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MONDAY - FRIDAY
9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL 4:00 PM
SUNDAY 9:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

WEDNESDAY 5:45 PM
ALSO BY APPOINTMENT

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MONDAY 9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM
TUESDAY 9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM
WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM
THURSDAY 11:00 AM TO 4:00 PM
FRIDAY CLOSED

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 7:30 AM & 11:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

2ND & 4TH SUNDAY 11:00 AM
1ST FRIDAY 11:15 AM
ALSO BY APPOINTMENT

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH 11:00 AM - 12:00 NN



The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete ("Rejoice") Sunday, the day when we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath (hence the "pink candle" Sunday). The rose-colored vestments, worn this day, (caused by mixing the purple of penance with the white of joy) symbolize that we are nearing Christmas and our expectation is high.

Christmas usually brings great joy with it. Our spirits are lifted by the bright decorations on houses and in streetscapes at the very time of winter's longest nights.

Advent Regional Penance Services

Monday, December 17, 2018 7:00 PM
St. Margaret Mary, Lower Burrell
Tuesday, December 18, 2018 7:00 PM
Mount Saint Peter, New Kensington
Wednesday, December 19, 2018 7:00 PM
Christ the King, Leechburg

Take part in the regional Advent penance service or the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and experience again God's loving mercy.

† LITURGICAL SCHEDULE †

ST. JOSEPH

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Saturday, December 15 - Third Sunday of Advent

3:30 PM *The Rosary*
4:00 PM † George & Genevieve Bengel and
Charles Morrow (*Daughter & Wife*)

Sunday, December 16 - Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM *The Rosary*
9:30 AM In Honor of the 56th Wedding
Anniversary of John & Marilyn Bischof

Monday, December 17

7:30 AM † Irene Boland (*Ken & Sharon Schantz*)
7:00 PM **Regional Penance Service**
St. Margaret Mary, Lower Burrell

Tuesday, December 18

7:00 PM **Regional Penance Service**
Mount Saint Peter, New Kensington

Wednesday, December 19

5:45 PM *NO Sacrament of Reconciliation*
6:15 PM † Clement Banichar, Sr.
(*Nannette Banichar*)
7:00 PM **Regional Penance Service**
Christ the King, Leechburg

Thursday, December 20

7:30 AM † Aureola Stein (*St. Joseph Choir Boys*)

Saturday, December 22 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

3:30 PM *The Rosary*
4:00 PM † Paul Kello (*Family*)

Sunday, December 23 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM *The Rosary*
9:30 AM † Patricia Crytzer (*Birthday*)
(*Husband, Children & Grandchildren*)

Sunday, December 16 - Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM † Frances Zemanski (*David Rejniak*)
11:00 AM *The Rosary*
11:30 AM † Marion Zawrotny (*Family*)

Monday, December 17

7:00 PM **Regional Penance Service**
St. Margaret Mary, Lower Burrell

Tuesday, December 18

7:30 AM † In Memory of the Birthday of
J. R. Szczesny
7:00 PM **Regional Penance Service**
Mount Saint Peter, New Kensington

Wednesday, December 19

7:30 AM † In Memory of the Petri Family
7:00 PM **Regional Penance Service**
Christ the King, Leechburg

**Friday, December 21 - St. Peter Canisius, Priest
and Doctor of the Church**

7:30 AM † Eugene Markiewicz (*Wife, Helen*)

Sunday, December 23 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM † Ruth & Walter Sieczkowski
(*Dan & Rita Sieczkowski*)
11:00 AM *The Rosary*
11:15 AM *NO Sacrament of Reconciliation*
11:30 AM † William Mauro (*Jim & Carla Thimons*)

SAINT MARY SANCTUARY CANDLE

DECEMBER 16, 2018 - DECEMBER 29, 2018

† **In Memory of Joseph, Rose & Joann Fafinski**
(*Dan Helinski*)

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLE

DECEMBER 16, 2018 - DECEMBER 22, 2018

† **In Memory of Frank and In Honor of
Lois Martin on their Wedding Anniversary**
(*Family*)

† IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS †

Please remember the souls of those who have died,
especially for the repose of the souls of **F. Uberta
Jablonski** of St. Joseph Church and **Ellen M.
Kapustik** of St. Mary Church. May God welcome
them and all who have gone before us into the joy of
everlasting life, and bring comfort and peace to their
families.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;
Mt 1:1-17
Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;
Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab,
16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3,
11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;
Lk 1:46-56
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;
Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

“Our actions are the best witnesses of our thoughts.” ...Anonymous

STEWARDSHIP

December 7 - 8 - Immaculate Conception

St. Joseph

Holy Day Collection Total \$ 613.00
Deposit Total \$ 613.00

St. Mary

Holy Day Collection Total \$ 443.00
Deposit Total \$ 443.00



December 8 - 9

St. Joseph

Sunday Collection Total \$ 4,989.00
Diocesan Collection 70.00
Deposit Total \$ 5,059.00

St. Mary

Sunday Collection Total \$ 5,901.69
Diocesan Collection 50.00
Deposit Total \$ 5,951.69

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Mary Church Donation

*In Honor of the Marriage Vows of
Stephanie Callahan & Thomas J. Soltys*

From: Ellen & Blaise Grden

Thank you for your donation to St. Mary Church.

