IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

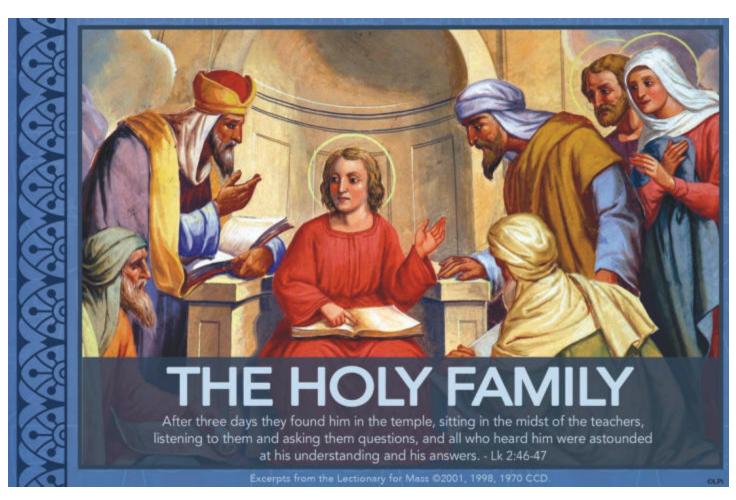
MERCER, PENNSYLVANIA

Blessed Christmas!

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

As we continue to celebrate the Christmas Festival, take just a moment to pause and consider just how good God has been to you over this past year.

While there have been many challenges for us, as well as the entire world over the past many months, God is good! Once again, we are reminded of the fragility of life and that we should do our best to value our loved ones. With our eyes on the babe in the manger, we must again commit to reveal God through our love for one another.



DECEMBER 26, 2021

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

How can we help you?

Sacraments

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 6:00 PM & by appointment.

RAPTISM

By individual appointment. Baptism is celebrated during the weekend Liturgies.

MATRIMONY

6 months preparation required.

ANOINTING OF SICK

If you or a loved one are sick, facing surgery or are in any health need, please contact the Parish Office to arrange for the celebration of the Anointing of the Sick.

HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOME

Monthly visits by Pastor & Eucharistic Ministers. Celebration of the Mass:

Avalon Springs:

10:30 AM - 3rd Friday of the month.

Countryside:

10:30 AM - 4th Friday of the month.

Hospitalized

Please contact the Parish Office for pastoral visit.

Faith Formation

Youth: Gr. 1-11 Sunday 9:00-10:15 AM Adult: R.C.I.A./Adult Ed. - as scheduled

Social Services

SHARING SHED FOOD PANTRY

2nd & 4th Saturdays: 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

AA: Tues. at 7:30 PM (Gallagher Hall)
AA: Wed. at 8:00 PM (Gallagher Hall)

Al Anon: Wed. at 8:00 PM (Learning Center)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mass Intentions: 724-662-2999.
Prayer Chain: Janice: 724-977-7860
e-mail: jdl59@verizon.net

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Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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Shirlay Ann Who

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Abagail Joy Campbell Juliane Vurell Robert Angelucci

To be included in our prayer chain, call Janice at 724-977-7860, or the rectory at 724-662-2999.

Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure

MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR

ALTAR SERVERS

None Scheduled At This Time

LECTORS

24 Dec	5:00 pm - J. McCracken
25 Dec	Midnight - T. Waterloo
25 Dec	9:00 am - C. Wilpula
26 Dec	8:00 am - M. Gutowski
	10:30 am - M. Hazi
31 Dec	5:00 pm - D. Birch
01 Jan	9:00 am - D. Whittaker

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

24 Dec	5:00 pm - E. Wanner
25 Dec	Midnight - E. Serge
25 Dec	9:00 am - D. McMullen
26 Dec	8:00 am - M. Shomin
26 Dec	10:30 am - T. Peters
31 Dec	5:00 pm - S. DeMarsh
01 Jan	9:00 am - J. Sweet

OFFERTORY FAMILIES

None Scheduled At This Time

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

COLLECTION COUNTERS

None Scheduled At This Time

FAITH FORMATION



Grades 1 - 11
Every Sunday 9 AM - 10:15 AM
dismissal from Gallagher Hall
Masks required

Sun. Dec. 26 & Jan. 2: No Class Sun. Jan. 09: Classes Resume

Sun. Jan. 16: Class Reconciliation Gr. 5 & 7



Weekly Offering December 12, 2021

Offertory \$	2,667.00
Loose Money	289.23
Children	2.00
Religious Retirement	462.00
Facilities Maintenance	123.00
Christmas	20.00
Fuel & Utilities	20.00
Immaculate Conception	447.00
Total: \$	4 030 23

ONLINE:

Offertory \$)	1,268.00
Fuel & Utilities		25.00
Immaculate Conception		55.00
Facilities Maintenance _		100.00
Total:	,	1.448.00

Catholic Services Appeal
103 Families Pledged \$44,845
Paid to Date \$43,675

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Special retreat opportunity for young adults between 19 and 35.

