Welcome!

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH
IN LAWRENCE COUNTY

December 15, 2019

3rd Sunday of Advent

Know Christ, Love Christ, Serve Christ and Invite others to Christ through Word, Sacrament and Sacrifice!

PASTORAL TEAM

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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 this third Sunday of Advent, we celebrate the joy that comes from knowing Christ as Emmanuel, God with us. Christmas is approaching very quickly and the knowledge that God loves us so much He desired to become one of his creatures that inspires great joy in our hearts.

However, this time of year can be a very painful and depressing time for many people and for many reasons. Let us all be sensitive to those who may be struggling and need our understanding, compassion and support at this time of year.

Some people may be suffering because they are lonely. Others may be depressed because of the recent loss of a loved one or are missing a loved one who has been gone for a long, long time. There are families who struggle because they feel their financial situation does not allow them to shower gifts on their loved ones like they feel they deserve or would like to. Others may be suffering because of some broken relationship that separates them from family members or co-workers. Still others may be filled with great regret because of the heavy burden of addiction or because of an event in their lives that has hurt themselves or others.

No matter what the cause of one’s depression or grief Jesus comes to heal and restore. May you and I be instruments of Christ’s presence in our world that can be so cold and dark for so many. As Jesus commanded his disciples, let us be his Light in our world. Maybe the best Christmas gift you could offer anyone this year is your compassion, understanding, and a friendly smile. Many times, the most precious or valuable gift we can give is not any material or store bought item at all. Often times, it is simply being Christ to another.

On this joyful Sunday, may we embrace the joy of Jesus Christ and truly give his comfort and peace intentionally to another human being, or even a complete stranger. Just think what an amazing parish and community this would be if every single one of us made that our intention and gift to one another this Christmas!

God love you,
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14th—VIGIL: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
4:00 pm St. Camillus—Molka—Joseph Vanessa, Sr. (Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Padovano)
4:00 pm St. Vitus—McCaffrey—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—McCaffrey—Louis & Theresa Mastrangelo (Daughter, Francine)
8:00 am St. Mary—Sciarappa—Grant Smith (Tim & Barb Caughey)
8:45 am St. James the Apostle—Molka—Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
9:00 am St. Vitus—McCaffrey—Francis, Thomasina & Julie Augustine (Family)
9:30 am St. Joseph the Worker—Spirko—George Gullo, Richard & Mary 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)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16th—ADVENT WEEKDAY
Noon St. Mary—McCaffrey—George Leone (Family)
2:00 pm Edison Manor—Molka
6:00 pm St. Joseph the Worker—Dawson—Sherry Sunseri Sniezek (Family)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17th—LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY
8:30 am St. Vitus—Sciarappa—Stephen Stasko (Wife & Family)
2:00 pm Avalon—Molka—Velma Annarella (A Friend)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18th—LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY
8:30 am St. Camillus—McCaffrey—Dolores & James McFarland (Families)
Noon St. Mary—Sciarappa—Phillip Nerti (Janet Mozocci)
1:30 pm Glen-Moore—Molka

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19th—LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY
8:30 am St. Camillus—Dawson—Anthony Allegro (Connie Santangelo)
2:30 pm Quality Life Services (Golden Hill)—Molka

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20th—LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY
8:30 am St. Camillus—Sciarappa—Joyce Falatko (Janet & George Vukovich)
Noon St. Mary—Spirko—Rocco & Elizabeth Minetti (Daughter, Marie)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21st—VIGIL: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
4:00 pm St. Camillus—Dawson—Frank Antuono (Wife & Children)
4:00 pm St. Vitus—Sciarappa—Domenick & Lucy DeCaprio (Children)
5:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul—Molka—Annetta Compelio (Daughter, Elizabeth)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22nd—FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
7:00 am St. Vitus—Dawson—Mary & Norman Barilla (Children)
8:00 am St. Mary—McCaffrey—Marianne Donadio (Robert & Patti Donadio)
8:45 am St. James the Apostle—Sciarappa—Bambino Silvestri (Lisa & Tony Orlando)
9:00 am St. Vitus—Dawson—Frank Bonfield (Wife & Family)
9:30 am St. Joseph the Worker—Molka—Andrew Cooper (Mom & Dad)
10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul—Spirko—Steve, Julia & Robert Dudek (Rudy & Reggie Bridges)
10:45 am St. Anthony—Sciarappa—Al Catich & Ricky (Millie Catich)
11:00 am St. Camillus—McCaffrey—Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
11:30 am St. Mary—Molka—Thelma Domin (Anita Mills McKeever)

