



ARCHANGEL GABRIEL PARISH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 19, 2021



MASS AND CONFESSION TIMES

SAINT MALACHY CHURCH

343 Forest Grove Rd
Coraopolis, PA 15108

HOLY MASS

Saturday — 4 PM

Sunday — 8 AM,

10 AM (outdoor)

Thurs to Sat — 8:30 AM

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY, 11 AM - 12 PM

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

5718 Steubenville Pike
Robinson Township, PA 15136

HOLY MASS

Saturday — 5 PM

Sunday — 10 AM, 12:30 PM, 7 PM

Mon to Fri — 6:30 PM

RECONCILIATION

MON - FRI, 5:30 PM - 6:15 PM

SAINT MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH

1011 Church Ave
McKees Rocks, PA 15136

HOLY MASS

Saturday — 6 PM

Sunday — 11 AM

Mon to Wed — 9:30 AM

RECONCILIATION

SUNDAY, 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

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NEED TO USE A PARISH FACILITY?

To request the use of a meeting room or facility space for a ministry-related meeting or event follow the link on the calendar webpage or go to:

www.archangelgabrielparish.org/submit

Early Bulletin Deadlines

Due to the upcoming holidays, bulletins through the end of the year have early deadlines. Content for these bulletins must be sent to bulletin@archangelgabrielparish.org no later than the following deadlines:

December 26th bulletin - Tuesday, December 14 by NOON

January 2nd bulletin - Monday, December 20 by NOON

OPLATKI CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Oplatki Christmas Wafers are available in the Parish Office for a donation of \$3.00, and will also be available in the narthex at each of our churches this weekend. Proceeds benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Archangel Gabriel Food Pantry.

THANK YOU

to the **Archangel Gabriel Parish Lady's of Charity** and to everyone who donated to the parish **Christmas Gift Project!** Thanks to you, **we collected 480 gifts** for our neighbors at Family Foundations Early Head Start, Xavier Personal Care Home, Leo Meyer Manor, AGP homebound parishioners, Autumn Lane Personal Care Home, Montour Schools, FOR Food Pantry, St. Vincent DePaul and other local families.

For more information about the AGP Ladies of Charity, visit our website at archangelgabrielparish.org/loc.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Fr. David Poecking (Pastor)

*God rest you merry, gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ our Savior Was born upon this day,
To save us all from Satan's power When we were gone astray:
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.*

Frustrated with world affairs? Disappointed? Angry? Worried? Discouraged? Never mind: The new regime is already on its way! This coming Saturday, we celebrate the anniversary of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom each Sunday we say, "His kingdom will have no end." If you believe it, then live accordingly!

Elsewhere in this bulletin you will find the full elaboration of our Christmas Mass schedule, noted quickly here as:

Friday, December 24, 2021

4:00 PM Holy Trinity
4:00 PM St. Malachy
4:30 PM St. Mary
6:30 PM St. Malachy
10:00 PM Holy Trinity
10:00 PM St. Malachy

Saturday, December 25, 2021

12:00 MIDNIGHT St. Mary
8:00 AM St. Malachy
10:00 AM Holy Trinity
11:00 AM St. Mary
12:30 PM Holy Trinity
4:00 PM St. Malachy

Please note:

- We've not scheduled confessions for Christmas Eve (Friday) or Christmas Day (Saturday).
- We have **no** Christmas Day Masses on Saturday 5:00 PM at Holy Trinity or Saturday 6:00 PM at Saint Mary, Help of Christians.
- We do retain the 4:00 PM Mass at Saint Malachy on Christmas Day, December 25. It will be a Christmas Mass, but counts as a "wild card," fulfilling either the obligation to attend Mass on Christmas or the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday, December 26 (but not both obligations for the same person). This Mass will conflict with Christmas observances for many households, including those of our staff and volunteers, so this special Mass will not have all the music and amenities of our usual Masses. We will nevertheless make it available for those whose schedules make it difficult otherwise to attend Mass for one of the holy days.
- We have no special "parking lot" Christmas Mass for those with a low tolerance of pandemic risk. If you are sick or have recently been exposed to COVID-19, you are obliged to stay home. If you are especially vulnerable while exposed to the crowds at Christmas Mass, you may consider yourself dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Christmas.

CHRISTMAS MASSES
ON THE RADIO!



