



St. Catherine Church

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SATURDAY, December 15: VIGIL OF THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 p.m. MASS – † Betty Appleby by Nick and Cinda Imperioli

SUNDAY, December 16: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Monday, December 17: Late Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. – † Edith and Allen Welch by Maggie

Tuesday, December 18: Late Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. – † Steven Albright by Joe and Maria Danish

Wednesday, December 19: Late Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. – † Fred Renninger by Helen Rinker

Thursday, December 20: Late Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. – † Larry Puchalla by Zulay Caine

Friday, December 21: Late Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. – † Jennifer Smyers by Rita and Ed Gargula

SATURDAY, December 22: VIGIL OF FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 p.m. MASS – † Paul and Mildred McGarvey by Ed and Joann McGarvey

SUNDAY, December 23: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

The Sacrament of Reconciliation Monday, December 17th and Thursday, December 20th at **St. Catherine of Siena** beginning at 6:00 p.m. until all are heard. **The Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be available on Tuesday, December 18th at **St. Mary in Shade Gap** beginning at 6:00 p.m. until all are heard.

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 a 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.

Schedule of Liturgical Ministries for December 22/23 2018

MASS	Lectors	Altar Servers	Hospitality Ministers (Greeters)	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Dayton Shugarts	Maggie Stiffler	Janet Daschbach	Kathy Lantz Mary Lyons Maria Danish
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Louise Ketner Beth Lear	Abigail Brodbeck Ian Brodbeck	Alison Roddy	Louise Ketner Beth Lear Bonnie Melnyk

Schedule of Liturgical Ministries for December 24/25 2018

MASS	Lectors	Altar Servers	Hospitality Ministers (Greeters)	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Monday 5:00 p.m.	Louise Ketner Cathy Wilson	Conner Harper Elijah Harper	Volunteer	Andrea Christoff Louise Ketner Mary Lyons
Tuesday 9:00 a.m.	Maggie Stiffler Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer	Marcia Slates Bonnie Melnyk Volunteer

Liturgical Reflection Today the priest may wear a rose vestment at Mass. There is an obvious tone of joy in today's Advent Mass. Christmas quickly approaches and the scripture readings speak of rejoicing in the Lord always, of the presence of the Holy One of Israel, and the Baptist telling us the Holy One will baptize in the Holy Spirit. Christians are nearing the holy commemoration of the Birth of the Savior. Our joy is obvious and, hopefully, contagious. Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

Gift of Wonder

Each year, God asks to shed on 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 alive...Instead we let wonder go to sleep. We entered the typical dream state of most



SANCTUARY CANDLE:
Poor Souls



GIFT BEARERS for:

Saturday, December 22, 2018: Ed McGarvey
Sunday, December 23, 2018: Ushers

COLLECTION COUNTING SCHEDULE for:

Sunday, December 16, 2018: Maggie Stiffler
Sunday, December 23, 2018: Dennis Drake



Lisa Callahan, Mary Hancock, Jess Whitsel.

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.

WE REMEMBER all the sick parishioners in our prayers, especially all our parishioners in the nursing homes and all homebound of our parish:

Nancy States- Room B46 290 E. Windchester Ave. Langhorne, PA 19047

Stella Los, Mercy Miller- Elmcroft, 55 Carriage House Ln Reedsville, PA 17084

Helen Crouse, Woodland Retirement Center, Rt. 522, Orbisonia, PA 17243

a card or visit would be greatly appreciated!

Mary, health of the sick, pray for them.



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.

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.

PRO LIFE CORNER

We have a choice: We can throw in the towel or we can use it to wipe the sweat off our face and work hard to end abortion and euthanasia.



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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD)

–Regularly scheduled classes will be held every Sunday from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.



OVERWHELMED BY BILLS? NEED HELP WITH UTILITY TERMINATIONS?

Catholic Charities USA.

Working to Reduce Poverty in America.

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.