

**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**MONDAY • TUESDAY • THURSDAY • FRIDAY:** 8:30AM  
**WEDNESDAY:** 6:00PM  
**SATURDAY:** 4:00PM  
**SUNDAY:** 8:00AM • 11:00AM

**APPOINTMENTS****ACOLYTES:**

Sat. Dec. 3 - 4:00 PM - Amelia Partner, Amber Yasolsky  
Sun. Dec. 4 - 8:00 AM - Sarah Geishauser, Danielle Miller  
Sun. Dec. 4 - 11:00 AM - Nate Rudolph, Kaelab Ruggles  
Weds. Dec. 7 - 6:00 PM - Ryan Donoughe, Jack Donoughe  
Thurs. Dec. 8 - 6:30 PM - Alycia Auerbeck, David Auerbeck

**LECTORS:**

Sat. Dec. 3 - 4:00 PM - Matt Michelone, Jenna Jenkins  
Sun. Dec. 4 - 8:00 AM - Fran Semelsberger, Victor Rizzo  
Sun. Dec. 4 - 11:00 AM - Paul Dennis, Richard Consiglio  
Weds. Dec. 7 - 6:00 PM - Patrick Schurr, Susanna Tomlinson  
Thurs. Dec. 8 - 6:30 PM - Jim Campbell, Barbara Bundy

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

Sat. Dec. 3 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, John Lloyd  
Sun. Dec. 4 - 8:00 AM - Francene Boland, Joyce Cunningham  
Sun. Dec. 4 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Barbara Bundy, Kenneth Gorman, Pam Klobuka, Donna Moyer, Bob Olson  
Weds. Dec. 7 - 6:00 PM - Donna Moyer, Mary Truesdale  
Thurs. Dec. 8 - 6:30 PM - Bill Foose, Norma Foose

**MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:**

Sat. Dec. 3 - 4:00 PM - David Langguth, Coleen Langguth, Heather Nackley, Judy Sneath  
Sun. Dec. 4 - 8:00 AM - Ginny Reeder, Darlene Scarpaci, Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel  
Sun. Dec. 4 - 11:00 AM - Wendy Campbell, Dolores Capriotti, Lou Ann Clark, Peg Madden  
Weds. Dec. 7 - 6:00 PM - Lori Ginter, Charlie Moore, Fran Semelsberger, Hedy Zumsteg  
Thurs. Dec. 8 - 6:30 PM - Jane Becker, John Becker, David Petrak, Mary Petrak

**SACRISTAN:**

Sat. Dec. 3 - 4:00 PM - Ray & Mary King  
Sun. Dec. 4 - 8:00 AM - Ron & Joyce Cunningham  
Sun. Dec. 4 - 11:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti  
Weds. Dec. 7 - 6:00 PM - *not filled*  
Thurs. Dec. 8 - 6:30 PM - *not filled*

**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

**December 4** - 4:00 PM Parish Penance Service  
**December 8** - Holy Day of Obligation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Mass on December 7 at 6:00PM and on December 8 at 8:30 AM & 6:30 PM  
**December 11** - 7:00 PM Advent of Christmas Concert  
**December 24** Christmas Eve - 4:00 PM & 10:00 PM Mass  
**December 25** Christmas Day - 10:00 AM Mass

**NOVEMBER 27, 2016**  
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*"You . . . must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."*

*— Matthew 24:44*

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## A Few Words from the Pastor:



**Follow-Up Sunday - "Take a Step"** – This Sunday is our **Follow-Up Sunday**, as we continue to reach out to those who perhaps were not present last weekend, or who did not remember to bring their Commitment Card. Remember, God will never be outdone in generosity.

**Advent Begins** – This Sunday begins the sacred season of Advent. The Latin word *adventus* is the translation of the Greek word *parousia*, commonly used to refer to the Second Coming of Christ. For Christians, the season of Advent anticipates the coming of Christ from two different perspectives. The season offers the opportunity to share in the ancient longing for the coming of the Messiah, and to be alert for his Second Coming. Keep Christ in Christmas by keeping Christ in Advent.

**Advent Penance Service** – There is no better preparation for Christmas than the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance. **Our Advent Penance Service will be next Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM.** The daylight hour will be much more convenient for those who have difficulty getting out in the dark!

