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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 1, - First Sunday of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5/ Romans 13:11-14/ Matthew 24:37-44

8:00 am: Mary Novak, Anniversary (Daughter, Helen Yuhas)

11:00 am: Dr. John A. Leppert (Diane Leppert)

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

Monday, December 2, - Advent Weekday

Readings: Isaiah 4:2-6/ Matthew 8:5-11

7:00 am: Saint Anne Society

12:05 pm: Larry Gianotti, Birthday Remembrance (Jim Trucz)

Tuesday, December 3, - Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

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

7:00 am: Ronald Vogel (Sister, Norene Pozniak)

12:05 pm: James Karafa (John & Cha Cha Bair)

Wednesday, December 4, Advent Weekday, Saint John Damascene,

Priest & Doctor of the Church

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

7:00 am: Tim Obringer (Diane Keafer)

12:05 pm: Mark Stem (Loretta & Jim Myers)

Thursday, December 5, - Advent Weekday

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

7:00 am: Eileen Midderhoff (John & Michelle Herdman)

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

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

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

7:00 am: Eugene F. Ritter (Joe & Janet Ritter)

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

Saturday, December 7, Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Readings: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 / Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

8:00 am: Deacon John Concannon (The Brenners)

5:00 pm: Rita Murillo, Birthday Celebration, Dec. 8th (Cha Cha & John Bair)

Sunday, December 8, - Second Sunday of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10/ Romans 15:4-9/ Matthew 3:1-12

8:00 am: George Najjar (Wife, Children, & Grandchildren)

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

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

From Our Pastor...

Advent: 'Tis the Season for Reconciliation Our parish reconciliation service is Sunday, December 8, 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, December 5, 6:00 PM; Transfiguration, East Conemaugh – Wednesday, December 11, 6:30 PM; St Clement, Upper Yoder, Wednesday, December 11, 7:00 PM; Our Mother of Sorrows, Westmont – Monday, December 16, 6:00 PM; Visitation, Eighth Ward – Tuesday, December 17; St Patrick, Moxham – Thursday, December 19, 7:00 PM; and St. Benedict, Geistown – Sunday, December 22, 5:00 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 page 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 excellent preparation for Christmas. Please volunteer now.

Celebrating Acceptance and Welcome The Christian Initiation process celebrates several rites within the faith journey toward living as a fully initiated disciple of Christ. This past weekend our faith community accepted Arriannah Hendrickson and Circe Myers into the order of catechumens (These are young persons that seek Baptism, the Eucharist, and their high school years Confirmation). We also welcomed Jason Edsall, who has already received Baptism and the Eucharist and now seeks Confirmation as he prepares for Marriage, and Tracy Smith, who also is baptized and seek Confirmation and the Eucharist.

Grandmothers Becky Hendrickson and Joanne Vasilko are respectively godmothering for Arriannah and sponsoring for Jason. Circe's aunt Tracy Myers-Dumm is her godmother. Russ Smith, Tracy Smith's husband is serving as her sponsor. In a unique family and parish moment, their daughter Cassie presented the bible to her Mom who already serves our faith family as an audio operator at the 11:00 Sunday morning Mass. Please extend to Arriannah, Circe, Jason, and Tracy your loving support and prayers. Along with their godparent/sponsor-companions we look forward to the day when they will share fully in the Lord's Table.

Pope Francis Meets with Bishop Mark On our American Thanksgiving Day, Pope Francis had an individual meeting with Bishop Mark as a regular feature of his *ad limina apostolorum* – "to the tomb of the apostles" visit to Rome. These visits are the meetings that groups of bishops from each ecclesiastical region in the world have with the Pope every five years. Bishop Mark along with the Bishops from Pennsylvania and New Jersey also visited and celebrated Mass at the tombs of St. Peter and St. Paul.

During such visits, bishops' conferences prepare exhaustive reports for each dicastery, a department of the Roman Curia, describing the status of the Church our Mid-Atlantic region.

On the day of the papal meeting, Pope Francis and head of regional bishops exchange speeches: the Cardinal Joseph Tobin (Newark, NJ) delivered a speech to describe the state of the region, and the Pope delivered a speech in his turn which provided pastoral recommendations and priorities. After the exchange of speeches, the Pope held a short conversation with each bishop individually.

Opalki/Angel Bread -- both filled orders and for purchase -- is available after Mass near the Baptismal font.

FROM OUR PARISH

Resurrection Religious Education News:

Sunday, December 8th – Confirmation sessions are from 9:00 to 11:00 am - 9A, 10A and 11B. This is your last opportunity for these sessions. The sessions are held at the St. John Paul II Building. Parents are not required to attend the sessions.

Advent of Christmas Concert
Saturday, December 21, 7pm
Save the Date

**2020 Offertory Envelopes will be available
beginning on Thanksgiving Day near the
Clinton Street entrances.**

FROM OTHER PARISHES & THE COMMUNITY

Bishop McCort Students will be selling raffle tickets for this year's Great McCort Auction after mass TODAY. The raffle is a Cash Giveaway of \$5,000 with first prize being \$2,500. All proceeds go toward funding extra-curricular activities in arts and athletics for students at Bishop McCort. Winner will be chosen at the March 21st auction. Winner need not be present to win. Your support is appreciated!

