



2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. - Mk 1:4

In your charity please pray for the soul of:



Our parishioner **Jacqueline F. Starrett Price.**
 Mrs. Price died on Friday, November 20, 2020.
 May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



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 LOVE OF CHRIST**

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

*Heavenly Father, your loving providence
 accompanies us on our life's journey.
 Thank you for the many gifts you have given us.
 We ask that you continue to call sons and daughters
 from our families and parishes
 to serve as priests, deacons and consecrated
 men and women in the Diocese of Greensburg.
 Send your Spirit upon us so that many will
 respond with great love to your call to service and
 leadership in your Church.
 Give to those you have chosen the faith of the apostle,
 the vision of the prophet,
 and the courage of the martyr.
 Through the intercession of our Diocesan patroness,
 Our Lady of the Assumption,
 help us to be faithful disciples of your Son
 by following the example of Mary.
 Make us generous in sharing ourselves and
 our talents for the sake of your Kingdom on earth.
 We ask this through Christ the Risen Lord.*

Amen.

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A huge THANK YOU to all parishioners for selling or purchasing the Fall Harvest raffle tickets. The 500 tickets sold out in 8 days!! Proceeds from the raffle tickets will be used to help defray church expenses. Watch the weekly bulletins for news about the next ticket raffle.

The winning numbers from the Fall Harvest raffle were:

Tuesday, Nov. 24	674
Wednesday, Nov. 25	728
Thursday, Nov. 26	248



To students who collected and passed out goody bags to the local fire depts. and police Wilpen VFD wants to thank each and everyone of you. It was very much appreciated and put to good use. We appreciate your service to all of us volunteers.

*Thanks you again,
 Mickey DiRinaldo
 Chief Wilpen VFD
 Station 45*

**SCAM
 ALERT**

DON'T GET SCAMMED!

Scammers are out there and in some cases are now posing as priests and other clergy. You might receive an email or text that appears to be from your Pastor or another priest that you may know requesting funds. **You should be suspicious of any request for funds of any type via email message, text and phone call too. Know that priests will NEVER ask for financial transactions via email, text or phone call.** Know that any email from a priest should be from either a diocesan email or the email listed in the parish's bulletin. If you can't find the email on the parish or diocesan website, it is probably a scam. Please carefully check the email address and verify any request with a call to the person who supposedly sent it.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS:

Are you aware that Ligonier Valley Food Pantry is housed here at Holy Trinity & is among several pantries across Westmoreland Co under the direction of Westmoreland County Food Bank, Inc.?

Twice a year we collect specific food items for The Ligonier Association of Churches for the food pantry. Also, once a month a second collection is taken to help the food pantry. For those who can't assist financially we would like you to consider another option. By offering one single grocery item a week we can provide a significant supplement to what the local pantry has to help our neighbors in need.

Watch the bulletin for next week's item, pick one up on your shopping trip during the week and drop it into the shopping cart on your way into Mass the next weekend.

Next week's item is:

Boxed meals (Hamburger Helper, Rice and Sauce)



FROM THE DESK OF FATHER ANTHONY.....



This Tuesday, December 8, we celebrate the great *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*. We honor Mary as the perfect disciple of her Son, Jesus Christ. She is the sinless Mother of the Savior of the world. As we celebrate the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother Anne, we acknowledge that God “preserved the most Blessed Virgin Mary from all stain of original sin, so that in her, endowed with the rich fullness of [God’s] grace, [God] might prepare a worthy Mother for [His] Son and signify the beginning of the Church, [God’s] beautiful Bride without spot or wrinkle. Mary is truly “full of grace.” This feast day has special significance for us in the United States of America. Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is the Patroness of our great nation. **Of course, this Solemnity has great importance for us at Holy Trinity as we remember St. Ann Church, Wilpen, where many of our parishioners once belonged. We will celebrate Mass at 7:00PM on Monday, December 7 and then again on Tuesday, December 8 at 8:00AM. Because of the pandemic, the obligation to attend Mass on this day is dispensed; however, I hope that those who are able to assist at Mass will do so.**

Advent is an appropriate time to ponder the role of the Blessed Virgin Mary in salvation history. In addition to the celebration of the Immaculate Conception this week, we also celebrate the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** on Saturday, December 12. We will celebrate Mass at 9:00AM. Under this title, Mary is the patroness of the Americas. The feast recalls the December 1531 apparitions of Mary in Tepayac, Mexico. Mary appeared in the garb of a poor, pregnant, Native American woman to St. Juan Diego, who was also a poor peasant. Mary – the Queen of Heaven and Earth – identifies with the poor and lowly and downtrodden! It was on the cloak of St. Juan Diego that the miraculous image of Mary was imprinted. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the patroness of the unborn. Please continue your prayers for a greater respect for all human life, especially the unborn. May the precious gift of life always be welcomed and protected.

