Welcome

Holy Spirit Parish
IN LAWRENCE COUNTY

December 8, 2019

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John wore clothing made of camel’s hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. - Mt 3:4

Monday, December 9, 2019
Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass Schedule

7:00 a.m. at St. Camillus de Lellis Church
12:00 Noon at St. Mary Church
6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph the Worker Church

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

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On November 19, the Pastoral Council met and established the Mission Statement for Holy Spirit Parish. A mission statement is the WHY we exist. It can become a prayer for all of us.

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent. Advent is a short season for the preparation for the celebration of Christmas. It is a time of great hustle and bustle. There are many parties and obligations and shopping, decorating and busyness that rob us of spiritual peace and growth. In the midst of all the commotion, let us help each other find a little calm and peace to pray and center ourselves once again on the true meaning of Christmas.

God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten son that all who believe in Him might have eternal life. The greatest gift of Christmas is Jesus Christ. May we not miss HIM in all of the distractions.

What is one of the best ways to celebrate Christmas? Receiving the loving embrace of Christ in the sacrament of Reconciliation. When we know we are truly forgiven, our very soul rejoices in peace and comfort. It changes our attitude and the way we treat others. People can really notice when we are in a joyful and peaceful mood. There is no better way to find this joy and peace than embracing Jesus Christ in Reconciliation and in the Holy Eucharist.

We also thank everyone who participated in our Angel Tree project and any other outreach activity in getting ready for Christmas.

God love you,
Saturday, December 7th—Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent
4:00 pm  St. Camillus—McCaaffrey—Bob & Mary Fellion (Fellion Family)
4:00 pm  St. Vitus—Dawson—Adam & Florence Garcewski (Family)
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—Molka—Clifford Geibel (Wife & Family)
9:00 am  St. Vincent de Paul—Spirko—Samuel Vastano (Wife, Diana & Family)
9:30 am  St. Anthony—McCaaffrey—Richard Mehocic (Steve & Gerri Acri)
10:00 am St. Camillus—Dawson—Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
10:45 am St. Anthony—McCaaffrey—Richard Mehocic (Steve & Gerri Acri)
11:00 am St. Camillus—Dawson—Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
11:30 am St. Mary—Molka—Galarmini & Gurgacz Families (Family)

Monday, December 9th—The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Noon   St. Mary—Dawson—Albert LaTona (Clara Caravella)
2:00 pm  Carriage Manor Personal Care—Molka
6:00 pm  St. Joseph the Worker—Molka—Clifford Geibel (Wife & Family)
1:45 pm  Jameson Care Center—Molka

Tuesday, December 10th—Advent Weekday
8:30 am  St. Camillus—McCaaffrey—Patsy John Massaro (Daughters, Jackie & Linda)
1:45 pm  Jameson Care Center—Molka

Wednesday, December 11th—Advent Weekday
8:30 am  St. Camillus—McCaaffrey—Antonette Lutton (Sam Angelo)
Noon   St. Mary—Sciarappa—Bill Mancone (Karen & Dennis Hvizdak)

Thursday, December 12th—Our Lady of Guadalupe
8:30 am  St. Camillus—Dawson—Frank Ohlin (Family)
2:30 pm  Quality Life Services (Golden Hill)—Molka

Friday, December 13th—St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
8:30 am  St. Camillus—Sciarappa—Poor Souls in Purgatory (Fellion Family)
Noon   St. Mary—Dawson—John Kos (Marge & Joe LaTona)

Saturday, December 14th—Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent
4:00 pm  St. Camillus—Molka—Joseph Vanessa, Sr. (Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Papdovano)
4:00 pm  St. Vitus—McCaaffrey—Cheryl Pidro (Family)
5:00 pm  St. Vincent de Paul—Dawson—Stacey Lynn Pierog Lambert (Art & Cheryl Pierog)

Sunday, December 15th—Third Sunday of Advent
7:00 am  St. Vitus—McCaaffrey—Louis & Theresa Mastrangelo (Daughter, Francine)
8:00 am  St. Mary—Sciarappa—Grant Smith (Tim & Barb Cauhey)
8:45 am  St. James the Apostle—Molka—Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
9:00 am  St. Vitus—McCaaffrey—Francis, Thomasina & Julie Augustine (Family)
9:30 am  St. Joseph the Worker—Spirko—George J. Gullo, Richard V. & Mary M. Haney (Families)
10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul—Dawson—Peter Jelar (Marie & Bob Lutton)
10:45 am St. Anthony—Molka—Lois Stambul (Kathleen Cialella)
11:00 am St. Camillus—Sciarappa—Ira Baeringer (Georgene & Family)
11:30 am St. Mary—Dawson—Harvey Cartwright & Daughter, Cindy (Cartwright Family)
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

Readings for the week of December 8, 2019

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19/
Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt
18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/
Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/
Lk 1:5-25
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16,
18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/
Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

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

ADVENT PENCE SERVICE:
Monday, December 16th
St. Joseph the Worker
following the 6:00 pm Mass

Welcome Our Newly Baptized
Michael James Masone III
Son of Michael & Kelly (Jereb) Masone, Jr.

