Season of Peace

Today we light the second Candle of the Advent Wreath. With this candle we pray that the peace and light of Christ will shine through us to everyone we meet.

Advent Morning of Reflection

During this Advent Season, the Church invites us to prepare for the Celebration of the Birth of Christ at Christmas. As this season continues, the world tells us we need to be shopping, buying, spending, etc.

Come spend some time to just stop, pause, and reflect on the Advent themes of quiet, waiting, patience and hope. Spend time with Mary as she contemplates the arrival of her Son, Jesus. Please consider joining us for this morning of reflection. Bring your lunch.

Saturday: December 14, 2019
Time: Begins with 8:00 AM Mass through 1:00 PM
Where: Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish Social Hall
Contact: Sister Jeanne Marie @ 724-834-3710 ex 35

Film Study: The Nativity Story
Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish
Monday, December 16, 2019
6:45-8:45 pm in the Social Hall

Bring a friend and join us as we journey with Mary and Joseph as they make their way to Bethlehem for the census just when Mary is about to give birth to her Son, Jesus. Meet the people who play an important role in their lives as this timeless story unfolds.

Contact Sister Jeanne Marie for more information at 724-834-3710 ex 35.
READINGS FOR: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019

Isaiah 11:1-10 Jesse’s tree is about to bud again, and with it the hope of the ages.

Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Justice is coming, and peace is not far behind.

Romans 15:4-9 Scripture was written down to preserve the wisdom of the holy ones.

Matthew 3:1-12 The Baptist is back, and he’s wielding the ax of God.

Keeping in our prayers and trusting that God will bring to their families comfort in the days ahead, we commend to your prayer the souls of

Margaret Jean Curtis
and
Helen Finoli

Our parish community extends its deepest sympathy to their families on their loss.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls rest in peace.
Amen.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Please remember in your prayers our teens who will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday evening, December 10 with Bishop Edward Malesic at 7:00 p.m. Candidates are to arrive at 5:45 in the social hall to meet with the bishop before the celebration.

Reminder: There is a practice with the sponsors and candidates on Monday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m. This will take place in church.

 Advent Regional Penance Services

Sunday, December 15
Holy Cross 2 PM

Monday, December 16
Saint Bruno 7 PM

Tuesday, December 17
Saint Paul 7 PM

Wednesday, December 18
Saint Benedict 7 PM

Thursday, December 19
Our Lady of Grace 7 PM

Saturday, December 21
Blessed Sacrament Cathedral 11 AM

This is the last opportunity for confession before Christmas.

Sanctuary Candle

In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ, the Tabernacle Candle will burn from December 7 through December 13 in Memory of

James & Mary Snyder
requested by Jack & Debbie Yurko

WEEKLY LITURGICAL MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 7, 2019 - Weekday
5:30 PM Leo & Beverly Stoltz (Ronald Stoltz)

Sunday, December 8, 2019 - Second Sunday of Advent
7:00 AM Mary Camphire (Michele Gornick-Sister)
9:00 AM For the Living and Deceased Members of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral
11:30 AM Megan Lynn Smith (Parents)
Acolyte Installation
Bishop Edward C. Malesic, presiding
7:00 PM Judy Massari (Renee Bittner-Daughter)

Monday, December 9, 2019 - The Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary
12:10 AM Frances Grevish (Elizabeth O’Bradovich)

Tuesday, December 10, 2019 - Advent Weekday
12:10 PM Bernard M. Baumeister (Bernie Baumeister-Son)
7:00 PM Confirmation - Bishop Edward C. Malesic, presiding

Wednesday, December 11, 2019 - Advent Weekday
12:10 PM Andrea Augustine (Andy & Bette Geter-Parents)

Thursday, December 12, 2019 - Our Lady of Guadalupe
12:10 AM Michael Hall (Katie Zuzik)

Friday, December 13, 2019 - Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
12:10 PM Anna Marie Grippo (Katie Grippo)

Saturday, December 14, 2019 - Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
8:00 AM Elena & Jonas Rudzinskas (G.C. Kleckner)
11:00 AM Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM Lynn Hoak (Family & Friends)

Sunday, December 15, 2019 - Second Sunday of Advent
7:00 AM Catherine Bisignani (Kevin Gallagher)
9:00 AM Diane M. Kennedy (Mother)
11:30 AM Lucy E. Dedo (Helen Zello)
7:00 PM For the Living and Deceased Members of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral

The rosary is prayed daily Monday - Friday beginning at 11:30 AM
In order to meet our budgetary needs, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral requires an average of $18,000 per week in the regular offertory collection.

Sunday Offertory $12,592.00
Votive Candles $258.00
Catholic Relief Services $1,895.00
Cathedral Care $1,497.00

Families receiving envelopes 1,632
Envelopes used this week 261
Parishioners using Online Giving 117

Thank you for your generosity and support of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish!