Cemetery Notice

Please be advised that there are no trash cans at the cemetery. Because the privilege was abused, trash service at St. Mary Cemetery was removed. As such, we ask that you kindly take all trash with you. Thank you!

Early Bulletin Entries

Due to the early bulletin deadlines for the Christmas and New Year holidays, please submit **all entries** for the **Sunday, December 30 and Sunday, January 6**, bulletins by **Wednesday, December 19**.

Thank you for understanding and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

December 22 - 23

St. Joseph

Lector

4:00 PM T Kovalchick
9:30 AM L Barkowski

EMHC

4:00 PM S Makuta, B Constant, T Spiering
9:30 AM N Banichar, P Mudrinich, J Slocik

Servers

4:00 PM L, N & P Katona
9:30 AM Guerrini Family

St. Mary

Lector

7:30 AM T Kvortek
11:30 AM L York

EMHC

7:30 AM *P Kvortek, D Kosmal, C Reck
11:30 AM *B Farina, D York, R Farina

Servers

7:30 AM M Stelmach, E Stewart, A Arledge
11:30 AM Nitowski Family

Counters (4)



"What do you want for Christmas?"

This is a question we ask each other often before Christmas. Yet how many of us actually take a few minutes to kneel before the infant Jesus and ask Him what He wants from us this Christmas. When we kneel before the

manger and ask Jesus what he wants, it is very possible that we will hear Him whisper that He wants us to share a little more of our time with him. Maybe each of us could make a New Year's resolution to spend more time with God. Go to Mass more frequently, find some time for prayer in the morning, end our day with spiritual reading, say the rosary while we drive to work, participate in Eucharistic adoration, stop into church occasionally for a quiet visit. The gift of time with God could be the very best gift we could give this year, not only to Jesus but also ourselves. It might be just what our own hearts are truly longing for.

Find time to prepare your own heart for Christmas. Pray more, go to confession, read the scriptures, attend Mass.

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PARTNERED PARISH NEWS

Food for Sale

A limited number of pierogi, stuffed cabbage rolls and haluski will be sold after both Masses on **Sunday, December 16**, at St. Mary Church. **Pierogi** will be sold for **\$10.00/dozen**, **cabbage rolls** for **\$10.00/half dozen** and **haluski** for **\$8.00/quart**. These will be sold on a first come, first serve basis.

Bethlehem Christian Families

This weekend, Roni Salsa representing Bethlehem Christian Families, a non-profit organization through Land of Peace, will be speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries—all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has been greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. The goal of this mission is to help many organizations and Churches in the Middle East and to help establish a Charitable Hospital in Bethlehem to help needy families in the Holy Land and Middle East. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have “something” authentic from the holy land. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion. For more information, please visit our website at www.landofpeace.org and www.bcfmission.com.



Do You Like to Decorate?

Volunteers are needed to decorate **St. Joseph Church** on **Thursday, December 20**, and **Friday, December 21**, at **9:30 AM** for the Christmas Season. **Everyone is welcome**, no matter what your expertise.

Congratulations Golden Apple Winners

Mary Queen of Apostles is proud to announce that two of our dedicated instructors, **Mrs. Cheryl Kestner** and **Mrs. Lisa Matta**, were two of three recipients from the Diocese of Greensburg to win the Golden Apple Award. The award celebrates excellence in teaching within Catholic Schools. It also honors outstanding individuals who symbolize excellence in and out of the classroom, are committed to Catholic values and are devoted to teaching in the Catholic school system.



Golden Apple

They were also honored at a special awards breakfast at the Stratigos Banquet Center in North Huntingdon where they each received a Golden Apple Award, a certificate and a \$5,000 cash prize for their unrestricted personal use.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus, Fr. Francis J. Hertzog Council 1381 is sponsoring:



Pancake & Sausage Breakfast **or**
Scrambled Eggs & Ham Breakfast
(limited number available)

Sunday, December 16 - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Suggested Donation: \$5.00

St. Margaret Mary Church Sullivan Hall

Take-outs Available - 724-787-4922

Share the Word Bible Study

Share the Word Adult Bible Study will meet on **Monday, December 17**, at St. Mary Parish from 1:00 PM-3:00 PM in the St. Francis Room. All are welcome. No registration necessary.



This year, consider experiencing the Polish tradition of the Oplatki. The **Oplatki Christmas Wafers** are available in the back of the churches or parish offices. Each packet is **\$3.00** and explains the history of the Oplatki as well as how to share with those attending your Christmas Eve Feast.



