

APPOINTMENTS

ACOLYTES

Sat. Dec. 1 - 4:00 PM - Keaton Swope, NOT FILLED
 Sun. Dec. 2 - 8:00 AM - Mai Linh Do, Nicholas Helsley
 Sun. Dec. 2 - 11:00 AM - Estella Koch, Kaelab Ruggles

LECTORS

Sat. Dec. 1 - 4:00 PM - Joyce Cunningham, Jack Donoughe
 Sun. Dec. 2 - 8:00 AM - Fran Semelsberger, Tim Rea
 Sun. Dec. 2 - 11:00 AM - Patrick Schurr, Claudia Anderson

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Dec. 1 - 4:00 PM - Dorothy Yingling, Connie Baker
 Sun. Dec. 2 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci, Mary Truesdale
 Sun. Dec. 2 - 11:00 AM - Bob Olson, Daniel Langenbacher,
 Ken Gorman, Donna Moyer, Bill Foose, Norma Foose

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. Dec. 1 - 4:00 PM - David Langguth, Coleen Langguth,
 Billy Sweet, Judy Sneath
 Sun. Dec. 2 - 8:00 AM - Carolyn English, Ed Stoltz, Mike O'Neill,
 Helen Miller
 Sun. Dec. 2 - 11:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan, Walter Bloom,
 Wally Wargo, Wendy Campbell

SACRISTAN

Sat. Dec. 1 - 4:00 PM - Mary & Ray King
 Sun. Dec. 2 - 8:00 AM - Michele DeFrancisco
 Sun. Dec. 2 - 11:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti

SCRIP

Sat. Dec. 1 - 4:00 PM - Becky Merilli, Julie Beiswenger
 Sun. Dec. 2 - 8:00 AM - Erika & Heather Yasolsky
 Sun. Dec. 2 - 11:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

MASS SCHEDULE

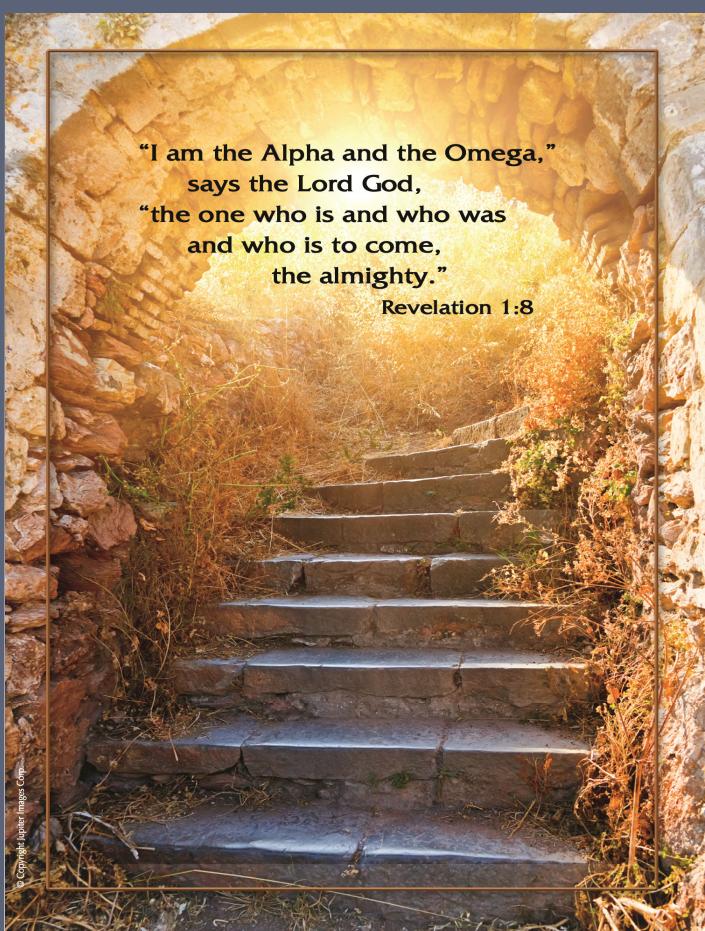
MONDAY • TUESDAY • THURSDAY • FRIDAY 8:30AM
WEDNESDAY 6:00 PM
SATURDAY - 4:00PM • SUNDAY - 8:00AM & 11:00AM

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• Mr. Ken Dunmire	Maintenance

"I am the Alpha and the Omega,"
 says the Lord God,
 "the one who is and who was,
 and who is to come,
 the almighty."

Revelation 1:8



NOVEMBER 25, 2018

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

December 2 - Advent Family Event - 9:15 AM in Gym
 December 2 - Advent Penance Service - 4:00 PM
 December 7 - Dessert Social for Arise participants in the Parish Center after the 6:30 PM Mass
 December 7/8 - Immaculate Conception Masses
 Friday, December 7 at 6:30 PM
 Saturday, December 8 at 9:00 AM
 December 8/9 - Second Sunday Food Collection
 December 9 - Advent of Christmas Concert - 7:00 PM

A Few Words from the Pastor:

The Feast of Christ the King – The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, commonly referred to as the **Feast of Christ the King**, is a relatively recent addition to the Western liturgical calendar, having been instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI for the Roman Catholic Church. In 1970 its Roman Catholic observance was moved to the final Sunday of Ordinary Time. The Anglican, Lutheran, and many other Protestant churches adopted it along with the Revised Common Lectionary, referring to it as Christ the King Sunday.