ARCHANGEL GABRIEL
PARISH

Listen to any Christmas Mass
from the parking lot of each
church by tuning in to

87.9 FM

FROM THE PASTOR

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Skies, let the Just One come forth like the dew, let him descend from the clouds like the rain. The Earth will open up and give birth to our Savior.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN – SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME

1. Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Vir - gin's Son, make
 2. Not by hu - man flesh and blood, But the Spir - it
 3. Won - drous birth! O won - drous child Of the Vir - gin
 4. From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, Back to God his
 5. Bright - ly does Christ's man - ger shine, Glo - rious is its

here your home. Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
 of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh,
 un - de - filed! Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son,
 path - way leads; Out to van - quish death's com - mand,
 light di - vine. Night can - not this light sub - due;

That the Lord chose such a birth.
 Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
 Ea - ger now his race to run!
 Back to reign at God's right hand.
 Let our faith shine ev - er new.

FIRST READING – MICAH 5:1-4A

Thus says the LORD: You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; whose origin is from of old, from ancient times. Therefore, the Lord will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne, and the rest of his kindred shall return to the children of Israel. He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the LORD, in the majestic name of the LORD, his God; and they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – PSALM 80

Lord, make us turn to you; let us
 see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
 enthroned on the cherubim, shine
 forth.
 Rouse up your might and come to
 save us. *R.*

God of hosts, turn again, we implore;
 look down from heaven and see.
 Visit this vine and protect it,
 the vine your right hand has planted,

the son of man you have claimed
 for yourself. *R.*

May your hand be on the man at your
 right hand,
 the son of man you have confirmed
 as your own.
 And we shall never forsake you again;
 give us life that we may call upon
 your name. *R.*

SECOND READING — HEBREWS 10:5-10

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight. Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God.'" First, he says, "Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired nor delighted in." These are offered according to the law. Then he says, "Behold, I come to do your will." He takes away the first to establish the second. By this "will," we have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Verse: Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.

GOSPEL — LUKE 3:39-45

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For, at the moment, the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

OFFERTORY HYMN — COMFORT, COMFORT, O MY PEOPLE



1. Com - fort, com - fort, O my peo - ple,
2. Hark, the voice of one who's cry - ing
3. O make straight what long was crook - ed,



Speak of peace, now says our God.
In the desert far and near,
Make the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness,
Bid - ding all to full re - pent - ance
Let - your hearts be true and hum - ble,



Mourn - ing un - der sor - rows' load.
Since the king - dom now is here.
As be - fits his ho - ly reign.



Speak un - to Je - ru - sa - lem
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey!
For the glo - ry of the Lord

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Of the peace that waits for them.
 Now pre - pare for God a way!
 Now o'er earth is shed a - broad.

Tell of all the sins I cov - er,
 Let the val - leys rise to meet him
 And all flesh shall see the to - ken

And that war - fare now is o - ver.
 And the hills bow down to greet him.
 That his word is nev - er bro - ken.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel.

COMMUNION HYMN – THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME

1. The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
 2. "How blest a - mong all wom - en you shall be,
 3. Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head.
 4. Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

With wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame.
 Whom ev - 'ry age will praise con - tin - ual - ly.
 "To me be as it pleas - es God," she said.
 In Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn.

"All hail," said he, "O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
 Your Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 "My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."
 And Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:

Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Gló - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Gló - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Gló - ri - a!
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Gló - ri - a!

RECESSIONAL HYMN — O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
 2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,
 3. O come, O come, great Lord of might,
 4. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem,
 5. O come, O Key of Da - vid, come,

And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
 Who or - der all things might - i - ly;
 Who to your tribes on Si - nai's height
 From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them
 And o - pen wide our heav'n - ly home;

That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 To us the path of knowl - edge show,
 In an - cient times once gave the Law
 That trust your might - y power to save,
 Make safe the way that leads on high,

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 And teach us in her ways to go.
 In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
 And close the path to mis - er - y.

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el
 Gau - de! Gau - de! Em - mán - u - el

Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.
 Na - scé - tur pro te Ís - ra - el.

6. O come, O Dayspring from on high,
 And cheer us by your drawing nigh;
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 And death's dark shadow put to flight.

7. O come, Desire of nations, bind
 In one the hearts of humankind;
 O bid our sad divisions cease,
 And be for us our King of Peace.



