer activity. This Advent appreciate the gift of people in your life. The best gift this season might be your appreciation of others. - *Reprinted with permission from: A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar*

Liturgical Reflections... Advent prepares us for the great celebration of Christmas. Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered and as a season when that remembrance directs our mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent Season is a period for devout and joyful expectation. General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, Number 39.

This Saturday, December 8, is the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. It is a Holy Day of Obligation as we celebrate with the Patroness of the United States. This feast commemorates that she who was to bear the Incarnate Word of God was immaculate herself from the first moment of her conception. America turns to Our Lady under the title of the Immaculate Conception asking her intercession to watch over us and guide us along the path of justice and peace. Check the times for Mass this Saturday (and Vigil Mass on Friday). *Note: the Vigil Mass on Saturday, December 8, is the commemoration of the Second Sunday of Advent.*

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**Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers,
CCA GiftCards and Audio Operators, Dec 8-9**

Saturday, December 8, 5:00 PM

Reader: Sarah Bell, Karen Pavlosky
Eucharistic Minister: Elizabeth Gramlich, Russ Gramlich,
 Betty King, Elizabeth King,
 Patricia Loughlin
Server: Jason Harris, Request a server
Audio Operator: Michael Stoskey

Sunday, December 9, 8:00 AM

Reader: Fred Oliveros, David Weaver
Eucharistic Minister: Pam Sabol, Rose Ann Schellhammer
 Valerie Wilson, Request two ministers
Server: Hayden Gates, Nate Gates
Gift Card: Request a volunteer
Audio Operator: Dennis Thomas

Sunday, December 9, 11:00 AM

Reader: Christine Brothers, Terry Johnson
Eucharistic Minister: Rachel Hall, James Hollis,
 Lonnie Rietscha, Geoffrey Stumpo,
 David Wilson
Server: Levi Giffin, Hayleigh Rietscha
Gift Card: Lisa Leckey
Audio Operator: Ray Ritter

Sunday, December 9, 1:30 PM Advent & First Reconciliation

Reader: Geoffrey Stumpo
Server: Request two servers
Audio Operator: Request an audio operator

Sunday, December 9, 5:00 PM

Reader: Charlotte Amenti, Dixie Lochrie
Eucharistic Minister: Pat Roth, Request four ministers
Server: Namita Gallo, Vi Najjar
Audio Operator: Mattie Updyke

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