

# The Church of Saint Anne



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## Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ December 19, 2021

### \*\* Parish Office Hours \*\*

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday:**  
8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

(Out for Lunch: Noon until 1:00 p.m.)

**Thursday:** 8:30 a.m. until Noon;

**Saturday:** Closed

**Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.  
Noon until 1:00 p.m.

**Evenings by Appointment**

### Parish Telephone

#### Numbers:

Parish Office  
724-872-3555

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724-872-3373

Faith Formation (Office)  
724-872-3486

Faith Formation  
(Cell)  
724-984-9255



*“Lord, make us turn to You;  
let us see Your face and we  
shall be saved.” —Psalm 80*

*“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is  
the fruit of your womb.” —Luke 1:42*

**Website:** [www.stannerostraver.org](http://www.stannerostraver.org)

### **EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES**

**Weekends:** Saturday . . . . . 4:30 PM

**Sunday** . . . . . 8 AM & 11 AM

#### **Weekdays:**

**Monday & Thursday** . . . . . 8 AM

#### **Holy Days & Civil Holidays:**

Consult the Mass schedule in the  
bulletin.

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

### The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Eve Mass ~ Friday, December 24 @ 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Mass ~ Friday, December 24 @ 10:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Mass ~ Saturday, December 25 @ 10:00 a.m.

### Feast of the Holy Family, December 25 and 26 (weekend Masses)

Saturday, December 25 ~ There is no 4:30 p.m. Mass.

Sunday, December 26 ~ 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 26 ~ 11:00 a.m.

### The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Eve Mass ~ Friday, December 31 @ 6:00 p.m.

### Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, January 1 & 2 (weekend Masses)

Saturday, January 1 ~ There is no 4:30 p.m. Mass.

Sunday, January 2 ~ 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 2 ~ 11:00 a.m.





FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 18

4:30 p.m. Helen Bucci-Homer & Barbara Zucconi

Sunday, December 19

8:00 a.m. Parish Family  
11:00 a.m. Jean & Pete Zelenko  
Daughter, Ilona Stack



Monday, December 20

8:00 a.m. Adam Spitznagel-Wife, Marlane  
Please pray the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Private.

Tuesday, December 21

Mass is celebrated at Holy Family Church,  
West Newton @ 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 22

Mass is celebrated at Holy Family Church,  
West Newton @ 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 23

8:00 a.m. Karen Ruokonen-Family  
Please pray the Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Private.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Friday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. Parish Family  
10:30 p.m. Living & Deceased of the Parish  
Saturday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day  
10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Parish

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,  
MARY & JOSEPH

Saturday, December 25  
There is no 4:30 p.m. Mass  
Sunday, December 26  
8:00 a.m. Parish Family  
11:00 a.m. George Kowalchuck-Wife, Sharon



DARR MINE DISASTER COMMEMORATION

More than 239 men and boys were killed in a Coal Mine Explosion on December 19, 1907. The Mine was located in Van Meter, Pennsylvania, Rostraver Township, across from Jacobs Creek. This is Pennsylvania's worst Coal Mine Disaster to date. Some parishioners lost relatives. Please pray for all of the victims.



“BE THE LIGHT”

2021 Diocesan Lenten Appeal

Diocesan Goal: \$53,521.00

Received to Date: \$57,005.00 (over the \$57,000 mark!)  
Any amount over and above the Diocesan Goal will be sent back to the Parish.

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY participants meet on Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in the Church. All are welcome.

VIDEO MASS FOR UPCOMING SUNDAYS may be found on our Website, [www.stannerostraver.org](http://www.stannerostraver.org); select “Videos” under the Media tab. All new Sunday Masses are available after 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

The ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, ALTAR FLOWERS or SANCTUARY CANDLE may be offered in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. Please call the Parish Office early in the week for an upcoming weekend.

DISCIPLES OF PRAYER—Do you need someone to pray for you, a loved one, friend, or for your special intentions? Please call the Parish Office for this request.

