

LITURGY – December 21 – December 29

SATURDAY December 21
5:30 p.m. All Members of the Parish

SUNDAY December 22
9:00 a.m. Sr. Angela Wood OP
by Fred & Margaret Grover

MONDAY December 23
8:30 a.m. Ann Marie Brown
by Husband & Family

TUESDAY December 24
7:00 p.m. Eileen & Leo O'Brien by Family

Midnight Jackie Verdiglione
by Her Children

WEDNESDAY December 25 - Christmas
9:00 a.m. All Members of the Parish

THURSDAY December 26
7:00 p.m. Eugene & Delores
Burkhardt
by Estate

FRIDAY December 27
8:30 a.m. Bill Waltman
by Paula Clingerman

3:00 p.m. EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

SATURDAY December 28
5:30 p.m. All Members of the Parish

SUNDAY December 29
9:00 a.m. Ben & Loni Braman by Family

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET AND ROSARY: We pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary before Mass at 5 p.m. Saturday and 8:25 a.m. Sunday. The Rosary and Chaplet are also prayed after weekday Masses.

2025 DONATION ENVELOPES: Envelopes are in the vestibule for pickup. Please let us know if we missed you or if you have not had envelopes and would now like to use them.

ST. MONICA CLUB: The next meeting will be Jan. 8, 2025 at 1 p.m. New members are always welcome.

PRAYER LIST: Richard Heming, Harvey Bennett, Melissa Edsall, Kathy Arnold, Lorne Fyfe, Kyle Foust, James McDonnell, Wendy Isaac, Debbie Soloweigh, Adam Wright, Jim Buchanan, Jim Macy, Tim Kiser, Bob Myers, Ron and Sally Perrin, Mitch Durst, Jessica Gray, Gary Schetrompf, Judy Mardis, Janice Heming, Bill Wigfield, Dianne Hush, Danielle Henry, Loyd Johnson, Suzanne Porsch, Chaddie Kidd, Nancy Pennel, Doreen Spargo, Mary Belle Zelanko, Rose Marie Stoeffler, James Bernarding, Shirley Smith, Linda Stubler, James Ford, Janine Anna, Calvin Amick, Caden Davis, Jane Cunard, Peggy Scritchfield, Bob Will, Kathleen Yingling, Shirley Hoffman, Tara Musselman, River Troutman, Sue Durr, Richard Koontz, Anne and Casmir Majcher, Joette Reid, Hope Burkett, J.B. Whisker, Pat Young, Rose and Ben Feight, Helen Snyder, and Nancy Stolarski .

* Please call to add or remove a name once the person is recovered or no longer in need of special prayer. If you are placing someone other than a family member on the list, please be sure to have their permission first

December 15, 2024	
Weekly:	\$1,882.00
Retired Religious:	\$199.00
Local Needs:	\$50.00
Christmas Food:	\$460.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$621.00
Thank You!!	

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Mass at 7 p.m.

Midnight Mass at 12 a.m.

Christmas Day Mass at 9 a.m.



JANUARY 2nd COLLECTION/LOCAL NEEDS: As in the past, on Jan. 4-5, we will combine the January Local Needs collection with a 2nd collection for the Everett Food Pantry.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE 2024: As of Nov. 30 we have received \$11,935.00 in cash and pledges to the diocese and \$4,048.00 to us for our Project.

LADIES OF ST. JOHN: After a winter break, meetings will resume in March.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

814-979-0272

Jesus was born during the time of year when darkness is the longest. The Savior of the world comes to people in dark places and brings real, lasting, deep joy when His light shines upon them. Through your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Christ's light shines upon those in need this Christmas. Wishing you and your families a joyful Christmas. If you know someone who is struggling in the darkness of poverty and need encourage them to contact St. Vincent de Paul.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: Today's Gospel passage from Luke describes Mary's actions immediately after her "yes" to the angel Gabriel's message. "Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah... and greeted Elizabeth." Mary immediately begins to think of others before herself, setting out quickly to be with her cousin, modeling two of the pillars of stewardship – **Hospitality and Service.**

What warmth and humility the Mother of our Savior shows, traveling to Elizabeth to spend time with her, rejoicing with Elizabeth over her own incredible pregnancy, and assisting her in a time of need. And what joy this hospitality and service brings to Elizabeth. Our Blessed Mother's example of a stewardship way of life is one that we, her children, can follow in our own lives today. With all the gifts God gives us — our time, our talents, our material possessions — we, too, can offer ourselves to God by using these gifts to serve and glorify Him. In so doing, we will effectively spread the Good News of the Gospel to the world around us today.

We will be stewards after our Mother's own heart.

ADVENT LOVE: The fourth Advent candle symbolizes love. Our renewed sense of hope that accompanies the Jubilee Year results in a commitment to love one another. The Jubilee Year offers the opportunity to be "ambassadors of hope" through loving service. Join in the efforts to serve the poor offered by your parish. See what outreach ministries such as Catholic Charities have to offer. "God so loved the world that he sent his only Son," share that love in return.



REFLECTION UPON THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

From the Christmas Gospel reading we hear that God has entered quietly into the world. Not into the great city of Jerusalem, but into a small village about five miles south. Not into a noble family, but to an outcast couple keeping the newborn in a manger. Not announced by royal edicts, but to common shepherds, the first human heralds of Christ's birth. As Christian stewards we simply allow Christ to live in us no matter what our circumstances happen to be. We allow Christ to share his love with us and reflect that love to others. We now are the heralds of Christ's Incarnation. What an unimaginable gift from a generous Lord. Good stewards rejoice in this gift and give glory to God.

NOTE FROM FATHER FAIRMAN: My thanks to everyone who will make this Christmas special. I wish everyone a very holy and Merry Christmas.

RAFFLE NEWS: The Northern Deanery Raffle ticket sales are underway. We have 6 months to sell another lucky ticket. Tickets will be available once each month in the vestibule and those dates will be announced in advance in the bulletin. Also tickets can always be obtained by notifying Pat via text or phone at 717-679-2081 or emailing

WINTERS3089@gmail.com.

SEASONAL CELEBRATIONS:

AN ADVENT OF CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

will be held 7:30 pm, Saturday, December 21 at St John Gualbert Cathedral, 117 Clinton Street, Johnstown. The program will feature the Greater Johnstown Diocesan Festival Choir and Bishop McCort Academy Chorale. The choral groups will be accompanied by our own St John Gualbert Cathedral Chamber Ensemble. Admission is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be taken.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: *This is Christmas* celebrating the Heart of Christmas ~ Monday December 30 at 6PM. The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel in Loretto invites you to a night of Christmas music performed by the Basilica Choir and the St. Michael Children's Choir. Enjoy the music and the beauty of our basilica during the Christmas Season! Make plans to join us!

POLISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS: All Saints Parish in Boswell (Somerset County) will host their annual singing of Polish Christmas Carols (known as Kolędy or Pastoralki) on Sunday, January 5th, at 2:00 PM at the church (325 Quemahoning Street, Boswell). The hymns will be sung by their Polish choir. Following the singing of hymns by the parish's Polish choir, there will be benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and refreshments. Kolędy help to capture some of the finest sentiments, values, and emotions of the Polish religious, national, and artistic heritage. Polish Christmas customs are very rich; whether you are Polish or not, please come and experience the time-honored hymns celebrating the birth of Christ. For more information please call the parish office at 814-629-5551.



***For while all things were in quiet silence,
And the night was in the midst of her course,
Thy almighty work leapt down from heaven,
From the royal Throne. Wisdom 18:14***