The Epiphany Experience

The gifts are unwrapped, the hustle and bustle will be over. Come and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas presented by both parishes. This experience brings to life the story of the birth of Jesus, featuring sacred music by the combined choirs, a costumed cast and live animals. Participation is needed from ages 3 to adult as angels, shepherds, archangels, kings and many more. Please come to **rehearsals** on **Friday, December 28**, at **6:30 PM** and **Friday, January 4**, at **6:30 PM** at **St. Joseph Church**. The Epiphany Experience will be held on **Sunday, January 6**, at **2:00 PM** in **St. Joseph Church**.



St. Mary of Czestochowa Museum of Memorabilia

Due to the overwhelming response, the Museum of Memorabilia will remain **open through the end of the year** after the 7:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses **each Sunday**. The items on display chronicle the history of the parish through the present day. Come and enjoy a walk down memory lane and reminisce with other parishioners and guests. A committee member will be on-hand to answer any questions.



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PARISH & NEIGHBOR NEWS

Sixth Annual Live Nativity

In celebration of our Savior's birth during the Advent Season, Concordia Lutheran Ministries invites all to participate in this event on **Sunday, December 16**, with **performances at 4:30 PM, 5:15 PM and 6:00 PM**. This **free event** will be taking place on the **Cabot Campus** in front of the **Haven II building at 148 Marwood Road (Entrance 5)**. The performances will include time for children to pet the animals. After enjoying the performance, all guests are welcome inside for cookies and live music.



“Enjoy 2019”

Coupon books are available from the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill **through December 29** for \$30. For additional information or to reserve a book, call Sister of Charity Agnes Steedle in Greensburg at 724-836-0406, ext. 6646, or Sister Patrice Hughes in Pittsburgh area, 412-343-1382.

Parish Secretary Position

Our Lady of Grace Church, Greensburg is accepting applications for the full-time position of Parish Secretary. Qualifications: Proficiency with MS Office 365; ability to learn other software for parish database and fiscal management; ability to work in a team environment; excellent communication, prioritization and organization skills.

Submit resume to: Our Lady of Grace Church, 1011 Mount Pleasant Road, Greensburg, PA 15601, Attn: Business Manager. Deadline: December 31, 2018.

Upcoming Events

⇒ **Sunday, December 16** - Cookie Walk - Sponsored by the Addolorata Society of Mt. St. Peter Parish - Mt. St. Peter Parish Marble Hall - 11:30 AM-3:00 PM - \$12/pound, cash only, containers provided - Homemade Christmas cookies, baked goods, gluten-free and nut free items - Proceeds benefit youth programs at Mt. St. Peter Parish, MSP Faith First and Mary Queen of Apostles School.

2019 Lucky Number Ticket

Fun gift idea! Time is running out! Support the ministries and the mission of the Sisters of Divine Providence by purchasing a \$25 Lucky Number ticket based on the PA Daily Lottery. Pick 3 Day and Pick 3 Evening numbers are still available; your number is yours every day for the entire 2019 calendar year. Daily winners receive a minimum of \$25 up to \$150. For an order form, call 412-635-5401 or visit cdpsisters.org/LuckyNumber.

World Youth Day Event

The Diocese of Greensburg is sponsoring a trip for young adults (ages 18-39) to a **one-day Catholic festival** at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC on **January 26, 2019**. This is in conjunction with World Youth Day in Panama. The event will include a livestream of Pope Francis' Mass in Panama. Cost, including overnight accommodation, is \$160 per person, \$95 per person for double occupancy. Visit www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/WYD for information. **Registration Deadline: January 3, 2019.**

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 16	K of C Pancake Breakfast	9:00 AM-1:00 PM	Sullivan Hall	St. Margaret Mary
	7th & 8th Grade Catechesis	10:00 AM-11:20 AM	Religion Center	St. Mary
	Bethlehem Christian Families Sale	After Masses	Church	St. Joseph/St. Mary
	Food Sale	After Masses	Rectory	St. Mary
	Ladies' Day Out	1:00 PM-3:00 PM	Friendship Hall	St. Mary
Monday, December 17	Share the Word Bible Study	1:00 PM-3:00 PM	Religion Center	St. Mary
	Regional Penance Service	7:00 PM	St. Margaret Mary, Lower Burrell	
Tuesday, December 18	CGS Session	9:30 AM-11:30 AM	Religion Center	St. Mary
	CGS Session	5:00 PM-7:00 PM	Religion Center	St. Mary
	Regional Penance Service	7:00 PM	Mt. St. Peter, New Kensington	
Wednesday, December 19	SJ Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM	Church	St. Joseph
	Regional Penance Service	7:00 PM	Christ the King, Leechburg	
Thursday, December 20	Christmas Decorating	9:30 AM	Church	St. Joseph
Friday, December 21	Christmas Decorating	9:30 AM	Church	St. Joseph
	SM Choir Rehearsal	3:00 PM	Church	St. Mary

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