
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Dec 6 Second Sunday of Advent
Wed Dec 9 5:15-6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary



Monday, Dec. 7 St. Ambrose

8:30 a.m.
†Shirley Sprouse (*Mary Engelman*)
7:00 p.m.
†Richard, Betty & David Drabic (*Family*)

Tuesday, Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 a.m. Members of the Altar & Rosary Society
8:30 a.m.
†Anne Hummel (*The Klinger Family*)
7:00 p.m.
†Eugene Stoltz (*Marion & Gary Wertz*)

Wednesday, Dec. 9 St. Juan Diego

8:30 a.m.
†Dorothy Andrews (*Michael & Christa Stipanovich*)

Thursday, Dec. 10

8:30 a.m.
†Josephine Schachtner (*Mary Lee Roebuck*)

Friday, Dec. 11 St. Damasus I

8:30 a.m.
†Richard, Betty & David Drabic (*Family*)

Saturday, Dec. 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

4:00p.m.
†Frank & Margaret Vinglas (*Family*)

Sunday, Dec. 13 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Mass For the People
10:30 a.m. †Frank Skupien (*Family*)

PASTOR'S CORNER

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRAY

Creator God, you are the master gardener. Help me to bear good fruit in my life—for myself, for my family and for my community. Amen

REFLECT

What do I need to stop doing or get rid of in my life in order to bear good fruit?

ACT

This week, prune your life of one or more material items you no longer need and donate them to charity. Oftentimes the clutter of everyday objects prevents us from focusing on what leads to Christ.

Saturday is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe!

Our Lady sent St. Juan Diego with miraculous flowers in his cloak to tell the bishop to build a church where people could receive her Son and her loving, tender care. When St. Juan Diego opened the cloak before the bishop, an image of Our Lady was revealed that remains to this day. The chapel was quickly built, millions embraced Christianity, and the Church increased its protection of the indigenous peoples.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS 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.

We will take up the collection for the Religious Retirement next weekend, December 12 & 13. Please use the envelope located in your pack of envelopes.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-NOV. 21-22, 2020

Regular	\$8715.00	Christmas	\$ 16.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 10.00	Mission Sun.	\$ 30.00
All Souls	\$ 18.00	Candles	\$ 10.00
All Saints	\$ 18.00	Peru	\$ 5.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 113.00	Register	\$ 10.00
Initial	\$ 3.00	CCD	\$ 20.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 295.00	Total	\$9263.00

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-Nov. 28-29, 2020

Regular	\$5229.00	Christmas	\$ 357.00
Immac. Conception	\$ 25.00	Initial	\$ 8.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 443.00	Candles	\$ 5.00
Retired Religious	\$ 10.00	All Saints	\$ 5.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 120.00	All Souls	\$ 5.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 121.00	CCD	\$ 65.00
Mary Mother of God	\$ 10.00	Register	\$ 10.00
		Total	\$6413.00

Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

The Advent season is about trusting and waiting like Mary, and with Mary. The liturgical year begins with the fervor of Advent, this joyful expectation of Someone, of the Coming One, Emmanuel, God with us. A God who enters history to experience all its stages and share the anxieties, joys, sorrows, hopes and concerns of men and women of all history and of all mankind.

And that is the novelty of Christianity! God so loved mankind that he became man, like you and me.

Yes, the Advent season makes us expect the divine and joyful childhood, the joy of the Lord who became man, who took on flesh, and embraced the human adventure through the experience of living our everyday life with the simplicity and innocence of a child. He became one of us to give us divine life.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

On Tuesday, **December 8th**, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

An essential part of God's plan for the mother of his Son was that she be conceived free from Original Sin. "Through the centuries the Church became ever more aware that Mary, 'full of grace' through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception" (CCC, no. 491).

In anticipation that she was to bear the Son of God, Mary was preserved from the time of her conception from Original Sin.

We call this the Immaculate Conception. No sin would touch her, so that she would be a fitting and worthy vessel of the Son of God. The Immaculate Conception does not refer to the virginal conception and birth of Christ, but rather to Mary's being conceived without inheriting Original Sin.

In the course of time, the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception became more precisely enunciated, as its truth—long supported by the universal popular devotion of the faithful—was better understood by deepening theological inquiry.

In 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed this dogma infallibly: that is, in his role as supreme teacher of the Church, he declared that this doctrine is divinely revealed and must be accepted with faith by the entire Church.

Masses will be held on Monday at 7:00 p.m. and on Tuesday at 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Gloria Vetakis, Catherine Spinazzola and Robert Miranda who we honored with Christian Burial. May God give comfort to their families.

ANGEL TREE

You are invite to take one of the angels from the table next to the tree and write your own petition on it. The angel can be placed on the tree so that we can pray for you.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

2nd Sunday of Advent (Dec. 6)

As we prepare to celebrate God's greatest gift to us in the birth of our Savior, have we reconciled our sins so as to continue along the path to eternal life? May we recognize our dependence upon God and become as passionate about living our faith as John the Baptist in today's Gospel.