The celebrant schedule is subject to adjustment. The bulletin is printed several days ahead of the Sunday date.
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:
Fridays: 3:00—4:00 am; 4:00—5:00 am
Saturdays: 4:00—5:00 am; 5:00—6:00 am

Welcome Our Newly Baptized
Alivia Marie Smarelli
Daughter of Jonathan & Michelle (Peluso) Smarelli
St. Camillus Church

The Rosary is said on the 1st and 3rd Sundays
of the month at 7:00 pm in St. Camillus Church.
All are Welcome!

REST IN PEACE
Genevieve Kusnierz
Robert J. Navolio
Nick A. Russo, Jr.
Barbara Snyder

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.
**FINANCES**

**3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**From the Desk of Deacon John:**

Hard to believe Christmas is just 10 short days from now! When I was a youngster my grandmother used to say, “the older you get, the faster time goes.” Now I am older I have come to understand those words better.

Please know we are continuing to work on the Mass and Tabernacle Lamp intentions for 2020. I would like to thank Mary Ann Salmon who has been processing all these requests. This year’s scheduling has been made a bit easier with our becoming one parish. We now only have one Mass book to refer to rather than seven. Prior to our merger each parish had its own Mass Intention book.

Given that we have a fixed number of Mass Intentions available, there is the possibility one may not be able to get a Mass scheduled on a desired date. Under the present guidelines we can only schedule one intention for each Mass.

Another way to honor a loved one (living or deceased) is to have a Tabernacle Lamp lit for them. We have nine tabernacle lamps—one in each of seven churches, one at the Adoration Chapel and one at the St. Vitus Mary and Joseph Altar—that are available for such intentions. Tabernacle Lamp candles differ from regular votive light candles in that they are made of 51% Beeswax. These candles burn for seven days as opposed to regular votive candles which only last five days. Additionally, these candles burn in proximity of the Blessed Sacrament, indicating the presence of our dear Lord in the church. The donation amount for these candles is $25.00.

Lastly, I am happy to provide you with the financial results of the Oktoberfest. The total gross income was $14,634.25. We had total expenditures of $5,752.53. Our total net profit for this event was $8,881.72.

Again, our thanks to everyone who helped in any way with the event and those who came out and supported it. May God continue to bless you for all you do for our good parish.

*May these last days of Advent bring us ever closer to our Lord and keep us in that peace, which only He can give.*

*Blessings and God Love You.*

Deacon John

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

**Number of Envelopes Mailed Out: 5,334**

**# of Envelopes Used 12/1/19: 1,304**

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

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**FUEL & UTILITY**

*Included in Weekly Total $ 1,667.00

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**2019 PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN**

- **Parish Share Goal:** $ 424,989.00
- **Parish Share Paid:** $ 236,821.10 (55.7%)
- **Parish Share Collected:** $ 4,039.00
- **Parish Share Bal. Owed:** $ 188,167.90 (44.3%)

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**BUDGET OVERVIEW**

**Fiscal 2019/2020**

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“This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.” — Mt 11:10

In our Gospel reading today, Jesus spoke to the crowds about John the Baptist. Remember, John was the one chosen to prepare the way of the Lord the first time. His prophecy angered those that felt threatened by his evangelistic works so they imprisoned him to try to keep him quiet.

Jesus asked the people what they were going out to the desert to see. He described two things—a reed swayed by the wind and someone dressed in fine clothing. Jesus was making the point that John was neither of these. As evangelizers today, we do have the option of wearing any type of clothing but we never have the option of being swayed by the wind. This doesn’t always make us popular and can often make us the target of the person not wanting to leave their comfort zone.

Look at how our own parish priests and staff members are attacked for the work they must do to further the Kingdom of God right here in Lawrence County. They aren’t reeds being swayed by the wind, but are the instruments God is using to bring about the Kingdom. Just as John was the messenger sent before Jesus’ first coming, each one of us is responsible for preparing the way for Jesus’ second coming. How will you be like John the Baptist? Will you be swayed when someone challenges you about our Catholic faith? Will you be able to stand up to another when they attack the Church, even when the person attacking the Church is your personal friend? Are you afraid to speak the truth?

