Welcome

Holy Spirit Parish
IN LAWRENCE COUNTY

December 1, 2019

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Parish Pastoral Team
Father Joseph McCaffrey, Pastor
Father Anthony Sciarappa, Parochial Vicar
Father Brendan Dawson, Parochial Vicar
Father Victor Molka, Jr., Parish Chaplain
Father Nicholas Spirko, In Residence

Deacon John Carran
Deacon S. Daniel Kielar
Sr. Annie Bremmer, OSF, Pastoral Associate
Sr. Barbara Ann Johnston, CSJ, Pastoral Care Minister
On this first Sunday of Advent, we begin the new liturgical year. May it be a time when we all renew our faith in Christ and recognize His divine presence in these beautiful sacraments we are privileged to celebrate and in our brothers and sisters in Christ.

The miracle of Christmas is not just Jesus the Son of God taking on human flesh, but Jesus also being willing to dwell inside each of us. This indwelling of Christ is made manifest when you and I live in harmony with Him and do his work. My sincere thanks to all of you for living out your faith in Christ by your service to one another in this community.

Today, I am sharing part of my bulletin space with Sr. Annie because she was so touched by the outpouring of your love and support for her and her family at the passing of her dad, Robert Bremmer. The following is Sister’s message to all of you.

I cannot say thank you enough to my Holy Spirit Parish family for so graciously welcoming my family and friends to celebrate the life of my father, Bob Bremmer. You have all been so supportive and loving as well as surrounding me and my family with prayers. I feel the strength and goodness of all of you. May God richly reward you for your goodness. —Sr. Annie

On Monday, December 9, Sr. Annie will present an Advent reflection on St. Francis and the Christ Child in St. Vincent de Paul Church from 7 to 8:30 p.m. See complete details on page 12.

You will notice a Christmas card in the mail this month that also provides the important times and dates for our Advent and Christmas celebrations.

**Inner Peace**

If you can start the day without caffeine,
If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,
If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
If you can conquer tension without medical help,
If you can relax without liquor,
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,
...

Then You Are Probably ..........

The Family Dog—OR Holy Spirit’s Mascot, Ailis!

God love you,
### Saturday, November 30th—Vigil: First Sunday of Advent
- 4:00 pm St. Camillus—Sciarappa—Christopher Mangan (Joe & Nancy Champ)
- 4:00 pm St. Vitus—Molka—Francis Augustine (Family)
- 5:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul—McCaffrey—Leonard Lidak (Wife, Children, Grandchildren)

### Sunday, December 1st
- 7:00 am St. Vitus—Molka—Floyd Mastren, Sr. (Anthony & Anita Scamati)
- 8:00 am St. Mary—McCaffrey—William Francis Maher (Marcia Geremakis)
- 8:45 am St. James the Apostle—Dawson—Jim Goodge (St. James Men’s Club)
- 9:00 am St. Vitus—Spirko—Mario Dell’Estate (Gemma & Family)
- 9:30 am St. Joseph the Worker—McCaflrey—Luca Laurenza, Sr. & Jr. & Nicola Ucci (Family)
- 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul—Sciarappa—Albert Burick (Helen, Al & Deb)
- 10:45 am St. Anthony—Dawson—Thelma Gregg (Children, Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren)
- 11:00 am St. Camillus—Molka—Gina & Paul Doran (Doran Family)
- 11:30 am St. Mary—Sciarappa—Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

### Monday, December 2nd—Advent Weekday
- Noon St. Mary—McCaffrey—Joan Koscinski (Denise & Joseph)
- 3:15 pm Shenango on the Green—Molka—Ann Ranucci (Vicki & Sarah)
- 6:00 pm St. Joseph the Worker—Dawson—Alex Russo (Mr. & Mrs. Joe DeThomas)

### Tuesday, December 3rd—St. Francis Xavier, Priest
- 8:30 am St. Vitus—Dawson—Darlene Caminiti (Family)
- 2:30 pm Quality Life Services (Golden Hill)—Molka

### Wednesday, December 4th—Advent Weekday
- 8:30 am St. Camillus—McCaflrey—Anthony Allegro (Anthony Mozzocio)
- Noon St. Mary—Sciarappa—Joyce Falatko (Marilyn & Jack)
- 2:00 pm The Grove at New Castle (Silver Oaks)—Molka—Aunt Helen Badurik (C.J. & Lyn Julius)