It is through repentance that we acknowledge our sins. In their pastoral letter on stewardship, the U.S. bishops proclaim that "the Spirit of wisdom and courage helps people seek pardon and be mindful that in the face of all their forgetting, the most important work of their lives is to be Jesus' disciples." (*Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*. USCCB, 2002)

St. Paul Class via Zoom

This **6 week** course, taught by **Christopher Klopp**, investigates the life and writings of St. Paul within the context of early Judaism in order to understand the Apostle's role as the most significant theologian of the New Testament. Areas of focus will include St. Paul's theology of the New Covenant, his views on justification and grace, as well as his teachings on the sacraments, the nature of the Church, and the moral life. **Classes will begin Tuesday, January 5, 6:30-9:00 p.m.** Costs for this class include a registration fee of \$45 and the required book **Paul A New Covenant Jew**, by Brant Pitre, which can be purchased online at Amazon.com or through the Office of Lay Ministry for \$35. Also suggested, but not required is the **Ignatius Catholic Study Bible New Testament** available online at Amazon.com. For further information and to register for this class please contact Marybeth at 814-361-2000 or by email at mheinze@dioceseaj.org. **All are welcome to attend!** Please register by **December 16, 2020**.

Sacraments—8 Week Course: Fr. Timothy Grimme will be teaching Sacraments at **St. Michael Church Hall, St. Michael** beginning Tuesday, January 5, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The cost for this class is \$65, which includes registration and books. These classes may be taken for continuing education credit and Master Catechist requirements. For registration, please contact Marybeth at (814) 361-2000 or by email at mheinze@dioceseaj.org. Registration forms are also available online at www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry/ **All are welcome!**

OPEN POSITIONS

The following positions are available throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese. To apply go to www.dioceseaj.org/employment. Business Manager-Holy Name School; Custodian-St. Michael School; General Laborer-Church of the Transfiguration, Parish Music Director-Holy Family Parish; Principal-St Patrick School; Kindergarten Teacher-St. Matthew School; 3rd Grade Teacher-All Saints School; Comptroller and Executive Assistant-Diocesan Finance Department; Administrative Assistant-Diocesan Human Resources/Children & Youth Protection Offices; Executive Director and Social Worker-Catholic Charities.



Saint of the Week

Saint Ambrose

340-397

Feast Day – December 7

The son of a Roman official in Gaul, Ambrose was practicing law in Rome when the emperor appointed him governor of the province whose capital was Milan. When that church see became vacant, Ambrose was chosen bishop by acclamation. A catechumen like many of his people, Ambrose was baptized, ordained and consecrated bishop on the same day, Dec. 7, 374. He battled paganism and the Arian heresy, publicly challenged rulers in the Western and Eastern empires, championed hymns as a form of praise, wrote theological treatises and was beloved by his people for his generosity and accessibility. He also baptized St. Augustine of Hippo. One of the four doctors of the Latin church, Ambrose is the patron of bees, stonemasons and catechumens.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Friar's Nook Gift Shop– Regular Hours

Kick off your Christmas shopping by stopping at The Friar's Nook Gift Shop! Hours are Monday-Saturday 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. (always closed on Sundays). The address is 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg and our phone number 814-695-3802 if you have any questions.

Please follow us on Facebook for updates!

CCD PROGRAM

Its time again to open your hearts and help families in need from Catholic Charities for Christmas. Families are in need of Grocery Gift Cards and Cash donation that will be used for heating. The cash conation is sent directly to their fuel vendor. Please drop off gift cards or cash anytime at the rectory, you may place them in the mail slot or when picking up packets for your students.

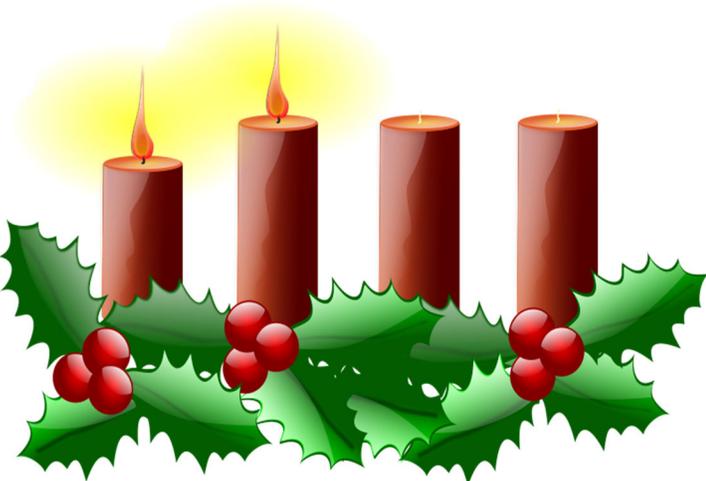
Thank You and God Bless You,
Yvonne Gibson, DRE

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

Second Sunday of Advent

Mark 1:1-8

Why is it so hard to forgive, yet so easy to get even? Listen to John the Baptist in today's gospel and repent of the anger and ugly feelings which block your ability to forgive. This Christmas give a gift which makes a difference. Give forgiveness.



St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul Conference Weekly Reflection-December 6-Second Sunday of Advent:

In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges to "Prepare the way of the Lord". We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please contact us through our website (<http://strosesvdp.org>) so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

Our Conference's next meeting is on December 9th. If you would like a Zoom/teleconference invite to the meeting, Please contact Dan Weaver at dweaver@atlanticbb.net.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHICKEN BBQ **BENEFITING THE STDP NEED'S OFFICE**

The St. Rose SVDP Conference supports the poor and disadvantaged individuals in our area through the St. Vincent de Paul Needs Office. The Needs Office brings God's love and mercy to those in need by providing help with utilities, rent and other financial support. In December, the Knights of Columbus of Hollidaysburg will be hosting a Chicken BBQ to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Needs Office. The BBQ will be held December 13th. The meal includes the Knight's famous BBQ Chicken, baked beans, applesauce and a roll. Tickets are only \$10.00. Tickets are available at the Parish Office and after some of the Masses from now until the 6th of December. Please help us help others and buy your ticket(s) today.

May God Bless You!