**Christmas Eve Mass Time** - This year we are following the example of most other parishes in the diocese and are having our Christmas Eve evening mass at 10:00PM instead of at midnight. For those who prefer a traditional Christmas Eve Midnight Mass, the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament will continue to celebrate Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

**First Disciple of Christ** – This Wednesday, we celebrate the feast day of St. Andrew who, like his brother Simon Peter, was a fisherman. He became a disciple of the great St. John the Baptist, but when John pointed to Jesus and said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" Andrew understood that Jesus was greater. From then on, Andrew chose to follow Jesus. Andrew was thus the first disciple of Christ. Next, Andrew brought his brother Simon (St. Peter) to Jesus and Jesus received him, too, as His disciple. At first the two brothers continued to carry on their fishing trade and family affairs, but later, the Lord called them to stay with Him all the time. Andrew and St. Peter gave up their lifelong careers and lifestyles, leaving everything behind, to follow Jesus. Their undying faith in a difficult world is an inspiration to all Christians.

**SCRIP Parish!** – There is no simpler way to assist your parish financially than by participating in our SCRIP program. Using the gift cards that are available for sale after Mass, every purchase you make, whether online, at the mall or the market or Sheetz, brings a financial benefit to the parish. It's that simple!

### November Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis

#### **Countries Receiving Refugees**

That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.

#### **Collaboration of Priests and Laity**

That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

**OUR PARISH FAMILY** ...Meet Sue Wertz, who has been a member of our parish for about 5 years. She is a Radiology Practitioner Assistant at UPMC Altoona where she has worked for over 30 years. She has 3 adult children (2 sons and a daughter), and 3 grandchildren (2 boys and a girl). Sue and her husband, Rick, were married in July 2014. Those of you who attend either the 8:00 or the 11:00 Mass have probably noticed Sue, as she has been a great addition to our music program. Sue is an instrumentalist (flute) with the choir, sings with the choir, and also cantors. She often plays a prelude, accompanied by our pianist Patti, before Sunday Mass. It's well worth coming a little early to hear! Sue's son, Mike Guinard, is also a choir member. She enjoys the Adult Ed classes, and attends when she can make it fit with the choir schedule. Sue said that the choir and music program first drew her to St. John's, and also she feels that our members "go above and beyond to make you feel welcome". If you're willing to be included in this weekly feature, designed to help us learn more about our St. John's family, contact: Cecelia Bloom, at 695-2806 or [ceceb13@verizon.net](mailto:ceceb13@verizon.net). We'd especially like to hear from some of our 4:00 & 8:00 Mass people!



## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE**

November 27<sup>th</sup> NO CLASS - Happy Thanksgiving!  
December 4<sup>th</sup> NO CLASS ... all families are to attend Family Advent at 9:15 in gym.  
December 11<sup>th</sup> - 9:15 - 10:45 - Final class for the year.



### **10<sup>th</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION RETREAT**

Saturday Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at St Mary's Scout Camp from 11am ending with Mass at 4pm

### **FAMILY ADVENT GATHERING**

***Sunday Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:15***

All families are to attend. Attendance will be taken as this is part of religious education. Join us as we make live advent wreaths, talk a little about Advent and, of course, have some hot chocolate and cookies too!



***HAITI NEWS*** We are looking for new members for the Haiti Committee. Members assist in fundraising, ideas for fundraising, and directing our financial contributions. Meetings are on an as need basis. A trip in January is being discussed. *Special Note: It is my ambitious desire to take a medical team of dentists and eye doctors within the next year. Please share this mission with any candidate who may be interested.* For all the above please contact Mary Lee Madigan-Davis at [mlmdcreek@aol.com](mailto:mlmdcreek@aol.com) or 814-931-2651.

### **STEWARSHIP CORNER**

*"For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."*  
**MATTHEW 24:42**

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given.

### ***ACA update: \$50,975***

*The parish has exceeded the goal of \$49,405. Please remember that any donations beyond this point will be returned to the parish.*

Good stewards know they are accountable and use their gifts to do God's will. Stay awake for opportunities to share your time, talents and treasures!

### **St. John's Prayer List**

It is a Spiritual Work of Mercy to pray for the sick. If you know of someone in the parish who is ill or has passed away and in need of prayers, please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at [ginny.reeder@gmail.com](mailto:ginny.reeder@gmail.com) to add their name to the prayer list.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING and their caregivers and give thanks for those who have recovered. *Lord we ask for your blessings and care for these and all people in need:*

Judy Baird • Millie Bilski • Carol Field

JoAnne Gerardine • Judy Hurm • Brian Kopp

Barb Neral • Ron Peschock • Bob & Mary Rajnisch

Olga Romerowicz • Madison Shura

Terri Schneider • Patty Teufel

**For an end to violence and unrest in our country**

**HOME WITH THE LORD:** Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:

Michael B. Maher (brother of Joyce Villani)

Danny M. Roberto (son of Dorothy)

Barbara Burkholder (sister of Rose Leiden)

*May they rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.*



### **ADVENT OF CHRISTMAS**

**CONCERT:** Mark your calendars now and plan on attending the Advent of Christmas Concert

here on Sunday, December 11 at 7:00. This year, the Adult, Handbell and Children's choirs have prepared a wonderful performance that includes some new music as well as some of the traditional songs and carols. There is no admission fee, but a suggested donation of \$5 per person or \$10 per family goes toward supporting our music ministry program. Take a break from your busy preparations for the holidays to attend this annual event. After the concert, refreshments will be served next door in Fr. Bailey Hall.