Advent: Looking to the Past and to the Future: To balance the two elements of remembrance of the birth of Jesus and anticipation of Christ's second coming, the first two Sundays in Advent (through December 16th) look forward to Christ's second coming, and the last two Sundays (December 17th – 24th) look backward to remember Christ's first coming. Over the course of the four weeks, Scripture readings move from passages about Christ's return in judgment to Old Testament passages about the expectation of the coming Messiah to New Testament passages about the announcements of Christ's arrival by John the Baptist and the Angels.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: All memorial donations for Christmas flowers should be submitted by December 16 in order to be acknowledged in the December 23 bulletin. There is an envelope in the packet that can be used or you can also donate through online giving.



THE ADVENT OF CHRISTMAS CONCERT will be presented on Sunday, December 9 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 in the gathering space.



Advent Calendars – Advent Calendars will be available in the Gathering Space for only \$5.00. A special envelope is provided and can be placed in the collection.

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 2ndrd at 4:00 PM.** The daylight hour will be much more convenient for those who have difficulty getting out in the dark! Make good confession! What more beautiful way to begin the Advent season and prepare for the birth of the Savior.

The Feast of St. Andrew – November 30th we celebrate the feast of Andrew the Apostle, also known as Saint Andrew and called in the Orthodox tradition the "First-Called." He was the brother of Saint Peter. Per Christian tradition, Andrew went on to preach the Good News around the shores of the Black Sea and throughout what is now Greece and Turkey. Andrew was martyred by crucifixion in Patras. He was bound, rather than nailed, to a cross, as is described in the Acts of Andrew.



All who have participated in Arise Small Discussion Groups this fall are invited to attend a celebration of the conclusion Season 1 of Arise. The covered dish Dessert Social will be held in the Parish Center on Friday, December 7 after the 6:30 PM Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass.

The Arise group leaders will hold a meeting on November 27th at 7:00 in the Parish Center.



ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING... Volunteers are needed to light candles on the Advent Wreath at each mass in December. We are looking for two or more people or families interested in participating at the beginning of the Liturgy. The dates are Dec. 1/2, December 8/9, December 15/16, and December 22/23. Please sign up on the kiosk in the gathering space.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Schedule

Nov. 25 - No Class - Happy Thanksgiving everyone, and enjoy the time with your loved ones!

Dec. 2 - Advent Family Event - 9:15 in gym

We're still looking for a donation of one artificial Christmas Tree to use in the church for our Advent/Christmas display of Chrismons (symbols of Christ). Please contact the church office or Mary Haenig if you can help! mshaenig@gmail.com



LAND OF PEACE, a nonprofit organization representing Jerusalem Christian Families, is scheduled to visit the church the weekend of December 1-2 to sell religious articles from the Holy Land. Land of Peace is a nonprofit organization with the mission of helping and supporting Christian families in the Holy Land through the Patriarch of Jerusalem. When anyone purchases handmade arts they help our mission and help the Christians in the Holy Land. In 1920 the Christian population in the Holy Land was 80%; today it is less than 2%. With the parish support and the parishioner's generosity we are able to help our brothers and sisters to live in Jesus land of birth. LAND OF PEACE'S GOAL IS TO BUILD A CHARITY HOSPITAL IN THE HOLY LAND. To donate online and for more information please visit our website: www.landofpeace.org



THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Lakemont, is July 1, 2021. So, we'd like to begin collecting any old photos or artifacts, especially from the original church. If you can help, please contact Debbie Johnson in the Parish Office.



Our Christmas tree full of requests is in the gathering space. Please keep in mind that Catholic Charities imposes the rule that:

you may not spend more than \$25 for a gift. You can wrap that gift and return the gift with the attached card to the gathering space (or just buy wrapping paper to add with the gift if you not a wrapper) by December 12 and we will take them to Catholic Charities to be delivered to the families.

In addition to gift requests, you will find requests for grocery gift cards that you can purchase with scrip and put in the special Angel Tree box provided. We will give those gift cards to Catholic Charities to be disbursed to the families. For more information, contact Susanna Tomlinson (814) 317-7531

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 to add their name to the prayer list.