As we get ready to celebrate Christmas, a good Confession is usually a beneficial step to take. Once again, our plans have changed due to the pandemic – we are not permitted to have communal penance services. However, we will have several opportunities for Confession during the third week of Advent. Please note the following times have been chosen in order to allow as many as possible to celebrate the Sacrament, taking into consideration that some persons do not go out after dark, many work during the day or at night, and some times are not available for all. I must also emphasize that if you cannot make these particular times, you may call me at the parish office and arrange a time.

Monday, December 14 – 7:00PM – 9:00PM
Tuesday, December 15 – 4:30PM – 6:30PM
Wednesday, December 16 – 10:00AM – 12 NOON
Thursday, December 17 – 3:00PM – 5:00PM



Please remember that we will also have confessions at the regular time of 4:00PM on the Saturdays of December before Christmas.

Christmas, the great celebration of the Birth of our Lord, will be somewhat challenging this year. As you know, we are limited to how many persons can be in the church building at the same time. We will limit the number of participants at each Christmas Mass to 175. I think this will allow us to have the physical distancing necessary. The Christmas Mass schedule is as follows: **Thursday, December 24 – 4:00PM, 6:30PM, and 10:00PM; Friday, December 25 – 8:00AM and 10:00AM.** I know that many like to attend Mass early on Christmas Eve, however, I sincerely ask you – if your circumstances allow, please consider a later Mass or a Mass on Christmas morning. I do not even like the thought of turning anyone away from Mass, but we must follow this capacity guideline this year. Thank you for your consideration.

Thanks to all parishioners who have given of their time after Mass to sanitize the church building and to prepare it for the next use! As you know, we had to guarantee the Diocese that certain protocols would be in place in order to begin the public celebration of Mass again. I appreciate the dedication that has been shown to our parish. The dispensation from Sunday Mass attendance is still in force; however, I encourage one and all to participate at Mass if you are healthy and not at risk. **Please note that the physical distancing requirement is still in place and that we are asked to wear masks in church. We have masks available, if you need one. Thank you. Also, we are now permitted to have 50% occupancy, but we must still be able to maintain the physical distance. I am not sure that we will be able to have 250 persons in church while maintaining the distance, but I hope that this will encourage more parishioners to begin attending Mass again.**

Just a word of warning again – if you receive an email with my name on it from an email address other than acarbone@dioceseofgreensburg.org asking for money, gift cards, or help in any way, I did NOT send it. If you receive such an email, please delete it immediately. I use only my diocesan email account for emails – acarbone@dioceseofgreensburg.org. Also, if you receive an email from my diocesan account asking for assistance, please call the parish office to verify. Please be careful. Thank you.

DO YOU HAVE AN EXTRA 20 OR 30 MINUTES? WE CAN CERTAINLY USE YOUR HELP AFTER THE MASSES ON CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY TO FULFILL THE SANITIZING PROTOCOL THAT MUST BE COMPLETED AFTER EVERY MASS. PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

GOD THE FATHER OF MERCIES, HAVE MERCY ON US!

GOD THE SON, JESUS CHRIST, CRUCIFIED AND RISEN FROM THE DEAD, ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, HAVE MERCY ON US!

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT, DESCENDING UPON US IN GLORY, HAVE MERCY ON US!

O MARY CONCEIVED WITHOUT SIN, PRAY FOR US WHO HAVE RECOURSE TO THEE!

Parish Activities Calendar for December, 2020 & January, 2021

A=Atrium C=Church H=Social Hall L=Loft PL=Parish Library SL= Old School Library
PMR=Parish Meeting Room

All Times Are PM Unless Otherwise Indicated

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>6</p> <p>2nd Collection for Catholic Accent</p> 	<p>7</p>  <p>Vigil Mass 7:00 PM - C</p>	<p>8</p> <p>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <p>Parish Office Closed</p>	<p>9</p> 	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe 9:00 AM - C</p>  <p>Bible Study after 5:30 PM Mass - A</p>
<p>13</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>Confession 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM - C</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Holy Hour 3:00 - 4:00 - C</p> <p>Confession 4:30PM to 6:30PM - C</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Confession 10:00 AM to 12 NOON - C</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Confession 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM - C</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>"That Man is You" 6:00 AM - 7:30 AM - A</p>  <p>Bible Study after 5:30 PM Mass - A</p>
<p>20</p> 	<p>21</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>Holy Hour 3:00 - 4:00 - C</p> 	<p>23</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>Masses: 4:00 PM - C 6:30 PM - C 10:00 PM - C</p>  <p>2nd Envelope Children & Family Services Appeal</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Masses: 8:00 AM - C 10:00 AM - C</p>  <p>2nd Envelope Children & Family Services Appeal</p>	<p>26</p> 
<p>27</p> 	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Holy Hour 3:00 - 4:00 - C</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> 	<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p> 

You can donate a portion of your liver, and it will regenerate, or grow back, in months. **To be a living donor you must:** Be between the ages of 18 and 55, Be in general good health, Have an unselfish desire to contribute to another person's life in a healthy way. Talk to your loved one about being a living donor for them.

