



# The Catholic Parishes of Athens & Meigs Counties

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## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 12/13, 2020

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** - Memorials for flowers are due no later than December 13.

**SYMPATHY** - Please pray for the repose of the souls of *Mildred Riggs, Devon Zimmerman & Don Peterson* all of whom passed away recently. Mildred was a parishioner at Sacred Heart Church. Devon was the son of Sharon & David Zimmerman. Don, a long-time member of the Athens Catholic Community, was the husband of Yveta Peterson. We offer the families of Mildred, Devon & Don 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.*

**ACCFP/ELIJAH MINISTRY** - The Athens Catholic Community Food Pantry is donating our December offerings to the Elijah Ministry, a group of parishioners who express the care & concern of our parish community to those in this community with pressing needs.



**CUSCO UPDATE** - If you are still interested in supporting the girls' orphanage in the Cusco, Peru diocese but haven't contributed yet, please send your donation to the parish office by Tuesday, December 15. A link to print a donation form can be found on the Peace & Justice page on the parish website. Thank you for your support this year. The Peace and Justice Committee

<b>LINEN CARE</b>	<b>December 13</b>	<b>December 20</b>
CTK	Wendy S.	Olivia Sheehan
STP	Trudy Montle	Trudy Montle

### Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. (CTK) Vocations to the Priesthood for Our Diocese
- 8:30 a.m. (SMH) Peter Stetson (SMH CWC)
- 9:30 a.m. (SH) Clarence Williams (Jane & Brady Huffman)
- 10:00 a.m. (CTK) Eugene A. Crum (Richard & Patty Manzey)
- 10:00 a.m. (HC) Jim Gannon (Greg Gannon & Family)
- 12:00 p.m. (CTK) Priests of Our Diocese
- 6:00 p.m. (CTK) Health Care Professionals

### Monday

- 8:00 a.m. (STP) Gwyn D. Waulk (Steve Hamlin)
- 12:15 p.m. (CTK) Greater Protection for the Unborn

### Tuesday

- 8:00 a.m. (STP) Saunders & Halley Families, Living & Dec. (John & Blaine Halley)
- 8:30 a.m. (SMH) People of the Parishes
- 12:15 p.m. (CTK) Those Struggling with Loneliness

### Wednesday

- 8:00 a.m. (STP) Healing/Strengthening for Those with Terminal Illness
- 8:30 a.m. (SH) Rose Brommer
- 12:15 p.m. (CTK) Diocesan Priests

### Thursday

- 8:00 a.m. (STP) People of Our Parishes
- 12:15 p.m. (CTK) Sick & Shut-ins

### Friday

- 8:00 a.m. (STP) Extraordinary Form
- 8:30 a.m. (SH) Vocations to the Priesthood for Our Diocese
- 12:15 p.m. (CTK) Paul & Julie Sikora (Carol Wasko)

### Saturday

- 4:30 p.m. (SH) Richard Radford (Dale & Ann Colburn)
- 5:00 p.m. (CTK) Dec. Davoli & Bray Family (Joanne Bray)

### Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. (CTK) Newborns & Their Parents
- 8:30 a.m. (SMH) Frieda Sayre (Patrick Sayre)
- 9:30 a.m. (SH) Jane Beegle (Maureen Hennessy)
- 10:00 a.m. (CTK) Armandino & Albertina Colaizzi (Maria Henning)
- 10:00 a.m. (HC) Andrew VanHall (Mary Lou Talbert)
- 12:00 p.m. (CTK) Seminarian Joseph Beigel (Athens CWC)
- 6:00 p.m. (CTK) Good Health for Daughter Maria (Beatrice Selotlegeng)

## SACRED HEART

### PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

*May the season of Advent prepare our hearts & minds to the reality of what the birth of Jesus did for mankind.*



**HOLY HOUR** - On Wednesdays, from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. we will have a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.



**CONFESSION** - At Sacred Heart Church, Confessions will be heard in the small chapel on Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. & from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. on Sundays. Confessions are also scheduled at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, December 16 & 23.

At Christ the King, Confessions will be heard at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, December 15 & 22 as well as at 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays. Due to the ongoing pandemic, no Advent Penance Services are scheduled this year.



**GAUDETE SUNDAY** - Today is the Third Sunday of Advent, called *Gaudete Sunday*. The name comes from the first word of the introit at Mass: "Gaudete" - Latin for "Rejoice." It is represented by the pink (officially "rose") color of the candle on the Advent wreath & vestments of the priest & deacon. The purple shade of this penitential season "lightens" to signify that we are nearer to the great feast of Christmas!

The Church, in the document *Redemptionis Sacramentum*, Nos. 121 & 127, states, "The purpose of a variety of color of the sacred vestments is to give effective expression even outwardly to the specific character of the mysteries of faith being celebrated & to a sense of Christian life's passage through the course of the liturgical year." In our church's seasonal enhancements & in the vestments, music & prayers, we enter more deeply in the life of Jesus & the season we celebrate.



**KNIGHTS COUNCIL 1716 NEWS** - Father Mark is going to help us celebrate a **Rorate Mass** on **Saturday, December 19, at 7:00 a.m.** at Christ the King. A Rorate Mass is a special mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It takes place early in the morning & is celebrated completely by candlelight. The Mass has a long tradition in the Catholic Church during the Advent Season. This Rorate Mass is going to take the place of our Men's Retreat this month, which we are postponing until March to help make it a special event many can attend & enjoy. TMIY will take place after the Rorate Mass on December 19.

Catholic men 18 or older who are interested in joining the Knights can do so dues-free through the end of 2020 in celebration of the beatification of Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney. They can register online at [kofc.org/join](http://kofc.org/join) or contact any Brother Knight for a membership form.



**ADORATION** - We will have Adoration on Fridays, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Christ the King.

**GIVING TREE 2020** - Thank you to all who donated so generously with food items & other gifts to our Giving Tree Project this year! Please remember that all **food or gift items are due by December 13.**



**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** - For more information about the "Discovering Our Dignity" bible study for women of our parishes, please contact Eileen at [freedomfertilitycare@gmail.com](mailto:freedomfertilitycare@gmail.com). To order your book for the study, go to [www.WalkingWithPurpose.com](http://www.WalkingWithPurpose.com).

### **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, 2020.

If you would like a copy of any donations you made in 2020, please contact Matthew Klim at the parish office, 740-592-2711, or [mklm@athenscatholic.org](mailto:mklm@athenscatholic.org).