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

HOLY SPIRIT CHOIR SCHEDULE
December 14, 2019:
Choir B: St. Vincent de Paul 5:00 pm

December 15, 2019:
Choir A: St. James the Apostle 8:45 am

Eucharistic Adoration

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.

REST IN PEACE

Virginia M. Bordonaro
Anna V. Cassachia
John R. Holoman
Annette “Annie” Print
Betty Wangler

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.
Time, Talent & Treasure: Financial Stewardship

Number of Families Registered in Holy Spirit Parish: 5,936

Number of Envelopes Mailed Out: 5,334
# of Envelopes Used 11/24/19: 1,348

WEEKLY OFFERING 11/24/2019

In Envelopes: $24,270.45
Loose: $1,236.46
Received by Mail: $3,334.25
Electronic Giving: $1,877.94
Total Weekly Offering: * Includes Fuel & Utility $30,992.10
Needed per Budget: $37,988.00
Over/(Under) Budget: -$6,995.90

RETIR ED RELIGIOUS 2019 PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN

$8,828.69
Parish Share Goal: $424,989.00 Parish Share Paid: $232,782.10 (55%)
Parish Share Collected: $11,527.00 Parish Share Bal. Owed: $192,206.90 (45%)

BUDGET OVERVIEW Fiscal 2019/2020

YEAR TO DATE
Offering Received: $814,276.58

YEAR TO DATE
Needed Per Budget: $835,736.00

YEAR TO DATE
Amount Over/Under Budget -$21,459.42
Christian symbols abound during Advent

Besides our words and actions, another great means for evangelization are the many signs and symbols that are a part of our Catholic tradition. An abundance of these “tools” can be seen during the Advent and Christmas season.

The Advent Wreath is one of these. At the beginning of Mass during each week of Advent, we light one candle on the Advent wreath in the church to symbolize where we are in our Advent journey. This is a beautiful and meaningful tradition. However, only the people who attend Mass get to hear our priests’ explanations for what is happening during the lighting of the candles. Those who don’t attend Mass are really missing out. So, here is where we need to step up our evangelization efforts.

Make sure you put up an Advent wreath in your home in a place where all those who enter your home will see it. Be prepared to explain what the Advent Wreath is and what its meaning is for Catholics. Here are some of the things to know.

- What does candle light mean?
- Why do we light one more candle each week?
- What do the colors, purple and pink mean and why is there only one pink candle?
- What is the meaning of the circular shape of the Advent Wreath?
- Why is evergreen used in the Advent Wreath?

If you examine the use of candle light, you will find that “human history spanned long ages shrouded in the darkness of sin before our prophesied Savior would finally make his appearance to free us from its dominion. As the Messiah's Advent (or "coming") draws nearer another candle is lit, with each candle dispelling the darkness a little more.” This explanation and others can be found at https://www.getfed.com/the-advent-wreath-tradition-meaning-5924. If you don’t already have an Advent Wreath, check in with our Holy Spirit Gift Shop to purchase one. —Janet Crespi

Liturgical music can remind us of the Advent message, be ready.

The words to the hymn, *On Jordan’s Bank*, were penned by Charles Coffin, who was principal of the college at Beauvais in France in 1712.

It was translated into English by John Chandler, one of the most successful translators of hymns. He was educated at Oxford and ordained a priest in 1832. The text has been set to several different tunes, but the one most used is called *Winchester New*, which was published in a hymnal in Hamburg, Germany in 1690.

John the Baptist’s announcement, “*Prepare the way for the Lord,*” is the primary basis for this Advent hymn. Verses 1 and 2 apply that message to today’s people.

Verse 3 is a confession by God’s people of their need for salvation. Verse 4 is a prayer for healing and love and Verse 5 is a doxology (a liturgical expression of praise to God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.)

This hymn explicitly calls us to prepare the way for Christ and is most fitting for the season of Advent, but also addresses us today to prepare the way for Christ’s second coming! That announcement is just as pertinent today as it was in the time of John the Baptist. Let us heed the Baptist’s words and *Prepare*!