### Thursday, December 5th—Advent Weekday
- 8:30 am St. Camillus—Dawson—Robert Bremmer (Ginny & Bob McLaughlin)

### Friday, December 6th—Advent Weekday
- 8:30 am St. Camillus—Sciarappa—Fred & Madeline Betts (Doran Family)
- Noon St. Mary—Spirko—Phillip Nerti (Nick & Karen Mancini)

### Saturday, December 7th—Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent
- 4:00 pm St. Camillus—McCaflrey—Bob & Mary Fellion (Fellion Family)
- 4:00 pm St. Vitus—Dawson—Adam & Florence Garcewski
- 5:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul—Molka—John Dominick (Joan, Julie, John & Michael)
- 7:00 pm Westminster College Chapel—Sciarappa

### Sunday, December 8th—Second Sunday of Advent
- 7:00 am St. Vitus—Sciarappa—Stephen Stasko (Wife & Family)
- 8:00 am St. Mary—Dawson—Tom & Alberta Jones (Children, Tom Jones & Barb Ruha)
- 8:45 am St. James the Apostle—McCaflrey—Robert Buydos, Sr. (Mary Ann Zeanchock)
- 9:00 am St. Vitus—Sciarappa—Michele “Mike” Molinaro (Wife & Family)
- 9:30 am St. Joseph the Worker—Molka—Clifford Geibel (Wife & Family)
- 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul—Spirko—Samuel Vastano (Wife, Diana & Family)
- 10:45 am St. Anthony—McCaflrey—Richard Mehocic (Steve & Gerri Acri)
- 11:00 am St. Camillus—Dawson—Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- 11:30 am St. Mary—Molka—Galmarini & Gurgacz Families (Family)

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**This Week, the Tabernacle Lamps are Dedicated For:**

- **St. Anthony**
  - Robin Byers by Richard & Michelle Byers & Daughters
- **St. Mary**
  - Teddy & Cecelia “Jessie” Kuharski & Joseph S. Kuharski by Mary Ann & Ryan Quahlier
- **St. Vincent de Paul**
  - John Kos by Anthony & Linda Kos
- **St. Vitus**
  - Adam & Florence Garcewski by Family
- **St. Vitus**
  - Mary & Joseph Lamp by Betty Steve by Daughter, Donna

The celebrant schedule is subject to adjustment. The bulletin is printed several days ahead of the Sunday date.
Please hold in Prayer those who are ill, recovering or homebound; our Priests, Deacons and Religious; our Military and our First Responders and those who reside in Nursing Homes or Assisted Living Facilities.

The Adoration Chapel on North Beaver Street (across from St. Mary’s Church) is open for adoration and prayer. Anyone wishing to visit may come between dawn and dusk.

Adoration Chapel Hours:
Open Sundays at 1:00 pm until Saturdays at 2:00 pm
Closed Saturdays at 2:00 pm until Sundays at 1:00 pm

Those interested in becoming Adorers may do so by calling Vickie at 724-652-5538 x 8.
Adorers Are Needed for the following times:
Thursdays: 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
Fridays: 9:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Welcome Our Newly Baptized

Natalie Jo Barker
Daughter of Dakota & Nicole (Benincase) Barker
St. Vitus Church

Next Baptism Class: Monday, December 9th
St. Camillus site, Religious Education Center
7:00 pm—8:00 pm

The Light Is On for You

Wednesday, December 11th
St. Mary Church
6:00 pm—9:00 pm

Advent Penance Service:
Monday, December 16th
St. Joseph the Worker
6:45 pm

HOLY SPIRIT CHOIR SCHEDULE

December 7, 2019:
Handbell Choir: St. Vincent de Paul 5:00 pm

December 8, 2019:
Choir A: St. Camillus 11:00 am
Choir B: St. Vitus 9:00 am
Handbell Choir: St. Vincent de Paul 10:00 am

Eucharistic
Adoration

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Readings for the week of December 1, 2019

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 / Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/ Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/ Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/ Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19/ Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

SCHEDULE OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Saturdays:
St. Camillus: 11:00 am—Noon
St. Vitus: 11:30 am—12:30 pm
St. Vincent de Paul: 4:00 pm—4:30 pm

Mondays:
St. Joseph the Worker: 5:15 pm—5:45 pm

REST IN PEACE

Philip F. DeCarbo, Jr.

