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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

Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call him while he is near.



Sunday, December 9, - Second Sunday of Advent

Readings: Baruch 5:1-9/ Philippians 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 Apryle, Anniversary (Husband, Tom & Mother-in-Law, Ann Marie)

Monday, December 10, - Advent Weekday

Readings: Isaiah 35:1-10/ Luke 5:17-26

7:00 am: Aurora Gilmour, Birthday (Murillo Family)

12:05 pm: John Bair, Birthday (Cha Cha Bair)

Tuesday, December 11, - Advent Weekday, Saint Damasus I, Pope

Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11/ Matthew 18:12-14

7:00 am: Saint Anne Society

12:05 pm: Henry & Mary Murillo (John & Cha Cha Bair)

Wednesday, December 12, - Our Lady of Guadalupe

Readings: Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47

7:00 am: Cha Cha Bair, Birthday (John Bair)

12:05 pm: Joseph Corona (Wife, Mary)

Thursday, December 13, - Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Readings: Isaiah 41:13-20/ Matthew 11:11-15

7:00 am: Paul Hollern, Sr. (Loving Nephew, Jeff)

12:05 pm: Martha Canini, Birthday Remembrance (Niece, Sharon Maurer)

Friday, December 14, - Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Readings: Isaiah 48:17-19/ Matthew 11:16-19

7:00 am: Living & Deceased Members 1st Catholic Slovak Ladies

12:05 pm: Eileen Wehner (Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Houghton)

Saturday, December 15, - Advent Weekday

Readings: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11/ Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

7:00 am: Stephen & Catherine Siwy (Family)

5:00 pm: Pauline & Joseph Arcuri (Nancy & Nunzio Johncola)

Sunday, December 16, - Third Sunday of Advent

Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-18a/ Philippians 4:4-7/ Luke 3:10-18

8:00 am: *For the Intentions of the People of the Parish*

11:00 am: *For the Intentions of the Television Ministry*

5:00 pm: Frances Sacerino, Birthday Remembrance (Sacerino Family)

From Our Pastor . . .

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

At least eight 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; Visitation, Eight Ward – Thursday, December 20, 5:30 PM; and St. Andrew, Benscreek – Sunday, December 23, 2:00 PM.

Confirmation Commitment Last weekend Lorenzo Favor, Asher Giffin, Carlie Jezeskie, Jayden Leckey, Jordan Page, Lauren Sprincz, some of our candidates for confirmation in 2020 and their sponsors, families, and parishioners gathered at Sunday's 11:00 Mass celebrated the Rite of Commitment. They seek to complete his Christian commitment in response to the call of Christ first received at Baptism. An additional Rite of Commitment will occur for three excused candidates: Keara Brandon, Nathan Gates, and Brent Zierer. Continue to pray for all these Confirmation candidates as the Holy Spirit helps them more fully embrace discipleship with our Lord.

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.

Baby, It's Cold Outside: And we have families in need of warm coats. Can you help? We have been overwhelmed lately with requests for warm coats for children, and our closet is low on sizes. So, if you have a warm spot in your heart during this season of giving to help others, please consider donating a new or gently used warm winter coat to Beginnings and we will see that it gets put to good use.

We currently need all sizes but have an immediate need for: Boys sizes (2) 7-8; (1) 14-16; (1) 16-18 & larger AND Girls sizes (1) 3-4; (1) 5-6 Coats can be dropped off at the Beginnings, Inc. office at 111 Market St., Johnstown by calling 814-539-1919.

News from DMCA Learn what's happening this month at Divine Mercy Catholic Academy!

Visit www.divinemeracy.academy for the latest edition of Crusader News, including highlights on holiday activities, DMCA's growing STREAM program, Trout in the Classroom, and other programs that are helping students reach their potential. For more info or to tour a DMCA, call us at 266-3837 (East Campus), 539-5315 (West Campus) or 536-8991 (Middle School).

FROM OUR PARISH

Religious Education News: West End Penance service will be held on Monday, December 17 at 6:30pm at Resurrection Church.

Saint John Gualbert Cathedral needs volunteers to help set up the Manger scene on December 23rd, at 6:00pm. This will include bringing up the statues and Christmas trees from the basement and putting up wreaths on all the windows. Please Men, we gals need your help. Many, many Thanks.

Angel Tree Ornaments: Return your gifts at any Mass this weekend, December 8/9. All gifts **MUST** be returned by **December 9th**. Please make sure your tag is taped to the outside of your gift. Our Christian Life and Service Committee Volunteers thank you in again for your generous support.