The Diocese of Erie is sponsoring a retreat Jan. 3-7 for college-age young people and young adults under the age of 35 at the Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center south of Sharon. Applications are still being accepted, but space is limited. For more information, contact either of the retreat organizers: Jillian Zaczyk (jzaczyk@eriercd.org) or Dave Roncolato (droncola@allegheny.edu). The application for the retreat can be found under Young Adult Ministry (Silent Retreat) at: https://www.eriercd.orgyouthsilentretreat.html.

Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 /Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:41-52 or /1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 /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/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 /Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 /Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Gal 4:4-7

/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

From Fr. Matt:

Dear Friends.

A Blessed Christmas to you all!

A special word of welcome to all who may be visiting at this time of year. I would like to offer a particular welcome to Fr. Ian McElrath who is celebrating the Mass for us this morning.

Fr. Ian called a few weeks ago and offered to celebrate the Mass here at Immaculate Heart this Sunday since he would be home in Sharon and then I would not need to come back last night from Erie. Since he offered, I accepted. Fr. Ian, like me, keeps very busy. He is the Parocial Vicar at St. Joseph Parish in Erie, he teaches Theology at Mercyhurst Prep and he assists with the celebration of the Latin Mass at St. Casmir Church in Erie.

Bishop Persico continues to encourage those who are comfortable doing so, as well as those who are not vaccinated, to wear a mask when gathered in church for Mass.

We gather today on the second day of Christmas which this year is the Feast of the Holy Family.

Children can relate to sometimes being lost and parents can relate to feeling anxiety and fear for their children. These feeling are captured in the gospel passage this morning. The gospel also speaks about the example that parents give to children about their worship of God and about a child's realization that God's work can be done even by the very young. In the end, it is about how all of us need to advance in wisdom, age and grace with God's help — no matter how old we are.

Stay safe,

Fr. Matt

MEMBERSHIP FORM							
Name		Address					
City	Zip	Phone	()				
Number of	People in Household:						
CIRCLE ONE	Request for Registration Form	Change of Address	Moving out of Parish	Want Envelopes			
	Please drop Membership F	orm into the collecti	on basket or mail to	the Rectory.			

COOKIE WALK & SOUP SALE



Thank you to all the cookie bakers, soup makers, and volunteers who help make our Cookie Walk & Soup



Sale a success. This fundraiser resulted in a net gain of \$2,346.00

LOTTERY TREES RAFFLE



Thank you to everyone who donated instant lottery tickets and to all who bought chances to win the trees. This fundraiser resulted in a net gain of \$2,842.17.

Lottery Tree Winners:
Patty Kennihan
Stephanie Smith

Happy Scratching!

ANNUAL NURSING HOME GIFT TREE

A very merry *Thank you* to everyone who purchased gifts for the residents of Avalon, Quality Life Services, Greystone and the Lakes at Jefferson. 178 gifts were sent to them. Also, many thanks to all the "elves" who sorted and bagged them.



"There's rumblings of a Rummage Sale"

Coming Saturday, April 23, 2022 to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

As you tackle spring cleaning, closet clean outs, or plan to move or downsize, remember the Rummage Sale and box good condition or gently used items.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 25

9:00 am † Bill Philson

(Janice & David Langdon)

Sunday, December 26

8:00 am People of the Parish

10:30 am † James E. Joyce, Sr.

(Jim & Dottie Joyce)

Monday, December 27

No Mass

Tuesday, December 28

Mass at St. Mark's Chapel

† Faithful Departed

Wednesday, December 29

8:00 am † Donna Rae Smith

(Fr. Matt & Staff)

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Exposition of the

Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, December 30

8:00 am † Mary Yingling

(Jim & Terry Anderson)

Friday, December 31

5:00 pm † Marilyn Suchy

(Jim & Dottie Joyce)

Saturday, January 1

9:00 am **† Fred Kehlbeck** (Family)

5:00 pm **People of the Parish**

Sunday, January 2

8:00 am **† Joe Shipton** (Marianne Shipton)

10:30 am † Ellen Oehlbeck

(Larry Zitko Family)

Eternal Light

Jesus is the 'Light of the World' and the Sanctuary Candle reminds us of His True Presence. The Sanctuary Vigil Light is burning this month in memory of John, Marge, & Tim Bell as requested by the Minner Family.



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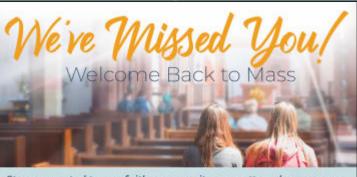
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