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:

Baby Adam	June Miller
Baby Aiden	Barbara Moore
Cari Ann	Mary Oricko
Judy Baird	Ron Peschock
Jen Buda	Bob & Mary Rajnish
Robert Cole	Allison Recker
Millie Grace Capon	Olga Romerowicz
Mary Lee DeStefano	Mike Rudolph
Michael DeStefano	Sylvia Santoni
Jim Duffy	Anne Showalter
Steve Flanagan	Dianne Stultz
Helen Fornwalt	Tim & Dina Temofonte
Leann Frazier	Patty Teufel
Dianna Green	Lois Werfel
Brian Kopp	Noah Wills
Sara Litzinger	Amber Yasolsky
Sherri Maffettone	Milan & Family
Bryson Miller	

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

Anne Lee - mother of Dr. David Lee
Susan Litzinger: daughter of Joan, sister-in-law of
Carole, & niece of Nancy Fogel

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

PLAN ON DOING YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING WITH SCRIP:

Use the Holiday Gift Card Order Form for large orders or to request scrip for gift cards not kept in stock. The deadline for holiday scrip purchases is December 16. Simply fill out an order form and drop it off at the scrip table when you come to mass. Shop gift cards from over 750 top brands, including T.J. Maxx, Amazon, Macy's, Lowes and more. Giving a scrip gift card to someone you love this holiday allows them to pick out a gift they love while you earn money for St. John's! Of course, if you have the perfect gift in mind for someone, or you have a list of presents to check off for your kids, just purchase gifts with scrip and save. Whether you buy the gift cards to give as presents to family and friends, or to use them to buy your gifts—our church earns with every gift card purchased. It's simple, it's thoughtful and it's truly the gift that keeps on giving. Go to ShopWithScrip.com for a list of participating retailers. Have a question? Contact Chris Palazzi at: 814-934-8087 or email: cpalazzi52@yahoo.com.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES: Here is a list of Advent Penance Services in the area:

St. John's, Lakemont; Sunday, Dec. 2 at 4:00 PM
St. Joseph, Bellwood; Sunday, Dec. 2 at 5:00 PM
Holy Rosary; Sunday, Dec. 2 at 5:30 PM
Our Lady of Mount Carmel; Monday, Dec. 10 at 7 PM
Our Lady of Lourdes; Thursday, Dec. 13 at 5:30 PM
St. Therese of the Child Jesus; Sat., Dec. 15 at 10:00 AM.
Saint Mary, Hollidaysburg: Sunday, Dec. 16 at 4:00 PM
Saint Matthew, Tyrone; Monday, Dec. 17 at 7:00 PM.
Saint Rose; Monday, Dec. 17 at 7:00 PM
Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament; Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 6:30 PM
Sacred Heart; Thursday, December 20 at 5:30 PM

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Today's second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests in the service of God. How am I using my gifts to serve God and others? Am I helping to make the true Kingdom of God visible by my actions?

Stewardship at St. John's

Offertory totals for November 18 were unavailable because of the early bulletin deadline for this week.

Hurricane Relief - \$3,316.50

Catholic Ministries Drive: Total \$44,173 Goal \$44,438

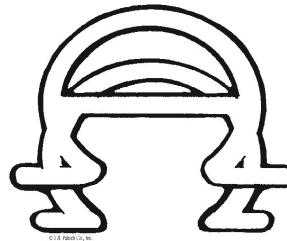
HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL CASH RAFFLE: Tickets are \$2.00 each. You can purchase tickets by contacting any HTCS student or by calling any of our schools to purchase tickets. Winning tickets will receive \$1,000, \$750 and \$500. Winners will be pulled on December 13th at the Middle School Christmas Concert

ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASS: The class Sacraments will be offered at two locations this January. Msgr. Robert Mazur will be teaching a 6 week course (2 ½ hour classes) beginning Monday January 7 from 6:30-9:00 PM at Cathedral, Seton Suite, Altoona and Fr. Timothy Grimme will be teaching an 8 week course (2 hour classes) from 6:30-8:30 PM beginning Tuesday January 8 at St. Michael Church Hall, St. Michael. The cost of the course which includes registration and all materials is \$65. For further information and registration forms visit www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry or contact the Office of Adult Enrichment at 814-361-2000. All are welcome!

November Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

In The Service Of Peace

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.



Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
November 25, 2018

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead
and ruler of the kings of the earth.

—Revelation 1:5

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday November 25 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*

11:00AM-Mass for *Sr. Marietta Therese* requested by
Betty Dennis

Monday November 26 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

7:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Ralph F. Lowe* requested by
Rich & Joyce Lowe

Tuesday November 27 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

7:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Joe Robeson*

Wednesday November 28 - Weekday

5:00PM-Eucharistic Adoration

6:00PM-Mass for *Kathie Matthews* requested by
John & Carol Bismark

6:45PM-Rosary

Thursday November 29 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

7:10AM-Morning Prayer

8:30AM-Mass for *Jim Branagan*

Friday November 30 - Weekday

7:30AM-Eucharistic Adoration

8:30AM-Morning Prayer & Communion Service

Saturday December 1 - Vigil of First Sunday of Advent

3:00PM-Confessions

4:00PM-Mass for *Edgar E. McCoy, Jr.* requested by
Bob & Ginny Reeder

Sunday December 2 - First Sunday of Advent

8:00AM-Mass for *People of the Parish*

11:00AM-Mass for *Teresa Geishauser* requested by
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Chverchko

4:00PM - Advent Penance Service

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

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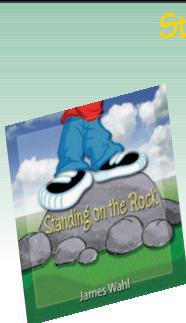


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