

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Roman Catholic Church

50 Jefferson Street Uniontown PA 15401

Parish Office: 88 S. Pennsylvania Avenue Uniontown PA 15401



A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg "A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust"

DECEMBER 10, 2017

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Evening: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am and 10:30 am

WEEKDAY MASS

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri: 8:30 am

HOLYDAY MASSES

Please check the Parish Bulletin

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Father James D. Tringhese

Business Manager: Rita Rae

Faith Form. Director: Molli E. Vassar

Pastoral Assistant: Alice A. Yezbak

Liturgy Coordinator: Michelle Hudock

Parish Secretary: Julia Henry

Parish Phone: 724-437-7569

WEDDINGS

At least six months notice is needed. Marriage Preparation is required.

Contact the Parish Office.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

For information contact Molli Vassar

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

First Sunday of the Month is OUTSIDE OF MASS

Second Sunday of the Month is

DURING 10:30 am Mass

Information contact Molli Vassar

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 11:00 am

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursdays: 8:00 am—4:00 pm

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 9:00 –4:00 & Friday: 9:00-3:00

Closed 11:30 am-12:30 pm, Closed Holy days and Holidays

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REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Christine Roskovensky

chrisros@atanticbb.net

SJE Regional School Office: 724-438-8598

Mass Schedule

Saturday December 9, 2017
 5:30 p.m. +Richard Hackney (Family)

Sunday December 10, 2017
 8:30 a.m. +Birthday Blessings & Health of Peggy Rider (R. & A. Rider)
 10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

Monday December 11, 2017
 8:30 a.m. +Lois Guthrie (Rider Family)

Tuesday December 12, 2017
 8:30 a.m. +Helen Lucostic (C. Galvin, M. Lucostic & J. Frescura)

Wednesday December 13, 2017
 8:30 a.m. +Ronald Machesky (Wife, Children & Family)

Friday December 15, 2017
 8:30 a.m. +Marie Suchevis (E. McCay & K. Rocca)

Saturday December 16, 2017
 5:30 p.m. +Mattia, Hails & Maust (Family)

Sunday December 17, 2017
 8:30 a.m. +Patrick D. Maher, Sr. (A. & S. Tracy)
 10:30 a.m. +Veronica Yantko (Children & Grandchildren)



Ministers Schedule

Sat., December 16 & Sun., December 17

5:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers:		
K. Brant	J. Brestensky	R. Baker
B. Crutchman	M. Brown	D. Bryant
K. DeHaas	T. Casteel	D. Cummings
L. Harris	L. Conrad	D. Newell
R. Kuzy	R. Davis	M. Rider
J. Riffle	S. Griffith	A. Tajc
A. Sweeney	W. Hensel	B. Yantko
Greeters:		
Brant Family	J. Lindsay	Mechling Family
K, Rocca	L. Zaycosky	C. Stotelmeyer
Lector:		
E. DeHaas	B. Zaycosky	S. King
Servers:		
L. Shumar	E. Brestensky	M. King
A. White	J. Brestensky	M. King
J. White	M. Brestensky	A. Rider

Children's Liturgy - Sunday, December 17

W. Wilson C. Poninsky



Schedule of the Week

Monday, December 11
 Middle School Faith Formation@
 St. Therese Parish Center.....6:30-8:00 p.m.
 Adult Bible Study (PC).....6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 13
 Mary: A Biblical Walk Series (PC).....1:00-2:30 p.m.
 Choir Practice (C).....7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 14
 Eucharistic Adoration (C).....8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Advent Penance Service @
 St. Francis of Assisi, Masontown.....7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 15
 Parish Office will close at 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 16
 Advent Penance Service @
 St. John, Uniontown.....1:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 17
 Children's Liturgy (PC).....during 10:30 Mass

Advent Penance Service

Sunday, December 10 @ 3:00 PM
 St. Joan of Arc, Farmington

Thursday, December 14 @ 7:00 PM
 St. Francis of Assisi at Masontown

Saturday, December 16 @ 1:00 PM
 St. John/St Therese
 At St. John the Evangelist

Tuesday, December 19 @ 7:00 PM
 St. Mary (Nativity)/St. Joseph
 At St. Mary

Note: No 11:00 AM Saturday Confessions
 December 2,9,16,23, or 30



Please Note: No Regional Mass

There will be NO Regional Mass at SS.
 Cyril & Methodius Church on December 24 and
 December 31

Steward of Treasure December 3, 2017	
Adult	\$7,900.01
Children	\$ 7.00
Loose	\$ 536.00
Maintenance	\$ 465.00
Candles	\$ 180.00
Catholic Education	\$ 28.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 65.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 304.00
Christmas	\$ 135.00
Initial Offering	\$ 31.00
Oplatki Wafers	\$ 14.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 38.00
All Saints	\$ 10.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 135.00
Poverty Relief	\$ 20.00
Retired Religious	\$ 20.00
Children/Family Appeal	\$ 7.00
Total:	\$9,895.01

Collection Counters for December 17, 2017

C. Murtha C. Stirling D. Rider



St. John's Parish welcomes and extends congratulations to our newly baptized members.

