

Masses December 22 - 29, 2019

Sunday

8:30 AM (STP) Jean Kotts (Albin Kochanowski)
 8:30 AM (SMH) Joe Pidcock (Paul Stenson & Jeannine Morris)
 9:30 AM (SH) Jane Beegle (Fr. Tim Kozak)
 10:00 AM (CTK) Deceased of the Davoli & Bray Families (Joanne Bray)
 10:00 AM (HC) William Van Hall (Connie Talbert Dyan & Family)
 11:30 AM (STP) Elderly & Infirm of Our Parishes
 6:00 PM (CTK) Kathleen Kutsko (Ed & Mary Schreck)

Monday

8:15 AM (STP) Vocations
~~5:30 PM (Chapel)~~ No Mass

Tuesday - Christmas Eve

4:00 PM (CTK) Children of the Parishes
 4:30 PM (HC) People of the Parish
 4:30 PM (SH) Beulah Voltin (Danny & Roxie Marcinko)
 6:00 PM (CTK) Joseph Petras (Barbara Petras)
 6:30 PM (SMH) Rev. John Price (Nickie Blackburn)
 8:00 PM (STP) People of the Parishes

Wednesday - Christmas Day

12:00 AM (HC) Andrew & Elizabeth Roback (Bycofski Family & Daughters)
 12:00 AM (SH) Jane Beegle (the Harris Family)
 9:00 AM (STP) George & Marilyn Weisenbach (Anita Weisenbach)

Thursday

8:15 AM (STP) Saunders & Halley Families, Living & Deceased (John & Blaine Halley)

Friday

8:15 AM (STP) Diocesan Seminarians

Saturday

4:30 PM (SH) Len Gwiazdowsky (Rae Gwiazdowsky)
 5:00 PM (CTK) Irene & Louise Van Vossel (Yolande Helm)

Sunday

8:30 AM (STP) Joseph Essman (P.T. Farley)
 8:30 AM (SMH) Zeke & Jody Coffman (Tina & Mick McClelland)
 9:30 AM (SH) Pat Moore (Michael & Rita Draudt)
 10:00 AM (CTK) Armandino & Albertina Colaizzi (Maria Henning)
 10:00 AM (HC) Andrew Van Hall (Mary Lou Talbert)
 11:30 AM (STP) John Dioguardi (Angie Dioguardi)
 6:00 PM (CTK) Greater Respect for Life

LITURGICAL MINISTERS CTK/STP
 next weekend: December 28/29

Mass	Greeters/Gift Bearers	Servers	Readers	EMHC
5:00 PM CTK	Beatrice Selotlegeng	Chuck Bechter	Greg Foley Nancy Sand	Dcn. Scott Carson, Chuck Bechter, Chad Springer
8:30 AM STP	the Sheridan-Boyd Family	Nancy Sand Terri Trese	Bob Curtis Renee Baum	Mike & Renee Baum, Wanda Sheridan, Nancy Sand, Terri Trese
10:00 AM CTK	the Love Family	Henry Welsh Eric Kim	Angela Anderson Brian Schoen	Dcn. Scott Carson, Sandy Patton, Angela Anderson, Mary Helen Graham
11:30 AM STP	TBA	Nancy Sand Chris Purdy	Margaret Thomas Pam Beam	Kim Miler, Neil Ryan, Nancy Sand
6:00 PM CTK		Yuriy Slyvka	Nancy Sand	Dcn. Dan Murray

THE WEEK AHEAD @ CTK, STP & SH

Date	Time	Event	Place
December 22 Sunday		<i>4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i> No R.E. No CCD	
December 23 Monday		Office open until 12:00 PM	
December 24 Tuesday		<i>CHRISTMAS EVE</i>	
	4:00 PM	Mass	CTK
	4:30 PM	Mass	HC
	4:30 PM	Mass	SH
	6:00 PM	Mass	CTK
	6:30 PM	Mass	SMH
	8:00 PM	Mass	STP
December 25 Wed.		<i>CHRISTMAS DAY</i>	
	12:00 AM	Midnight Mass	SH
	12:00 AM	Midnight Mass	HC
	9:00 AM	Mass	STP
December 26 Thursday		Office is closed No Adoration	
December 27 Friday		Office is closed	
December 29 Sunday		<i>HOLY FAMILY</i> No R.E. No CCD	

PLEASE NOTE: The office closes at noon on Monday, December 23 & will remain closed through December 27. We will reopen at 9:00 AM on Monday, December 30.

Daily Mass will be celebrated at 8:15 AM at St. Paul on December 26 & 27. The 12:15 PM Mass on December 27 is cancelled.

WINTER BREAK SCHEDULE

During the University's Winter Break, Mass will be held at STP Monday - Thursday at 8:15 AM. There will be no daily evening Masses or Confessions at CTK during Winter Break. The parish office will close at 5:00 PM.