On the following Saturday, December 17, the Blair Concert Chorale will present their holiday concert, Carol of the Bells, here at St. John's at 7:30. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$8 students and may be purchased at the door.

**THE FRIAR'S NOOK GIFT SHOP**, 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg is open Monday - Friday from 10:00AM to 4:00PM. Various devotional items such as jewelry, medals, prayer books, etc. are available as well as Nativities, ornaments, Christmas cards and other holiday items.



Our **Angel Tree** is located in the gathering space. If you would like to participate this year, please take a tag, purchase the gift described, tape the tag to the gift and return the gift to the church no later than Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be a special box near the angel tree to collect scrip that you buy for angel tree families.

**TURKEYS NEEDED:** Did you earn enough reward points for a free turkey at one of the local grocery stores? If you would like to donate your turkey to the Christmas food drive, please contact Susanna at 317-7531 to make arrangements for pick up. Thank you for being an angel.

**ELVES NEEDED:** Anyone interested in sorting food or wrapping gifts should meet at the church on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. On Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> we will need help putting the food into family groups from 6:00 PM to 7:30PM. Drivers are needed to deliver gifts on Friday December 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM until Noon. Call Susanna at 317-7531 if you are able to help with delivery.

**TOASTY TODDLER DONATIONS** Toasty Toddler is a project that provides new warm winter outerwear for children birth through age four. This program is sponsored by the Family Resource Center at the United Way of Blair County. In support of this program the Women's Group of St. John's is taking up a collection of new hats, mittens or gloves and coats and snowsuits for boys and girls, sizes newborn to toddler Size 5T, and 4/5, 5/6, 7/8, or small. Please place your donation in the box in the gathering space *before* December 4. Thank you for your generosity.

**SUPER TICKET SWEEPSTAKES** St. Clement Roman Catholic Church in Johnstown, PA is conducting its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Super Ticket Sweepstakes with a Grand Prize of a **TRIP for 2 to SUPER BOWL 51 in Houston, TX – or--\$10,000 in CASH**. The PA Big-4 (1/1/17 @ 7 PM) Lottery based package includes 2 Super Bowl tickets, 3 nights @ Hyatt Place Houston Galleria, \$1,000 in transportation cash, admission to pre-game reception, Super Bowl memorabilia, and transport to/from stadium. Number above/below the winning ticket drawn on 1/1/17 pays \$1,000. Tickets are \$10. To purchase tickets, send check payable to: St. Clement Church (include name, telephone number, and email and home address, and stamped self-addressed envelope with your correspondence for ticket stub returns). If you have any questions, require additional information, or wish to purchase tickets, please contact Dave Pavlik, Ticket Chair, (814) 243-9446, [sccfundrzer@atlanticbbn.net](mailto:sccfundrzer@atlanticbbn.net), or St. Clement Church, 114 Lindberg Avenue, Johnstown, PA 15905, (814) 255-4422. Pastor: William Rosenbaum, Parish Staff: Suzie Catanese or Nancy Stamplis

## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday November 27th - 1st Sunday of Advent

8:00AM-Mass for *Dave English* requested by  
Bob & Ginny Reeder  
11:00AM-Mass for *Lena Colyer* requested by  
Amelia Fedorico

### Monday November 28th – Advent Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration  
8:10AM-Morning Prayer  
8:30AM- Mass for *Eileen Becker* requested by  
Clarence Becker

### Tuesday November 29th - Advent Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration  
8:10AM-Morning Prayer  
8:30AM-Mass for *Miriam Georgina Travis* requested by  
Rich & Joyce Lowe

### Wednesday November 30th - St. Andrew, Apostle

5:00PM-Confessions  
6:00PM-Mass for *Sidney & Roberta Garrett*

### Thursday December 1st - Advent Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration  
8:10AM-Morning Prayer  
8:30AM-Mass for *Barbara Burkholder* requested by  
The Leiden Family

### Friday December 2nd - Advent Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration  
8:10AM-Morning Prayer  
8:30AM-Mass for *Donald McHugh* requested by  
Melissa McHugh

### Saturday December 3rd– Vigil of 2nd Sunday of Advent

3:00PM-Confessions  
4:00PM-Mass for *Bill Shultz* requested by  
Julie & Bernie Beiswenger

### Sunday December 4th - 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*  
11:00AM-Mass for *Annie Johnston* requested by  
Jack Wassara

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11  
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24  
Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22  
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31



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