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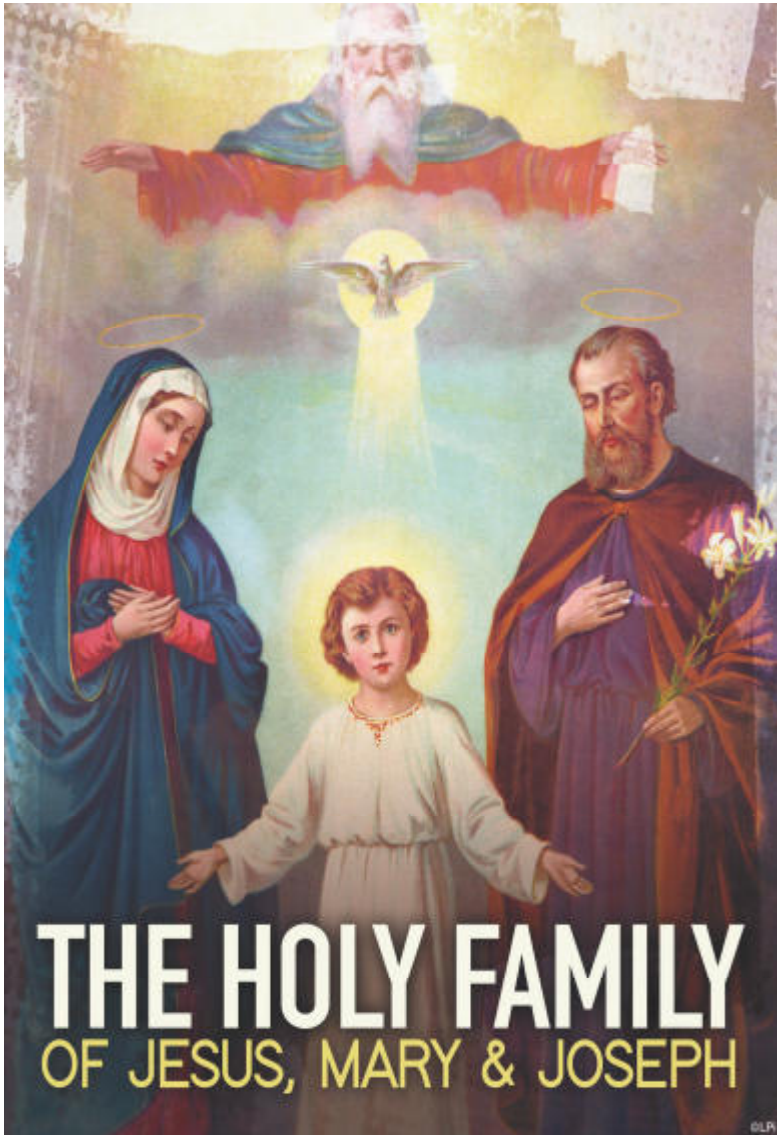
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DECEMBER 26, 2021



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

SERVED BY

Pastor.....**Father Daniel L. Blout**
Parochial Vicar.....**Father Ignatius Camello, OSB**
Parish Secretary.....**Aurelia Sabol**
Coordinator of Pre K-5th Faith Formation.....**Julie Teslevich**
Coordinator of Sacramental Preparation.....**Renie Prengaman**
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Coordinator of Adult Formation.....**Paula Aiello**
Coordinator Facilities Manager.....**Jerry Davis**
Coordinator Liturgical Music.....**Mitch Farrell**
Director of Music.....**Tim Kuhar**
Sacristan.....**Sue Kosker**
Minister Scheduler.....**Sue Leonard**

OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MORNING PRAYER (Lauds)

Tuesday 8:15 a.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday & Thursday: 8:30 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Holy Days: 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday: 9 - 10:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Saturday at 5:00 p.m. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT of MATRIMONY

Engaged couples, one of whom must be an active, registered, parishioner, should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of the intended wedding; a date should not be set before this contact. Pre-marriage formation is required to prepare for this serious, life-long commitment.

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

First-time parents and typically those who last had a child baptized five or more years ago are expected to participate in an infant Baptism preparation session. Please contact the office to request Baptism.

ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH

ST. BENEDICT PARISH NEWS

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



This weekend, December 25/26, there will be a second collection for Children & Family Services Appeal. Next weekend, January 1/2, 2022 there will be a second collection for Maintenance.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP



Acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament resident in the tabernacle is burning this week in loving memory of **Earl Rice & Stacey Rice Feiling** from wife & mom. Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar!

Solemnity of Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Schedule

St. Benedict

Saturday, January 1, 2022 @ 9:00 AM

Our Lady of Grace

Friday, December 31, 2021 - 5:30 PM

Saturday, January 1, 2022 - 10:00 AM

EXPRESSING GRATITUDE ON THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

In many ways our parish reflects the virtues of the Holy Family, such as loving kindness, humble service, compassion and forgiveness. On this Feast of the Holy Family, we praise our God for the many ways that the members of our parish family actively participate in our Church, and its ministries and organizations throughout the entire year.

In a special way, we thank our parish staff, all liturgical ministers, and the volunteers who decorated our Church to make our celebration of Christmas such a prayerful and joyful expression of praise to God. This Christmas we have worked together with a spirit of cooperation and service to offer our best to God as part of God's family. All of our hard work and dedication is a shining example of the wonderful spirit of 'family' that we share as a parish.

Thank you to all parishioners who took ornaments from our Christmas Giving Tree and purchased gifts for local families. These Advent activities have helped our parish to prepare the way for our glorious parish celebration of the Feasts of the Nativity and of the Holy Family.

I also wanted to express my gratitude to all of those who in so many beautiful and thoughtful ways have made my celebration of Christmas special. I received many cards expressing Christmas wishes and personal notes, as well as many enjoyable foods and gifts. These thoughtful signs of your affection to me as your pastor have truly touched my heart with joy this Christmas.

May the Peace and Blessings our Christ, our New Born King fill each and every heart and soul of the members of our parish family this Christmas Season and throughout the coming New Year.

Peace and Blessings,

Father Dan

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE INFIRMED AND IN NEED OF PRAYER:



Gary Bailey
Don Bolby
Carole Bouchat
Dr. Steve Carter
Hudson Donahue
Lisa Guskiewicz Psimas
Mary Karazzia
Sandy Kernicky
Daniel Kessler
Ray Keyser
Marlene Lauer
Bill Lozier
Donna Mikolich
Joseph Mikolich
Ray Novotny
Betty Palinkas
Agnes Passmore
Sheila Ryan
Catherine Rocker
Donny Sabol
Linda Santone
Loreen Vigne
Phyllis Winchell
Hilary Yeskulsy



THANK YOU

to the Knights of Columbus 1480 Foundation for their generous donation of \$1,000.00 to St. Benedict Parish.



Merry Christmas from Fr. Dan, Fr. Ignatius and Staff of St. Benedict. We want to extend Christmas prayers to you and your loved ones. May the light of faith in our Lord and Savior dispel all darkness from your lives and be your strength, your joy, your hope and your peace. Wishing you God's Blessing in this season of Grace.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

January 1 - 2, 2022

9:00 AM MASS - Saturday, January 1

TBA - Server
TBA - Lector
TBA - Eucharistic Minister
TBA - Sacristan

5:30 PM MASS - Saturday, January 1

Susan Lena - Server
Lynette DiDonato - Lector
Cheryl Kapelewski - Eucharistic Minister
Gene Leonard - Sacristan

9:30 AM MASS - Sunday, January 2

Austin & Ethan Shoemaker - Server
Paula Aiello - Lector
Aurelia Sabol - Eucharistic Minister
Sue Kosker - Sacristan

December 26, 2021
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

2022 CALENDARS are available in the narthex compliments of Leo M. Bacha Funeral Home, Inc., Pleasant Unity.



NEWS AROUND THE DIOCESE....

Virtual Bible studies to start in January

Two new virtual Bible studies will be offered over the Zoom platform beginning Jan. 4. "The Acts of the Apostles" will be held Tuesdays from 6:30-8 p.m. and "Samuel 1 and 2" will be held Fridays from 9:30-10:45 a.m. There is no cost, but registration and a workbook are required. The studies are offered through Journeys Online Spiritual Ministry. For more information or to register, contact Mollie Vassar at 724-366-9552 or mollie.vassar@gmail.com.