Living Faith with Mary through Renewal of the Mind and Transformation of the Heart. It is by refining and deepening our faith, renewing our minds by putting on a new fresh way of thinking, and being open to transformation that we can experience true and lasting spiritual freedom.

Join Father David Tickerhoof, TOR on Monday, December 9, 2019 at Sisters of the Sacred Heart Retreat Center, 1872 Munster Road, Portage, Pa from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm to experience! **A PREPARATION FOR**

CHRISTMAS

Cost: Suggested \$20.00, RSVP: Monday, December 2, 2019

Fr. David Tickerhoof at 941-243-0372 or
frdavidjt@gmail.com

You are invited to recite the **Rosary at St. Clement Church** in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, December 14th at Noon. We will also pray to Keep Christ In Christmas. A short movie about Our Lady of Guadalupe will be shown in the 3rd Grade classroom of the school building afterward. All are welcome!

Christmas at the Russell House: Christmas 2019 marks the 20th year **Moxham Renaissance** has hosted Christmas at the Russel House and the public is invited to attend. This year's celebration will be held on Sat. Dec. 14th from 1 PM to 8 PM and Sun. Dec. 15th from Noon to 5 PM. Come join us for food, fun, music and good cheer.

Hope For Those Who Have None The Christophers

It can be very difficult when life's circumstances are too cold or grim to focus on the beautiful. But the story of the Nativity offers hope for those who have none. Who would have ever thought that the birth of an innocent baby in a stable would bring the most powerful message the World has ever known? "Do not be afraid," the archangel told bewildered shepherds—and Linus told Charlie Brown. "[I] was in my parents' den, in Rockville, Maryland, watching an 18-inch Philco black and white TV. The person proclaiming the gospel wasn't a priest or deacon or minister. It was a little boy with a blanket. It was "A Charlie Brown Christmas," recalled Deacon Greg Kandra in a Christmas sermon. Though the classic show found immediate popularity, it almost didn't make it on air. Deacon Kandra said, "The executives were nervous about not having a laugh track...nervous about using real children for the voices...and they were REALLY nervous about having that piece of Scripture included...but [creator Charles] Schulz stuck to his guns.

The result is one of television's most beloved and most popular Christmas specials." In fact, that call to courage, to not be afraid, holds true, says the Deacon, no matter who you are or what tragedies have touched your life. "Even in this darkest of nights, there is light. A savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. Here is our hope," said Deacon Kandra. "He didn't come in grandeur or majesty, to intimidate us. He came as the most helpless and dependent creature of all: a baby, in a manger, in Bethlehem. He loves us so much, God came to us as someone we could not help but love."

Christopher News Notes
5 Hanover Square
New York, NY 10004

COLLECTION: 11/24/2019

Collection - cash		\$808.15
Collection - envelopes		\$3,707.50
Second Collection		\$243.10
Catholic Charities		\$610.00
Maintenance		\$35.00
All Saints		\$5.00
Thanksgiving		\$95.00
Food Collection		\$20.00
Retirement for Religious		\$50.00
Christmas Flowers		\$85.00
Rosary/Altar Society		\$6.00
Immaculate Conception		\$5.00
Total \$5,669.75		
Thank you for your Stewardship		

Families and the Gospel *Matthew 24:37-44*

In today's gospel Jesus advises: "Stay, watch out, and pray for the strength to hold your ground" when fearful and bewildering signs appear threatening your family. Resist being "fearful;" fear cripples! Instead "pray for the strength" to be courageous.

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Family Ritual

This Advent, instead of trying to get all the presents on a child's Christmas list, get them one or two, and then allow your presence in their life to be their present. Spend time with your children baking cookies for others instead of running from store to store. Help them to think of someone in the neighborhood that they can be a 'Santa' for, so that the focus isn't on the receiving, but the giving. Make sure to tell the story of Jesus' birth to your kids, as this is what the Season really is all about.

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, and Audio Operators, Dec. 7 - 8**Saturday, Dec. 7, 5:00 PM**

Reader: Sarah Bell, Christine Brothers
Eucharistic Minister: Elizabeth Gramlich, Russ Gramlich, Betty King, Pat Loughlin,
 Request one minister
Server: Keara Brandon, Jason Harris
Audio Operator: Kevin Slonka

Sunday, Dec. 8, 8:00 AM

Reader: Irene Ott, Rich Ott
Eucharistic Minister: Carmen Grasso, Sam Grasso, Pam Sabol, Gloria Stephens, Peter T. Yanko
Server: Lorenzo Favor, Nate Gates
Audio Operator: Patrick McClain

Sunday, Dec. 8, 11:00 AM

Reader: Geoffrey Stumpo, Mary Jane Verbiar
Eucharistic Minister: Esperanza Bair, Jodie Hall, Rachel Hall, David Wilson, Justin Zierer
Server: Levi Giffin, Zachary King
Audio Operator: Ray Ritter

Sunday, Dec. 8, 1:30 PM Reconciliation Service – Request Volunteers: Reader, Servers, Audio**Sunday, Dec. 8, 5:00 PM**

Reader: Lou Aust, Vi Najjar
Eucharistic Minister: Charlotte Amenti, Louise Aust, Pat Roth, Request two ministers
Server: Marge Bevans, Eli Updyke
Audio Operator: Matthew Updyke

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