

St. Catherine Church

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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

Monday, December 24: VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

5:00 p.m. – † For the People

Tuesday, December 25: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

9:00 a.m. – † For the People

Wednesday, December 26: Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

8:00 a.m. – † Scott J. Booher by Trudy Woods

Thursday, December 27: Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

8:00 a.m. – † Mary Agnes Akens by Bob and Ann Gilliland

Friday, December 28: The Holy Innocents, Martyr

8:00 a.m. – † Harold Feagley by Carol and Children

SATURDAY, December 29: VIGIL OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

5:00 p.m. MASS – † Mike Imperioli by Family

SUNDAY, December 30: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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

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.

Becoming Catholic:

This is an ongoing journey of preparation. We invite all who are interested to contact the Parish Office or drop a note into the collection basket with your intention to become a Catholic, your name, address and telephone number to contact you for further information. Sacrament of Baptism or Reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church will be celebrated at Easter Vigil on April 1, 2018

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

Sacrament of Matrimony:

Make the arrangement with the Parish Office at least nine months *prior* to celebration of your wedding.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:

Request the Anointing of the Sick when you know the date of an upcoming medical procedure or the beginning of the medical treatment by calling the Parish Office. The peace that the Sacrament offers can be yours during the days you prepare for the medical appointment.

Ministry of Caring – Communion to the Sick, Hospital, and Shut-In Visits:

If you have a family member who needs Holy Communion taken to them on Friday mornings, please call the Parish Office during the regular Office Hours, so we can arrange for trained Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Communion to visit. Also, **please notify the Parish Office if you know someone at home or in the hospital.** The hospitals do not notify the Parish Office of hospital stays, so please have a family member call the office. Anyone who needs to be included on the First Fridays' Visitation list of the Sick, please call the Parish Office. Father will try to visit them each month during the day of the First Friday of the month.

Catholic Devotions in Our Parish

Marian Devotions:

Approximately 30 minutes before each Mass begins with the recitation of the Holy Rosary.

Assistance from our Parish Office

Sponsor Certificates: If you are asked to be a Baptism or Confirmation sponsor, our parish secretary can help you with the required certificate. Please call the Parish Office *at least one month prior* to the celebration of the Sacrament. This presumes that you are a registered member of Saint Catherine of Siena Church and practicing Catholic living a valid Church Marriage (if married).

Certificates: Copies of certificates for Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation, and Marriage received at Saint Catherine of Siena you may request by calling the Parish Office.

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.

If you know of ***Prayer Requests for a sick parishioner:*** Write the name or petition in our Parish Prayer Request Book located in the vestibule of our church. The Prayer Request Book is brought into the church at each weekend Mass and all the intentions are included in the General Intercessions.

Bulletin and Parish Announcements: To place an article into our bulletin, please contact the Parish Office by 10:00 a.m. Tuesday before the weekend. To place an announcement for the weekend Masses, please contact the Parish Office before 12:00 p.m. on Friday.

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.



Birthdays Katherine Yakymac

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

“The mystery of the Incarnation reveals the specific value of the dignity of human life. God gave us this gift and sanctified it when



the Son became man and was born of Mary. Life is a gift that must be protected, from conception until natural death. With all my heart I join people involved in various initiatives aimed at respecting life and promoting a new social awareness.” Pope Benedict XVI. Choose the culture of life

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?

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.

The children will be doing a live **Nativity** during the **Christmas Eve Mass**. After, they will sing the two **Christmas Carols** they presented during the **Jesse Tree Program**. If you are planning to attend the **Christmas Eve Mass** at 5:00 p.m. and your child will participate, we would like for them to be downstairs at 4:30 p.m. to get dressed.

Faith & Light- Sharing Faith & Friendship with Intellectual Disabled Persons

A faith sharing group which also includes family members, caregivers, friends. Meets monthly, Sundays, 1:00-4:00 p.m. at a handicap accessible location. Call Gaye (814) 472-7317 of Family Life Office (814) 886-5551. www.faithlife@dioceseaj.org

Know someone married 5 or 10 years? A son or daughter, sibling, niece or nephew, or you yourselves...Bishop Mark has a message for you! To receive this letter, send the couple's name, mailing address, email and whether married 5 or 10 years to the Family Life Office, 5379 Portage St., Lilly, PA 15938; 814-886-5551; familylife@dioceseaj.org. Be sure to indicate it is for the anniversary letter from Bishop Mark.

