



St. Catherine Church

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SATURDAY, December 1: **VIGIL OF FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

SUNDAY, December 2: **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

Monday, December 3: Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

8:00 a.m. – † Salvatore and Concetta Magliere by Maria and Carmela

Tuesday, December 4: Advent Weekday

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

Wednesday, December 5: Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. – † Mike Cholewinski by Ken and Kathryn Ross

Thursday, December 6: Saint Nicholas, Bishop

8:00 a.m. – † Dan Hancock by Family

Friday, December 7: Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. – † Margery and Dean Valimont by Don and Martha Cullen

SATURDAY, December 8: **VIGIL OF SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:00 a.m. MASS – † For the People

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

SUNDAY, December 9: **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

The Knights of Columbus is having a Marianna Hoagie and pizza fundraiser. Deadline to order is this weekend Sunday, December 2nd. Delivery will be Friday, December 14th. You can pick up orders starting at 10:30 a.m. in the Holy Family Hall. If you want to order a paper is in the back of the Church. Please make sure you put your phone number. Please do not take the paper from the table.

Support the Retirement Fund for Religious. A donor writes, “Your flyer touched my heart-seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced.” Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next weekend’s collection December 8 and 9.

The Catholic Daughters have a Giving Tree in the vestibule of the Church. Directions are on the tree. Please return gifts on or before Sunday, December 16. Thank You

Knights of Columbus 4th Degree, Padre Pio Assembly, Huntingdon and Mount Union councils will have a meeting on Tuesday, December 4th at 7:00 p.m. at Most Holy Trinity Parish in Huntingdon.

Schedule of Liturgical Ministries for December 8/9 2018

MASS	Lectors	Altar Servers	Hospitality Ministers (Greeters)	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Louise Ketner	Mary Secrest	Mary Lyons	Louise Ketner Maria Danish Ann Gilliland
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Cathy Wilson Beth Lear	Aubrey Roddy	Therese Branigan	Beth Lear Marcia Slates Bonnie Melnyk

Liturgical Reflection Advent prepares us for the great celebration of Christmas. Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered and a season when that remembrance directs our mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent Season is a period for devout and joyful expectation. General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, Number 39. Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION Let us begin this great season of Advent with a vow to be "vigilant". (Luke 21:36) In the wise stewardship of everything entrusted to us that we will be held accountable for our actions, independent of the action of others.

Spiritual Resolutions

We work on our physical fitness but what about our spiritual fitness?

December: Rest and be refreshed by reflections of the past year.

"Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree." (*Gen. 18:4*)

The end of an exercise routine usually involves refreshing our bodies with water and rest. Just as Abraham invited his heavenly guests to rest their bodies awhile, so, too, do we need to listen to God's invitation to take a spiritual Sabbath and rest our spirits before we start on the next phase of our spiritual journey. Celebrate the birth of Christ this year as a renewal and refreshment for the human race. Let yourself be at peace. Shalom.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD) –

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



SANCTUARY CANDLE:
Poor Souls



GIFT BEARERS for:

Saturday, December 8, 2018: Tonnie

Sunday, December 9, 2018: Ushers

COLLECTION COUNTING SCHEDULE for:

Sunday, December 2, 2018: Will Crouse

Sunday, December 9, 2018: Mary Secrest

Gospel: Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

At this time of year we are very conscious of our family as we make preparations for Christmas. Today's gospel warns us not to be consumed by all the consumer activity. This Advent appreciate the gift of people in your life. The best gift this season might be your appreciation of others.

PRO LIFE CORNER

John the Baptist, while still in the womb of Elizabeth, recognized Jesus in the womb of Mary and leapt for joy. This Advent season

may we recognize Jesus as our Savior and be open to his joy, peace, and love.