—Brenda Kostial, Director of Music
Parents

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—5:00 pm and Sunday 1:00—3:00 pm. Parents are also welcome. Call 724-498-0904

December 11 & 18 — iWonder! 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. Ed. Building

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

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

FIRST RECONCILIATION FOR 2ND GRADE

Our First Reconciliation celebration with our 2nd graders has changed. It will be celebrated on February 8, 2020. We are sorry for any inconvenience, but felt that our children would benefit with more time to deepen their understanding, their faith, and their relationship with Jesus before celebrating such a beautiful sacrament. It’s all good! Parents, please be on the look out for more information coming your way very soon!!!

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.
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  Grades 6-8

Brian Burick, Middle School Coordinator
724-654-9371, #2
bburick@hsplc.org

MIDDLE SCHOOL
FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY SESSIONS

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

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

HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

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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
Jesus Is Headed Your Way

One day, we heard the news that a possible tornado was heading our way. We live off of a highway, and it was traveling along that very road. My wife and kids huddled in the downstairs bathroom. Not many tornadoes surface in North Carolina, so our children were particularly worried because it was something they had never contemplated happening before.

The tornado never did come into our neighborhood, but it did cause one our sons to express that he needed to go to Confession as soon as possible. He hadn’t done anything too over the top sinful, but coming face-to-face with a tornado had cause him to have some second thoughts about his preparedness for meeting God. Hopefully, a tornado doesn’t make a path through your city or town this Advent.

Sometimes, reminders of our mortality find their way into life. The passing of a loved one, a car accident, or a health scare can all cause us to reflect on where we are in our relationship with God. Without those moments, we can find ourselves living daily without a mindfulness of where God is in our life and if our actions are pleasing to Him … or if they drag us further away into the world.

Advent is the time to take inventory of where we are with God. How are we living as good stewards and mature disciples? What do I need to make amends for in the healing power of the sacrament of Penance? A tornado may not be coming, but Jesus will be returning someday. Hopefully, you will run outside of your home to meet him, and he won’t find you huddled up afraid in your bathroom.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, LPi

Will you stoop for the Christ Child?

What does it mean to be worthy? There are a few different ways to approach this question. Today’s Gospel highlights two: the way of the Pharisees and the way of John the Baptist. Our faith values good works and discipleship. Perhaps, then, we “earn” our worth by adhering to the right doctrines and following the right pious practice. The Pharisees thought they were worthy. Due to their religious pedigree and proper procedures, they were self-satisfied. John the Baptist’s words to them are strong. “Do not resume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’” Of course, Jesus (and John) don’t omit the responsibility for moral behavior. John gives the Pharisees quite a strong warning in that regard. “Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance … every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

It’s a question of attitude. Of disposition. It’s a matter of the heart. If anyone would be worthy in this scenario, it’s John the Baptist. Jesus himself will name him the greatest of prophets and a great man. John, however, recognizes his own lowly place in the grand scheme of things. “The one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals.” The Pharisees take pride in being “better” than others. John embraces humility in Christ being “better” than him.

In a few short weeks, we’ll celebrate the birth of Christ. Bishop Ven. Fulton Sheen wrote about the Nativity in his “Life of Christ”: “Because [Jesus] was born in a cave, all who wish to see Him must stoop. To stoop is the mark of humility. The proud refuse to stoop and, therefore, they miss divinity.” God invites us to prepare our hearts this Advent. When you consider your own life, where are you looking for your worth? This Christmas, are you prepared to stoop?
TO BE IN SERVICE TO CHRIST CALL:
Bereavement/Funeral Home/Prayers: Sr. Annie Bremmer
724-652-3422 ext. 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.

Advent Retreat:
St. Francis and the Christ Child
Monday, December 9th
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.
PLEASE REMEMBER:
ALL GIFTS are to be returned by THIS Sunday, December 8th
Distribution to agencies will occur the week of December 9th—13th
Please do NOT wrap the gifts for Children.

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. Donations benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Holy Spirit Parish

THERE IS NOW A COLLECTION BOX FOR CLOTHING INSIDE THE ST. JAMES SITE (Social Hall)!
Items placed in the box will benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Holy Spirit Parish.

WHAT CAN YOU PUT IN THE BOX?
- Men’s, Ladies & Children’s CLOTHING, especially COATS.
- SHOES (put a pair of shoes into a plastic bag, tie the handles shut.)
- BELTS and LEATHER GOODS. PURSES
- PAJAMAS & ROBES.
- BLANKETS both New and Gently Used. TOWELS.
- NO Hard Goods or Appliances, sorry.

