



First Sunday of Advent, December 2, 2018



Jesus said to His disciples: “*And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.*”
- Lk 21:25-36

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Mon. - Dec. 3	7:30 am	† Eileen Litzinger
Tues. - Dec. 4	7:30 am	† Donald Yahner, Jr.
Wed. - Dec. 5	7:30 am	† James J. Karlheim, Anniv.
Thur. - Dec. 6	7:30 am	† Amelia Rowland
Fri. - Dec. 7	7:30 am	† Steve Yahner
Fri. - Dec. 7	7:00 pm	† Mary Macaluso
Sat. - Dec. 8	7:00 am	† Rachel Gregory
Sat. - Dec. 8	5:00 pm	† Clair Callahan
Sun. - Dec. 9	7:00 am	Parish Mass
Sun. - Dec. 9	9:00 am	† Tom & Michael Zupon
Low Mass, Latin	11:00 am	Eric & Gloria Hockenberry Fam.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, 4 – 4:45 PM, or anytime by appointment



The Sanctuary Lamps burn
For the Poor Souls in Purgatory, the week of
December 2 – December 8

FINANCIAL SUPPORT


Families using Sunday Envelopes:

	NUMBER	PERCENT
November 25, 2018	127	42%

November 25, 2018, weekly / monthly - \$2,689.00
Repair Fund, November 25, 2018 - \$27.00
Fuel Fund, November 25, 2018 - \$5.00
St. Vincent de Paul, November 25, 2018 - \$764.00
† SVDP Conference - \$364.00
† SVDP Food Pantry - \$400.00
Thanksgiving Bake Sale - \$3,543.00
Christmas Flowers - \$10.00
Additional Benedictine Annual Appeal - \$25.00
Additional All Saints Day - \$23.00
Additional Catholic Charities - \$119.00
St. Mary / St. George Cemetery - \$55.00
St. Lawrence Cemetery - \$25.00



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Ronald Dunegan**, (brother of Mary Jo Duclos). May flights of angels wing him to Paradise, and may his soul and the souls of all the Faithful departed through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace...Amen.

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ALTAR SERVERS

Friday, December 7

7 PM Elizabeth, Martina White & Emilee Pompa

Saturday, December 8

5 PM Jacob Jolly & Isabella Stanko

Sunday, December 9

9 AM Lydia, Collin & Mallory Sherry

LECTORS

Friday, December 7

7 PM Joe McNulty

Saturday, December 8

5 PM Alice Leiden

Sunday, December 9

9 AM Jonathan Kirk

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Friday, December 7

7 PM Shirley Anderson Body
Kathy Noel Blood
Mary Lou Colussy Blood

Saturday, December 8

7 AM Jerry Yahner Blood

Saturday, December 8

5 PM Jean Fleming Body

Sunday, December 9

7 AM Mike Strasser Blood

9 AM Sandy Illig Body
Dan Anna Blood

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 8 falls on a Saturday this year. In accord with the USCCB decision (Nov. 1991), confirmed by the Holy See (July 1992), the precept to attend Mass on the Solemnity is maintained, therefore, Saturday, December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass schedule is Friday, December 7 at 7 PM and Saturday, December 8 at 7 AM. The evening Mass on Saturday, December 8 at 5 PM is the Vigil for the second Sunday of Advent and WILL NOT FULFILL YOUR HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.

PARISH PRAYER LIST – We entrust to the care of Christ the Divine Physician, those members of our Parish Family in need of Healing in Body, Mind, or Spirit especially **Patty Freeman, Renee Pellas, Pat Sever, Joe Anna, Bede Lantzy, Rose Moxley, Dorothy Sheehan, Elijah Amato, Maximilian Huffaker, ‘Lizzie’ Chongla, Dick Anna, Jake Kalis, Dawn Kovaloski, Tina Lokey- Gambee, and Derek Miller.** May they embrace their trials in union with the Crucified Christ for the salvation of souls, and the remission of sins.

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**PARISH BREAKFAST** – Please join us for an ‘All You Can Eat’ buffet breakfast **Sunday, December 2**, served from 8 AM – 1 PM in the lower level of the Parish Center by the ‘Men of the Parish. Prices: Adults, \$8 / Children (5-12), \$4 and Children (under 5), free. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing ‘next year’...

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NIGHT PRAYER AS ADVENT PIETY – Each Sunday evening at 7 PM, during the Advent Season (December 2,9,16 & 23), the last ‘hour’ of the Divine Office will be prayed here at Queen of Peace Church. Night Prayer consists of a hymn, 3 Psalms, a brief reading from Scripture, the Nunc Dimittis of Simeon, and a concluding prayer. Please make room on your busy schedule for a soothing 45 minutes of prayer. **Advent begins this Sunday, December 2.**

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**DONATION REQUEST** – The CCD Students are requesting personal care items that they will package and deliver to our fellow parishioners with limited mobility and those in nursing facilities. Some ideas: puzzle books, pens, coloring books, crayons, colored pencils, note books, tablets to write on, hand sanitizer, band aids, cotton balls, magnetic clips, combs, socks, liquid hand soap, stamps, emery boards, etc...please no toothpaste as we have received a generous donation of that item. **PLEASE REFRAIN FROM DONATIONS OF HEAVILY PERFUMED ITEMS AND FOOD DUE TO ALLERGIES.** Drop off items in the Parish Office by Tuesday, December 4. Thank you...

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Retirement Fund for Religious –Next Weekend, December 8/9. 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. Thank you in advance.