Be like John – stand up and proclaim the Good News. Today is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means rejoice and be glad. “Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.” — Mt. 5:11-12

The musicians of Holy Spirit Parish have been working hard, but with a joyful “spirit” to bring you beautiful music this Christmas. The following is what we have planned for you!

**Christmas Eve**

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Plan on arriving early to get a seat and listen to the beautiful music!

But when it is time for Mass to begin, please sing out with your own joyful voice in celebration that “Jesus is Born!”
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Let the little children come
Matthew 19:14

PARENTS

December 22nd is open house in the Atrium! Please attend with your child during regular session time 9:30-10:45 am.

CGS FORMATION FOR CERTIFICATION

It is still not too late to join us! Please call Vicki at 724-964-0904. Come spend some time with us with no obligation! Just Come and see! Next sessions are January 25 & 26!

MITTEN TREES

Mitten Trees are still up and need decorated with warm hats, scarves, and gloves for children.

PARENT HOMESCHOOL MEETING

January 14, 2020
February 11, 2020
March 10, 2020
April 14, 2020
St. Camillus/McGurk Hall
6:45—8:00 pm

FIRST RECONCILIATION

February 8, 2020.
St. Vitus Church
10:00—11:30 am

VEN! - WHAT’S AN ATRIUM?
The atrium is a room of prayer that is set up with age appropriate areas that help children meditate on the Scripture and lessons given! It is named after the space between the church and street of the early Church where the catechumenates waited and learned before being fully initiate into the Church.

Holy Spirit Parish houses an authentic Level I atrium at St. Camillus in the Religious Education Building. The materials are made by hand by volunteers and CGS catechists as prayers for the children who use the materials. The objects are carefully made to size and developmental (physical, mental, and spiritual) stages of the three to six year old child.

Celebrations of First Eucharist

April 26, 2020
9:30 am St. Joseph
May 2, 2020
9:00 am St. Vitus
May 3, 2020
11:00 am St. Camillus

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

Only at St. Camillus
Sunday, 9:30—10:45 AM

SESSIONS

December 15, 22 (open house)
January 5, 12, 26
February 2, 9, 23
March 1, 8, 22, 29
April 5, 19

PARENT SESSIONS:
Jan. 8, Feb. 5, Mar. 4, Apr. 1
6:30—7:30 PM in the Rel. Ed. Building at St. Camillus, in the atrium (room 6)

Kindergarten-5th

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

Catechists and Aides Needed
All skill levels welcome for subbing.
Must have Safe Environment clearances and a love for children!
Please contact Brian Burick at bburick@hsplc.org

Brian Burick, Middle School Coordinator
724-654-9371, #2
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:
Sessions
December 15, 22
January 5, 12, 26
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HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

LOOK AHEAD

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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

CONTACT
pneve@hsplc.org
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

iWonder! Adult Bible Study

December 18, 6:30—7:30
Come explore the story of the Nativity the CGS way (but for adults)
St. Camillus, Religious Ed. Bldg
In the Atrium

Contact Vicki @ 724-498-0904 or Email vpavalko@hsplc.org

The liturgical color is purple, but it is not the same meaning as the penitential purple of lent. It is a period of preparation extending over the four Sundays before Christmas. The word “Advent” means “to come to” and refers to the coming of Christ. In this season, the Mass readings for the first two weeks of Advent center on the second coming of Christ. We switch gears beginning on December 17th to focus on the first coming of Christ - Emmanuel, God-with-us, which we celebrate on Christmas day.

Did you ever think of the second coming? On that day will you be a stranger to God, one who has never taken the time to get to know Him through prayer and conversation, or will you meet Him as a dear friend whom you have longed to see face to face?

BAND

OLD BAND INSTRUMENTS WANTED
The St. Vitus School Band is growing and we are in need instruments.
If you have an old instrument you no longer need, in reasonably good shape, please consider donating it to the school to support the students in their music program.

ST. VITUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL
915 South Jefferson Street
New Castle, PA  16101

To donate call Mr. Sharbaugh:
Mobile: (724) 944-4702
Work: (724) 654-9297

St. Vitus Catholic School
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.

SUPPORTING THOSE GRIEVING

We have a lot of funerals in Holy Spirit Parish. We have an elderly population in Lawrence County. This means we also have a number of families grieving their loss. The definition of grief is deep sorrow, especially that caused by someone’s death.

