



St. Catherine Church

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SATURDAY, December 7: VIGIL OF SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 p.m. MASS – † Wilson DeVecchis by Tonnie and Bill

SUNDAY, December 8: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 a.m. MASS – † Living and Deceased Members of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish

Monday, December 9: THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:00 a.m. – † Theonas Fleming by Bill and Mary Jane Korman

Tuesday, December 10: Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. – † Charles Flagle by Ron and Judy Hayduk

Wednesday, December 11: Saint Damasus I Pope

8:00 a.m. – † John and Cora Hayduk by Ron and Judy Hayduk

Thursday, December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 a.m. – † Nicholas Witychak by Bob and Ann Gilliland

Friday, December 13: Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 a.m. – † Harold, Rita, Beth and Cecilia Sanker by The Family

SATURDAY, December 14: VIGIL OF THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 p.m. MASS – † Mike and Clara Cholewinski by Ken and Kathryn Ross

SUNDAY, December 15: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 a.m. MASS Living and Deceased Members of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish

This year the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on **Monday, December 9** not on Sunday, December 8. While the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception remains a holy day, **it is not a holy day of obligation this year.** We will encourage our faithful to attend Mass to celebrate the Immaculate Conception, the title under which Mary is patroness of our country.

Advent Penance Services: St. Catherine of Siena –Mount Union–Tuesday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Other Penance Services in our area: Most Holy Trinity–Huntingdon–Thursday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception–Dudley–Monday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Next Sunday, December 15, during the 9:00 a.m. Mass the children will present “**Look Around the Stable**”. After they will decorate the “**Jesse Tree**” in the Holy Family Hall. Donuts and coffee will be served All are welcome.

The **Catholic Daughters** will be having a Cookie Sale on **Saturday, December 21 and Sunday, December 22.** It will be in the Gathering Space.

St. Vincent dePaul Society of St. Catherine of Siena would like to extend their gratitude to the parishioners who helped make our Thanksgiving a success, because of your generosity we provided meals to 53 adults and 67 children. Once again thank you!

Schedule of Liturgical Ministries for December 14/15 2019

MASS	Lectors	Altar Servers	Hospitality Ministers (Greeters)	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Elizabeth Stasenko	Maggie Stiffler	Mary Lyons	Elizabeth Stasenko Mary Lyons Maria Danish
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Cathy Wilson Suzanne Brown	Abigail Brodbeck Ian Brodbeck Sarah Varner	Alison Roddy	Bonnie Melnyk Mary Secrest Will Crouse

PRO LIFE CORNER

One thing is certain: When the time has come, nothing which is man-made will subsist. One day, all human accomplishments will be reduced to a pile of ashes. But every single child a woman has conceived will live forever, for he has been given an immortal soul made to God's image and likeness.



Hope For Those Who Have None: It can be very difficult when life's circumstances are too cold to 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



SANCTUARY CANDLE:

The Sanctuary Candle acknowledging The Real Presence of Christ in the tabernacle is burning this week in loving memory of **Poor Souls**



GIFT BEARERS for:

Saturday, December 14, 2019: Kathryn Ross
Sunday, December 15, 2019: Ushers

COLLECTION COUNTING SCHEDULE for:

Sunday, December 8, 2019: Dennis Drake
Sunday, December 15, 2019: Kathy Lantz

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Like John the Baptist, every parent "prepares the way of the Lord" in the hearts of their children. Advent is a good time to ask; "Do I help or hinder my children to know Jesus?"

LIVE MASS aired Every Sunday from Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown on **WATM-TV ABC Channel 23** If you are homebound and not able to attend the Sunday Mass, please watch our Diocesan Program Proclaim at 10:30 a.m. and the live telecast of Sunday Liturgy at 11:00 a.m.



Birthdays Vicki Cooper, Dorothy Dell, Megan Mellott, Carol Lutz, Keats Daschbach.

most popular Christmas specials.” In fact, that call took 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.”



prayer chain: if you have someone for whom you would like to request prayer, please get in touch with Maria Danish, 542-2233; Liz Stasenکو, 542-4987, or Carmela Ciccaglione, 542-4281; they will contact the people on their list. if

you want the person’s name to remain anonymous, just ask for a special intention, etc. the lists include: Maria Danish: Ed and May Galla Liz Stasenکو: Bonnie Melnyk, Maggie Stiffler, Jeannette Bumbaugh, Cathy Wilson; Carmela Ciccaglione: Ann Gilliland, Carmen Rivera, Valerie Thomas, Melissa Fleming. Those on the list will be called when a request is received, but the prayer chain will not be held up if the contact person is unable to reach you. if anyone else would like to be added to the prayer chain, please call the rectory or one of the contact persons.

please let us know when you or a family member is admitted to the hospital.

DEPRESSED OR ANXIOUS? NEED SOME HELP AND SUPPORT?

Catholic Charities, an agency of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown offers professional, confidential counseling for individuals, children and youth, families, and couples. Please call them at 944-9388 for more information.



OVERWHELMED BY BILLS? NEED HELP WITH UTILITY TERMINATIONS?

Catholic Charities, a program of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, offers qualified applicant’s emergency financial assistance to help pay utility costs, medications, rent and temporary housing, and transportation expenses. Please call them at 944-9388.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: One half hour before Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses or anytime by appointment/request.

Sacrament of Baptism of Infants: By appointment, preferably celebrated within the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, families, regardless of religious affiliation, are encouraged to attend and participate in Baptismal Sacramental Preparation and Celebration. Sponsor certificate must be received at the Parish Office if the sponsors are not members of Saint Catherine of Siena Church.

Are you a member of Saint Catherine of Sienna Roman Catholic Church? In order to be considered a member of Saint Catherine of Siena Roman Catholic Church you must submit the REGISTRATION/UPDATE form, located in the sacristy of the church, or you may call the Parish Office to obtain one. If you are not receiving the collection envelopes, most likely you are not registered at this time. If you are a new member currently attending Saint Catherine liturgies, who has not yet registered, or any young adults, 18 or older previously listed as members under their parent’s household, please take a moment to fill out this form. In case you moved and began to use new mailing address, please contact the Parish Office, before your mail forwarding service will expire and the parish will not be charged extra fees by the local Post Offices.