Please hold in Prayer those who are ill, recovering or homebound; our Priests, Deacons and Religious; our Military and our First Responders and those who reside in Nursing Homes or Assisted Living Facilities.
From the Desk of Deacon John:

Happy New Year to you! Today, as we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent, we also welcome the New Year of the Church. I pray your Advent season will be filled with joy as we prepare ourselves for the celebration of our Lord’s coming among us.

One of my favorite Christmas movies is Scrooge, A Christmas Carol, which was made in 1951. It stars Alistair Sim who played the lead role as Ebenezer Scrooge. I have this movie on DVD and watch it several times during the Christmas season.

Anyone familiar with the movie knows how much Scrooge disliked Christmas—it got in his way of doing business. However, through the visit of the three spirits of Christmas, Scrooge was able to open his heart to the true Spirit of Christmas. Prior to the visit of these three spirits, Scrooge is visited by the spirit of his former business partner Jacob Marley. Marley has explained how he is condemned to roam the world in unrest because of what he failed to do in life. Scrooge tells Marley “you were always a good friend and businessman.” The response by Marley’s spirit is: “Mankind was my business!” This line really speaks to how we are called to help one another in this life, especially those less fortunate than ourselves. At the end of the movie it is said that Scrooge was a good steward of the Christmas Spirit and knew how to keep it well all throughout the year.

I share this with you as we are now entering a time of preparing. Not just preparing for all the stuff we need to get done in time for our Christmas celebrations, but preparing a place in our hearts for The Son of God who humbled himself to come and dwell among us. We are also preparing for His Second Coming at the end of time.

So, in the Spirit of Christmas, let us take a moment to recognize and give thanks for the many blessings the Lord has bestowed upon us. And in doing so, may we make “mankind” our business, just as Jesus has made it His business.

A blessed Advent to you and your families.

God love you,

Deacon John

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**Time, Talent & Treasure: Financial Stewardship**

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**WEEKLY OFFERING**

| In Envelopes: | $ 28,960.25 |
| Loose:        | $ 1,756.73  |
| Received by Mail: | $ 7,785.25 |
| Electronic Giving: | $ 2,356.18 |
| Total Weekly Offering: | $ 41,467.46 |
| Needed per Budget: | $ 37,988.00 |
| Over/(Under) Budget: | $ 3,479.46 |

**FUEL & UTILITY**

*Included in Weekly Total $ 609.05

**2019 PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN**

- Parish Share Goal: $ 424,989.00
- Parish Share Paid: $ 221,255.10 (52%)
- Parish Share Collected: $ 2,897.00
- Parish Share Bal. Owed: $ 203,733.90 (48%)

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**BUDGET OVERVIEW**

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What would you do?
In our Discovering Christ session last week, this question was posed. “If you were told that you only had 24 hours to live, what would you do in those 24 hours?”

There were many different answers. The group consensus explained that what they would do was highly dependent on their current relationship with God. If it was a close relationship, they would not do anything differently. One participant stated they would try to be like St. Francis of Assisi and “continue to hoe the garden”.

As the story goes, St. Francis was hoeing his garden when someone asked what he would do if he were suddenly to learn that he would die before sunset that very day. "I would finish hoeing my garden," he replied. The group also explained that if they were not in right relationship with God, they would spend those 24 hours trying to make things right.

How about you? Would you be scared? Anxious? Or would you be at peace knowing Jesus would be returning in 24 hours? Have you been walking in the light of the Lord or will you be using those last few hours trying to make it right with God?

Here is a reality check! We do not know when Jesus is coming back. God’s judgment is real. Not one of us is exempt from judgment. Heaven is real. Hell is real. As we heard today in St. Matthew’s Gospel, we will not get a 24 hour notice. Jesus said, “But of that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.” Jesus also said that “we must be prepared”.

A very good place to start in preparing is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As evangelizers, we need to share this important information. We need to let everyone know that all sin can be forgiven in this beautiful sacrament. This Advent, make the time to go to confession. Take your family with you. Go and get prepared.

