



St. Catherine Church

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SATURDAY, December 2: VIGIL OF FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 p.m. MASS – † Steve and Anna Holesa by Patty Fleck

SUNDAY, December 3: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Monday, December 4: (Advent Weekday) St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. – † Sherry Rinker by Friends

Tuesday, December 5: Advent Weekday

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

Wednesday, December 6: (Advent Weekday) Saint Nicholas, Bishop

8:00 a.m. – † Dave Kalinowski by Nick and Cinda

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

8:00 a.m. – † Dan Hancock by Family

Friday, December 8: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. – † Theonas Fleming by The Joe Sanker Family

7:00 p.m. – † People of the Parish

SATURDAY, December 9: VIGIL OF SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 p.m. MASS – Gerard Lyons by Mary, Thomas, and Christa

SUNDAY, December 10: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Giving Tree: Residents for the Shirley Home Please take an ornament and return your purchase before or by December 16th or 17th.

Catholic Daughters are also collecting: Socks, Hats, Scarfs, and Gloves

Holy Name Church Advent Prayer Service

All are invited to a special evening of prayer, story, and song to be held at Holy Name Church in Ebensburg on Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00 PM. In the midst of this busy season, here is an opportunity to pause and direct our minds and hearts to the coming of Jesus Christ, our Messiah. The service will feature music by the Adult Handbell Choir and a presentation of the cantata "Emmanuel, God with Us" by the combined Men's and Women's Choirs. Following the service, light refreshments will be served in the Narthex.

Deacon Jack Orlandi and our entire parish family would greatly appreciate your willingness to help us with the celebration of the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Our Lady of Guadalupe) on Tuesday, December 12th.

Schedule of Liturgical Ministries for December 9/ 10, 2023

MASS	Lectors	Altar Servers	Hospitality Ministers (Greeters)	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Louise Ketner	Volunteer		Louise Ketner Kathy Lantz
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Suzanna Brown	Quinn Weirich Nolan Starr Abe Weirich		Marcia Slates Volunteer

Pro Life – Dec. 3 – Just because something happens to be legal does not make it moral, ethical or right. Abortion is perhaps one of the most dramatic examples of a situation where something is legal, but is very much a sin against God.



Today we begin the beautiful and holy season of Advent. With all that we have going on this time of year. It's no wonder that Advent doesn't always seem to get the attention it deserves. But as we will commit to living this season well, we will experience a deeper conversion to Christ and find real transformation in our lives as Christian stewards.

Why? Advent calls us not only to look back in grateful contemplation of Christ's first coming, but it also calls us to look forward in preparation for His Second Coming. Advent is a time to reset and regroup, to repent over any misplaced priorities, to turn our minds and hearts back to God while we still have time. We do so not out of fear or guilt, but out of gratitude for Love Incarnate lying in a manger bed.

Our lives are a gift. This holy season is a gift. Let us awaken if we have grown weary or complacent, and recommit to living the stewardship way of life. Love came down to us as a Baby. And He is coming again. Be watchful!



SANCTUARY CANDLE:

The Sanctuary Candle acknowledging The Real Presence of Christ in the tabernacle is burning this week for

Poor Souls



COLLECTION COUNTING SCHEDULE for:

Sunday, Dec 3, 2023: Mary Secrest

Sunday, Dec 10, 2023: Maggie Stiffler

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD)

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



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.

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.



Vicki Cooper, Megan Mellott

December 2023 Schedule for Liturgical Ministries at Saint Catherine			
Date/Mass	Readers	Altar Servers	Ministers
5:00 p.m. Saturday December 2, 2023	Maggie Stiffler	Volunteer	Maggie Stiffler Andrea Christoff
9:00 a.m. Sunday December 3, 2023	Dennis Drake	Maria Mellott Bella Starr Juliam Weirich	Will Crouse Volunteer
8:00 p.m. Saturday December 9, 2023	Louise Ketner	Volunteer	Louise Ketner Kathy Lantz
9:00 a.m. Sunday December 10, 2023	Suzanne Brown	Quinn Weirich Nolan Starr Abe Weirich	Marcia Slates Volunteer
5:00 p.m. Saturday December 16, 2023	Dayton Shugarts	Guy Kumpf	Mary Lyons Maria Danish
9:00 a.m. Sunday December 17, 2023	Louise Ketner	Dane Varner Jax McCartney Juliam Weirich	Louise Ketner Will Crouse
5:00 p.m. Saturday December 23, 2023	Ed McGarvey	Volunteer	Andrea Christoff Volunteer
9:00 a.m. Sunday December 24, 2023	Suzanne Brown	Kasen Gipe Branson Gipe	Marcia Slates Volunteer
5:00 p.m. Saturday December 30, 2023	Cathy Wilson	Maggie Stiffler	Kathy Lantz Mary Lyons
9:00 a.m. Sunday December 31, 2023	Dennis Drake	Maria Mellott Bella Starr Abe Weirich	Will Crouse Volunteer

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.