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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass	4:00pm
Sunday Mass	9:00am & 11:30am
Weekday Mass	8:00am (Monday–Thursday)
Holy Day Mass	12:15pm & 6:00pm
Reconciliation	3:00pm (Saturday)

PARISH STAFF

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To register your child(ren) for Youth Faith Formation (YFF), to inquire about the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), to begin the Annulment process, schedule a Baptism Prep session, or discuss the preparation and celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, First Eucharist (and Reconciliation), and Confirmation, please contact Marcy Fessler, our Pastoral Associate at 330-533-6839. Thank you.

PARISH INFORMATION

To register in the parish, begin planning for the Sacrament of Marriage, discuss a Mass of Christian Burial, request Letters of Suitability to serve as Godparents or Sponsors, or seek any other parish-related information, contact Maxine Gordon, our Administrative Assistant at 330-533-6839. Thank you.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday: 8:30am – 4:00pm
Friday: 8:30am – 3:00pm

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MISSION STATEMENT

We are a faith community of Roman Catholic Christians dedicated to lovingly extending the mission and ministry of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, through Word, Sacrament, and Christian Service to the People of God, both in our parish and the surrounding areas, all to the Glory of God!

PARISH HALL & FAMILY LIFE CENTER RENTALS

Parishioners: please call Audrey Geskey at 330-533-3181



Mass
Schedule

Monday, December 2

8:00am – William Michael

Tuesday, December 3

Saint Francis Xavier

8:00am – Celeste & Lawrence Teaberry

Wednesday, December 4

Saint John Damascene

8:00am – Dick Gregg

Thursday, December 5

8:00am – James Leugers

Friday, December 6

Saint Nicholas

No Daily Mass

Saturday, December 7

Vigil – Second Sunday of Advent

3:00pm - Reconciliation

4:00pm – Ed Ross

Sunday, December 8

Second Sunday of Advent

9:00am – Wendy Lavelle

11:30am – Rose & Frank Mullarkey

FROM THE PASTOR . . .



This Sunday, we begin a new liturgical year with the season of Advent. This wonderful, yet too often, overlooked, season affords us the opportunity to prepare for the coming of Christ. As the season of Advent begins, we are reminded that there are three comings of Christ we celebrate: [1] his coming into human history at Bethlehem, [2] his coming at the end of human history, [3] and his coming into our hearts. In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us to be vigilant at all times and pray that we have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man. Let us take time during this wonderful season of preparation to make ourselves ready for the coming of Christ, not only at Christmas, but for all eternity. During this Advent season, let us welcome the radiant light which is the Lord, Jesus Christ – Emmanuel, into our hearts and into our homes.

JOHN THE FORERUNNER



In addition to Christ himself, two people stand as a hallmark of the Advent season – The Blessed Virgin Mary and John the Baptizer.

The icon of *John the Forerunner* depicts him as the adult prophet who is preparing the world for the coming of Jesus Christ. Illustrated in his camel hair coat and leather belt and with his wild hair, he also holds the scroll announcing to “*repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.*” May the image of Saint John during advent challenge us to work to prepare the way of the Lord.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Our Advent Reconciliation Service will be **Monday, December 16th** in the Church. The service will begin at 7:00pm. Please plan to join us as we prepare our hearts, as well as our homes, for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYERS

This year, we will be again using the Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation I & II at our Sunday celebrations during the Advent season. These are designed to be used during times of reconciliation and penance and are particularly fitting during the Advent and Lenten seasons. As we heed the call of the Baptizer and prepare the way for the Lord, we are all in need of preparing our hearts, which in most cases, calls for repentance and change of heart. May these Eucharistic Prayers not merely serve to change bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, but may they serve to transform our hearts into a loving dwelling place for Emmanuel – God with Us.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

This year December 8, 2024 falls on Sunday. This day is to be celebrated as the Second Sunday of Advent. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to **Monday, December 9, 2024, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass on December 9 will be at 12:15 and 6:00pm.**





CHRISTMAS GIVING PROGRAM

Our **Christmas Giving Wreaths** are up at all the entrances to the Church. As in the past few years, we will again be asking for **cash or check only donations**. The agencies will, in turn, use the financial donations to secure what each family is requesting. **Please return all donations by December 16.**

The **Angel Ornaments** on the wreaths are for you to keep. We ask that when you prepare your home for Christmas that you hang the ornament on your tree and during the holidays, and when you see that ornament, you keep in prayer the family your generosity enabled to have a more joyful Christmas.

All the angel ornaments have an envelope attached. The suggested donations are: light green - \$25; light pink - \$50; gold - \$100. Any amount you can offer is acceptable. We ask that if you wish to make more than one donation, that you take one ornament, and also take other envelopes from the basket near the bulletins. Donations may be dropped off in the secured donation boxes located near the wreaths, in the offertory basket or by mail to the parish office. We are extremely thankful for the overwhelming support our parish family has shown in past years. We are very hopeful that the same generous support will continue this year. God bless you all!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

A reminder to please fill out your Christmas flower envelope with the names of loved ones to be prayed for during the Christmas season. A listing of all names in memoriam will appear in the bulletin on December 29, The Feast of the Holy Family.



