

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 21st

8:30 am - St. John – Janice Maynard by the family
 9-9:30 am *Confessions at St. John*
 3:00 pm *Confessions at St. John*
 3:30 pm *Confessions at St. Elizabeth*
4:00 pm - St. John – Lucy Fortin by the family
4:30 pm - St. Elizabeth – Mass for all Souls

Sunday, December 22nd

7:30 am - *Confessions at St. John*
 8:00 am - *Confessions at Queen of Peace*
8:00 am - St. John – Gary Schoenemann (5th anni.) by his family
8:30 am - Queen of Peace – Jean Coutu by the Sheridan Council 421 K of C
10:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Mass for the Parishioners
11:00 am - St. John – Tony Greenwood by Sheridan Council 421 K of C

Monday, December 23rd St. John of Kanty

8:30am - St. Elizabeth – Mass for all Souls
5:15pm - St. John – Charlotte Farrow by the Petryshak family

CHRISTMAS EVE, Tuesday, December 24th

3:15pm – Brass Quartet
4:00pm – St. John's- Christmas Mass – Frank Hagan by the family
4:30pm- St. Elizabeth – Christmas Mass- The intentions of Fr. Robert
7:00pm – Queen of Peace – Christmas Mass – Felicia Dumont by the family

CHRISTMAS, Wednesday, December 25th

12:00am – St. Elizabeth – Christmas Mass- The Caron family by Diane
10:30am - St. Elizabeth – Christmas Mass –John Wall, Jr by his estate
11:00am - St. John – Christmas Mass for the parishioners

Thursday, December 26th St. Stephen

8:30am - St John – Rita Clough by the Pelletier family
5:15 pm - St John – NO MASS

Friday, December 27th St. John the Evangelist

8:30am - St Elizabeth – Janice Maynard by the family
4:30 pm - Confessions at St. John's
5:15 pm - St. John – Frank Landry by Rose Vear

Saturday, December 28th

8:30 am - St. John – 2nd Lt. Joseph Fortin by the family
 9-9:30 am *Confessions at St. John*
 3:00 pm *Confessions at St. John*
 3:30 pm *Confessions at St. Elizabeth*
4:00 pm - St. John – In thanksgiving for prayers answered by a parishioner
4:30 pm - St. Elizabeth – Mass for the parishioners

Sunday, December 29th

7:30 am - *Confessions at St. John*
 8:00 am - *Confessions at Queen of Peace*
8:00 am - St. John – Charlotte Farrow by M/M Bill Young
8:30 am - Queen of Peace – Marie and Rebecca Lang by the family
10:30 am - St. Elizabeth – John Wall, Jr. by his estate
11:00 am - St. John – Barbara Caldbeck Lyon by the family

Please keep our parishioners who are ill & in need of your prayers, especially: Randy Mackay, Martin Fortin, George Thurston, Charlie Weis, Randy Thomas, Jerry Prevost & Camilla Dente

Stuebenville East is taking place on **July 10-12, 2020** at the University of Rhode Island. This is a great opportunity for teenagers relationship with God to be strengthened. This is open to all incoming freshman to graduating seniors. Fr. Robert has already invited all of this year's Confirmation students, and we need to get some commitments. Our goal is to send 20 students from Corpus Christi, which should be the largest group from the diocese! Please email Fr. Robert at fr.robert.little@gmail.com to commit to going or to ask more information!

DECEMBER 22, 2019

PARISH EVENTS

Sun. Dec. 22nd NO Religious Education/All 3 Churches
 NO Confirmation or Adult Education
 9:45AM QUEEN OF PEACE CHOIR PRACTICE
Sat. Dec. 28th 6:00pm NO K of C Bingo

Please consider using the Online Giving tool for your weekly offertory donations. Visit our website at: nekatholic.com and click "Give Online" to sign up! Leave your checkbook at home, and save the parish the expense of envelopes!

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year: 7/1/19-6/30/20 Budget: \$282,000 (\$6,000 needed per week)
Reg. Collection Year-to-date: \$10,419 **On-Line: YTD:** \$20,735
Collections and Receipts: December 8, 2019
 Regular Offertory: \$5,300

2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal

The 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal is 84% to goal. We have been blessed with a challenge gift that will match all donations made now until the end of December up to \$18,000 to help us reach our goal.

The **FORMED** program is available to everyone in our parish. To start enjoying this free gift, please visit the FORMED website:

1. Go to: nekatholic.formed.org
2. Click on REGISTER to create a personal account

Bulletin Sponsors

Each week we want to highlight a business that supports our bulletin. Thank you to: **Greg's Auto Repair**, 626-5888, Lyndonville
Please support those who support us!

