

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 24, 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

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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@atlanticbb.net

SJE Regional School Office: 724-438-8598

Mass Schedule

Saturday December 23, 2017
 5:30 p.m. +Dillion 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
Monday December 25, 2017
 10:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
Tuesday December 26, 2017
 No Mass
Wednesday December 26, 2017
 8:30 a.m. +Shimko & Gavorcik Family
 (A. Raho)
Friday December 29, 2017
 8:30 a.m. +Lenny Volek
 (Knights of Columbus Council 1275)
Saturday December 30, 2017
 5:30 p.m. +Marge Geisel (D. Kordella)
Sunday December 31, 2017
 8:30 a.m. +Madeleine John, Michael K. &
 Edith M. John, S. Michael John,
 Loretta M. Thelma R. John & Pamela
 John Taylor (S. John & A. Ormond)
 10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish



Ministers Schedule

Sat., December 30 & Sun., December 31
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
 R. Kuzy K. DeHaas T. Casteel
 J. Nypaver N. Ford D. Cummings
 J. Riffle L. Harris P. Davidson
 E. Rosso B. Kalich R. Davis
 C. Rozak B. Nesser S. Griffith
Greeters:
 Brant Family E. Kegg L. Conrad
 K. Rocca J. Lindsay W. Hensel
Lector:
 K. Henckel C. Brown E. Schmidt
Servers:
 A. Eitner J. Eadie E. Jellots
 M. Riffle C. Kalich J. Jellots
 T. Kalich M. McClean

Children's Liturgy - Sunday, December 31

C. Poninsky T. Gamon



Schedule of the Week

Monday, December 25
 Office Closed
Tuesday, December 26
 Office Opens at 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 27
 Birthday Social (PC).....9:15 a.m.
Thursday, December 28
 Eucharistic Adoration (C).....8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 31
 Children's Liturgy (PC).....during 10:30 Mass

Ministers Schedule

Monday, January 1, 2018 @10:00 AM
Eucharistic Ministers: B. Johnston
 J. Murtha
 D. Newel
 R. Newhouse
 M. Rider
 A. Tajc
 B. Yantko
Greeters: Kuklar Family
 C. Stotelmyer
Lector: P. Donahue
Servers: E. Koffler
 Z. Kofler
 L. Shumar

Masses the Weekend of December 30 through January 1

Masses next weekend are at the regular time. The Feast of the Holy Family is December 30/31. Masses will be Saturday Vigil, 5:30 PM; Sunday morning 8:30 and 10:30 AM. The Feast of Mary Mother of God is January 1. Since it falls on a Monday in 2018 it is not a holyday of obligation. There will be one Mass celebrated on Monday, January 1st at 10:00 AM. There will be NO Regional Mass at SS. Cyril & Methodius Church on December 24 and December 31.



Steward of Treasure December 17, 2017	
Adult	\$ 7,601.00
Children	\$ 6.00
Loose	\$ 686.00
Maintenance	\$ 220.00
Candles	\$ 36.00
Catholic Education	\$ 163.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 337.00
Christmas	\$ 295.00
Initial Offering	\$ 58.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 20.00
Opatki Wafers	\$ 93.00
Holy Days	\$ 105.00
Children/Family Appeal	\$ 53.00
Poverty Relief	\$ 15.00
Total:	\$ 9,688.00

Collection Counters for December 31, 2017

C. Bondarenka R. Price J. Steratore A. Sweeney

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.



Feast of Saint John the Evangelist

Wednesday, December 27 is the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist, the Patron of our parish. Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 AM followed by festive refreshments to both honor Saint John and celebrate the birthdays of people who have birthdays in the month of December. Come and celebrate with us.

Wedding Couples for 2018

Couples who have scheduled weddings at Saint John's for 2018 will have an important meeting **Saturday January 20, 2018** in the Parish Center at 10:00 AM. All couples are required to attend. Please make plans to attend as many items will be explained and processes begun that day.

Receiving the Bulletin

If you or someone you know would like to receive the bulletin at home because, for whatever reason, you or they are unable to attend Mass, please let us know in the Parish Office and we can send that out. It is a nice way to keep in touch with your St. John Parish family even when you can't attend.

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.

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/>



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.

St. Vincent De Paul Collection

Next weekend is St. John's donation weekend for St. Vincent De Paul. Please donate non perishable food items. Items can be placed in the bins located in the main entrance of the church or the side exit near the rectory.

Ministers

To all ministers; Eucharistic ministers, lectors, altar servers, greeters, children liturgy presiders, money counters and Sacristan your new schedules are ready and can be picked up in the front entrance of the church.



REFLECTION

4th Sunday of Advent

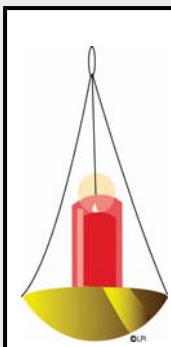
"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." Today is the last Sunday of the Advent season, and we hear in the Gospel the anticipation of the feast we will celebrate in just one day. Christmas is coming!

Jesus is on his way!

We have had weeks to prepare for this momentous occasion, and now we are on the very verge of its arrival. The children in our midst can hardly contain their excitement as they wait to wake up on Christmas morning. The thrill of this coming moment is meant to remind us of the joy and anticipation we should all feel as we await the coming of Christ. Yes, Christmas is a great feast, but there is more here than a remembrance of the past or a fabulous party in the present. There is a looking-ahead as well. We celebrate as we anticipate.

Much as Mary must have waited in wonder during the nine months of her pregnancy, we wait in hopeful expectation as Christians looking forward to being reunited with our Savior. Our future is full of hope. The deflating melancholy that afflicts many people after a holiday runs its course need not be the experience of the Christian waiting for Christ. We are always looking forward to something! There is never a moment when we have no cause for joy. Our lives are lived in a kind of unending advent as we stand in watchful waiting.

Let us remember this as we enter into our Christmas Eve gatherings and festivities. As we join with family and friends to share in the good things of this life, may we carry with us the joy of knowing that even better things lie in store for us who welcome the infant Jesus into our hearts and homes.



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
Family



We Wish You All

A glad and peaceful
Christmastide
With all its memories sweet;
May hope and love and
joy be yours
With kindly friends to greet;
The echo of the angel's song,
The star's clear guiding light,
The **Christ** child in your
heart and home,
To make this
Christmas bright.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27,
29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25
or 1:18-25

Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13
[Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/
Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/
Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4,
6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
[12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8
[7]/Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6
[11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10
[11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Next Sunday: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Sir 3:2-6,
12-14/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9, [7a, 8a] or
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:22-40
or 2:22, 39-40