Rejoice! It’s Advent!
I love Advent, the preparations, the rehearsing, the decorating, the hopeful expectation!
I love the Advent music! Christmas carols may be played on the radio and in the stores, but let’s wait until Jesus is born to celebrate His arrival.

Our psalm this week is Psalm 122, “Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord”. Do you rejoice when you get ready to attend mass at the Lord’s house or is it grudgingly, out of a feeling of responsibility? Of course, the opening hymn this weekend is “O Come O Come Emmanuel”. The refrain says “Rejoice”, and in the midst of our preparation, there is rejoicing!

And then there is the promise, “Emmanuel shall come to you” (Not just to Israel, but to all of us) Emmanuel means “God With Us”. We’ve heard this before, but think about it! Jesus IS God!

And He was sent to be here with us. Not a God that we picture on some lofty cloud far away, but a real flesh and blood human being! How our God must love us! How could we ever hope to understand the unfathomable God? But, in Jesus we have an example of how to live and how to love and how to treat others. Let’s be thankful for Jesus (Emmanuel) and Rejoice!

Prayer for the 1st Week of Advent

Loving God,
I sense that all is your creation and everything, and all of us, are being drawn back toward your loving heart.

Help me to be a person of peace, To speak about it in an uneasy world, And to live it among the people you have put into my life every day.

Light in me a desire to prepare for your coming to stand in the darkness, waiting, eager and filled with joy. Amen
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Vicki Pavalko, Director of CGS
vpavalko@hsplc.org  724-498-0904

Parents

December 4—Parent Session 6:30—7:30, St. Camillus,
In the atrium.

December 8— All Pre-K through 5 Parents are invited during Faith Formation hours for the Stations of the Crib in St. Camillus Church. All parents, please meet Miss Vicki and the CGS group inside the Church for Faith Formation that day! 9:30-10:45 am

December 22— Open House for parents of the atrium. Please come with your child into the atrium and allow them to show you around. Stay for our Christmas presentation, and take home your child’s folders!

CGS Catechists, Aides, Parents and All Parishioners

December 14 & 15 - Level I Formation Class, St. Camillus, Room 7 & the atrium. Saturday 9:00 am—5: pm and Sunday 1:00—5:00 pm. Parents are also welcome. Call 724-498-0904

December 11 & 18— ¡Wonder! Adult Bible Study, the CGS way! Experience the wonder of Advent with your inner child! St. Camillus 6:30—7:30 in the atrium, Rel. Éd. Building

Kindergarten—5th grade

Cathy Frank & Kathy Gabriel, Coordinators of K-5
cfrank@hsplc.org  kgbriel@hsplc.org

FIRST RECONCILIATION FOR 2ND GRADE

First Reconciliation for our 2nd graders is December 7th St. Vitus Church 10:00 am
Children must be accompanied by a parent ♥

All Pre-K through 5 Parents are invited during Faith Formation hours in St. Camillus/St. Vitus Churches December 8 for Stations of the Crib

Parent Homeschool meeting December 10 at St. Camillus, McGurk Hall, 6:45—8:00 pm.

Don’t forget to bring in new mittens, scarves, and/or hats!

3 & 4 Year Old Children

PRE K/ CGS IS ONLY AT ST. CAMILLUS

9:30—10:45 AM Sessions

No CGS Dec. 1
Sessions resume December 8, 15, 22

Parents (and parishioners) are welcome to join us for parent sessions so that you can reinforce at home what is happening in the atrium:

Join us Wednesday, Dec. 4,
Also coming:
Jan. 8; Feb. 5, Mar. 4, Apr. 1

6:30—7:30 pm in the Religious Education Building at St. Camillus, atrium

K—5 Faith Formation

SUNDAYS’ FAITH FORMATION SITES

St. Camillus
Faith Formation
CGS (Pre K) through 5
9:30—10:45 am

St. Vitus
Faith Formation
(K—5) no PreK
10:15—11:30 am

Sessions
No CCD December 1,
Sessions resume December 8, 15, 22

Cathy Frank 724-654-9371, #1
Kathy Gabriel 724-654-9371, #3
Holy Spirit Parish Faith Formation Office
915 S. Jefferson St., New Castle, PA  16101
Middle School  Grades 6-8

Do you have a calling to work with children in grades 6-8? All skill levels welcome for subbing. Must have Safe Environment clearances and a love for children!