They are:

*Kelly Renee Morris & Haley Grace Morris
May God bless them and their family.*

Thank You to Priests

Saint John's is most appreciative to the priests who have been covering Masses, Funerals, and other services during Father Jim's recuperation. Their services will be needed for a little while longer as Father Jim's schedule, by doctor's orders, needs to remain light. So we extend thanks to Father Ron Simboli, Monsignor Roger Statnick, Monsignor Michael Matusak, Father Jim Clark, and Father Bonaventure, OSB (from Saint Vincent).

2018 Church Calendars

We express our gratitude as a parish to the Donald Crawford Funeral Home of Hopwood and the Stephen Haky Funeral Home of Uniontown for providing us with the Church Calendars for 2018. They are available at the entrances of the church. Please take one home with you.



We extend a warm welcome on Tuesday, December 12 to the Catholic Schools Office Personnel, the Principals of the Diocesan Catholic Schools, and others who will be attending the Principals' Meeting hosted by Saint John the Evangelist Regional Catholic School. They will attend the 8:30 AM Mass December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Their breakfast and meeting will follow in the school.

St. John's Family Christmas Tree



We are again doing a family Christmas tree. If you would like to contribute or update your family ornament for

the tree, bring one and place it on the Altar rail by Sunday, December 17th.

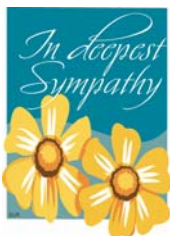
Oplatki Christmas Wafers

During Advent, Oplatki wafers will be available in the vestibule of the Church and at the Parish office for use at your Christmas dinners.

A packet of 3 is a \$3.00 donation. They will be available until we run out.

Christian Mother's Christmas Cards

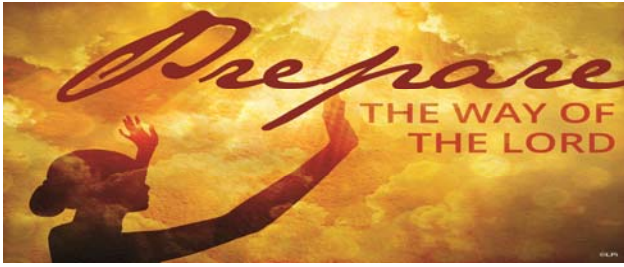
For the past several year the Christian Mothers have been sending out Christmas cards to our Christian Mothers and also members of our Parish who are no longer able to be an active part of the Parish. If you would like to help, we ask you to meet at the home of Donna Bryant on Thursday, December 13 at noon. Donna has offered to provide a light lunch. Her address is 506 Paul Court located in Craig Meadows. Please call Donna if you are able to come and help. Her phone number is 723 322 8987. This is a special project of the Christian Mothers which we are proud to provide for our Parish.



With Deepest Sympathy

Condolences are extended to the families of *William Carney and Lenny Volek.*

May God grant them eternal rest and comfort to their families.



REFLECTION

2nd Sunday of Advent

"People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him." John the Baptist commanded quite a crowd.


What was the attraction? Was it his unusual appearance-clothed in camel's hair? Perhaps it was his bizarre eating habits-feeding on locusts and wild honey. Or maybe people were captivated by the Baptist's remarkable humility in the face of such huge popularity-"I am not worthy."

Unlike our modern fascination with standing in the presence of superstars, the crowds who flocked to John weren't looking for a thrill. They weren't lining up for autographs. They were lining up for baptism. And they were acknowledging their sins at the same time. John was proclaiming "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins."

And people came because they were longing to experience the freedom of that forgiveness. John called them to conversion. To convert means to turn, in this case to turn away from sin. And the crowds were anxious to do so in order to "prepare the way of the Lord." For these first-century Jews, the imminent approach of the Messiah came with a call for conversion and they took this call very seriously.

Now, for us, as twenty-first century Christians, the Church, like John the Baptist, calls us to prepare and repent during this season of Advent. Will we take the call seriously? Will we examine the areas of our lives that need to change? Will we pray for

God's help to overcome our habitual sin and to make choices based on generosity instead of selfishness? Now is the time to heed the message. Now is the time to "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."



Sanctuary Candle
In acknowledging the
Real Presence of Christ,
the Tabernacle Candle
will burn in loving memory of
Birthday Blessings & Health of
Peggie Rider
requested by
Dave & Mary Ann Rider

Christmas Concert Broadcast



Through the generosity of an anonymous donor, the Christmas Cantata performed by our Choir, prior to the Midnight Mass will be broadcast on WMBS 590 AM and 101.1 FM radio at 2:25 PM on Christmas Day. Please inform family, friends and especially the homebound about this broadcast. May God bless this generous donor.

PLEASE JOIN US! MT. MACRINA MANOR'S LIVE NATIVITY



Mt. Macrina Manor's Annual drive-through Live Nativity will be held on the grounds of Mt. St. Macrina on Sunday, December 10, from 5-7 p.m. The Nativity will be set up along the Friendship Circle, adjacent to the facility. Mary and Joseph, shepherds tending to their flock, the Three Kings, the Little Drummer Boy, and angels will be portrayed. In addition, there will also be live animals, including a donkey, goat, sheep, calf, and an alpaca. The Sisters of St. Basil the Great, the Church of God Choir, and St. George Youth Group will sing Christmas carols. Angels will be passing out candy canes to visitors. Five hundred luminaries will line the driveway that leads to the Nativity. The event is free of charge and everyone is welcome. For information phone Mary at 724-430-1021.

Readings for the Week

- Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
- Monday:** Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
- Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday:** Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
- Friday:** Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Next Sunday:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28