Second Collection for Christmas Charities

There will be a second collection during all upcoming Christmas Masses for Diocesan Christmas Charities. This year the collection will help support Children and Youth. Thank you for your generosity.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

4:00 PM - SMC *Fr. Morris*
 5:00 PM - HTC *Fr. Ryan*
 6:00 PM - SMHCC *Fr. Poecking*

Edward Zawatski *by wife and family*
Henry Reppy *by 5PM ushers*
John F. and Cecilia Ellek *by son, John*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:00 AM - SMC *Fr. Morris*
 10:00 AM - HTC *Fr. Masalu*
 10:00 AM - SMC *Fr. Ryan*
 11:00 AM - SMHCC *Fr. Poecking*
 12:30 PM - HTC *Fr. Morris*
 7:00 PM - HTC *Fr. Morris*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John "Jack" Kelley *by Jackie Breen and Ed Krall*
Anniversary - George Hric, Sr. *by Doris Hric and family*
Henry and Helen Reppy *by William Baker*
Lucille Vece *by Flora Carpeloti*
Betty Matyaz *by Bonnie Lesko and Alice Lesko*
People of the Parish

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

9:30 AM - SMHCC *Fr. Poecking*
 6:30 PM - HTC *Fr. Masalu*

Walter and Jean Cooper *by Family*
Francis "Butch" Michalak *by Pete and Silvana Mariani*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

9:30 AM - SMHCC *Fr. Morris*
 6:30 PM - HTC *Fr. Masalu*

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF ST. PETER CANISIUS

Marge McMahon *by family*
Dolores Hall *by Slavadore and Sandra Matrascia*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

9:30 AM - SMHCC *Fr. Masalu*
 6:30 PM - HTC *Fr. Morris*

Anne Musmanno *by family*
Robert Streiner *by Kevin Streiner*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:30 AM - SMC *Fr. Poecking*
 6:30 PM - HTC *Fr. Esposito*

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF ST. JOHN OF KANTY

Frank J. Preininger *by wife, Marianne*
Deceased members of the Cypher family *by family*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

8:30 AM - SMC *Fr. Masalu*

Dolores McGuire *by loving daughter*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 PM - HTC *Fr. Morris*
 4:00 PM - SMC *Fr. Esposito*
 4:30 PM - SMHCC *Fr. Ryan*
 6:30 PM - SMC *Fr. Masalu*
 10:00 PM - HTC *Fr. Poecking*
 10:00 PM - SMC *Fr. Morris*

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, VIGIL MASS

Children of the Parish
Children of the Parish
Children of the Parish
Benefactors of the Parish
Benefactors of the Parish
Benefactors of the Parish

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

12:00 AM - SMHCC *Fr. Vallone*
 8:00 AM - SMC *Fr. Poecking*
 10:00 AM - HTC *Fr. Morris*
 11:00 AM - SMHCC *Fr. Masalu*
 12:30 PM - HTC *Fr. Morris*
 4:00 PM - SMC *Fr. Poecking*

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, MASS DURING THE DAY

Deceased of the Parish
Deceased of the Parish
Deceased of the Parish
People of the Parish
People of the Parish
People of the Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:00 AM - SMC *Fr. Poecking*
 10:00 AM - HTC *Fr. Morris*
 10:00 AM - SMC *Fr. Poecking*
 11:00 AM - SMHCC *Fr. Masalu*
 12:30 PM - HTC *Fr. Morris*
 7:00 PM - HTC *Fr. Masalu*

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH

George "Matt" Paxinos *by Donna Best*
Catherine Wilkinson *by McCutcheon family*
Elizabeth Bodnar *by Bodnar family*
Richard Hemphill *by wife, Mary, and family*
Mary Frances Sosso and Frank Lochner *by Paul and Carol Filo*
People of the Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

Christmas Decorating | 12:00 PM
Saint Mary, Help of Christians Church

LifeTeen | 6:30 PM
Saint Malachy Gym

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

BINGO | 7:00 PM (Doors open at 5:00 PM)
Weirauch Hall (Saint Malachy)

Bible Study | 6:30 PM
Gathering Place (behind St. Mary, Help of Christians)

RCIA | 7:00 PM
Pastoral Ministry Center - Community Room

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

Knights of Columbus | 7:00 PM
Weirauch Hall (Saint Malachy)



THE WEEK AHEAD

Christmas Mass Times

Friday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

4:00 PM - Holy Trinity Church

4:00 PM - Saint Malachy Church (*Special Music: String Quartet*)