Please contact Brian Burick at bburick@hsplc.org

MIDDLE SCHOOL
FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY SESSIONS

St. Vitus
9:00 am Mass followed by Faith Formation
10:15—11:30 am

St. Camillus
Faith Formation 9:30—10:45 am followed by Mass at 11:00 am

Regular Sessions:
No CCD December 1
Sessions Resume December 8, 15, 22
January 5, 12, 26
February 2, 9, 23
March 1, 8, 22, 29
April 5, 19

HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

LOOK AHEAD

Date  Topic
12/1    Thanksgiving Break
12/8    Disrupted – Why we celebrate Advent
12/15   White Elephant Christmas Party
12/22   Christmas Break
12/29   Christmas Break
1/5     Christmas Break
1/12    Semester Kickoff

SUNDAYS
St. Camillus 12-2pm

STEUBENVILLE
YOUTH CONFERENCE

Steubenville is a summer retreat at Franciscan University IN June. A life-changing weekend for teens to encounter God. More information to follow.

Cost is $218
To Jesus Through Mary: Sulpician Spirituality and the Journey Through Advent

Advent provides us with a time to prepare for the three comings of Christ: His birth in Bethlehem, His Second Coming at the end of time, and the birth of Jesus in the heart of His followers. The French School or Sulpician Spirituality with its emphasis on Mary and the Incarnation of Christ can help us get ready for the Savior. At a time when the Church in France was faltering, this school of spirituality helped re-ignite the faith and devotion of French Catholics. In our world dimmed by sin a re-focus on the Incarnation and its impact on the human condition can help us re-ignite the wonder and awe of Christmas in each of us.

St. Vitus School

MATH SPONSOR NEEDED

St. Vitus School is embarking on an in-depth strategic plan to improve Math Scores. We are modifying the schedule to allow for more instructional time and greater opportunity for intervention. We are focusing on teacher training and providing more opportunities for collaboration within as well as from outside sources.

One very important component to the plan is the purchase of a Digital Math Program. 

DreamBox Learning Math is an adaptive, online K-8 math program designed to complement classroom instruction.

It assesses and meets students’ skills and abilities where they are and adapts instruction to students’ actions to meet them at the right level.

This supplemental program will help us close math gaps, promote student growth, and provide a deeper conceptual understanding. The game-like environment motivates students to persist, progress, and achieve success. This program will make math relevant for students resulting in better engagement.

A twelve month license for DreamBox Learning Math is $2,650. We are reaching out to the Holy Spirit Parishioners in search of a sponsor for this worthy cause. As our parish prayer says, “we treasure our children, and we ask for the courage to sacrifice, to love and to build in His Name.”

If you feel God calling you to support this program, expect He will give success to the work of your hands and keep you in His peace.

For more information call Ed Sharbaugh at (724) 944-4702
TO BE IN SERVICE TO CHRIST CALL:
Bereavement/Funeral Home/Prayers: Sr. Annie Bremmer
724-652-3422 x 2205
Candle Bearers: Sr. Barbara Ann Johnston
724-652-3422 ext. 2712
Follow up Calls to Bereaved: Edna Hill
724-654-5620
Journeying Through Grief: Mary Ann Isaac
724-971-8539
Cards for Nursing Homes: Paula St. Clair
724-714-1567
Confirmation Blankets: Susan Kearns
724-651-1992
Rosary-Craft: Barbara Strittmatter
724-656-0942
Seven Sisters: Monica Leihy
620-877-7351
Nursing Home Masses: Madalaine Nuzzo
724-614-3453
Stitching Angels: Sara Kalata
724-944-7104

All women and men of the parish are invited to participate in these ministries.

ATTENTION
ALL MEN OF HOLY SPIRIT PARISH:
You are Invited to Celebrate Christmas Together!

Tuesday, December 17th
Appetizers at 6:00 pm
Dinner at 7:00 pm
St. Mary site—Parish Center
(117 N. Beaver Street, New Castle, PA 16101)

$ 10.00 cost includes Dinner, Drinks, Door prizes and Great Fellowship!

