

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 17, 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

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

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Christine Roskovensky

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SJE Regional School Office: 724-438-8598

Mass Schedule

Saturday December 17, 2017
 5:30 p.m. +Mattia, Hails, Maust & Rawlings Families Families (Family)

Sunday December 18, 2017
 8:30 a.m. +Patrick D. Maher, Sr. (A. & S. Tracy)
 10:30 a.m. +Veronica Yantko (Children & Grandchildren)

Monday December 18, 2017
 8:30 a.m. +Tom & Hermina Cervenak (A. Skola)

Tuesday December 19, 2017
 8:30 a.m. +Bertha Nesser (Family)

Wednesday December 20, 2017
 8:30 a.m. +Michael Sweeney (A. Sweeney)

Friday December 22, 2017
 8:30 a.m. +Mary Ann Swaka Bondarenka (Bondarenka Family)

Saturday December 23, 2017
 5:30 p.m. +Dillon Family (P. & L. Dillon)

Sunday December 24, 2017
 10:00 a.m. +Louise Kanar ((J. Kanar)
 5:00 p.m. +For the People of the Parish
 12:00 a.m. +For the People of the Parish



Ministers Schedule

Sat., December 23 & Sun., December 24
5:30 p.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Ministers:
 B. Crutchman B. Johnston R. Baker
 L. Harris J. Kolesar J. Brestensky
 B. Kalich J. Murtha M. Brown
 R. Kuzy R. Newhouse D. Bryant
 J. Nypaver A. Raho T. Casteel
 J. Riffle V. Roskovensky N. Ford
 E. Rosso C. Rozak B. Nesser

Greeters:
 E. McCay P. Richardson L. Conrad
 Show Family Richardson Family

Lector:
 B. Crofcheck J. Kolonsky J. Gamon

Servers:
 A. Crofcheck H. Kolesar J. Eadie
 R. Crofcheck L. Moody M. King
 A. Eitner N. Moody M. King

Monday, December 25 @ 12:00 Midnight

Eucharistic Ministers:
 R. Davis
 K. DeHaas
 S. Griffith
 D. Newell
 R. Price
 A. Tajc
 B. Yantko

Greeters:
 W. Hensel
 Mechling Family

Lector:
 G. Gamon

Servers:
 V. Brown
 A. White
 J. White

Schedule of the Week

Monday, December 18
 Middle School Faith Formation@
 St. Therese Parish Center.....6:30-8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 19
 Widows & Widowers Group @
 Red Lobster Restaurant1:30 p.m.

Advent Penance Service @
 St. Mary, Uniontown.....7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 20
 Mary: A Biblical Walk Series (PC).....1:00-2:30 p.m.
 Adult Choir Practice (C).....7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 21
 Eucharistic Adoration (C).....8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday, December 25 @ 10:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers:
 K. Brant
 D. Cummings
 P. Davidson
 A. Sweeney
 S. Tracy
 J. Henry
 B. Kalich

Greeters:
 Brant Family
 K. Rocca

Lector:
 J. Davidson

Servers:
 L. Urani
 S. Urani
 C. Kalich



Masses Christmas Weekend

Fourth Sunday of Advent
 Saturday, December 23 – 5:30 PM
 Sunday, December 24 – 10:00 AM (ONLY)
 NO 8:30 or 10:30 AM Masses
 On December 24

Christmas Masses

Sunday, December 24 - 5:00 PM Vigil
 Monday, December 25 – 12:00 MIDNIGHT
 Monday, December 25 – 10:00 AM
*To fulfill your obligation,
 you need to attend
 2 Masses next Weekend.*

Advent Penance Service

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

Steward of Treasure December 10, 2017	
Adult	\$10,653.00
Children	\$ 6.00
Loose	\$ 432.00
Maintenance	\$ 286.00
Candles	\$ 144.00
Catholic Education	\$ 5.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 20.00
Christmas	\$ 52.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 1,016.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 10.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 1,528.00
Poverty Relief	\$ 6.00
Oplatki Wafers	\$ 104.00
World Mission	\$ 10.00
Total:	\$14,272.00

**Christmas Concert
Broadcast**

Through the generosity of an anonymous donor, the Christmas Cantata preformed 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.



St. Johns Widows & Widowers Group

The St. John's Widows and Widowers Group will meet on Tuesday, December 19 at 1:30 PM.

They will meet at *Red Lobster Restaurant*. New members are welcome. For additional information please call 724-437-4790.

Queen of Peace Prayer Group

The Queen of Peace Prayer Group will **NOT** meet on December 19. the next meeting will be January 2, 2018.

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.

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.



Children and Family Services

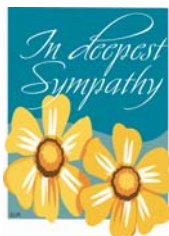
Appeal Collection

As you are aware, every year the second collection at all Christmas Masses has been for those people living within our own diocese who are less fortunate

than we. This collection is titled the "Children and Family Services Appeal." On the coming Christmas Feast, which reminds us of the gift of God's own Son, Jesus Christ given to each of us without question of our merit or eligibility, We ask you to support the "Children and Family Services Appeal" and make your contribution toward changing the future of an individual, a family or a child through the good work of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg.

Please Note: No Regional Mass

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



With Deepest Sympathy

Condolences are extended to the family of *Louise Kanar*.

May God grant her eternal rest and comfort to her family.

Does your marriage need a re-birth?

Begin the New Year by making a new effort to renew your marriage. Retrouvaille has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on January 19, 2018, please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434.

More information is available at <http://www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org/>



REFLECTION

3rd Sunday of Advent

"There is one ... coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." Untying sandal straps was no prestigious job. In the days of John the Baptist, those straps would have been especially unpleasant to deal with. Besides the usual odors that accompany sockless leather footwear, there would have been the grime and dirt from the sandy roads and paths that swirled around the people who went everywhere on foot. Taking off someone's shoes upon their arrival was the task of the lowly servants. So when John says he's unworthy of doing this task for the "one who is coming after me," he is putting himself in a very humble position. And rightly so.

John realizes that the Christ-the Anointed One, the Messiah-is so far above him, so far above any of us, that we are truly unworthy of him. Indeed, the Son of God is not just the greatest of men; he is God-made-man and in his presence we most appropriately should bow in humble homage. Yet this God chose to stoop down to our human level and walk among us. He chose to get his sandals dirty. And still today he chooses to allow us to encounter him as a friend and companion.

But as John reminds us by his example, this encounter with the Lord is not the result of our own merits or accomplishments. We are sinners who stand in need of Christ's help. But thanks be to God, he is always willing to extend this help to us. As St. Paul says in today's epistle, "May the God of peace make you perfectly holy." Indeed it is God who does the perfecting, not us by our own power. So let us approach the Lord this Advent season with a spirit of hopeful humility, trusting that God alone can make us worthy of welcoming his Son.



Sanctuary Candle

In acknowledging the
Real Presence of Christ,
the Tabernacle Candle
will burn in loving memory of
Veno, Mattia Maust & Rawlings
Families
requested by
Famly

The Magnificat

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.*

*He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.*

*He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.*

*He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.*

*He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.*

*He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever.*

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Readings for the Week

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

Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13,
18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a,
5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab,
5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7,
8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab,
8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/
Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38