



St. Catherine Church

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SATURDAY, December 8: VIGIL OF SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Monday, December 10: Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. – † Joseph S. and Catherine Danish by Joe and Maria Danish

Tuesday, December 11: Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. – † Camillus McMath by daughter, Martha

Wednesday, December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 a.m. – † Minnie Foster by Mike Hummel

Thursday, December 13: Saint Lucy Virgin and Martyr

8:00 a.m. – † John Strittmatter by Larry and Sherry Rapski

Friday, December 14: Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. – † Kathryn Hagenbuch by The Estate

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

If you ordered a **Marianna Hoagie or pizza delivery** will be this **Friday, December 14th**. You can pick up orders starting at 10:30 a.m. in the Holy Family Hall.

COFFEE AND DONUTS/ JESSE TREE PROGRAM: On Sunday, December 16th after the 9:00 a.m. Mass everyone is invited to come down to the Parish Hall for coffee and donuts. Our religious education students will be presenting their “**Jesse Tree**” **decoration program**. Come, support our young people, and have a fun time after Mass.

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

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today’s second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

Schedule of Liturgical Ministries for December 15/16 2018

MASS	Lectors	Altar Servers	Hospitality Ministers (Greeters)	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Beth Lear	Guy Kumpf	Maria Danish	Beth Lear Andrea Christoff Jerry Norris
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Suzanne Brown Dennis Drake	Michael Chilcote Lauren Todaro	Steve Renninger	Mary Secrest Will Crouse Marcia Slates

Liturgical Reflection Advent is a time of hopeful anticipation as we prepare to celebrate the remembrance of the Lord’s first coming and, also, recalling his final coming in glory at the end of time. There are many preparations for Christmas that demand our time and attention. Make sure to fill your Advent days with prayerful preparation. Read scripture, pray the rosary with special attention to the Joyful Mysteries, spend time before the Blessed Sacrament. Advent is a time of hope and joy. Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION Paul prays that all in the faith community increase their love and their knowledge to “discern what is of value” (Phil 1:10). We grow as stewards and disciples of Jesus Christ by making decisions daily that demonstrate just how much we value our faith.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Number of Sunday Envelopes Issued:.....132
 Number of Sunday Envelopes Used:.....62

A St. Nicholas Note

“It is fitting that the feast of St. Nicholas comes at the beginning of Advent and the beginning of the shopper’s season. As the patron saint of shoppers he proclaims, ‘Keep it simple!’ Keep it simple enough to fit in a shoe or a stocking. “One gift that could fit in a shoe or in a stocking hanging on the fireplace is a note that speaks of one of our most precious gifts, the gift of time. Such a St. Nicholas note might read: ‘The gift I give to you is half an hour of quality conversation each night right after the dishes are done.’ Or, ‘The gift I give to you is one Saturday a month to be with you and do whatever you want to do.’ We can appreciate the value of such a gift if we keep in mind that according to a survey, the average married couple in America has only 30 minutes a week for



SANCTUARY CANDLE:

Poor Souls
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GIFT BEARERS for:

Saturday, December 15, 2018: Nick and Cinda
Sunday, December 16, 2018: Ushers

COLLECTION COUNTING SCHEDULE for:

Sunday, December 9, 2018: Mary Secrest
Sunday, December 16, 2018: Maggie Stiffler

Gospel: Lk 3:1-6

Today’s gospel shows John the Baptist, and parents have similar vocations. Like the Baptist, parents are asked to make “rough ways smooth” and to “prepare the way of the Lord” for their families. This Advent ask: Does my life hinder or help my family to know Jesus?



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

communication outside of exchanges that take place at the dinner table, and between parent and child is only 14 minutes. As you can see, the possibilities are almost unlimited for these St. Nicholas shoe gifts.

“Come, St. Nicholas, patron of shoppers and gift-seekers and make Christmas this year fun, creative and love-filled.”

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 Stasenko, 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 Stasenko: 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

“If it be necessary to go against the current of what is sometimes being thought and said on all sides, then let us never grow weary of repeating it-All human life must be absolutely respected; in fact, abortion and euthanasia are murder.” -Pope Paul VI



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.



Working to Reduce Poverty in America.

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.