Please RSVP to Tom by phone at 330-506-1973

New Castle High School Students help the Holy Spirit Food Pantry at St. Joseph the Worker site.

What does it mean to be “your brother's keeper”? It means to open your eyes to those around us—to see the other. It is easy “not to notice” because “seeing” challenges us to respond.

The students at New Castle High School felt the call to see the need in our community as Thanksgiving approaches. They collected money and purchased food to help those in need. Our parish food pantry, located at St. Joseph the Worker site, was one of the recipients of their generosity. This is a big “shout out” in gratitude to the generosity of New Castle High School students as they demonstrate—they are their brother's keepers.
THIS IS THE SEASON OF GIVING!
WE STILL HAVE TAGS ON OUR ANGEL TREES!
It’s NOT too late for you to pick one!
Please help bring joy to those not as fortunate as you or me. Please remember to sign out the tag so that we make sure all are accounted for and by whom.

ALL GIFTS are to be returned by Sunday, December 8th
Distribution to agencies will occur the week of December 9th—13th
Please do NOT wrap the gifts for Children.

WHERE DO YOUR GIFTS GO?
Christ the King—working collaboratively with the churches in the Mohawk School District, gifts are coordinated through Project Hope.
St. Mary—gifts are given to those in Nursing Homes as well as Shut-Ins; individuals/families identified by the St. Vincent De Paul Society
St. Camillus—gifts are for Head Start, LCCAP, People in Need, Catholic Charities and Children’s Advocacy Program
St. James—Human Services—Children; Shut-Ins, Parishioners in Need
St. Joseph—Catholic Charities
St. Vincent De Paul—Human Services—Children; Shut-Ins, Parishioners in Need
St. Vitus—working with the St. Vincent De Paul Society, gifts are given to Seniors in Nursing Homes as well as Shut-Ins.

Cash donations are greatly appreciated.
December 1
Villa Maria Nativity Display
Noon—5:00 pm
Villa Maria Conference Center

December 1
Women of Faith Christmas Dinner
Doors Open 2:00 pm
St. Mary site—Parish Center

December 1
Handel’s Messiah
3:00 pm
First Alliance Church

December 6
Children’s Christmas Pageant
7:00 pm
St. Vincent de Paul Church

December 8
Breakfast Brunch
9:00 am—1:00 pm
St. James the Apostle Social Hall

December 8
Villa Maria Nativity Display
Noon—5:00 pm
Villa Maria Conference Center

December 9
Advent Retreat:
St. Francis & the Christ Child
7:00 pm—8:30 pm
St. Vincent de Paul Church
St. Francis of Assisi, weary and exhausted, found renewed hope and joy in celebrating the Incarnation. Do you need your spirit refreshed? Do you need to find inner joy and peace? Join us for an evening of reflection to rediscover the true meaning of Christmas.

December 17
Holy Spirit Men’s Group Christmas Party
6:00 pm
St. Mary site—Parish Center

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS:
A Children’s Christmas Pageant
by Louise Egan

Friday, December 6th
at 7:00 pm
in St. Vincent de Paul Church

Please join us
in preparing to celebrate
the true meaning of Christmas!
Our children are sure to fill your hearts with joy as they sing and act out the story of our Savior’s birth.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Children in grades 1 thru 6 who would like to sing at the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass at the St. Vitus site, please come to practice on Tuesdays December 3rd, 10th & 17th, 5:30 pm—6:30 pm in St. Vitus Church.

Advent Retreat:
St. Francis and the Christ Child
Monday, December 9th
7:00 pm—8:30 pm
St. Vincent de Paul Church

GIFT GIVING SUGGESTION:
HOLY SPIRIT WOMEN OF FAITH 2020 RAFFLE!
Cost is $25.00 BASED ON PA LOTTERY
For More Information Please Call:
Carol Myers: 724-944-4929
Jean Mann: 724-535-8357
Bonnie Williams: 724-698-7453
Cindy Terrell: 724-546-6022
Maureen Kuhn: 724-730-6830
Villa Maria’s Annual Indoor Nativity Display
Featuring Hundreds of Nativities from Around the World!
Live Entertainment! Free Admission!

