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December 23, 2018 — Fourth Sunday in Advent

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday—Noon to 5:00 p.m. (Sept. thru May)
Holiday Weeks & Summer by appointment

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (anticipated)..... 4:30 p.m.
Sunday.....10:00 a.m.
Daily Mass and Holy Days..... see schedule inside
Eucharistic Adoration Fridays 9:15am—Noon Church

RECONCILIATION

Saturday after the 4:30 pm Mass or by appointment.

MARRIAGE

The prospective bride and groom are required to make arrangements at least six months prior to the wedding.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are offered at St. Winifred Church after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Call the Rectory to schedule. Parents must attend a pre-baptism class with your first child which is offered the last Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Hrico Room. Pre-registration is required by calling the Rectory.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN
INITIATION OF ADULTS**

This is the process for those who may have questions on becoming a Catholic. Please call Colette Specca at 412-563-1414.

ST. WINIFRED BIBLE STUDY

Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the O’Shea Center.

EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Extended day-care facility for preschooler-age students.

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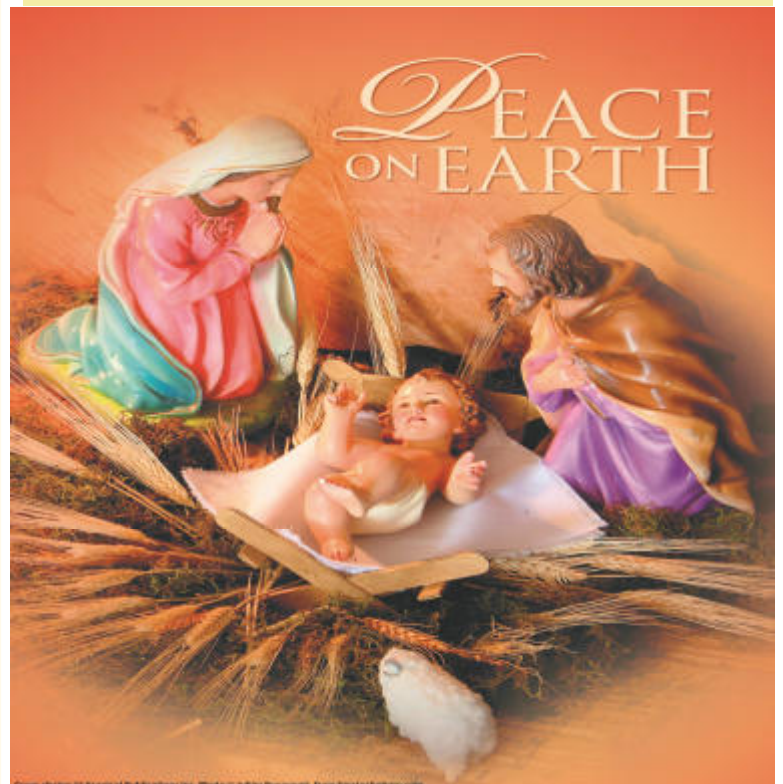
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Below is the **combined liturgy schedule** for Saint Winifred and St. Anne Parishes. Please note the SW and SA after the Mass times.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, DEC. 23—FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00 pm Sat. (SA) Anthony Caridi (Father Mike)

4:30 pm Sat. (SW) Helen & Charles McCausland (Pat Jablonski)

8:30 am (SA) Teresa A. Ryden (Ryden Family)

10:00 am (SW) Sandy Hill (Family) and People of the Parish

11:00 am (SA) Edward Squiller (Squiller & Bedillion Fam.)
and
Julia Creehan (Keith Creehan Family)

6:00 pm (SA) For the People of St. Anne Parish

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24—LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00 am (SA) Robert Kuhn (Anna & Ed Dunlap)

CHRISTMAS VIGIL

4:00 pm (SA) Rebecca Tallon (Children & Grandchildren)

6:00 pm (SA) Marie Kanzleiter (Catherine & Clare Knorr)

4:30 pm (SW) Joe Connelly (Family)

10:00 pm (SW) Clara & Casimir Schuler (Cheryl Schuler)

12 Midnight (SA) Deceased Priests of St. Anne Parish

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25—NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8:30 am (SA) John P. Herward (Douglas & Sue Grant)

10:00 am (SW) Duane Norton (Jim & Lorraine Bruni)

11:00 am (SA) Norbert Graney (Family) and
For the People of St. Anne Parish

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26—ST. STEPHEN

8:00 am (SA) Cynthia Moberg (Living) (Sister, Christine Beringer)

8:45 am (SW) Helen Horan (Joe & Teresa McKeown)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27—ST. JOHN

8:00 am (SA) Dick & Bridget Xander (Karen Xander)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28—THE HOLY INNOCENTS

8:00 am (SA) Ladds Sterling (Wife, Mary, children and grandchildren)

8:45 am (SW) Cecilia Brandi (Tina & Dave Canovali)

9:15 am (SW) Eucharistic Adoration

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29—ST. THOMAS BECKET

8:00 am (SA) Thomas Hertneky (Sister, Andrea)

4:00 pm *Vigil* (SA) Anita Zonca (Pete & Rita)

4:30 pm *Vigil* (SW) Bruno Sukys (Denis & Ausra Cunningham)

SUNDAY, DEC. 30—THE HOLY FAMILY

8:30 am (SA) Leona Opferman (Dom & Joan Folino)

10:00 am (SW) Ray Golebie (St. Winifred Choir) and People of the Parish

11:00 am (SA) Evo Cipriani (St. Anne Choir) and
For the People of St. Anne Parish

6:00 pm (SA) Gino Billante (Anna & Ed Dunlap)

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER MIKE . . .

