

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Nov 26	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Tues Nov 28	6:10 PM Bingo
	7:00 PM Legion of Mary
Wed Nov 29	5:00-6:00 PM Pro-Life Rosary
Thurs Nov 30	9:00-11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
Fri Dec 1	6:10 PM Bingo
Sat Dec 2	10:30-12 Noon Grade 5 Retreat-Holy Trinity and CCD
Sun Dec 3	First Sunday of Advent
	9:15-10:15 Religious Ed. Gr. K-9
	9:15-10:15 Parent Meeting Re: First Reconciliation
	6:30-8:00 PM Religious Ed. Gr. 10 & 11



### Monday, Nov. 27

8:30 a.m.  
†Brenda Parrish

### Tuesday, Nov. 28

8:30 a.m.  
†Clair Lockard (*Mary Engelman*)

### Wednesday, Nov. 29

8:30 a.m.  
For the Intentions of Wills Family

### Thursday, Nov. 30 St. Andrew

8:30 a.m.  
†Deborah Dillon (*Nancy Ronan & Family*)

### Friday, Dec. 1

8:30 a.m.  
†Mary Foreso (*Fr. Brian Saylor*)

### Saturday, Dec. 2

4:00p.m.  
†Nick & Augusta Orsena (*Maniglia & Nasralla Family*)

### Sunday, Dec. 3 First Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. †Raymond Schoch (*Mary Engelman*)  
10:30 a.m. †Frank Skupien (*Family*)  
12 Noon Mass For the People

## MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEK

### Saturday, December 2, 2017

4:00 p.m.

**Altar Servers:** Madeline Kling, Erin Yahner, Volunteer  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Woomeer, Kevin Boslet,

Cindy Boslet, Jessica Boslet

**Readers:** Nancy Little, Joseph Maschue

### Sunday, December 3, 2017

8:00 a.m.

**Servers:** Ellie Irwin, Mary Irwin, Maren Steinbugl

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Woomeer, Barbara Kooman, Martin Kooman, Tim Link, Volunteer

**Readers:** Carolyn Kline, Helen Rhodes

10:30 a.m.

**Servers:** Patrick Reilly, Braden Reilly, Maeve Reilly

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Karen McGraw, Regina Murphy, Robert Spinazzola, Mary Wiley, Kitty Zelnosky

**Readers:** Joseph Breton, Michael Nazaruk

12:00 Noon

**Servers:** John Frederick, Madelyn Myers, Volunteer

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Philip Bracken, Mary Masic, Ronald Skupien

**Readers:** Christina Bracken, James Lane

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING...

Volunteers are needed to light candles on the Wreath at each mass in Advent. We are looking for two or more people or families interested in participating at the beginning of the Liturgy after the opening Penitential Rite.

The dates are December 3 (not done on the first Saturday of Advent), December 9-10, December 16-17, and December 23-24, 2017. Please sign up on the lists on the table in the foyer. Thank You.

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

### Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

In 1635, a 5-inch stone statue carved in the Black Madonna-style was found in Cartago, the former capital of Costa Rica, by an Indian slave girl, in the neighborhood of "Puebla de Los Angeles," which is shy she was called "Our Lady of the Angels."

Although the statue is referred to as La Negrita, its color is actually greenish-gray. It is made of graphite, jade and volcanic rock, which baffles archaeologists who know how difficult it is, if not impossible, to combine the three stones. And at the time it was found, there was no graphite in Costa Rica, but only in Europe, whereas the other two rocks were not present in Europe!

In other words, the composition of the statue borrows from both continents. This Madonna also has the features of a mestiza. Her gaze looks forward, while her Son, whose little hand rests on her heart, looks at her.

In 1824, the government proclaimed the "Queen of the Angels" patroness of Costa Rica. Her feast day is on August 2, the day that the Franciscans celebrate Our Lady of the Angels at the Portiuncula in Assisi, Italy. It is also the day when the statue was found.

### GROUP SERVICE PROJECT FOR

9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, & 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Bishop Guilfoyle and CCD Students. It will be for Family Services. Drive By Collecting Money on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. WRTA Radio Station Time 4:00-6:00 p.m.

### PERSONAL SERVICE HOURS

**DECEMBER 10**—For the High School Students

Christmas Cards and Baskets for Shut-in and Veterans.

Time 2:00-4:00 p.m. In the Bingo Hall.

### OFFERTORY PRESENTERS

Dec. 2	4:00 p.m.	Volunteers
Dec. 3	8:00 a.m.	CCD Students
	10:30 a.m.	Tom & Gina Goss
	Noon	Volunteers

### AREA RECONCILIATION SERVICE

These opportunities exist for your celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the Birth of Christ.