Online Giving is an easy way to make your weekly contributions (www.osvonlinegiving.com/584). If Online Giving is not an option for you, please consider writing a check for added security as opposed to putting cash in your weekly envelope.

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Thank you in advance for your generous support of our mission.

Anyone who did not receive the mailing or wishes to purchase more tickets should contact Katie Zuzik at 724-834-3710 ext. 11 or email Katie at kzuzik@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Oplatki is now available in the vestibule of the Church. These wafers of bread remind us of our continuing communion with the Lord and with one another. Broken and shared with family at your Christmas celebration at home, and sometimes dipped in honey, this bread represents the sweetness of the unifying love of family. Donations may be placed in the basket provided.

Requested donation is $3.00 / envelope.

Please set some time aside to help decorate our Church for Christmas on Monday, December 23. You are invited to join us for pizza in the Social Hall at 11:45 AM. We will enjoy lunch together and then begin to decorate the Church after the daily 12:10 PM Mass. Join us for an hour or so, we always have such a great time as we all work as a Parish Family in joyful anticipation of Christ’s arrival. We need strong volunteers who can help carry poinsettias and trees.

"Many hands make light work"
**WEEKLY INFORMATION AT A GLANCE**

**Saturday, December 7, 2019**
6:45 AM  Catholic Men’s Fellowship Meeting [Social Hall]

**Sunday, December 8, 2019**
10:10-11:15 AM  Faith Formation [Red Brick School]
4:45-6:45 PM  Youth Ministry [FC]

**Monday, December 9, 2019**
Parish & Cemetery Offices Closed
7:00 PM  Confirmation Practice [Church]

**Tuesday, December 10, 2019**
7:00 PM  8th Grade Confirmation & Reception [Church & Social Hall]

**Thursday, December 12, 2019**
1:30-3:30 PM  Threads of Love [Social Hall]
7:00-9:00 PM  Women's Faith Sharing [FC-EAS]

**Saturday, December 14, 2019**
6:45 AM  Catholic Men’s Fellowship Meeting [Social Hall]
8:00 AM-1:00 PM  Advent Morning of Prayer [Social Hall]
5:30 PM  Bethlehem Project Raffle Tickets after Mass

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**NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**

**“The Accent On-Air,” Magnificent Churches and Weddings, airs on WTAE-TV early morning Dec. 10, 12, 17 and 19**
“The Accent On-Air,” Magnificent Churches and Weddings, will air on WTAE-TV, Channel 4 at 2:08 a.m. Dec. 10, 12, 17 and 19. The show features Bishop Malesic talking about his ad limina trip and meeting with Pope Francis, marriage tips from couples celebrating their 50th anniversaries, two couples who met at ChristLife, a Western Pennsylvania cookie table recipe, magnificent churches, and the inspiring story of an Indiana County woman and the repurposing of wedding gowns for a merciful cause.

**Ancient Order of Hibernians talk Dec. 10**
The Greensburg/Indiana St. Brendan Ancient Order of Hibernians will sponsor a talk by James Lamb, director of the Ireland Institute of Pittsburgh and honorary consul of Ireland, “Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland in Light of Brexit,” Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. at Caritas Christi at the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill, Greensburg. The talk is open to the public. For membership information, call 724-832-0482.

**Holy Family Church Presents: A Festival of Lessons and Carols**
All are invited to attend this beautiful service of carols, anthems and scripture to bring us into the joy of the Christmas season. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served afterward in the Parish social hall. Please contact Evan Bellas for more details, ebelas@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

**Holy Family Church, 1200 Ligonier St., Latrobe, PA 15650**

**Vocation discernment events for boys, young adults Jeremiah Days,** vocation discernment for boys in grades 6-8 and their parents or guardians, will be held Saturdays, Feb. 8 and May 2, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City. For information or to register, visit gbgvocations.org.

**Exploring God’s Call,** for boys in grades 9-12, will be offered Dec. 8, Feb. 9, March 8, April 19 and May 17 from 6:30-8 p.m. at Greensburg Central Catholic High School. For information or to register for either group, visit gbgvocations.org.

**The Melchizedek Project,** for men 18 and older, will be held Dec. 8 from 6:30-8 p.m. at Holy Family Parish rectory, Latrobe. To register, email mahoney@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

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“Sign up for Christmas!”
Liturgical Ministers, Altar Servers and Ushers, all sign up sheets are in the Sacristy and Ushers room.

Sign up today to help during the Christmas and New Year’s Masses!

Check out the LightHouse Kiosk in the vestibule of the Church for excellent spiritual reading materials!
Become a Member of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral

Welcome! It is a great joy to welcome new members to our parish community. Please register as soon as possible in order to participate in our various programs, ministries and activities. Drop this form in the collection basket and we will send you a detailed registration form. If you are already a member and have changed any of your personal information please call the Parish Office or return the changes on the form below.

Name: ____________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________
Contact Number: _________________________________
Email Address: ____________________________________