

Masses December 29, 2019 - January 5, 2020

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

Monday

8:15 AM (STP) Diocesan Seminarians

Tuesday - Vigil

6:00 PM (CTK) Emil & Elizabeth Gorgos (Wendy & Bill Serbonich)
 6:00 PM (SH) Traci Ann Bartels Houdashelt (Maureen Hennessy)
 6:00 PM (SMH) Mary Dewhurst (Tom & Vicki)

Wednesday - Mary, Mother of God

9:00 AM (STP) Saunders & Halley Families, Living & Deceased (John & Blaine Halley)
 9:00 AM (HC) Debbie Richards (Holy Cross Choir)

Thursday

8:15 AM (STP) Fr. Michael Scanlon
 6:30 PM (SH) Members of the Knights of Columbus
 6:30 PM (HC) People of the Parish

Friday

8:30 AM (SH) Priests of Our Diocese
 12:15 PM (CTK) Anne & Albert Vrabel (JoAnne Vrabel)

Saturday

8:30 AM (SH) Greater Protection of the Unborn
 4:30 PM (SH) Sick & Shut-ins of the Parish
 5:00 PM (CTK) Michael Serbonich (Wendy & Bill Serbonich)

Sunday

8:30 AM (STP) Elizabeth Kralik (Karen & Richard Vedder)
 8:30 AM (SMH) Charles Schilling (Larry & Nora Huffman)
 9:30 AM (SH) Deborah Brockert (Fr. Tim Kozak)
 10:00 AM (CTK) William Kregosky (Suzanne & Robert Vazzano)
 10:00 AM (HC) William Van Hall (Connie Talbert Dugan & family)
 11:30 AM (STP) People of the Parishes
 6:00 PM (CTK) Vocations

LITURGICAL MINISTERS CTK/STP
 next weekend: January 4/5

Mass	Greeters/Gift Bearers	Servers	Readers	EMHC
5:00 PM CTK	Mary Anne Reeves	Chuck Bechter	Mary Anne Reeves Joe McLaughlin	Dcn. Dan Murray, Chuck Bechter, Ric Abel, Lisa Murray, Mary Anne Reeves
8:30 AM STP	Bob Curtis Barb Moran	Myles Vorisek Nancy Sand	Dan Vorisek Eileen Sirois	Connie & Doug Woodruff, Nancy Sand, Billie Jo Essman, Hanna Vorisek
10:00 AM CTK	the Frantz Family	Annamarie Montle Ava Frantz	Valerie Miller Kurt Montle	Dcn. Dan Murray, Justin Carr, Karl & Joyce Kontyko
11:30 AM STP	Nan Cooley	Nancy Sand Chris Purdy	Emily Watts Sharon Parsons	Nan Cooley, Liana Flores, Nancy Sand
6:00 PM CTK		Luke Frost	Karen Matteson Mary Ann Simon	Karen Matteson, Mary Ann Simon

THE WEEK AHEAD @ CTK, STP & SH

Date	Time	Event	Place
December 29 Sunday		<i>Holy Family</i> No R.E. No CCD	
December 31 Tuesday	6:00 PM	<i>Vigil Mary, Mother of God</i> Mass	CTK
	6:00 PM	Mass	SH
	6:00 PM	Mass	SMH
January 1 Wed.	9:00 AM	<i>Mary, Mother of God</i> Mass	STP
	9:00 AM	Mass	HC
January 2 Thursday		No Adoration K of C	SH
	5:30 PM		
January 4 Saturday	9:00 AM	Rosary	SH
January 5 Sunday		<i>Epiphany of the Lord</i> No R.E. No CCD	
	11:00 AM	Epiphany Party	(HFC)



NEW YEAR SCHEDULE *

Tuesday, Vigil
 Christ the King 6:00 PM
 Sacred Heart 6:00 PM
 St. Mary of the Hills, Buchtel 6:00 PM



Wednesday, Mary, Mother of God
 St. Paul 9:00 AM
 Holy Cross, Glouster 9:00 AM

*January 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation.

SCHEDULE - Office hours the week of December 30 are 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, & we will be closed on **Wednesday, January 1, for the Holy Day.** There are no evening Masses at CTK. 8:15 AM Mass at STP will be celebrated Monday & Thursday. There is no Adoration on Thursday, January 2.