THE WONDER OF THE NATIVITY

"The Accent On-Air: The Wonder of the Nativity" is always on at TheAccentOnline.org. The wonder of the Nativity, its history, significance and characters are all part of this Christmas special. The team of *The Catholic Accent* explores the role of Christmas angels and decodes the important messages that influenced the birth of Jesus. Plus, centuries later, why Catholics still celebrate the Epiphany. Also, Bishop Larry J. Kulick shares a recipe to serve at your holiday gatherings.

CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES APPEAL

Every year the second collection at all Christmas Masses has been the Children and Family Services Appeal, for less fortunate people living within our Diocese. At Christmas, 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, you are asked to support the Children and Family Services Appeal and help to change the future of an individual, family or child through the good work of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg.

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The 12 Diocese of Greensburg Catholic schools now have millions of dollars in tuition assistance available! Become a TOP Student today. Visit www.CatholicSchoolsGuide.org or call 724-552-2565.

Please remember in your prayers the men and women who have chosen to bravely risk their lives for others, including all healthcare workers, police officers, armed forces, first responders, their families and their loved ones.

Saints & Special Observances
For the Week of December 26, 2021

- Sunday: The Holy Family
- Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
- Tuesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- Wednesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
- Friday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
- Saturday: New Year's Day
 Mary, The Holy Mother of God
 World Day of Peace
- Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;
 Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen,
 Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 25, 2021 - Christmas Day

9:30 a.m. +Bill Forish (Donna Werner (Forish)

Sunday, December 26, 2021 - The Most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

9:30 a.m. +Earl Rice & +Stacey Rice Feiling (Wife & Mom)

Tuesday, December 28, 2021 - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:30 a.m. +Mary E. Ulishney (Tom & Dolores)

Thursday, December 30, 2021 - Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:30 a.m. +Barbara Lauer (George & Marlene Lauer)

Saturday, January 1, 2022 - Mother of God

9:00 a.m. +Elizabeth Shinsky (Ernest & Irene Miscik)

5:30 p.m. +Joan Komarinski (Roberta Kubic)

Sunday, January 2, 2022 - Epiphany of the Lord

9:30 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of
St. Benedict & Our Lady of Grace Parishes



FINANCIAL BLESSINGS



Fiscal Year 7/1/21 - 6/30/22

Report for December 19, 2021

Due to the early transmission of the bulletin in observance of Christmas, the Financial Blessings for December 19th will appear in the January 2, 2022 bulletin.

In order to meet our ordinary expenses entirely from our Sunday collection, St. Benedict needs approximately \$3,515.00 per week in the regular collection.

Thank you for your generosity and support of St. Benedict Parish

Matters of Sexual Misconduct Information

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone - please contact PA ChildLine immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the ChildLine number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Fr. Dan Blout, Jerry Davis, Rick Hoffman, Bill Mohler, Sue Leonard, Tim Rennie & Randy Strayer

PARISH COMMISSIONS MEMBERS

Fr. Dan Blout, Fr. Ignatius Camello, OSB, Paula Aiello, Jerry Davis, Tina Krivoniak, Lisa Hoffman, Gene Leonard, Renie & Jim Pregelman, Joyce Novotny-Prettiman, Aurelia Sabol & Jennifer Strayer

SANCTUARY LAMP

We are offering the opportunity to have the Sanctuary Lamp (the candle next to the Tabernacle indicating the Eucharistic Presence) burn in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion. The donation for memorializing the Sanctuary Lamp for a week is \$10.00. You may call the parish office to make arrangements.

ONLINE GIVING

Forget your envelope? We are now offering Online Giving! Visit our website to sign up and to begin contributing automatically to our parish. Simply go to the parish website at www.stbenchurch.org and scroll down and click on the online icon, Support Your Parish. Follow the directions. Your support throughout the year helps sustain our church.



Readings for the Week of December 26, 2021

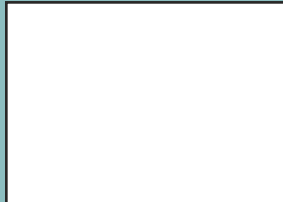
Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/ Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
Monday:	1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
Friday:	1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
Saturday:	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4- 7/Lk 2:16-21
Next Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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