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**ADVENT GIVING TREE** –Please bring gifts to the Parish Office by 3 PM Friday, December 14, and make sure the tag from the tree is on the package for the child, with the # facing forward. **DO NOT LEAVE GIFTS IN THE CHURCH.**

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR for **Saturday, December 15** for our Annual Christmas Bake Sale. Doors open at 9 AM. There will be an abundant array of Christmas cookie platters & trays, cinnamon rolls, sticky buns, pumpkin rolls, apricot, nut, poppy seed, prune & raspberry rolls, panettone bread, fruit cake, Yule logs, Old English plum pudding, cheese balls, cranberry walnut tarts, pecan tarts, and much, much more. Come early for best selection. NO PRE-ORDERS...

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**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES** – Take advantage of the schedule of Confessions that will be held at our Church and our neighboring Churches.

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| † St. Bernard Church, Hastings         | 2 PM Sunday, December 16         |
| † <b>Queen of Peace Church, Patton</b> | <b>7 PM Tuesday, December 18</b> |
| † St. Nicholas Church, Nicktown        | 7 PM Wednesday, December 19      |
| † St. Benedict Church, Carrolltown     | 7 PM Thursday, December 20       |

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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS – If you would like to help defray the cost of providing flowers and decorations for the Altars and the Church this Christmas, please use the envelope provided in your packet for this purpose. Thank you...

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**NEEDING A QUICK GIFT? THE QUEEN OF PEACE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE** is offering a 6 month Lottery Calendar/Ticket for sale for 2019, (Jan 1 – June 30). Ticket donation is \$20 and **makes a great Christmas present.** The cards are available at the Parish breakfasts or call Jack (674-8948); Dee (674-8809); Grace (674-8762) or the Parish Office (674-8983).

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2019 CHURCH ENVELOPES are now available in Church. Please take a minute after Mass and pick up your packet. ALL ADULTS living in households need to be registered and use the envelopes. **Only registered and practicing Catholics can be sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation.** The 2019 calendars are also available; please share with your family and friends.

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**The Salvation Army** has kicked off their Annual Christmas Kettle Drive in this area that will end on Christmas Eve. This is a great opportunity to donate some time to a very worthy cause. Jesus told us, “*What so ever you do to the least of My Brothers, that you do unto Me.*” Any individual or group that is interested in manning a kettle can schedule a date and time by calling Ron Boland (247-8882), for Patton, Lois Davis (674-5978), for Hastings & Carrolltown, and Anne Marie Minemyer (247-6541) for Northern Cambria. Christmas is about giving; give and it will be given back to you. Please give some of your time to help others. It helps us grasp the real meaning of Christmas – God’s tremendous love for us. Thank you..

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Liturgical Reflection for the First Sunday of Advent

Advent prepares us for the great celebration of Christmas. Advent has a two-fold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ’s first coming to us is remembered and as a season when that remembrance directs our mind and heart to await Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. Advent Season is a period for devout and joyful expectation.

OUR BEAUTIFUL ORGAN

Our organ was installed in 1910 by Felgemaker Organ Company of Erie, Pennsylvania. It is comprised of two manuals and pedals with 15 ranks. The original instrument had a tubular pneumatic action.

Between the 1960's and 1980's the organ was drastically altered. The original manuals were removed and a set of new manuals were installed. The tubular pneumatic action was replaced with a direct electric action using magnetic pull downs. At some point, a solid state component was added. The Subbass 16' pedal rank was removed to make room for a mixture. The double rise reservoir was also taken out and a new reservoir was installed. All these efforts were intended to improve the instrument. Unfortunately, they eventually led to the organ becoming unreliable and difficult to play.

The new manuals proved to be of poor quality and eventually the contacts began to fail causing a multitude of dead notes. The solid state began to fail as well, causing the same issue. The rubber cloth wind line from the blower had deteriorated and had holes all through it. Rolls of duct tape were used in the past to patch leaks. In place of 16' stop that was removed for the mixture, a unit Quint 10 2/3' was installed using the Bourdon 16' stop. This mixture was a conglomeration of several ranks which created a very unpleasant stop and had very little musical value. The reservoir that was installed is inadequately sized. Due to the lack of wind, the organ would "shake" or "flutter" when many stops were used or when using the pedal with a high pitched stop.

During the past two (2) years, much work has been done for the betterment of the instrument. The first item on the list was a tuning. The organ hadn't been properly tuned in many years. The main wind line from the blower was replaced with new duct work and flex tubing, NO DUCT TAPE... Other wind lines in the chamber were also replaced. The stopped wooden pipes were re-leathered. A 2' Gemshorn was installed to replace the Mixture, adding much needed treble to the organ. The manuals were once again replaced with a set of restored 1920's Austin manuals. In order to accomplish this, nearly 600 wire connections had to be soldered! Several hundred feet of wire cables were installed. It took over 120 man hours just to install the manuals. Two small reservoirs were restored and added to wind the pedal pipes. This greatly reduced the fluttering caused by playing the pedals. The main reservoir was also re-leathered. It is now reliable, and enjoyable to play and musically pleasing. Even though it has not been restored to its original state, it is by far, a wonderful instrument...

A bid received from another company that would "restore" our organ came in at a whopping \$327,000!!! They would have completely removed the organ from the Church, so it could be worked on, and then re-build it back in the Choir loft...So, with that in mind, Kevin Luke, our Choir Director and Organist and his buddy, Filip Cerny, who is the Proprietor of Pipe Organ Restoration, Rebuilding, Maintenance and Tuning Co. in Philipsburg, PA, began their tedious job, which was outlined above... they both have worked for many, many hours (much of it for free!) on the organ. To date, we have paid Filip \$11,276.00... Quite a savings! Listen closely next time you're in Church, and you will hear how beautiful it sounds... We thank them from the bottom of our hearts for working so diligently and tediously on preserving the organ...