LINEN CARE	December 29	January 5
CTK	Janis Tysko	Karen Vedder
STP	Terri Trese	Trudy Montle

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

LOVING GOD,
 DURING THIS HOLY SEASON OF
 CHRISTMAS, WE ASK FOR YOUR
 BLESSING ON ALL FAMILIES.
 LET MARY'S OPENNESS TO YOUR WONDROUS WAYS
 BE AN INSPIRATION TO PLACE ALL TRUST IN YOU.
 LET JOSEPH'S COURAGE PROVIDE HOPE DURING
 TIMES OF ANXIETY & UNCERTAINTY.
 LET JESUS' LIFE IGNITE ALL FAMILIES WITH A
 SPIRIT OF LIGHT & LOVE.
 MAY THE GRACE THAT ENCIRCLED THE HOLY
 FAMILY WIDEN TO EMBRACE ALL FAMILIES.
 FOR THIS WE PRAY. AMEN



SYMPATHY - Please pray for the repose of the souls of *Jim Niggemeyer & Dean Hire* who passed away last week. We offer their families our sincere sympathy & prayers.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, & let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls & the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.



WEEKLY COLLECTION - Next weekend's bulletin will include totals from the December 22 & Christmas collections.

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.

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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.



COOKIE WALK - The numbers are in, & this year's Cookie Walk was the best ever! After expenses, the total net income is **\$6,344.10**. Good work!

The Pregnancy Resource Center sold jewelry at their Bling Table during the Cookie Walk, & **\$1,000 was raised!** This money benefits the PRC.



Thanks to all who worked so hard to make this event a success, & thanks to all who supported the efforts of the CWC & PRC!

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

It is part of our Catholic tradition to bless homes around the Feast of the Epiphany: January 5. This practice is a good one to adopt to conclude the Christmas season each year. The family gathers to ask God's blessing on their home & on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in your home, your comings & goings, your conversations, your work & play, your joys & sorrows.

A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance, 20 + C + M + B + 20. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, & Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross, & 2020 is the year.

"Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate & literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany & God's blessing of our lives & home. Our Catholic Women's Club is providing Holy Water bottles, blessed chalk, & a short family prayer to say when doing this prayer in your home. The materials will be available next weekend. Please take them home with you, & pray this prayer of blessing on your home. You can fill the water bottles with holy water from the font or metal container of Holy Water at the door to the church.

WINTER BREAK SCHEDULE

During the University's Winter Break, Mass will be held at STP Monday - Thursday at 8:15 AM.

There are **no daily evening Masses or Confessions at CTK during Winter Break.** The parish office closes at 5:00 PM.

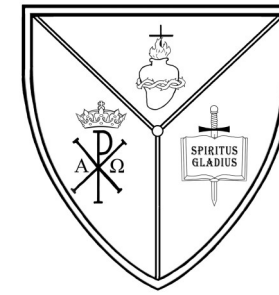


RED CROSS NEEDS - Local volunteers are needed to help provide services to the residents of our community.

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)	Linda Fiutem (H)
Gina Giardino (H)	Judy Graf (H)	Rae Gwiazdowski (H)
Jane Huffman (H)	Andy Iannarelli (H)	Blaycen Jeffers (H)
Linda Maher (H)	Jack Patterson (H)	
Richard & Marlene Radford (H)	Pam & Mike Sharp (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:

Rev. Timothy Huffman	(29th)
Rev. Mark Froelich	(30th)
Rev. Leonard Cencula	(31st)
Our Holy Father	(1st)
Rev. James Dunfee	(2nd)
Rev. Paul Walker	(3rd)
Rev. John Mucha	(4th)
Rev. Thomas Vennitti	(5th)

Prayers for the Deceased Clergy of the Diocese:

Rev. Edward Kakascik	(31st)
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SACRED HEART CHURCH
THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
DECEMBER 29, 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.

NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

New Year Eve

Christ the King, Athens	6:00 PM
Sacred Heart, Pomeroy	6:00 PM
St. Mary of the Hills, Buchtel	6:00 PM

New Year's Day

St. Paul, Athens	9:00 AM
Holy Cross, Glouster	9:00 AM

SCHEDULE CHANGES - CCD classes are cancelled Sundays, December 29 & January 5. Classes resume Sunday, January 12.

MEIGS CO-OP - Requested items for donation this month are bathroom tissue or erasers. You can drop these items off in the container at the entrance to the choir loft.

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.