Sun. Dec. 3 4:00 p.m. St. John's Lakemont

Mon. Dec. 4 6:30 p.m. Holy Rosary

Thurs. Dec. 14 7:00 p.m. Most Holy Trinity, Huntingdon, Pa

Thurs. Dec 14 5:30 p.m. Our Lady of Lourdes

Sun. Dec 17 4:00 p.m. St. Mary's, Hollidaysburg

**Our Parish Reconciliation Service is Monday, December 18, 7:00 p.m. The priests also will hear individual confessions following the 8:30 a.m. Mass Tuesday, December 19 and Wednesday, December 20.**

### FIRST PENANCE

There will be a Parent Meeting regarding First Reconciliation on Sunday, December 3, 2017. The meeting will begin at 9:15 a.m. in the Social Hall.

### RETREAT-FIFTH GRADE

There will be a Retreat for all children in the Fifth Grade. Holy Trinity & CCD on Saturday, December 2 from 10:30 –12 Noon in the Bingo Hall. Parent participation is not required.

## **NOCTURNAL ADORATION**

The monthly Vigil of Prayer scheduled by the Nocturnal Adoration Society for December 1, 2017 will be at Our Lady of Lourdes, 2716 Broad Ave. Altoona from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.

## **PRO-LIFE CHRISTMAS CARDS AVAILABLE**

Citizens Concerned for Human Life, Blair County Chapter has Christmas Cards available for purchase. Beautiful designs are offered, picturing the new Madonna & Child and Emmanuel Prince of Peace. The cost is \$7.00 for a package of 11 cards. Your purchase will help support the pro-life work of CCHL in Blair County. For more information, call Mary Engelman, 943-3796.

## **POPE FRANCIS CHALLENGE**

A couple of students from Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School are again participating in the Pope Francis Challenge. The students are collecting items for the needy. Boxes and a list of needed items can be found in the foyer.

## **SUPPER CLUB**

The Supper Club will meet at the Red Lobster Restaurant on December 3 at **12 NOON**. Call Mary for reservations 946-3449.

## **LITURGICAL REFLECTION...**

The Church is grateful to the men and women who celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony in our community. God has raised the indissoluble conjugal contract between husband and wife to the dignity of a Sacrament so that it may signify more clearly and represent more easily the model of Christ's own nuptial covenant with the Church.

We offer and support, prayers and love to all these men and women who continue to live out their lives of fidelity and love as husband and wife. In good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, they continue to love and honor one another all the days of their lives.

## **SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

Are you looking for ways to experience God? Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul invite you to share in their ministry of experiencing God in serving people living in poverty. We see Christ in our friends in need and, when we see Christ, we experience God.

Please contact Dan Weaver, Society of St. Vincent de Paul St. Rose of Lima Conference at [dweaver@atlanticbb.net](mailto:dweaver@atlanticbb.net)

## **FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL**

**November 26**

**Mt. 25:31-46**

“When you feed or give a drink or clothing to the least, you did it for me.” Today Jesus teaches us that parenting is sacramental. The routine actions of family life are religious and priestly for we make Christ present in what we do. Family Life is Beatitude life.

## **YOUTH CONFERENCE OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

A parish that has a school or a religious education program may also be interested in forming a Youth Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul sometimes referred to as “Minnie Vinnies”. This is an excellent way to begin forming our young people with a spirit of service, develop their spirituality and to involve them in the works of the Adult Conference. There are many resources found on the youth website at [www.svdpusa.com/youth](http://www.svdpusa.com/youth).

If you would like to help us start a youth SVdP Conference, please contact Dan Weaver at [dweaver@atlanticbb.net](mailto:dweaver@atlanticbb.net)

## **ST. JOSEPH IN WILLIAMSBURG: FUEL OIL RAFFLE**

Tickets are now on sale for a Fuel Oil Raffle at St. Joseph Parish in Williamsburg. The cost is \$10 per ticket. Winners receive \$500 in Martin’s Fuel Oil or \$500 in cash. Winning numbers are based on the 7:00 p.m. PA Lottery Drawing on the December 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Please contact Jim Foreso for tickets at 832-2139.

## **ST. LEONARD’S HOME**

Worried about a loved one? St. Leonard’s Home in Hollidaysburg provides quality personal care for persons over age 55 for whom it is no longer safe to live alone. We provide medication management, personal hygiene assistance, socialization, meals, housekeeping and a 24 hour staff in a home-like environment. For more information and a tour of our facility, please call Sister Cynthia Meyer at 814-695-9581 during weekday business hours. We are Catholic owned and sponsored but accept all eligible applicants, and assist with financial aid applications where applicable

## **ADVENT PRESENTATION**

Sister Theresa will be offering an Advent presentation on Bishop Robert Barron’s DVD on THE EUCHARIST: as a BANQUET, SACRIFICE, and THE REAL PRESENCE. Following the presentation there will be discussion. This will be held at Holy Rosary Church, 900 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St. in Juniata. We will meet on three Tuesdays: November 28, December 5 and December 12 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This is a very wonderful presentation for Christmas. Please call Sister Theresa at 942-5747 if you and a friend will be attending. God bless you.