In order to have names listed in the bulletin (and posted on our parish website as well), we must receive the envelopes by **Friday, December 16.**

Again, thank you for your kindness. May God bless us all with joyful hearts and loving remembrance during this coming Christmas Season.

MILITARY LIST

Abby Cruz – Navy Pilot
Ryan Cruz – Captain, Marine Corp.
Philip McLaughlin - USMC
Colonel Gerald Nunziato



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, December 2

9:00am – Fitness Fun

Tuesday, December 3

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

Wednesday, December 4

9:00am – Fitness Fun

7:00pm – K of C

Thursday, December 5

8:30am – Bible Study

10:00am – Scripture Sharing

Friday, December 6

9:00am – Fitness Fun

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, December 7

8:00 – 10:00am – Soup Kitchen

10:30am – 1st Reconciliation with lunch to follow

3:15pm - Rosary

Sunday, December 8

10:05-11:20am – Youth Faith Formation

2:00-3:30pm – Sacrament Prep Retreat



Parish Support

November 24, 2024

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the offertory report was not available at the time of printing.

Thank you for understanding.



STEWARDSHIP – December 1, 2024

“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” (Luke 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those that are closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

Readings for December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5:1-9

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Luke 3:1-6

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, December 7 – 4:00 PM

Lector: John Morvay

Server: Daniel Herrmann

Euch. Min: Joyce Sutton (X-H)
Diane Graham (Font -C)
Bill Petro (Ambo-C)

Server: Daniel Herrmann

Ushers: Don Kutsko, Bill Petro

Sunday, December 8 – 9:00 AM

Lector: Sue DePinto

Server: Nate Ferguson

Euch. Min: Paula Lavin (X-H)
Brandy Tomory (Font -C)
John Tomory (Ambo-C)

Ushers: Mike Fabian, Kevin Henchar, Russ Miklos,
Jim Naples, Denny Sanders

Sunday, December 8 – 11:30 AM

Lector: Laura Lonardo

Server: Noah Gilbert

Euch. Min: George Beelen (X-H)
Tom Eaton (Font -C)
Leslie Lewis (Ambo-C)

Ushers: Russell Layfield, Tom Wainio, Chuck Wirtz

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Monday, December 9 – 12:15PM

Lector: Cindy Cleeland

Euch. Min.: Kim Maciukiewicz (X-H)
Doris Layfield (Font-C)
Kay McCarthy (Ambo-C)

Ushers: Marleen Belfiore, Don Kutsko, Bill Petro

Monday, December 9 – 6:00PM

Lector: Kelly Frammartino

Server: Nate Ferguson

Euch. Min.: Donna Wainio (X-H)
Maxine Gordon (Font-C)
Sharon Harpster (Ambo-C)

Ushers: Chuck Wirtz, Tom Wainio

URSULINE SISTERS

You are invited to join Ursuline Sisters Mission, which operated the Ursuline Sisters HIV/AIDS Ministry, for the Mahoning County World AIDS Day event **Thursday, December 5 from 4:30 – 5:30pm** at the Ursuline Center, 4280 Shields Road, Canfield. Doors open at 4:25pm. This year's theme is *Celebrating Positive Lives: Sustaining and Accelerating Progress*. The Program features speakers, music, a photo booth, a lighted labyrinth walk and the creation of a Quilt of Hope. Parking is on the west side of the building. Light refreshments will be provided.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Women and men religious offer gratitude.

"Sincere thanks to the donors of the Retirement Fund for Religious. I hope we meet, if not in this world, then in the next," says Sister Teresa Korycka, 81, of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate. Your gift impacts over 24,000 senior women and men religious, providing them a dignified retirement. To learn how your donation helps, visit retiredreligious.org

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Margaret Chizmar	Patricia Lesho
Mindy Cline	Barbara Dunn Lowe
Dante DeAngelo	Jack LeBrun
James Dunn, Sr.	Jayne Lynn Lowe
Leslie Fisher	Francis Luongo
Jim Fisher	Mary Lou Mack
Marilyn Fisher	Vincent Mastromatteo
Jay Gettemy	Edward Mosca
John Hahn	Bill Myers
Dale Hynes	Mike Roussos
Christopher King	Janice Rovnak
Jack LeBrun	Jack D. Slifka
Bridget Dunn Leonard	Don Streb
	Caroline Zeigler

Please Note: Beginning in January the current Prayer List will be removed, and a new Prayer List started. If you would like to have a name on the new list, please call the Parish Office at 330-533-6839. Thank you.

Young
at *Heart*

Due to the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 9, **Young at Heart will not meet in December.** Our next Young at Heart will meet on Monday, January 13 with Mass at 11:30 and lunch and a presentation to follow.

MASS CANCELLATION POLICY

Saint Michael Parish will follow the Canfield Schools cancellation schedule for snow and cold. If the Canfield Schools are closed or on a two-hour delay due to the weather, the 8:00am Mass will be cancelled, and the intention rescheduled. The office and any other activities will also be cancelled or delayed, depending on the timing. Thank you.

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ABOUT ADVENT WREATHS

Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple, and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.

The purple candles symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass. Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead

BLESSING OF AN ADVENT WREATH

(When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.)

Lord our God, we praise you for our Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the people, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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