How can we support those grieving? We can attend the calling hours, the funerals, take food to the home, and send cards. We can also talk to people about their loved ones and reminisce about the relationship we had with them.

Another way we at Holy Spirit Parish support those grieving is by sending the Stephen Ministry Journeying Through Grief books. We have fifteen women sending the books from home as they are assigned families to support. In the process, they become familiar with the family members as they are given the obituary as a focus of their prayers for the family. The process spans one year. We currently have 91 families receiving books. If you would like to be part of this ministry contact Mary Ann Isaac at: mobyisaac55@comcast.net or text or call 724-971-8539.

SHARING THE JOY!

We are sometimes unaware of how God is using us in our daily lives. Myself, I can always see it after the fact but not usually while it’s happening. For example, just recently I was given a certificate for a free live Christmas tree from a local tree farm that a parishioner had won at an event but was unable to use. Carrying it around for two weeks, I started to feel it was a burden as I had asked at least 20 people if they needed a tree. Each person was sorry they couldn’t use it and felt it was a wonderful gesture that the person who won it was donating it to someone less fortunate.

As I was about to give up on it, someone suggested I call a family who had come to St James several times to pick up free eggs we had been given by local chicken farmers. The family had lived just across the PA/OH state line and was so grateful for even a few eggs in their time of need. When I called the woman, she immediately said she could meet me to get the certificate.

They had recently moved from temporary housing in Ohio and the house they rented had a leaky basement which ruined all of their Christmas decorations! What a blessing to her family that we had a tree for them as well as decorations from someone whose family member had moved and no longer needed them.

God does work in mysterious ways and uses us when we least expect it to bless others. Here is a picture of the tree the family took to send to us with their thanks. Before you begrudge them having a $25 cell phone, which almost everyone has today, think about having only that phone to communicate with your extended family as you relocate and try to put your life back together after loss. Many people use free Wi-Fi and public computers to find jobs because they can’t afford any of their own. Jesus’ admonition not to judge lest you be judged applies here (Matthew 7:1,2). We never know when we will be on the receiving end of another’s generosity.

Merry Christmas and may you continue to be blessed! —Mary Ann Isaac: Parish Social Minister
A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the City Rescue Mission Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner Drive. We collected 67 Turkeys and countless boxes of food!
Because of you, many needy people in the area received the fixings and a turkey for a delicious meal.
Thank You also to those who helped sort and load the donations onto the truck.
The City Rescue Mission was very appreciative of the continued successful effort put forth by Holy Spirit Parish to help feed those in need. Thank you again for your generosity.

Each holiday, members of Holy Spirit Parish gather to write and deliver cards to those from our parish who are in Nursing Homes around the county. The picture above shows the group gathered to assemble cards for the Christmas Holiday. Let’s keep all of the residents—and their families—in our prayers.
Have cards with envelopes you would like to donate? Cards for all holidays & occasions welcome! There are boxes in the churches and on the table in the Adoration Chapel.
Thanks for your support and God Bless You.

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER SITE:
1111 S. Cascade Street, New Castle, PA 16101
Saturday, December 21st:
Noon—1:00 pm
Saturday, January 4th:
Noon—1:00 pm

PRODUCE TO PEOPLE:
St. Vitus School Gym
915 S. Jefferson Street, New Castle, PA 16101
Saturday, December 14th:
11:00 am—12:30 pm
Saturday, January 11th:
11:00 am—12:30 pm

THERE IS NOW AN INDOOR CLOTHING COLLECTION BOX AT THE ST. JAMES SITE!
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, to keep the pair together); BELTS, LEATHER GOODS, PURSES; PAJAMAS & ROBES, BLANKETS; TOWELS (New or Gently Used)
NO Hard Goods or Appliances, sorry.
The St. Vincent de Paul truck will collect the items from the boxes.
The St. Vincent de Paul Society prepared and delivered nearly 90 Thanksgiving Dinners to homebound parishioners, families, and others in need in our community.
Thanks to all those who supported this ministry with pies, monetary support, preparing meals and delivering them on Thanksgiving morning.
December 17
Holy Spirit Men's Group Christmas Party
6:00 pm
St. Mary site—Parish Center

