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## Holy Redeemer Parish

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY,</b> 7:00 am	<b>December 6th</b> Ron Nuhfer by Collins family
<b>TUESDAY,</b> 5:00 pm  7:00 pm	<b>December 7th</b> Debra Weigel by Joseph & Maria Pellegrino  For the Living & Deceased Members of Holy Redeemer & St. Anthony
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b> 7:00 am	<b>December 8th</b> Deceased Members of the Kalin family by the Collins family
<b>THURSDAY,</b> 7:00 pm	<b>December 9th</b> Lynne Sandberg Henry by Susan Shea
<b>FRIDAY,</b> 7:00 am	<b>December 10th</b> John Hajec by Nancy Madden
<b>SATURDAY,</b> 4:30 pm	<b>December 11th</b> Bob Wilcox by Pat Wilcox
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 8:15 am  11:00 am	<b>December 12th</b> For the Living & Deceased Members of Holy Redeemer & St. Anthony  Debbie Weigel by Carolyn O'Donnell

#### Sanctuary Light

The Sanctuary Light is lit in memory of

**Sally Dorrión**  
this week.

**Prayer Line** Please call Mona Champion at 968-3232, Barb Ciprich at 723-1894, or Kim Wynn at 706-6995 with your prayer requests.

### Happening This Week and Beyond

<b>December 5th, Dec 12th &amp; Dec 19th</b>	
Non-Denominational Advent Services Clarendon Veterans Center	5:00pm
<b>December 6th</b>	
The Vigil Project— True Presence Night	7:00pm
<b>December 8th</b>	
Immaculate Conception	Parish Office Closed
<b>December 11th &amp; 12th</b>	
Second Collection: <b>Retirement for the Religious</b>	
<b>December 13th</b>	
Movie Matinee <i>Sight &amp; Sound Theater- Jesus</i>	2:00pm
Mass at Rouse Suites	2:00pm
<b>December 20th</b>	
Food Pantry pick up	
<b>December 21st &amp; 29th</b>	
Blood Bank	12:00pm-5:00pm
<b>Christmas Mass Schedule as Follows:</b>	
Christmas Eve	
5:00pm at St. Anthony	
10:00pm at Holy Redeemer	
Christmas Day	
9:00am at Holy Redeemer	

**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments-The Digital World:** The digital world is constantly evolving with new social media platforms, apps, and devices, and children and teens are often the first to use them. Sometimes with negative impacts such as cyberbullying, sexting, or the posting hateful messages or content. Parents need to become aware and stay up-to-date on the latest apps, social media platforms and digital slang used by children and teens. Parents should monitor their child's social media sites, apps and browsing history regularly. Visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/> to see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth.

## FROM OUR PASTOR'S DESK

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December 5, 2021  
2nd Sunday of Advent

To My Spiritual Family of Holy Redeemer and St. Anthony,

**Advent Presence w/The Vigil Project:** Tomorrow (Monday, December 6) is the day! We welcome the artists of The Vigil Project as they lead us in an evening of adoration, song, and Advent hope. You may recall that I became connected with this group when their keyboard player and vocalist, John Finch, was the musician for a mission week I worked on the island of Grenada during the summer of 2019. John and I became friends, I became interested in the good work his group was doing to spread the Gospel message, and after COVID derailed our efforts to bring them to the parish last year, we are finally able to open our doors to The Vigil Project tomorrow. Not only are they a group of incredibly talented Catholic musicians and vocalists, but each one of them is dedicated to making Christ known and loved. They are currently doing a series of Advent events here in Pennsylvania. In fact, they are bussing up from Pittsburgh after a parish event down there, and when they have completed their time with us, they are hopping back on the bus for a next night's event back in Pittsburgh. Please join us tomorrow. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the *Advent Presence* program runs from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. I consider this night to be a gift. I hope and pray that it is an opportunity for us to grow together in the love of our Lord. And families, we really want you to be here. Babies and all! There is no cost, but much spiritual wealth to be received. Can't wait to see you here!

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception:** It's a full week of Advent joy, as we follow The Vigil Project with the patronal feast day of our nation. Immaculate Conception is a beautiful feast in which to honor our Lady, and it is also a Holy Day of Obligation this year. We will run our normal Holy Day Mass schedule with vigils at both St. Anthony (5 pm) and Holy Redeemer (7 pm), and a (7 am) Mass on Wednesday, December 8 at Holy Redeemer. Undoubtedly, the Virgin Mary has many graces that she is eager to bestow upon you!

**The Never Ending Pandemic:** Unfortunately, the pandemic continues. From the delta variant to the omicron variant to whatever else awaits, COVID remains the unwelcome guest in our parlor. It's unsettling. Please God we don't, but you or I could contract the disease today and die from it next week. That's the reality. Our life here on earth is brief and precarious, isn't it? We might be filled with an unknown cancer or be days from a fatal heart attack. Our days on earth are a beautiful gift, but the time is short. My life will in some way end in death. So will yours. In the interim, God has to be at the center of all that we are and all that we do. Chances are, because you are reading this church bulletin, you are indeed making every effort to place God at the center. Thank you! May the Lord fill you with his grace! But too many of our brothers and sisters are pushing God beyond the horizon. Many Catholics have stopped being active members of the Church for reasons that have nothing to do with coronavirus. Maybe they've just drifted or maybe they've been hurt in some way. There are countless reasons why people walk away. But for certain, the pandemic has made the challenge of ministering to those beloved folks more complicated and more difficult to address. Fear is a powerful force, and the fear of the virus is preventing any number of people from being with us at Mass on Sunday. I get it. I understand. Believe me, I wish I could make it a 100% certainty that no one will ever catch COVID because of being at Mass. But I don't have that power. Sadly, as long as we have the virus with us, there will be a chance of contracting it when we come to church. In a very real way, then, coming to church has become an act of courage. But more so, it is an act of faith. I'm uplifted by those of you who are here Sunday after Sunday. And I pray for those who – for whatever reason – are not with us each Sunday. There is no doubt that a lot of people are hurting. The isolation of these pandemic days is leading to increased levels of loneliness, depression, and anxiety.