A Christmas Creed: I Believe that Christmas is more than a time for parties and ornaments; it is a time for remembering Christ and the incarnation of God's love in human flesh. **I Believe** there are gifts more important than the ones under the Christmas tree; the things we teach our children, the way we share ourselves with friends, and the industry with which we set about reshaping the world in our time. **I Believe** that the finest carols are often sung by the poorest voices; from hearts made warm by the wonder of the season. **I Believe** in the angel's message that we should not be afraid-that the Child of Bethlehem is able to overcome all anxieties and insecurities. **I Believe** in prayer and quietness as a way of appropriating Christmas-that if I wait in silence I will experience the presence of the one born in the manger, for He lives today as surely as He lived then. **I Believe** in going away from Christmas as the wise men went "another way." I want to be different when

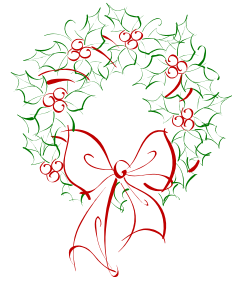
LITURGICAL REFLECTION... The Word has become flesh and dwells among us. This Christmas Day Christians celebrate the mystery of the eternal Word of God becoming one like us in all things but sin. The Eternal Word lived on this earth, to reveal to us the great love of God. God who has no beginning or end has arrived as an infant in a manger. We are filled with awe as we attempt to understand the mystery of this birth. Angels and shepherds sing Christmas praise. We join in singing- *Glory to God in the highest and peace to people of good will!*



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 23, 2018



Christmas Flowers 2018



Offering by

*Dan and Suzanne Brown
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Burdge
Lisa and Jim Callahan*

Sam and Carmela Ciccaglione

Joe and Maria Danish

*Ed and Jane Daschbach
Mr. and Mrs. Keats Daschbach*

Robert and Ann Gilliland

Anna M. Holesa

*Michele Huntsman
Nick and Cinda Imperioli*

*Tina Kassebohm
Tonnie and William Kerr
Louise Ketner
Trudy Lego
Mary Leonard
Carol Lutz
Mary Lou Peduzzi*

In Memory Of / Honor Of

*A Gift
Medio and Gladys Alesi
Teresa Norris, Anthony and Angeline Blazeovich,
James and Betty Callahan Sr., All Deceased
Members of our Families
Salvatore and Concetta Magliere, Giovanni and
Maria Ciccaglione, Antonio Pasquale, Giuseppe
Lucia
Concetta Magliere, Salvatore Magliere, Joseph S
Danish, Catherine Danish, Patty Magusiak
Curry Daschbach
Bert and Marie Daschbach, Rosemary
Daschbach, Curry Daschbach, Fred and
Elizabeth Appleby
Deceased Gilliland Family, Mr. and Mrs.
Nicholas Witychak
Steve J. Holesa, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Yakymac, Mr.
and Mrs. Louis Rippert, Louis Rippert, Mr. and
Mrs. John Loope, Robert Heidel
Deceased Family Members
Mr. and Mrs. David Knox, Mr. and Mrs. Mike
Imperioli, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hancock
John Miller
Wilson DeVecchis
Louis and Erma Ticconi
A Gift
Sheldon Leonard
Felix and Rose Lutz, Anne DeStefano
Carl and Josephine Peduzzi, Carlton Peduzzi,
Richelde and Joseph Racasi, Tony and Lena
Peduzzi*

Helen Rinker

Ken and Kathryn Ross

Marcia Slates

Tim Smith Family

Maggie Stiffler

Magdaline Szczerba

Norman and Cathy Wilson

*Michael F. Rinker, Harry M. Rinker, Anna and .
Michael Kurey*

*Mike and Clara Cholewinski, James and Audrey
Ross*

Charles and Kay Crouse

Josephine Neason

Edith and Allen Welch

*Frank Szczerba, Rudy and Anna Sweatlock,
Andrew Sweatlock, Frank Sweatlock, Rudy
Sweatlock Jr.*

Edna Klingen Smith, Frank and Mary Rudolph



Schedule of Liturgical Ministries for December 29/30 2018

MASS	Lectors	Altar Servers	Hospitality Ministers (Greeters)	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Ed McGarvey	Jerry Norris	Annette Brodbeck	Ann Gilliland Andrea Christoff Kathy Lantz
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Cathy Wilson Suzanne Brown	Conner Harper Elijah Harper	Kurt Roddy	Mary Secrest Will Crouse Marcia Slates

Liturgical Reflection On this final Sunday of Advent, with only hours away from the great celebration of Christmas, Mary is placed in her rightful position in the divine plan of salvation. With Elizabeth, we say (as we do every time we pray the *Hail Mary*), “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.” The Incarnate Word is so close that Elizabeth’s baby leaps for joy in her womb. We too are filled with holy joy. Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION Mary expressed her trust in God by proclaiming “May it be done to me according to your word” (Lk 1:38). May her “yes” serve to remind us of our unique roles in God’s divine plan. The course of history may very well be changed if we choose to replay “no” to His invitation

Gift of Wonder

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



SANCTUARY CANDLE:
Catherine Heidel
rb Ann Holesa and Family



GIFT BEARERS for:

Saturday, December 29, 2018: Nick and Cinda
Sunday, December 30, 2018: Ushers

COLLECTION COUNTING SCHEDULE for:

Sunday, December 23, 2018: Dennis Drake
Sunday, December 30, 2018: Kathy Lantz

Gospel: Lk 1:39-45

Mary was excited about her first pregnancy and rushed to tell her cousin. Sadly children are often seen as a liability, “another mouth to feed” or an “obstacle to my career.” It is said “Christmas is for children.” It is more accurate to say “Christmas is for adults to appreciate the gift of children!”

Gospel: Christmas

God chose to enter human history in a family. By Divine design the salvation of the world began in a family. Family was the best God the Creator could do for his Beloved Son. Jesus was our first Christmas gift.