	December 22	December 29
CTK	Olivia Sheehan	Janis Tysko
STP	Mary Pedigo	Terri Trese

A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

Jesus, the Light of the World, as we celebrate your birth may we seek to recognize you in our world & bring Your light to our darkness. As you chose the lowly, the outcast, & the poor to receive the greatest news the world had ever known, so may we worship you in meekness of heart. May we remember our brothers & sisters less fortunate than ourselves in this holy season. Thank you, Lord, for the gift of Your love & forgiveness. May I be a shining example of that love to all.



+ Amen.



Fr. Tom, Fr. Matthew, Fr. Don & I would like to extend to all parishioners the blessings of the season & to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas! You will be in our thoughts & prayers this Christmas season.

J. Mark

SUNDAY COLLECTION: DECEMBER 15

Christ The King

Envelopes	\$ 3390.00
Loose	\$ 220.00
Total	\$ 3610.00

Envelopes Used: 62 out of 229

St. Paul

Envelopes	\$ 2201.00
Loose	\$ 149.00
Total	\$ 2350.00

Envelopes Used: 50 out of 168

Sacred Heart

Envelopes	\$ 2209.00
Loose	\$ 299.00
Total	\$ 2508.00

Envelopes Used: 56 out of 130

Thank you for supporting your parish!



R.E. NEWS - Mark your calendars for January 5, the Feast of the Epiphany (Wise Men).

Religious Education students & their families will experience the Feast as it is celebrated around the world. We will reenact the Story of Jesus' Birth & the Wise Men coming from afar to see Him. We plan to sing Christmas Carols & enjoy foods from around the world. Join us on **Sunday, January 5, from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM** for the International Epiphany Party.



NO Class: The 10:00 & 11:00 Religious Education classes will not meet from December 22 - January 12 for the Christmas holidays.



THANKS FROM HABITAT - The Faith Build Coalition of Habitat for Humanity raised just under \$700 from its scrap metal collection & just over \$800 from its fall rummage sale. Thanks to any & all who supported these fund-raising events in whatever fashion. George Bain, Catholic community liaison, gbain45701@yahoo.com or 740-592-3828.

A BLESSING FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Blessed are you, our God, giver of glad tidings to the poor.



You clothe your people with a robe of salvation & wrap us in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem & a bride bedecked with her jewels.

As we surprise & delight our loved ones with gifts of affection & care, let our giving & receiving mirror your own simplicity & grace.



You surprised the world with the greatest of gifts, the child born to be Savior of all,

Jesus who is Lord for ever & ever.

+Amen.

END-OF-THE-YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS - If you would like any further contributions to appear on your end-of-the-year statement for tax purposes, please return them in the collection basket or to the parish offices by December 31, 2019.

If you would like a copy of any donations you made in 2019, please contact Matthew Klim at the parish office, 740-592-2711, or mklam@athenscatholic.org.

CUSCO DONATIONS - The annual benefit dinner for the Cusco Archdiocese raised about \$2200. Proceeds help support the Good Shepherd (Buon Pastor) girl's orphanage in Cusco.



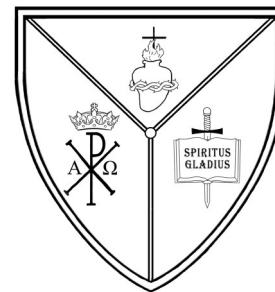
Your generosity is most appreciated! Thank you to everyone who made donations. (Peace & Justice Committee)

RED CROSS NEEDS - Local volunteers are needed to help provide services to the residents of our community.

Blood Donor Ambassador - Volunteer to help at local blood drives. Provide excellent & enthusiastic customer service to enhance the blood donor experience & to engage with blood donors to promote blood donation & set the stage for a long-term commitment to regular blood donations.

Disaster Response Volunteers - Volunteers that respond to local disaster situations (ranging from single family fire to larger community events) to provide financial, emotional & referral support to victims of local disasters.

For more information, please phone 740-725-9141, or email peggy.reed@redcross.org.



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Mass Times

SACRED HEART CHURCH
 WEDNESDAY 8:30 AM
 THURSDAY 6:30 PM
 FIRST FRIDAY MASS 8:30 AM
 FIRST SATURDAY MASS & DEVOTIONS 8:30 AM

SATURDAY VIGIL
 4:30 PM
 SUNDAY
 9:30 AM

ST. PAUL CHURCH
 MONDAY - THURSDAY
 8:15 AM
 SUNDAY
 8:30 AM, 11:30 AM

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
 MONDAY - WEDNESDAY (CHAPEL)
 5:30 PM (DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR)
 FRIDAY 12:15 PM
 SATURDAY VIGIL
 5:00 PM
 SUNDAY
 10:00 AM
 6:00 PM (DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR)

ST. MARY OF THE HILLS
 TUESDAY 6:30 PM
 SUNDAY 8:30 AM

HOLY CROSS
 THURSDAY 6:30 PM
 SUNDAY 10:00 AM

Confessions

SACRED HEART: SATURDAY 4:00 PM
 SUNDAY 8:45 AM
 CHRIST THE KING: SATURDAY 4:00 PM
 SUNDAY 5:00 PM (DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR)
 THURSDAY 8:00 - 9:00 PM
 CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD ANYTIME BY REQUEST.