To learn how you can give life, visit UPMC.com/LivingDonorLiver and click Register to be a Living Donor. Phone: 412-647-5800, Fax: 412-692-4154. Living Donor Registration: livingdonorreg.upmc.com.

Please help if you can or know someone who can help Kim Daffinger, a daughter of our parishioner, Mr. Willi Daffinger.





To the many individuals who increased their weekly offertory to support God's work in our parish which continues during the pandemic: THANK YOU! Online donations are now being accepted at www.HolyTrinityLigonier.org.



Diocese plans televised Christmas Masses

With concerns over a resurgence in coronavirus cases, particularly in the four counties of the Diocese of Greensburg, diocesan leaders have decided to televise Christmas Masses to engage the faithful at home. A Christmas Vigil Mass from Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg celebrated by the Cathedral Rector, Monsignor Raymond E. Riffle, will be broadcast at 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Diocesan Administrator, Monsignor Larry J. Kulick, will celebrate a Mass from Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, which will be broadcast at 10 a.m. on Christmas Day. Both Masses will air on PCNC, the Pittsburgh Cable News Channel.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Bishop Brandt, Fr. Anthony Wozniak, Fr. Willie Lechnar, Fr. Stephen West, Annie Williams, Dorothy Holtzman, Amy Newhouse, Karen West, Sister Shelly Sharbaugh, OSB., Janet Franks, Adele Griffith, Martha Knupp, Ashley Mullen, Jake McDermott, Bonnie Baloga, Dale Hall, Kim Daffinger, and Judie Shannon.

Could you not watch one hour with Me?



**Eucharistic Adoration Every First Tuesday
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

All other Tuesdays 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

You are invited to commit to an hour's adoration for the first Tuesday of each month by signing the schedule sheet located in the Narthex.

Mass Attendance for Nov. 21 - 22 & Nov. 28 - 29, 2020



5:30 p.m.	75	65
8:00 a.m.	66	85
11:00 a.m.	80	81
Total	221	231

Mass Intentions

5:30 pm	Saturday, December 5 +Cecelia & Stephen Shepard by Cindy & Larry Busch
8:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday, December 6 + Helen & Andrew Stafura by Greg Miller For All Parishioners
8:00 am	Monday, December 7 + Angelene Conn
7:00 pm	Immaculate Conception of Mary + Bernie Lawlor - Anniversary of Death by Pat & Sue Lawlor
8:00 am	Tuesday, December 8 + The Deceased Members of the Secular Carmelites of Latrobe by the Secular Carmelites of Latrobe
8:00 am	Wednesday, December 9 + Tom Price - Anniversary of Death by Wife, Jackie
8:00 am	Thursday, December 10 + Albert S. Carbone
8:00 am	Friday, December 11 + Matt & Matthew John Bingaman by Family
9:00 am 5:30 pm	Saturday, December 12 + Anna Jogun by Annie, George, & Zachary Williams + Harry & Ellen Teese by Ron & Patti Knupp & Family
8:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday, December 13 For All Parishioners + Tony Varrone by Wife, Gina

YOUR GENEROSITY

For Nov. 21 - 22 & Nov. 28 -29, 2020

Adult Envelopes	\$6,753.00	\$4,643.00
Loose Cash	\$167.00	\$98.00
Immaculate Con. Of BVM	\$0.00	\$12.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$0.00	\$12.00
Christmas Offering	\$0.00	\$62.00
All Saints	\$20.00	\$25.00
All Souls	\$0.00	\$25.00
Total Ordinary Income for Bills	\$6,940.00	\$4,877.00
Catholic Accent	\$10.00	\$7.00
Capital Reserve	\$140.00	\$36.00
Christmas Flowers	\$10.00	\$70.00
Food Bank	\$603.00	\$15.00
Community Service	\$0.00	\$100.00
Total for Specific Purposes	\$763.00	\$228.00
Diocesan Poverty Relief Fund	\$251.00	\$39.00
Retired Religious	\$20.00	\$0.00
Children & Family Serv. Appeal	\$0.00	\$5.00
Total Diocesan Collections	\$271.00	\$44.00
Total Deposit	\$7,974.00	\$5,149.00
Online Gifts through the Diocese	\$425.00	\$0.00
Total Offertory	\$8,399.00	\$5,149.00

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Other (Please specify: _____)

Please drop Request Form into the offertory basket or mail to Rectory.

Note: Use of this form does not automatically register you with the church. You will be contacted to arrange an appointment. Thank you.