2020

January 11
#Refresh Roaring 20s Extravaganza
St. Mary site—Parish Center

January 24
March for Life Bus Trip
to Washington, D.C.
Departure: 4:45 am
Lawrence Village Plaza

February 22
Holy Spirit Mardi Gras
St. Mary site—Parish Center
Admission by Ticket Only
No Tickets Sold at the Door

CYO Basketball
Sunday,
December 15th
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

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE: Tuesday, December 24th
4:00 pm—St. Anthony—Molka
4:00 pm—St. Camillus de Lellis—Spirko
4:00 pm—St. Joseph the Worker—Dawson
4:00 pm—St. Mary—Sciarappa
4:00 pm—St. Vitus—McCaffrey
6:00 pm—St. Vincent de Paul—Dawson
7:00 pm—St. James the Apostle—McCaffrey
Midnight—St. Vitus—Sciarappa

CHRISTMAS DAY: Wednesday, December 25th
8:00 am—St. Vitus—Sciarappa
10:00 am—St. Camillus de Lellis—Dawson
11:30 am—St. Mary—Molka

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

VIGIL: Tuesday, December 31st
4:00 pm—St. Joseph the Worker—McCaffrey
4:00 pm—St. Vitus—Dawson
6:00 pm—St. Camillus de Lellis—Molka

HOLY DAY: Wednesday, January 1st
8:30 am—St. Camillus de Lellis—Molka
Noon—St. Mary—Spirko

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
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 call Tom at 330-506-1973 
(between 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm)  
if you’re planning to attend!

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.

Christmas Wafers (Oplatki) will be available in the vestibules of all Holy Spirit Churches until Christmas Day.

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.

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

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C. 
Friday, January 24, 2020 
Sponsored by New Castle People Concerned for the Unborn Child 
Why Do We March? Because We Can! 
BUS FEES: Adults $ 50.00 Students $ 30.00 
(Bus Fee does not include food) 
Leave Lawrence Village Plaza at 4:45 am on Friday, January 24th 
Return at approximately 1:00 am on Saturday, January 25th 
For Information or Reservations, please contact Joanne Mellott: Phone 724-667-9510 or 724-923-9626 or email rlmjms67@hotmail.com
HOLY SPIRIT PIEROGI SALE!
AFTER ALL MASSES, ALL SITES
DECEMBER 14 & 15

POTATO PIEROGI! JALAPENO PIEROGI!
$8.00 DOZEN

THE PERFECT GIFT
TO PUT IN ANYONE’S STOCKING!

HOLY SPIRIT WOMEN OF FAITH 2020 RAFFLE!
BASED ON PA LOTTERY
Payout Every Day of 2020!
Cost is $25.00
Payout Never Less Than
$30.00

TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS,
CALL ONE OF THESE WOMEN OF FAITH:
(Last day for Ticket Sales is December 31, 2019)
Carol Meyers: 724-944-4929
Jean Mann: 724-535-8357
Bonnie Williams: 724-698-7453
Cindy Terrell: 724-546-6022
Maureen Kuhn: 724-730-6830
LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL!
Saturday, February 22, 2020

St. Mary’s Big Easy Parish Center
Corner of North & Beaver Streets,
Downtown New Castle

TICKET SALES BEGIN
MONDAY,
DECEMBER 16th
St. Vitus Office: 9:00 am—4:00 pm
St. James Office: 9:00 am—4:00 pm
Tickets $ 40.00

Early Bird Discount:
buy 8 Tickets or more,
pay just $ 35.00 per ticket
(Early Bird Discount Ends December 31st)
NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR!
HOLY SPIRIT SITES:

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

SAINT CAMILLUS DE LELLI 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
724-654-9297

HOLY SPIRIT E-MAIL CONTACTS

- Father McCaffrey: jmccaffrey@hsplc.org
- Father Sciarappa: asciarappa@hsplc.org
- Father Dawson: bdawson@hsplc.org
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- Sister Barbara: bjohnston@hsplc.org
- Deacon John: jcarran@hsplc.org
- Deacon Dan: dkielar@hsplc.org

HOLY SPIRIT GIFT SHOP
12 Maitland Street
(Parking at the corner of Maitland & Jefferson Streets)

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

Victim’s Assistance Hot-Line:
If you are a person who has been hurt by abuse from clergy or others associated with the Church, the Diocese of Pittsburgh offers assistance with counseling, spiritual direction and referrals to other supportive services.
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.