Sunday, December 1st
Sunday, December 8th
Noon to 5:00 pm both Sundays
Villa Maria Conference Center,
Villa Maria, PA

The New Castle Music Club Chorus, under the direction of Harry Cunningham, will present Handel’s MESSIAH on December 1st at 3:00 pm at First Alliance Church, 111 Mission Meade Drive, New Castle, PA 16105. Admission and Parking are free. A Free-Will Offering will be collected to help defray production costs. For more information including directions to First Alliance Church, please visit www.ncmusicclubchorus.org

Spiritual Poetry Group—Next Meeting:
Friday, December 6th 3:00 pm—4:30 pm
St. James the Apostle site, Great Room (lower Level)

Come and experience the Spirit of the Season—the same Holy Spirit that sang in the skies over Bethlehem and has been singing the Word since the Dawn of Creation—in Scriptur, Song and Poetry. NO PREVIOUS POETRY EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!
You don’t even have to like poetry. You just need to be able to become like a kid on Christmas morning and open up to the wonder and awe of the Word!
For more information, or to let us know you will join us, please contact Pauline Beck at 724-964-1104 or pencilvanian@verizon.net

Christmas Wafers (Oplatki) will be available in the vestibules of all Holy Spirit Churches until Christmas Day. These traditional wafers remind us that Christ is the “Bread of life.” They are shared with family and friends before the Christmas Eve supper and during Christmastide as a gesture of love, forgiveness and as a blessing.

Donations of $2.00 can be placed in the “poor boxes” located in each church vestibule. The donations benefit the Saint Vincent de Paul Society of the Parish.
Next Sunday, December 8th
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

MENU:
French Toast, Buttermilk Pancakes, Buckwheat Pancakes
Sweet Cream Cheese Topping, Maple Syrup & Strawberry Syrup
Scrambled Eggs, Eggs with Peppers, Onions & Cheese, Home Fries,
Bacon, Ham & Sausage, Biscuits & Sausage Gravy
Fresh Baked Cinnamon Rolls, Toast, Hot & Cold Cereals
Coffee & Tea, Juices & Milk
Adults $9.00 Children $4.00

St. James the Apostle site
4019 US 422, Pulaski, PA 1 1/2 mi. East of Ohio/PA line

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-Saturday, January 11th-

The Parish Center
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A LITTLE...

6pm-9pm

- Food & Beverages
- BYOB*
- Live Music
- Dancing
- Photo Op

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We ask you dress in honor of the theme, but it’s not required!

*ticket cost will be available soon*

RSVP to yanno2711@gmail.com

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724-652-3422

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HOLY SPIRIT GIFT SHOP
12 Maitland Street
(Parking at the corner of Maitland & Jefferson Streets)
CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK!

Hours:
Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00 am—4:00 pm
Sundays 10:00 am—Noon
Other times by appointment:

Start the Oplatki Family Christmas Tradition:
Bethlehem, where Jesus was born, means “House of Bread.” Jesus is Himself the Bread of Life, given to us in the Holy Eucharist at Mass. The Polish word Oplatki comes from the Latin word Oblata, the Bread and Wine offered to the Lord during the Preparation of the Gifts. Oplatki wafers are large, rectangular unleavened wafers that are typically embossed with images of the baby Jesus, the Virgin Mary and the Nativity.

In 10th Century Poland, people began to share blessed Oplatki wafers at Christmas Eve as a sort of preparation for the solemn observance of Midnight Mass. This custom was later adopted by both Lithuanian and Slovak communities, and since then has spread to Christian households worldwide. This tradition symbolizes the unity of the family in Christ, and everything the family holds dear. Dressed in their holiday best, the members gather around the dinner table as the first evening star appears in the night sky. A candle is lit and the leader (often the eldest member of the family), leads the prayer service.

Please Direct ALL Parish Cemetery Inquiries to:
The Catholic Parish Cemeteries Association of the Diocese of Pittsburgh
North Regional Office
2636 Ellwood Road, New Castle, PA 16101
(724) 323-0033 cpca@cpca-pgh.org

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We invite you to contact our Diocesan Assistance Coordinator toll free at 1-888-808-1235
To report abuse to Childline, please call (toll free) 1-800-932-0313
Call 911 if a child is in immediate danger.