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	New Year's Eve Vigil: 6:00PM	January 4 4:30PM	January 5 9:30 AM
Eucharist	Sheila Cozart Robert Beegle	Carol McCullough Kris Harris	Emilia Alonso-Sameno Cindy Nau
Word	Wilma Mansfield	David Casci	Steve Musser
Gifts	Harold & Susie Stewart	Harold & Susie Stewart	Michael Marcinko Andrew Johnson
Ushers	Corbyn Broderick Harold Stewart	David Shuler David Hollis	Matthew Bissell Bobby Musser
Altar Servers	Cadan Broderick	Michael Martin	Cadan Broderick Michael Brown
Hospitality	Barbara & Robert Smith	Irene Dill Marylyn Harris	Danny & Roxie Marcinko

Sunday, December 29, 2019
The Feast of the Holy Family

Masses for December 29-January 5

Saint Mary of the Hills & Holy Cross

Sunday, December 29
8:30 AM (SMH) Zeke & Jody Coffman (Tina & Mick McClelland)
10:00 AM (HC) Andrew Van Hall (Mary Lou Talbert)

Tuesday, December 31
Holy Day Vigil
6:00 PM (SMH) Mary Dewhurst (Tom & Vicki)

Wednesday, January 1
Holy Day of Obligation
9:00 AM (HC) Debbie Richards (HC Choir)

Thursday, January 2
6:30PM (HC) People of the Parish

Sunday, January 5
8:30 AM (SMH) Charles Schilling (Larry & Nora Huffman)
10:00 AM (HC) William Van Hall (Connie Talbert Dugan & Family)

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

Liturgical Ministers- St. Mary of the Hills

January 5

Lector Richard
EMHC Pat & Jean

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross

January 5

Server Don
Lector Andy
EMHC Gretchen & Joyce

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	

December & January 1-11 Birthdays

December
30-Travis Riley
31-Mary Hiller

January 1-11

1-Heath Riley	5-James Gannor
1-Tauren Simons	5-Jack Nagucki
2-Jean Bickley	6-Olivia Jones
2-Kay Carter	7-Jacob Altier
2-Janice Dillon	7-Dalton Hale
2-Klayton Kilzer	9-Pamela Burns
2-Nancy Meriman	11-Gary Braglin
3-Madison Kottyan	11-Irene Guy
4-Christopher Burdette	11-Madge Kottyan
4-Betty Higgins	

Holy Day of Obligation
January 1-The Solemnity of Mary

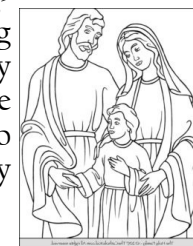
Tuesday, December 31-Vigil Mass
6:00PM Saint Mary of the Hills

Wednesday, January 1-Feast Day
9:00AM at Holy Cross

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.
20 + C + M + B + 20

CALENDARS- Thank you to the Souers Cardaras Funeral Home in Nelsonville for providing 2020 calendars. Calendars are available in the back of the church.

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY is not just about the Holy Family, but about our own families too. The main purpose of the Feast is to present the Holy Family as the model for all Christian families, and for domestic life in general. Our family life becomes sanctified when we live the life of the Church within our homes. This is called the "domestic church" or the "church in miniature." St. John Chrysostom urged all Christians to make each home a "family church," and in doing so, we sanctify the family unit. Just how does one live out the Church in the family? The best way is by making Christ and his Church the center of family and individual life. Ways to do this include: reading scripture regularly, praying daily, attending Mass at least on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, imitating the actions of the Holy Family, and so forth, all done together as a family unit.



December Anniversaries

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

January Anniversaries

12-Ed & Bev Matheny
18-Thomas & Rebecca Steenrod
31-Harry & Betty Smith

Holy Cross
Parish School of Religion Schedule for December

December 29	No Class-New Year
January 5	Class
January 12	Class
January 19	Class

Schedule for the Week
December 29-January 5

Sunday, December 29
All Giving Tree items due today (SMH)

Tuesday, December 31
No Adoration at SMH

Wednesday, January 1-New Year's Day
The office will be closed.

Thursday, January 2
No Adoration today at the HFC in Athens

Sunday, January 5
Epiphany Party after the 8:30AM Mass (SMH)

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. We are in need of volunteers for subs as well as volunteers to cover the hours: 12PM, 2PM, 4PM and 5PM. To volunteer or for more information, contact Fr. Tom at the parish office. 740-592-2711.

Holy Cross Refreshment Schedule

January 5
After Mass Patty, Kerensa, Loretta

January 12
After Mass Kay, Ann, Tammy

END OF THE YEAR STATEMENTS- If you would like to receive a copy of your 2019 Contributions to the parish for tax purposes, please call or email Matthew Klim at the office. Be sure to indicate whether you would prefer to receive it via mail or email. Thank you.

Our Weekly Stewardship

Sunday Collection for December 22 and Christmas

Because of early bulletin submission deadlines from Dec Printing during the weeks of Christmas & New Year's, the collection report will not be available until the January 5 bulletin.

Thank you for supporting your parish!