New Hymnals & Missals: We're offering parishioners the opportunity to donate individual books in memory of loved ones, whose name would be pasted on the inside cover of the book. For more info, please see the display at the back of the church.

Can You Help With Christmas Decorating?

Teams will soon be decorating the churches for Christmas:
 At St. John on December 23rd @ 9am
 At St. Elizabeth on December 23rd @ 1pm

A Note of Appreciation

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been so kind to me during this difficult time. The many Masses for Marion and donations in her memory are so heartwarming. I appreciate the phone calls, prayers and visits I have received over these past few months. Know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers as I recover. – Isabelle Handy"

(If you would like to send Isabelle a card her address is: Isabelle Handy, 47 Maggies Pond Road, Greensboro, 05841)

CHOIR PRACTICE

DECEMBER 22, 2019 AT 9:45AM
QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH

BRASS QUARTET

CHRISTMAS EVE AT 3:15 PM
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH



**CHRISTMAS &
THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY
MASS SCHEDULE**

CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24, 2019

4:00 PM ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

4:30 PM ST. ELIZABETH

7:00 PM QUEEN OF PEACE

DECEMBER 25, 2019

12:00 AM ST. ELIZABETH - MIDNIGHT MASS

10:30 AM ST. ELIZABETH

11:00 AM ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

A Holy Day of Obligation

DECEMBER 31, 2019

4:30PM ST. ELIZABETH

JANUARY 1, 2020

8:00AM ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

8:30AM QUEEN OF PEACE

10:30AM ST. ELIZABETH

11:00AM ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS:

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED:

CHRISTMAS EVE AT NOON

CHRISTMAS DAY and the 26th

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30th (Staff Christmas Party)

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT 3:00PM

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Dear Corpus Christi:

*Thank you for your very generous donation (\$490.00) to our Food Shelf.
Bless you! –Lyndon Area Food Shelf*

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE:

Dear Parishioners:

Hans Urs von Balthasar once wrote that "Christmas is not an event within history, but the invasion of time by eternity," but if we are honest with ourselves, we will probably see that we think of Christmas mainly as a celebration of something that happened 2000 years ago. We love the manger scene, Christmas pageants and singing Silent Night. These are all wonderful things, but they should point us beyond one night all those years ago to what Jesus wants to do in our hearts today. We not only celebrate Jesus who came into the world, but Jesus who comes into the world even now. The manger scene becomes a way for us to reflect on how humbly Jesus comes to us, especially in the Sacraments. The Christmas pageant becomes a way for us to enter in to what happened on that night so that we can understand how Jesus wants to come into our hearts today. The singing of Silent Night becomes a way for us to silence our hearts from the many cares and burdens of our daily lives to focus on what really matters: family, friends, and our relationship with God. Of all the gifts we receive on Christmas, this is probably the most important: the fact that we can have a relationship with a God who loves us unconditionally, a God we can speak to from our hearts, a God who can heal all of the faults, failings and frustrations in our lives. If we have that relationship with Jesus, every day becomes Christmas. If we have that relationship, Jesus will come to us as he did on that Christmas night 2000 years ago. If we have that relationship, Jesus will welcome us into Heaven at the hour of our death. Our hope for you this Christmas is that you let eternity break into your life in a special way. If there is anything we can do to assist you on this journey, we are only a phone call away. May God bless you this Christmas and every day.

Fr. Hahr, Fr. Robert & the Parish Staff

Future of Sunday Evening Mass

Thank you to all who have been coming to our monthly Sunday evening Masses. We have been averaging around 130 people (and growing!) at these Masses. Many people have commented that they like having a Sunday evening option available. Because of this, we are excited to announce that we will be having these Masses *twice each month* starting in January, with a possibility of working it into a new weekend Mass schedule sometime in the months ahead. The next Mass is on January 12th @ 5pm. Thank you for your continued support of our youth and our parish.

Good Shepherd Catholic School

As we enter this season of giving, we are reminded that the gift of education and faith are perhaps the greatest gifts we can give. Good Shepherd Catholic School prepares students for a life of learning, service, compassion, personal excellence, and faith in God. We are proud to offer a great student to teacher ratio, excellent educators and many extra-curricular activities to our students. If you know of any children, Catholic or non-Catholic, who are entering school age or looking to change schools, visit goodshepherdschoolvt.org to schedule a visit.