2019 Envelopes are available for pick-up near the Clinton Street entrance way.

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 Penance Service: An error was sent out to the Catholic Register stating that their Penance Service will be on Wednesday, December 12, 2018. However, that is incorrect and it will be on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018 at 6:30PM.**

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.

The Friar's Nook Gift Shop – Christmas Happenings

(Phone: 814-695-3802)

Christmas Sale: December 15-22

Finish up (or start) your Christmas shopping by stopping at The Friar's Nook Gift Shop, located at 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg. Save 20% off your entire purchase on all items storewide December 15-22!

Christmas Cookie Sale: December 20

Take the stress out of Christmas cookie prep by stopping at The Friar's Nook Gift Shop's Christmas Cookie Sale on Thursday, December 20th. There will be a variety of ethnic and traditional Christmas cookies, so stop by early while supplies last!

The hours are Monday-Saturday: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Follow us on Facebook for updates and events!

Gift of Wonder

Rev. Alfred McBride, O. Praem., The Priest, Oct. 87 p.267
Each year, God asks us to shed one more coat of awareness, one more dream state and come alive to the vision of God's plan for each of us and the world-at-large.

The older we get, the harder this is to do. As children we had a sense of wonder. Our eyes were wide open and drinking in the fascinating gifts we beheld...Our thirsty souls could not have enough of the wonders of creation.

Then somehow, we grew too old to dream. We tired of the abundance of the world, or at least grew weary of keeping up with the feast of life, and stepped away from the banquet of life.

The natural gift of wonder God gave us as children was meant to be kept alive...Instead we let wonder go to sleep. We entered the typical dream state of most humans. Why else does Jesus tell us today, "Stay awake!"...Advent says, "Wake up and realize the gifts of love you have received."

Psychology says, "Let go." Spirituality says, "Wake up." In both cases there is a withdrawal from the busyness of daily life (our dream state) and a waking up to the subconscious and spiritual depths of ourselves.

Reprinted from: Appleseeds
Fr. Brian Cavanaugh, T.O.R.

COLLECTION: 12/02/2018

Collection – cash	\$ 890.25
Collection – envelopes	\$ 5,099.86
Second collection	\$ 286.25
Maintenance	\$ 498.00
Cemetery	\$ 100.00
Christmas	\$ 75.00
Christmas flowers	\$ 785.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 35.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 5.00
All Saints	\$ 15.00
All Souls	\$ 15.00
Retirement for Religious	\$ 65.00
Food Collection	\$ 20.00

Total \$7,889.36

Thank you for your Stewardship

Families and the Gospel: Lk 3:1-6 - Today's gospel shows John the Baptist and parents have similar vocations. Like the Baptist, parents are asked to make "rough ways smooth" and to "prepare the way of the Lord" for their families. This Advent ask: Does my life hinder or help my family to know Jesus?. - *Reprinted with permission from: A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar*

Liturgical Reflections... Advent is a time of hopeful anticipation as we prepare to celebrate the remembrance of the Lord's first coming and, also, recalling his final coming in glory at the end of time. There are many preparations for Christmas that demand our time and attention. Make sure to fill your Advent days with prayerful preparation. Read scripture, pray the rosary with special attention to the Joyful Mysteries, spend time before the Blessed Sacrament. Advent is a time of hope and joy.
- 2018, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

**Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers,
CCA Gift Cards and Audio Operators, Dec 15-16**

Saturday, December 15, 5:00 PM

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

Sunday, December 16, 8:00 AM

Reader: Dave Harteis, Gloria Stephens
Eucharistic Minister: Anthony Kamnikar, Susan Kamnikar, Irene Ott, Rich Ott, Gene Podratsky
Server: Hayden Gates, Nate Gates
Gift Card: James Gustkey
Audio Operator: Patrick McClain

Sunday, December 16, 11:00 AM

Reader: Beth Stem, Mary Jane Verbiar
Eucharistic Minister: Esperanza Bair, Rachel Hall, Lonnie Rietscha, David Wilson, Justin Zierer
Server: Hannah Rietscha, Hayleigh Rietscha
Gift Card: Lisa Leckey
Audio Operator: Brian Vuletich

Sunday, December 16, 5:00 PM

Reader: Charlotte Amenti, Request a minister
Eucharistic Minister: Vi Najjar, Pat Roth, James Sandoval, Request two ministers
Server: Eli Updyke, Mattie Updyke
Audio Operator: Matthew Updyke

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An Advent of Christmas Concert

What Sweeter Music:

The Christmas Choral Works of John Rutter

7pm, Saturday, December 22, 2018

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