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Statistics bear witness to an increase in alcoholism, drug addiction, and suicide. What a difficult time! I continue to trust the decisions you are making regarding Mass attendance. But I also continue to encourage you to push back against debilitating fear. God is not divorced from the pandemic. He's not blind to our sufferings. This season of Advent is a season of hope. God is Emmanuel, He is with us! Please, persevere in prayer. Trust that you are not alone. God's heart is sensitive to your every suffering. He loves you. And if there is something that I can do for you or if you have particular requests that you want me to take to prayer, just say the word. COVID is a horrible disease. Parishioners, loved ones, and friends have died from its effects. But we must not attribute mythical powers to this virus. God reigns, even over pandemics. God is more powerful than our worst fears. And remembering that he shares in our very humanity – "the Word became flesh" – we can be certain that God intimately appreciates and understands the depths of our hearts. You and I are pilgrims passing through this world, and often, life is hard. But we are created to be with God for eternity. Don't forget! And with God at the center of our lives, we can carry on despite whatever troubles befall us. Do not be afraid. Do not be afraid!

God bless you all!

*Mary, Mother of the Redeemer – Pray for us!*

*St. Anthony – Pray for us!*

*St. Joseph – Pray for us!*

Fr. Steve

### ***Rest in Peace***

Please remember **Todd McLaughlin** who passed away 11/11/21, the brother of Michelle Gray.

Please remember **Mary Zaffino** of our parish who passed away 11/16/21, the mother of Julie Allen, Thomas & Mark Zaffino.

Please remember **Frank D. Suppa Sr.** of our parish who passed away 11/20/21, the husband of Adrienne and father of Corrine, John and Frank Suppa.

Please remember **Beverly Hoden** who passed on 11/20/21, the mother of Dan Hoden.

Please remember **Irene Taylor** who passed away 11/22/21, the sister of Suzanne Waddell.

### **NON-DENOMINATIONAL ADVENT SERVICES**

St. Anthony Catholic Church & Allegheny Valley Charge (Clarendon, Tiona & Stoneham) invite you to join them throughout the season of Advent to attend the community services at 5:00pm December 5th, 12th and 19th. The non-denominational service will be held at the Clarendon Veterans Center. The Veterans center is located at the former Allegheny Valley Elementary School 100 North Main Street, Clarendon Pa 16313

**THANK YOU!!**

Holy Redeemer Parish collected a total of  
**\$741.00**  
for the residents at the Rouse

## Holy Redeemer Parish

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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### WEEKEND

Saturday Evening 4:30PM (Holy Redeemer)  
Sunday 8:15AM (Holy Redeemer)  
Sunday 11:00AM (St. Anthony)

#### WEEKDAY

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7:00AM (Holy Redeemer)  
Tuesday 9:00AM (St. Anthony)  
Thursday 7:00PM (Holy Redeemer)

#### HOLY DAY

Evening Before Holy Day 5:00PM (St. Anthony)  
Evening Before Holy Day 7:00PM (Holy Redeemer)  
Holy Day 7:00AM (Holy Redeemer)  
Holy Day 12:05PM & 5:30PM (St. Joseph)

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 11:00AM-12:00PM (Holy Redeemer)  
Thursday 5:30PM-6:30PM (Holy Redeemer)  
Friday: 6:30AM-6:55AM (Holy Redeemer)  
Or on request.

#### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

After the 7:00 am Mass -12:00PM

#### FIRST SATURDAY ADORATION

After the 7:30 am Mass -12:15PM

#### BAPTISMS: Upon request:

Pre-baptismal instruction is provided.

**MARRIAGES:** Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

**VISITS/SACRAMENTS TO THE SICK:** Notify us if anyone is in the hospital, ill at home or unable to attend Mass.

**Bulletin Items.** Must be to the office by the end of business two Fridays prior to publication.

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday  
8:30AM–12:30PM & 1:30–4:00PM  
Friday 8:30AM–12:30PM

**\*\*\*2022 Mass Book is OPEN\*\*\***

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY 24 DAYS OF GIVING

On November 14th our Faith Formation family combined with our broader parish families in an effort to provide ourselves, our community and our world the light of Christ. We were able to show that it is giving that we receive. With your help, we packed and shipped 54 Boxes of Joy overseas through Cross Catholic Outreach. We packed 12 bags for the angel tree tags at the Salvation Army right here in Warren. We gave over \$300 and many toothbrushes and toothpaste to the Christmas Food/Pantry baskets and we made over 100 ornaments for the Rouse Suites and Rouse Home. A group from Warren, Saint Mary's and Erie also packed bags of rice, beans and vitamins at the National Catholic Youth Conference. We fed over 1200 people in Guatemala. We also learned how important it is to give to ourselves by nurturing our relationship with God and by praying for others. We are so grateful for your generous donations and financial support. Together we are making the world a better place, one act of kindness at a time. THANK YOU!

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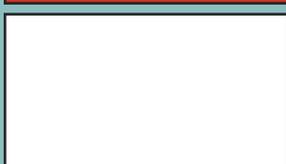
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