

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday:

4:00 p.m.

Sunday:

8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.

Monday, & Thursday

8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Wed., Friday

NO MASS

December 12, 2021

THE Epiphany OF OUR Lord

ROMAN
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CHURCH



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

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THIRD SUNDAY of Advent



RECONCILIATION

Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. or you may call the office to make an appointment.

BAPTISM

We baptize during all Masses. Parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptism session prior to the Baptism. Please call the office for more information.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.

MINISTRY OF THE SICK

If you know of anyone who is sick and cannot get to Mass, and they wish to receive the Eucharist, please call the office so arrangements can be made.

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Any article for the bulletin must be in the office by Monday noon.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 11 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Adina Mancini by Kostelac & Winn Families

Sunday, December 12 — Third Week of Advent

8:30 AM † Frank and Lorraine Maiolini by Jeffery Frank Maiolini

10:30 AM † Louise Lettiero by Joan Torok

Monday, December 13

8:00 AM Feast of St. Lucy

Tuesday, December 14

No Mass

Wednesday, December 15

No Mass

Thursday, December 16

8:00 AM † Philip Lopresti by Mr & Mrs Francis Hall

Friday, December 17

No Mass

Saturday, December 18

4:00 PM † James Weldon by Judy & Gary Maim

Sunday, December 19

8:30 AM † Nello Tineri by Harhai Family

10:30 AM † Charles Sungala by Wife, Children & Grandchildren

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday –Thursday: 8:30 a.m. –12; 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. —12:00 p.m.

Ministry Schedule — Dec. 18 & 19

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	M. Gallo	A. Puntuerio	S.Puntuerio M. Guiliford
8:30 a.m.	J. Petritis	J. Todd	T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	M. Melvin	J. Elias	J. Smith

Money Counters

Monday, December 3—Team #3— K. Byron

With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the family of YVONNE VINGAS. May God grant her eternal rest, and comfort to her family. We commend her soul to rest in the peace of Christ.

Gaudete...Rejoice!

This week we celebrate the Third Sunday of the Advent Season which is traditionally referred to as *Gaudete* or “let us rejoice” Sunday. Our readings speak to us of life as it was meant to be lived, rejoicing! In the first reading the prophet Zephaniah is speaking to a liberated people who were living with many freedoms. After years of being persecuted and enslaved, the people had many things to rejoice about. He told the people that God has forgiven them and their future is one of bright promise and peace. Zephaniah indicated that the “Divine presence” is in their midst, reminding that people that there was no room for pride and arrogance.



St. Paul also speaks of such joy that can be found in the peace of Christ. The kind of joy that he speaks of can lead us to be unselfish, to overcome anxiety and to live with a peace that only God can give. He speaks of a peace that can bring “well-being” and be “life giving.” It is no wonder that in the midst of this season of preparation that we stop and rejoice in the Lord’s peace.

This week we are all called to live lives of peace and justice. The crowds of people asked John “what should we do?” We need to ask ourselves that same question. What should we do to bring about that peace and sense of rejoicing that our liturgy speaks of today? If we listen to what we are being reminded of today, we are told that God changes not only our minds but also our hearts. If we find the love of God, no matter what is going on around us, we can rejoice. If we have that deep faith and trust in God we can rejoice and we are not afraid in life.

Our faith calls us to be in relationship with one another. It calls us to break out of ourselves and live for others. During these weeks before Christmas it is easy for us to see the needs of others. During this season, people do tend to be very generous. But, once Christmas is over, we fall back into our routines of living and become blind to the wants and needs of others. If we are to take seriously the justice that Jesus calls us to live, we need to make an effort to become more aware of others. John the Baptist is telling us basically to live our lives being honest with who we are and what we have. Listen to the needs of others and help whenever we are able. There are so many ways that we can live out of Jesus’ justice. If we rejoice in what we have and who we are in the way that we are asked to, we can’t help but be people of peace; it is easy.

This week look at what you have in life, and open yourself to sharing whatever you have with the less fortunate. Do not exploit people. Do not threaten people you are supposed to protect. Work to overcome the multiple injustices of our society. Do not abuse the position of authority which you might have. Advent is a time of conversion, as good a time as any to reflect on our lives and the ways in which we translate our faith into action. People need to know us by our actions and not by our pious assertions. When we know God, we will Rejoice!

Accent on Air

Watch “**The Accent On-Air: The Wonder of the Nativity**” “The Accent On-Air: The Wonder of the Nativity” is always on at TheAccentOnline.org. The wonder of the Nativity, its history, significance and characters are all part of this Christmas special. The team of The Catholic Accent explores the role of Christmas angels and decodes the important messages that influenced the birth of Jesus. Plus, centuries later, why Catholics still celebrate the Epiphany. Also, Bishop Larry J. Kulick shares a recipe to serve at your holiday gatherings.