4:30 PM - Saint Mary, Help of Christians Church (*Special Music Professional Soprano Duet*)

6:30 PM - Saint Malachy Church

10:00 PM - Holy Trinity Church (*Special Music: AGP Choir*)

10:00 PM - Saint Malachy Church

Saturday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

12:00 AM - Saint Mary, Help of Christians Church

8:00 AM - Saint Malachy Church (*Special Music: Flute & Organ/Piano*)

10:00 AM - Holy Trinity Church

11:00 AM - Saint Mary, Help of Christians Church

12:30 PM - Holy Trinity Church

4:00 PM - Saint Malachy Church

Christmas Eve Caroling Service

In order to " 'Tis the Season," the AGP choir will present a caroling service at 9:15pm before the 10pm Christmas at Night Mass at Holy Trinity Church. Please join the choir and sing some beloved Christmas hymns and carols, interspersed among beautiful choral pieces for your listening pleasure and spiritual nourishment.



YOUTH MINISTRY
Patrick Neve (Coordinator of Youth Ministry)

It's that time of year again. Time for American Christmas traditions like Hallmark movies, last-minute shopping, and that guilty feeling of "Yikes, I should really be going back to Church."

I get that feeling. It happens to a lot of us. It's possible COVID got you out of your routine. Or you may not have had a Mass routine to begin with. Regardless, if you want to get back into going to Church, here's a few simple ways to do it.

First, it's important to recognize certain realities. You might not feel at home here at Archangel Gabriel Parish. I'm a new parishioner, so I've been there. Something that helped me feel more at home was attending Alpha. Alpha is a place where you can eat food, hear an inspiring talk, and have good conversations about life and faith. It's for all adults, so I highly recommend you attend. Whenever I see somebody I met at Alpha, they smile and say hi and that makes me feel at home here.

Second, get the rest of the family involved as well. We have events like Alpha for high school (Life Teen) and middle school (EDGE). If the whole family feels at home at the parish, it'll be easier to get out the door in the morning.

Whether you are brand new, newly returned, or you've been a parishioner for a while, I'm glad you're here. I want you to feel more at home at Archangel Gabriel, so please consider joining one of these events.

EDGE (Grade 6-8): First and third Wednesday of every month from 6:30-8:30 PM at Saint Malachy.

Life Teen (Grade 9-12): Every Sunday from 6:30-8:30 PM at Saint Malachy.

Alpha (Adults): Beginning again in February.



FAMILY CATECHESIS
Steve Swank (Director of Faith Formation)

At last month's Parish Assemblies, Father Dave reminded us of a startling statistic: 74% of former Catholics said they stopped identifying as Catholic between ages 10 and 20, with a median age of 13. As someone who works with children in our parish, it is the top priority for me to figure out what can be done about this. When I was researching alternative methods of faith formation, I came across the following statistical analysis from Pew Research Center:

The number one indicator that determines if someone will leave the Church is whether or not they have faith in their home.

In fact, children who do not have faith in their home have a 9 in 10 chance of becoming one of those 74% who leave the Church. Families need to have an active faith life, sharing and growing together.

Ultimately, it does not matter how amazing our Sunday morning faith formation sessions are if living the faith is not taking place in the home.

The switch to Family Catechesis has been a challenge for many reasons. All three of our predecessor parishes had traditional faith formation ("CCD") for decades, so that was the method with which we were all familiar. Parents are still getting used to the shift in focus to their role as primary formator of their children. The pandemic has complicated things, first by forcing us to do virtual learning and now with ongoing mask wearing and social distancing. It has been difficult for everyone: parents, children, and catechists.

THANK YOU to the parents who have embraced Family Catechesis! Your participation is of vital importance in this endeavor. THANK YOU to our catechists who have endured the changes and continue to serve faithfully. Together we can give our children the foundation they need to lead active faith lives now and in the future.

Want to help Archangel Gabriel Parish start a monthly community dinner in order to actively outreach to our neighbors?

Anyone interested is invited to a planning meeting on Wednesday January 26 at 6:30 PM in the Pastoral Ministry Center.