Prayers

Please remember in your prayers the health (H), intentions (I), or repose (R) of the following people:

Betty Bechter (H)	Dawn Class (H)	Sue Costanzo (H)
Linda Fiutem (H)	Gina Giardino (H)	Judy Graf (H)
Rae Gwiazdowski (H)	Jane Huffman (H)	Andy Iannarelli (H)
Blaycen Jeffers (H)	Linda Maher (H)	Bill McConnell (H)
Jack Patterson (H)	Richard & Marlene Radford (H)	
Stacey Smith (H)	Tom Soulsby (H)	Jennifer Starcher (H)
Sophie Truszka (H)	Horace Turner (H)	Amy Wilson (H)

Prayers for the clergy of our Diocese:

Msgr. Gerald Calovini	(22nd)
Rev. Robert Gallagher	(23rd)
Msgr. James Boehm	(24th)
Our Holy Father	(25th)
Msgr. John Wippel	(26th)
Msgr. Frederick Pasquinelli	(27th)
Msgr. Donald Horak	(28th)

Prayers for the Deceased Clergy of the Diocese:

Rev. John Reardon	(24th)
Rev. James McMahan	(25th)

SACRED HEART CHURCH
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 22, 2019

Heavenly Father, as we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to your son. Give us the grace & strength we need. Help us to always trust in you. Come & dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

Christ the King, Athens	4:00 PM & 6:00 PM
Sacred Heart, Pomeroy	4:30 PM & 12:00 Midnight
Holy Cross, Glouster	4:30 PM & 12:00 Midnight
St. Mary of the Hills, Buchtel	6:30 PM
St. Paul, Athens	8:00 PM

Christmas Day

St. Paul, Athens	9:00AM
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SCHEDULE CHANGES - CCD classes are cancelled Sundays, December 22 & 29 & January 5. Classes resume Sunday, January 12. The 6:30 PM Mass on Thursday, December 26, is cancelled. The office closes at noon on Monday, December 23 & will remain closed through December 27. We will reopen at 9:00 AM on Monday, December 30. There is 8:15 AM Mass at St. Paul on December 26 & 27.

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Christmas Eve Vigil: 4:30PM	Christmas Mass 12:00AM	December 28 4:30PM	December 29 9:30 AM
Eucharist	Billi Arnott Jamie Deem	Sheila Cozart Joan Anderson	Kris Harris Carol McCullough	Margie & Mike Lawson
Word	Brian Mendoza	Cindy Nau	Amity Wamsley	Emilia Alonso-Sameno
Gifts	Pre-K to 4th Grade	Kris Harris	Marilyn Epple Shirley Huston	Ramond & Andrew Johnson
Ushers	Michael Letson Cole Arnott	David Shuler Corbyn Broderick	David Shuler Joseph Layne	Cole Arnott Corbyn Broderick
Altar Servers	MJ Arnott Addi Well Cassium Powell Mason Sheppard	Andrew, Patrick & Michael Brown Cadon Broderick	Michael Martin	MJ Arnott Addi Well
Hospitality	Katie Brooker Stephanie Sexton	Robert Beegle	Carol McCullough Marylyn Harris	the Sheppard Family

Sunday, December 22, 2019
The Fourth Sunday of Advent



Glory to God in the highest!

Jesus, Light of the World, as we celebrate your birth may we seek to recognize you in our world and bring your light to our darkness. As you chose the lowly, the outcast, and the poor to receive the greatest news the world had ever known, so may we worship you in meekness of heart. May we remember our brothers and sisters less fortunate than ourselves in this holy season. Thank you, Lord for the gift of your love and forgiveness. May we be a shining example of that love to all.
Amen.



SAINT MARY OF THE HILLS PARISH CHRISTMAS PROJECT- This year we will be restocking paper products and personal care products for the Nelsonville Food Cupboard. The "Giving Tree" has tags with the needed items and is located in the narthex. All items are due by December 29th.

IN SYMPATHY- Bill Hill of St. Mary of the Hills passed away last week. We extend our sincere sympathy and prayers to Jeanne and family in their loss.

Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Holy Cross Refreshment Schedule

December 29
 After Mass No Refreshments-New Year's

January 5
 After Mass Patty, Kerensa, Loretta

Holy Cross Parish School of Religion Schedule for December

December 22 Class-Decorate for Christmas
 December 29 No Class- New Year's Eve Break
 January 5 Class
 January 12 Class

Schedule for the Week
December 22-27

Sunday, December 22
 Decorating of the Church after 10:00 Mass with Religious Ed. Students (HC)
 Bingo doors open at 5:00PM (HC)
 Bingo starts at 6:30PM (HC)

Monday, December 23
 Decorating of the Church 5:00PM(SMH)

Tuesday, December 24-Christmas Eve
 Wednesday, December 25-Christmas Day
 Thursday, December 26-day after Christmas
 The office will be closed.

Thursday, December 26
 No Adoration (HFC)

ADORATION- On Thursdays from 9AM-9PM there is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Holy Family Center in Athens. Please come and spend some time with our Lord. To volunteer or for more information, contact Fr. Tom at the parish office. 740-592-2711. Please note there will be no Adoration at the HFC on December 26 or on January 2.

ENVELOPE PACKETS- Envelope sets for 2020 should be available for pick up after Mass later this month. Due to budget constraints, we had to stay with the full year boxed sets, but we did make a few noticeable changes. First, we have switched from a generic blue envelope to the "Saints" envelope series, which provides interesting information about a different saint each weekend. Second, while both churches have the same envelope schedule, your envelopes will now specify either St. Mary or Holy Cross. Third, although there are more special collection envelopes that are required by the USCCB, we are not trying to pump you for money; please give as you can at your discretion, and if you have questions about any collection, feel free to call us.

If you have not received envelopes in the past and would like to, or if you no longer wish to receive them, please contact Matthew Klim at the office.

Our Weekly Stewardship
Sunday Collections for December 15

St Mary of the Hills \$448.00
 Holy Cross \$962.00

Thank you for supporting your parish!

Prayer Requests

Please pray for our sick and homebound.

Jim & Jean Bickley	John Koons
Gary Braglin Sr.	Teddie Love
Larry Bycofski	Chris McDonald
Joe Bokovitz	Jack Maurer
David (Dabo) Brunton	Casey Moore
David & Norma Carter	Pete Moore
Randy Cavella	Marion Mucha
William Devine	Ethan Peacock
Mike Falzone	Al (Steve) Richards
Victor Fox	Kim & Lisa Roback
Daniel Frank	Carol Sciance
Shirley Kamento Harper	Linda Shafer
Caroline Herd	Harry Smith
Betty Higgins	Gary Stufflebean
Mary Carter Hillyer	Bob Stoncel
Don Holbert	Helen Walker
Paul & Doris Jameson	Kim Wolf
Marsha Jewell	

Liturgical Ministers- St. Mary of the Hills

December 24-Christmas Eve

Lector Dave Kottyan
 EMHC Julia Peacock & Dave Kottyan

December 29

Lector Pat
 EMHC Dr. Norma & Dave

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross

December 24-Christmas Eve

4:30 PM Mass

Server Dalton & Andrew
 Lector Sarah
 EMHC Volunteer still needed

Midnight Mass

Server Charles & Donna
 Lector Vicki
 EMHC Marilyn & Mary

December 29

Server Adam
 Lector Jeff
 EMHC Brenda & Angela

Masses for December 22-29

Saint Mary of the Hills & Holy Cross

Sunday, December 22

8:30 AM (SMH) Joe Pidcock (Paul Stenson & Jeannine Morris)
 10:00 AM (HC) William Van Hall (Connie Talbert Dyan & Family)

Tuesday, December 24
Christmas Eve

4:30PM (HC) People of the Parish
 6:30PM (SMH) Rev. John Price (Nickie Blackburn)
 8:00PM (STP) People of the Parishes
 Midnight (HC) Andrew & Elizabeth Roback (Bycofski Family & Daughters)

Wednesday, December 25
Christmas Day

9:00AM (STP) George & Marilyn Weisenbach

Sunday, December 29

8:30 AM (SMH) Zeke & Jody Coffman (Tina & Mick McClelland)
 10:00 AM (HC) Andrew Van Hall (Mary Lou Talbert)

The Rosary will be prayed at 9:40AM before every Sunday morning Mass at Holy Cross.

December 22-31 Birthdays

22-Triston Conway	28-Sarah Tome
23-Rose Leib	28-Miki Brooks
24-Kim Taylor	28-Debra Dunfee
26-Jennie Altier	30-Travis Riley
27-Evan Dishong	31-Mary Hillyer

December Anniversaries

30-Mitch & Kay Brunton
 31-Paul & Doris Jameson
 31-Tony & Debra Dunfee

SAINT MARY OF THE HILLS- The annual Epiphany Party will be held on Sunday, January 5 after the 8:30AM Mass. There will be a potluck meal. Join in for fun, fellowship and King's Cake.