Stewardship

Christmas Angel Tree



Thank you to all who participated in our Angel Tree. Know that you have made a number of children very happy this season of giving and sharing.

Children & Family Appeal

Every year, the second collection at all Christmas Masses has been the Children and Family Services Appeal, for less fortunate people living within our Diocese. At Christmas, which reminds us of the gift of God's own Son, Jesus Christ given to each of us without question of our merit or eligibility, you are asked to support the Children and Family Services Appeal and help to change the future of an individual, family or child through the good work of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg.



Weekly Collection Nov. 29

Votive Candles:	185
Utility & Energy:	20
Accent:	92
Advent:	740
Children & Adult Collection:	3,788
Online Collection:	665
Total Collection:	\$5,490
Dio. Poverty Relief:	8
Total Collection:	\$5,498

Weekly Collection Dec. 6

Votive Candles:	149
Utility & Energy:	241
Accent:	58
Advent:	140
Imm. Conception:	168
Christmas:	90
Christmas Flowers:	165
St. Lucy:	20
Children & Adult Collection:	5,047
Online Collection:	987
Total Collection:	\$7,065
Children & Family:	10
Total Collection:	\$7,075

Breakfast with Santa

Next week is Breakfast with Santa! Be sure to bring the kids, grandkids, neighbor kids. There will be plenty of opportunity for pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Breakfast will be provided by the Holy Name Society. They will serve pancakes and sausage, juice and coffee for **\$5.00 (adults), children are free.** There will be treats for all the children. I hope that you will be able to stop by and visit with Santa! Note the date and time: **December 19 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.**



Christmas on Broad Ave.

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At St. Sebastian's this Sunday on **December 12** we will celebrate our first Christmas on Broad Ave. from **4 p.m. until 7 p.m.**



Come and celebrate Christmas! There will be a live nativity, carriage rides, and Santa. This is a golden opportunity to come with your family and celebrate the joy of the season. There will be plenty to do so come and join us!

Knights' Banquet

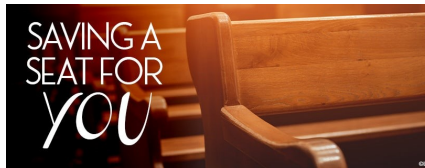
Monessen Knights Christmas Banquet

Next Saturday, Dec 18th will be the annual Christmas dinner/dance. Drinks & appetizers starting at 5:30pm. **Dinner at 6 p.m.** Cost is \$20/person. **Registration Deadline was Dec. 5.**



Faith

Christmas Mass Schedule



The schedule for Masses on Christmas will be 4:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Midnight Mass (12 a.m.) and 10:00 a.m. on Christmas day. Please

make a note that there will be **only one Mass on Christmas Day.**

Christmas Wafers

There are still Christmas Wafers available in the entrance of the Church. The cost per package is \$3.00. The breaking of these wafers is an ancient ritual that unites the past with the present. If you haven't participated in this ritual, this might be the year to try something new.



Advent: A Time to Prepare...

During this advent season we focus on the Mercy of God we share through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Below are listed the remaining dates and times for our Regional Penance. The priests of the region will gather at 6:30 to begin hearing confessions.

December 13: Seven Dolor's in Yukon

December 14: Epiphany in Monessen

December 15: St. Anne's in Rostraver

December 16: Holy Family in West Newton

December 20: St. Sebastian in Belle Vernon



During Advent there will be **no confessions on Tuesdays** in Monessen. I hope that you will be able to fit one of these times into your schedule and share in the Mercy of God during this season of waiting.



We welcome **Anthony Joseph Lopresti** to the Family of God and the Epiphany of Our Lord Parish. His parents are Holly (Brown) and Frank Lopresti.

Catholic Calendars for 2022!

The calendars were a little late in coming, but **they are here!** Once again through the generosity of very generous sponsors we are able to provide these calendars. I encourage you to patronize these sponsors to show our appreciation. We thank the following for their generosity: **Janosik's Pharmacy, Dalfonso - Billick Funeral Home, Franks Service Garage, INC, James A Billick Funeral Home.** We are grateful for your sponsoring this year's calendars, Thank You!

Groups

Epiphany Ladies

It certainly has been a long time since we've met. With 2022 on the horizon we're looking at reconvening. We are planning for our first meeting to be on **Sunday, January 9 at 11:30 a.m.** If you have any questions, contact president Kathy Byron at 724-684-8062. We look forward to seeing you then.

Enjoy books are here! Available after Masses.