For more info, contact Bob Chamberlain at 412-559-0947 or robcham137@gmail.com

FOCUS ON RENEWAL

Focus On Renewal wants to assist those Sto-Rox residents in need of food security, cleaning supplies, or personal products found at Giant Eagle, Dollar General, or Aldi. We have a limited supply of gift cards for those families facing trying times financially. Please text **412-477-7502** for an appointment. A formal application is not needed.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THE MARCH FOR LIFE – In Washington DC Friday, January 21, 2022

Join us on this 49th anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe vs. Wade decision. We will petition Congress and the President to protect the right to life of every born and pre-born human being.

Schedule:

6 am – Lenzer 55 seat bus departs from Holy Trinity - Robinson Township parking lot (5:45 arrival)

11 am - Arrive at Basilica of Immaculate Conception. Attend Mass **with option to stay at Basilica for afternoon.**

12 noon – March to Capitol and Supreme Court
3:30 pm – Meet at Grand Central Station to board bus. Sandwiches and drinks provided on way home. Bus returns by 10 pm.

For bus reservations and/or further information, call Helen Stamatakis at 412-480-2908 or Sharon Graham at 773-972-6657. **Adults \$50, Students \$30. (Cost includes \$3 metro tickets and \$12 for dinner on bus. Please let us know if you prefer beef, chicken, or tuna sandwich). Checks made out to Archangel Gabriel Parish.** Send to Helen Stamatakis, 111 Lakeview Dr, McKees Rocks, PA 15136. Please RSVP by December 27th so that we can get an idea of count. Money is due January 14th.

A new ALPHA cohort is here!

Meet new people and explore the Catholic faith together.



Connect with people in the area



Listen to a talk on a topic of faith



Ask questions and share your thoughts



Beginning February 1
Tuesdays | 6:30-8:30 PM
Youth Ministry Center (St. Malachy Gym)

For more info: ArchangelGabrielParish.org/alpha

Congratulations to the newly baptized members of our Catholic Faith!

SOPHIA MARIE KETTER

MILA LOU TRUSKY

On December 4, 2021, Leonida Betita and Stephen Mancini celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage. Congratulations Leonida and Stephen!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: FAMILY OF THE MONTH
 Harry Carr (Archangel Gabriel Council Grand Knight)

Congratulations to the Chris and Jenna Blatt Family
Knights of Columbus Family of the Month - November 2021



Since joining Holy Trinity Church in 2015, the Chris and Jenna Blatt family, including sons Luke, Liam, and Lachlan who attend Archangel Gabriel School, have become highly involved in supporting the parish, school, and the community by actively living their faith as an example to all.

Chris, who currently serves as the Archangel Gabriel Knights of Columbus Warden, recently took on the time-consuming role as Chairman for the Council at the School Festival’s watering hole. This included coordination of supplies, drinks, staffing, and other crucial activities making it highly successful. As a Knight, Chris consistently steps up to pitch in on the many KofC Council activities and events. At times,

he is joined by Jenna and/or their sons singing Christmas Carols at the homes of the Council’s widows or setting up the outdoor altar at Holy Trinity.

Jenna is an active Archangel Gabriel School PTG board member and has chaired this past years’ Boo Bash Halloween Party. She serves on various committees and is always found volunteering for different school activities. The boys are involved in a number of extracurricular activities at the school including basketball, soccer, and scouts. Jenna coaches them in soccer and is an active Scout Den mother while Chris coaches in the developmental basketball program.

In addition to serving as a member of the Parish Pro Life Group and substitute adorer of the Blessed Sacrament at Saint Malachy, Chris serves as a lector while Luke and Liam are also altar servers. As a member of the Parish Pro Life Group, Chris marched in Bridgeville to Planned Parenthood and joined in praying in front of Planned Parenthood in downtown Pittsburgh. During the height of the pandemic, Chris assisted by grocery shopping for the vulnerable in the parish and ushering the drive through confessions at Saint Malachy.

Lucky Lottery

We are approaching the final days to purchase Archangel Gabriel School Lucky Lottery Calendars. The calendars are valid daily from January 1, 2022, through June 30, 2022. The price is only \$25, and you have many chances to win! You do not have to do anything to claim your prize. If you win, a check will be sent to the holder of the calendar. You can win as many times as your number is drawn. If you have any questions at all, call or text Marianne Pilotta - 412-708-1057 or visit: <https://archangelgabrielpgh.org/lucky-lottery>



RCIA MINISTRY

Patty Sampogna (RCIA Ministry Leader)

Our next RCIA session is currently underway. If you are interested in becoming Catholic or are an adult Catholic seeking the sacrament of Confirmation, please reach out to me to schedule an intake meeting as soon as possible .