Christmas 2018

This coming week we'll be seeing many Nativity scenes in the homes and churches we visit. Their purpose is to help us imagine and recall the Gospel accounts of the first Christmas and how there was a rather unlikely convergence of different people who gathered around baby Jesus in Bethlehem.

Of course, the saintly and sinless Virgin Mary was by her Son's side, and we admire her for her faith and courage to say "yes" to God's will, even when it was beyond her ability to comprehend. In a sense, we envy her and wish we could be more like her, so pure, virtuous and worthy.

But there were also many others present at Christ's birth, and every single one of them was a sinner who struggled through life as we do, but never lost hope that God was still "for them" and would someday fulfill His promise to redeem them.

There was Joseph, who just a short while earlier was going to divorce Mary because of her pregnancy, but through a graced dream changed his mind and consented to stay by her side and become the guardian of her Son.

Also present were men of financial means and intellectual sophistication. They were the learned magi and their avocation was to question and doubt, but who in the end allowed their scientific knowledge and philosophical reasoning to lead them to their savior.

Finally, there were the shepherds, a rather crude, uneducated and hardened group of ruffians on the margins of Jewish society and religious practice. For whatever reason, God reached out to them through an angel, beckoning the shepherds to become a part of the greatest moment of Divine Revelation ever.

And so the birth of Jesus had the unique power to soften peoples' hearts and bring them together from every strata of life to adore the infant who is God. In a sense, those present at Bethlehem that first Christmas represent us who come together to celebrate Christmas.

While a few of us may indeed be very holy and virtuous – living saints if you will – the rest of us are weak individuals who struggle to become who God wants us to be.

Many of us have fallen from grace and become hardened by our own failures as well as the disappointments we suffer at the hands of others. And many of us have grown cynical and weary over the news we've heard about our own Church this past year and the violence visited upon a local house of worship.

Nevertheless, this week we will come together and unite with families, friends and fellow believers in our homes and churches because deep down we trust that through Baby Jesus God will reach down to all of us in order to lift us up to Him.

Merry Christmas!



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY #53

1 Samuel 1:20-22 1 John 3:1-2,21-24 Luke 2:41-52

Second Collection

St. Vincent de Paul Society

December 30, 2018

***PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL NOT
BE AN 8:45 AM MASS ON
MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH.***

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE! The Lord Is With You—As the archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary to reveal to her that she would be the mother of Jesus, he greeted her with, *hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you.* Meant to be words of comfort and strength, Mary still needed to be reassured that what she was experiencing was of God. That comfort came in the continued encouragement of Gabriel, in the strong, loving presence of Joseph, her betrothed, in the familial support of her cousin Elizabeth and, through it all, by the constant outpouring of grace from the Father. While we are confident that the Lord is always with us and promises to remain with us, we know how important the presence of a loving family and a supportive community can be to fill our hearts with peace. As the *On Mission for The Church Alive!* initiative continues to unfold we have a great opportunity to sustain each other in faith. This Christmas, as we celebrate Emmanuel, God-with-us, may He dwell in us so that we can reflect His love to others and grow the Church.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY The St. Winifred Early Learning Center is looking for an assistant teacher. Do you enjoy sharing your time and talents with young children? The Center is looking for an assistant teacher to work January through May, 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. five afternoons per week. If interested, contact Georgeanne Cluskey at 412-561-6001 or elc.cluskey@gmail.com.

KEEPING FOCUS ON CHRIST Father Jon Brzek, Parochial Vicar at St. Joan of Arc/St. Louise de Marillac Parish, will present and lead discussion on the importance of keeping focus on Christ while balancing work and prayer on Sunday, January 6 at St. Louise de Marillac Church in the Bishop Leonard Room (directly under the church). Fr. Jon was born in McKeesport, attended Duquesne University, St. Vincent Seminary, and California University of PA. He was ordained at St. Paul Cathedral in 1981 and served in parish, university, hospital and religious community settings. He was Chaplain for the US Navy for 16 years on ships with overseas assignments. Please arrive before 1:45 p.m. when we will begin Daytime Prayer from Liturgy of the Hours. The meeting will end at 3:00 p.m. with refreshments.

Due to the Christmas Holiday the bulletin was published early. The collection figures will be included in next week's bulletin.

CHRONIC PAIN ANONYMOUS (CPA) St. Anne Church will host the only CPA meeting in the area on the first Monday of each month at 2:00 p.m. beginning **Monday, February 4th.** in the DePalma Room. CPA is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other, so that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from the disabling effects of chronic pain and illness. For more information, please contact St. Anne's Pastoral Associate, Jim Hanna at 412-531-5964.

SUPER BINGO Make plans with family and friends to attend Bishop Canevin's New Year's Eve \$8,500 Super Bingo—buffet dinner,, party favors and black light bingo after midnight to rock and roll music! Watch the ball drop on our big screen TV's and toast with champagne at midnight. Ticket are \$120/person. Make your reservation with a \$20 deposit and pay only \$80 at the door. Call Mike at 412-523-2220 for reservations or go to www.bingo-at-bc.com.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the repose of the souls of parishioner ***Robert Eggerton;*** and for ***Alverna Lober,*** sister of parishioner Ralph Lober. May God grant them eternal peace and solace to their families.

MARCH FOR LIFE This year the March for Life is held on Friday, January 18. St. Anne Parish will again offer a bus for a fee of \$35/adult and \$20/student. Price includes a light breakfast, bagged lunch and beverages. For more details, please contact Kathy Raimondi at moozie1217@verizon.net.



HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS The Rectory will close at Noon on **Friday, December 21,** **and remain closed Saturday, December 22 through Wednesday, December 26.** The Rectory will be **open until Noon on December 27, 28, 29th.** For the New Year's holiday the Rectory will close at Noon on **December 31.** Regular hours will resume at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday January 2.

Schedule Next Week: - DEC. 29—30

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