The St. Vincent de Paul truck will collect the items from the boxes. Proceeds come back to Lawrence County in the form of a quarterly check to the St. Vincent de Paul Conference of Holy Spirit Parish
December 8
Breakfast Brunch
9:00 am—1:00 pm
St. James the Apostle Social Hall

December 8
Villa Maria Nativity Display Continues
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

December 13 & 14
St. Vitus School Presents:
The Only Christmas Pageant in Town
7:00 pm
St. Vitus School Fabbri Hall

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

CYO Basketball
begins this Sunday,
December 8th
at the St. Camillus Gym,
5:00 pm—7:00 pm.
All young men in Grades 9—12 can play.

Bring Friends—they need not be Catholic,
or members of Holy Spirit Parish.
For questions call Pat at 724-321-5598
or Bucky at 724-730-1684

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 10th & 17th,
5:30 pm—6:30 pm in St. Vitus Church.

Homeschool Parents Meeting
Tuesday, December 10 6:30 pm—8:30 pm
St. Camillus site—McGurk Hall

Special Issue
of the Pittsburgh Catholic Newspaper:
The December 20th Pittsburgh Catholic will be a double issue
covering the remainder of 2019.
Weekly publication will resume with the issue of Friday, January 3, 2020.

All Parish Offices will be closed
Tuesday, December 24th
through Thursday, December 26th
for the Christmas Holiday.
Offices will reopen for business
on Friday, December 27th.

The Adoration Chapel will close
on Saturday, December 21st at 2:00 pm.
Adoration will resume
on Sunday, January 5th at 1:00 pm

The Holy Spirit Gift Shop will be closed
December 24th, 26th, 29th & 31st

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
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
between 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

Villa Maria’s Annual Indoor Nativity Display Continues:
Featuring Hundreds of Nativities from Around the World!
Live Entertainment!
Free Admission!
Sunday, December 8th
Noon to 5:00 pm
Villa Maria Conference Center, Villa Maria, PA

SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday, January 11, 2020:
#Refresh Roaring 20’s Extravaganza
a 21+ Event
to be held in the Parish Center
(117 N. Beaver St.)
Live Music, Dancing, Food & Beverages
Ticket Prices available soon...
RSVP to yanno2711@gmail.com

St. Vitus Theater Presents:
“THE ONLY CHRISTMAS PAGEANT IN TOWN”
FRIDAY, December 13th
Saturday, December 14th
7:00 pm both nights
St. Vitus School, Fabbri Hall
915 S. Jefferson Street, New Castle, PA 16101
Tickets Available at the Door

The St. Vitus School children from Preschool through 8th grade,
directed by Mrs. Jackie Pisano will take the stage to present
The Only Christmas Pageant in Town
by Faye Couch Reeves, with traditional Christmas music.
Produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Denver, Colorado.
This 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

BREAKFAST BRUNCH CREW MEETING
DECEMBER 10th  7:00 pm—8:30 pm St. James Social Hall
ALL ARE WELCOME!

HOLY SPIRIT PIEROGI SALE!
AFTER ALL MASSES
DECEMBER 14 & 15
ALL SITES
POTATO! JALAPENO!
$8.00 DOZEN
Keep in touch with your Parish Family via email and text!

Text HSP9 to 84576

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HolySpiritParish9.flocknote.com

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HOLY SPIRIT PARISH OFFICE
910 South Mercer Street, New Castle, PA 16101
    724-652-3422

HOLY SPIRIT SITES:

SAINT ANTHONY SITE
411 W. Poland Ave., Bessemer, PA 16112

SAINT CAMILLUS DE LELLIS SITE
314 W. Englewood Avenue, New Castle, PA 16105

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE SITE
4019 US 422, Pulaski, PA 16143
    724-964-8276

SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER SITE
1111 South Cascade Street, New Castle, PA 16101

ST. MARY SITE
124 North Beaver Street, New Castle, PA 16101

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SITE
1 Lucymont Drive, New Castle, PA 16102

SAINT VITUS SITE
910 South Mercer Street, New Castle, PA 16101

SAINT VITUS SCHOOL
915 South Jefferson Street, New Castle, PA 16101
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HOLY SPIRIT E-MAIL CONTACTS

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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.

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North Regional Office
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If you are a person who has been hurt by abuse from clergy or others associated with the Church,
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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.