Interested in becoming Catholic?

Contact Patty Sampogna at psampogna@archangelgabrielparish.org

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Monday through Friday from 5:30 PM to 6:15 PM at Holy Trinity Church.
 Saturday from 11 AM to 12 PM at Saint Malachy Church.
 Sunday from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM at Saint Mary, Help of Christians Church.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Home visits are available for those who are seriously ill or upon whom death is imminent. Call 412-787-2140 to arrange a visit.

BAPTISM

Baptisms occur on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. Call 412-787-2140 to schedule.

MARRIAGE

Couples desiring a sacramental marriage should contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the wedding. In order to set a date for the wedding, all couples must first meet with a priest. Call 412-787-2140 to schedule.

ARCHANGEL GABRIEL PARISH

12/5 WEEKEND OFFERTORY TOTALS

Regular Offertory	\$ 23,565.99
Special Collections	\$ 436.00
Parish Share Program	\$ 1791.50

12/8 OFFERTORY TOTALS

Regular Offertory	\$ 3,536.57
Special Collections	\$ 20.00
Parish Share Program	\$ 400.00

TABERNACLE LAMPS & FLOWERS

SAINT MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS
 John F. and Cecilia Ellek by Son, John
 HOLY TRINITY- Joan Sowers by Loving Family
 HOLY FAMILY NICHE - Infant Jesus by Rosemary Litterini

PARISH SHARE PROGRAM (PSP)

2021 Assessment	\$ 272,175.00
One-Time Goal Adjustment	\$ 34,320.00
Total Collected	\$ 245,875.84
Excess Received	\$ 8,020.84

(to be retained by parish)

FOUR WAYS TO GIVE

- 1. GIVE ONLINE**
 Giving online is a convenient and secure way to support the work of the parish. See archangelgabrielparish.org/onlinegiving for details.
- 2. TEXT TO GIVE**
 Text a dollar amount to 412-775-2460.
- 3. GIVE VIA MAIL**
 Please make checks payable to Archangel Gabriel Parish and send to:
 Archangel Gabriel Parish
 5718 Steubenville Pike
 McKees Rocks, PA 15136
- 4. GIVE VIA DROP OFF**
 Place checks in the drop box at our administrative office (located at Holy Trinity Church) or the other church buildings.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT AND REPORTING CHILD ABUSE

24-Hour Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-932-0313 Diocese of Pittsburgh Victim Assistance: 1-888-808-1235
 Call 911 immediately if a child is in imminent danger of abuse.
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OUR DECEASED

Josephine P. Smolyak, Shirley Knight, Edward Bucek, John "Moose" Bucek, Robert W. Ions, Jr., Earl L. Boehm, Patricia L. Coulter, Nancy Stetzer, and Daniel Fryz

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19

SUNDAY: Mi 5:1-4a / Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 / Heb 10:5-10 / Lk 1:39-45

MONDAY: Is 7:10-14 / Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 / Lk 1:26-38

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

WEDNESDAY: 1 Sm 1:24-28 / Ps 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd / Lk 1:46-56

THURSDAY: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 / Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 / Lk 1:57-66

FRIDAY: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 / Lk 1:67-79

SATURDAY: Vigil Mass Is 62:1-5 / Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 / Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 / Mt 1:1-25

Mass during the night Is 9:1-6 / Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 / Ti 2:11-14 / Lk 2:1-14

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

Mass during the day Is 52:7-10 / Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 / Heb 1:1-6 / Jn 1:1-18

NEXT SUNDAY: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 / Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 / Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 / Lk 2:41-52



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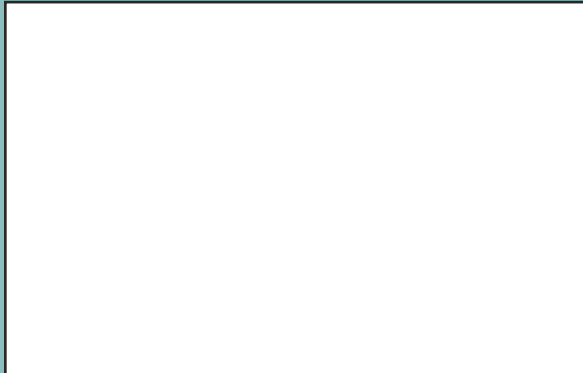
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