

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Dec 13 Third Sunday of Advent
Wed Dec 16 5:15-6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary



Monday, Dec. 14 St. John of the Cross

8:30 a.m.
†Debbie Fisher (*Barbara, Chris & Anna Seymour*)

Tuesday, Dec. 15

8:30 a.m.
Special Intention-Jay Buterbaugh (*Mom & Dad*)

Wednesday, Dec. 16

8:30 a.m.
†Justin Dodson (*Legion of Mary*)

Thursday, Dec. 17

8:30 a.m.
†Dorothy Andrews (*Lisa, Alex, Joshua, Ryan & Courtney Seltzer*)

Friday, Dec. 18

8:30 a.m.
†Francis Sutton (*Ray & Sue Askey*)

Saturday, Dec. 19

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

Sunday, Dec. 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent

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



On Thursday, December 17, Pope Francis celebrates his 84th birthday!

PASTOR'S CORNER

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PRAY

Jesus, help us prepare our hearts for your coming at Christmas by caring for people in our family, school, neighborhood, and for others in need throughout the world. Amen

REFLECT

What is one way that your family can reach out to someone in need before Christmas?

ACT

This week, proclaim the Good News by preparing a meal or care package for someone who doesn't have what they need to make it through each day.

MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS:

Christmas Eve-3:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve-5:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve-7:30 p.m.
Christmas Day-9:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Due to the Coronavirus, we are making a change to the schedule.

Christmas Eve Masses will be at 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Day will be at 9 a.m.

Because seating will be limited, you need to sign up using Flocknote or by calling the rectory.

Reader volunteers are needed for the Christmas Masses. Please call the rectory if you are available.

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PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-DEC. 5-6, 2020

Regular	\$11230.50	Christmas	\$ 280.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 46.00	Christmas Club	\$ 86.00
Immac.Concep.	\$ 183.00	Candle	\$ 5.00
Christmas Flow.	\$ 485.00	All Saints	\$ 5.00
Religious Retire.	\$ 120.00	Thanksgiving	\$ 50.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 50.00	Initial	\$ 3.00
		Total	\$12580.50

Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

The time of Advent is a time during which we are invited to contemplate Mary, a young girl among many others of Nazareth, a simple creature of humble condition. Mary could have directed her freedom elsewhere, legitimately saying 'no' to the mysterious proposal of the Angel Gabriel, the Messenger of God. And God would certainly have respected this freedom, for God created us to be totally free, and he wants us to be free so much so that we can even say 'no' and shut the door of our hearts to him...And yet Mary answered, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, let everything be done for me according to your word."

Mary's response is a free adherence to God's will—to God's loving project. It is not a 'yes' of convenience to get rid of a disturbing messenger, as it often happens in our lives when we agree to something just to be free of a bothersome person, without any free adherence on our part. In addition, Mary's response is not motivated by fear or apprehension in the face of possible punishment. Mary's 'yes' is truly an agreement with the Creator. It is a free, conscious, and unconditional adherence to a project coming from Almighty God.

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 donation 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

ANGEL TREE

You are invited 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.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Virginia Centurione Bracelli

1587-1651

Feast Day – December 15

Unable to persuade her parents that she had a religious vocation, Virginia was married at age 15 to the son of another notable Italian family. But he gambled, lived dissolutely and died after only five years. Virginia, despite her unhappiness in the marriage, nursed him at the end. She vowed to live celibately thereafter, bringing up her two daughters and caring for abandoned children, especially girls. She founded several schools and the Sisters of Our Lady of the Refuge on Mount Calvary. She was canonized in her hometown, Genoa, in 2003.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

3rd Sunday of Advent (Dec. 13)

How do we respond to St. Paul's challenge to give thanks to God in all circumstances? We respond with an "attitude of gratitude" Good stewards know they didn't earn their time, talents or treasure.

Good stewards have good memories, recalling where they came from, the struggles of their parents, the struggles of their own lives, those peaks and those valleys that shaped them and brought them to this very moment. And they find themselves very grateful. These are truly gifts from a generous God; miraculously and randomly scattered over the human race, who asks only that we be generous in response.

(Seven Secrets of Successful Stewards, Paul Wilke, 2005 Catholic Update, St. Anthony Messenger Press, Cincinnati, Ohio)

Like the rose candle of the Advent Wreath may we "shine on" as we share our blessings in cheerfulness and joy.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

Third Sunday of Advent John 1:6-8, 19-28

Today's gospel reports "there is one among you whom you do not recognize." It is hard to believe Christ is present in a family with crazy schedules, suppers that start too late and end too early, cars that don't start, misunderstandings, frustrations, piles of laundry, unmatched socks and stretched food budgets. The list is endless. The words spoken at mass, "The Lord is with you," are not a hope, they are a fact.

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 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 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!**

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The Friar's Nook Gift Shop– Regular Hours

Do your Christmas shopping by stopping at The Friar's Nook Gift Shop! Our hours are Monday-Saturday 10:00 a.m. –4:00 p.m. (always closed on Sundays.) The address is 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg, Hollidaysburg and our phone number 814-695-3802 if you have any questions. Please follow us on Facebook for updates!

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's 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.

St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul Conference Weekly Reflection for December 13—Third Sunday of Advent:

In today's Gospel John the Baptist says, "I am the voice of one crying in the desert; make straight the way of the Lord." Let us ask for the grace to help others to know the love of the Lord.

Christmas is a time of love and gift giving...please give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of Christmas

If you know of someone in need, please visit our website (<http://strosesvdp.org>) to inform us of their situation. We will do our best to help out in any way we can. We encourage all parishioners to use our website to help us help those in need. Thank you!

ST. ROSE OF LIMA CONTINUES WITH ITS HOMELESS SUPPORT PROGRAM

The St. Rose of Lima Conference continues with its Homeless Support Program with a collection of hooded sweatshirts for use by Family Services in their homeless/needy programs. Through the month of November Parish members from both St. Rose and St. Pat's donated slightly worn and new hooded sweatshirts towards this worthy cause. A total of 80 sweatshirts, along with 7 coats and some beanies, socks and gloves were delivered to Family Services by the Conference.

Dan Weaver, St. Rose Conference president, said, "The members of the St. Rose of Lima SVDP Conference would like to say thank you to all the parish members who donated to this noble cause. When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and into the hearts of those who are poor. God Bless You All!"