PRAYING THE ROSARY—Please tune in the following channels on the radio or TV at the designated times:

Radio Channel: 106.7 FM

Monday through Friday @ 11:00 a.m. & 11:00 p.m.  
EWTN Cable

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.—Rosary and Devotions (after Mass)  
Monday through Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday and Saturday: 3:30 p.m. (from Lourdes)

Monday through Friday: 3:30 p.m. (Mother Angelica)  
Sunday through Saturday: 9:30 p.m. (Mother Angelica)

Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ EWTN Cable

Sunday through Saturday: 3:00 p.m.

IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS, please pray for our Parishioner, James Hepler, who was called to eternal life. We extend our sympathy to his family and ask God to comfort them at this time. May James and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.



IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS, remember our parishioners who are ill, those who are homebound and all those who need our prayers.



Altar Bread & Wine

In Memory of Helen Bucci

by Daughter, Cindy, Tom & Family

DECEMBER 19, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## SUNDAY &amp; DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

## Sunday, December 19

12: Mi 5:1-4a;  
Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19; Heb 10:5-10;  
Lk 1:39-45

## Monday, December 20

196: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4b,5-6;  
Lk 1:26-38

## Tuesday, December 21

197: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;  
Ps 33:2-3,11-12,20-21; Lk 1:39-45

## Wednesday, December 22

198: 1 Sm 1:24-28;  
(Ps) 1 Sm 2:1,4-8d; Lk 1:46-56

## Thursday, December 23

199: Mal 3:1-4,23-24;  
Ps 25:4-5b,8-10,14; Lk 1:57-66

## Friday, December 24 (Day)

200: 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16;  
Ps 89:2-5,27,29; Lk 1:67-79

## Friday, December 24 (Vigil)

13: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5,16-17,27,29;  
Acts 13:16-17,22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or  
Mt 1:18-25

## Sunday, December 25 (Night)

14: I 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3,11-13;  
Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

## (Dawn)

15: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1,6,11-12;  
Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

## (Day)

16: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6  
Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5,9-14

## Sunday, December 26

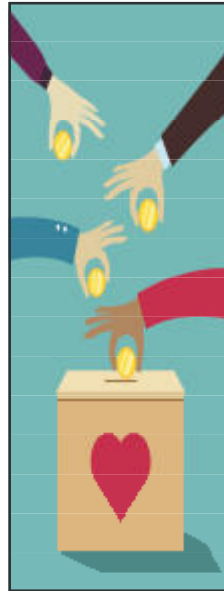
17: Sir 3:2-6,12-14; Ps 128:1-5;  
Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17;  
Lk 2:41-52 or, in Year C:  
1 Sm 1:20-22,24-28;  
Ps 84:2-3,5-6,9-10;  
1 Jn 3:1-2,21-24; Lk 2:41-52

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

## Stewardship—December 12, 2021

## Third Sunday of Advent

179 Regular Sunday Adult Envelopes:	\$ 5,927.98
Loose:	\$ 125.00
Poor Box:	\$ 11.25
Votive:	\$ 161.00
Christmas Wafers (Oplatki):	\$ 52.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$ 463.00
added to that previously reported, \$1,385.00, for a total of \$1,848.00	
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception:	\$ 838.00
6 Nativity of the Lord Envelopes:	\$ 470.00
2 Children & family Services Envelopes:	\$ 40.00
4 Solemnity of Mary Envelopes:	\$ 90.00
Total:	\$ 8,178.23
Online Giving, 12/8/21 thru 12/13/21:	
34 Regular Sunday Adult Envelopes:	\$ 876.00
1 Catholic Accent Envelope:	\$ 15.00
1 Nativity of the Lord Envelope:	\$ 20.00
1 Immaculate Conception Envelope:	\$ 50.00
1 Christmas Flower Envelope:	\$ 20.00
Total:	\$ 9,159.23



Please consider a gift this Christmas to the Children & Family Services



## CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES APPEAL

Every year at all Christmas Masses the collection for Children and Family Services for less fortunate people living within our Diocese is taken. 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 this 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. Thank you for your generosity.

**THANK YOU FROM THE COVENANT HOUSE**—In thanksgiving for the many years you have been generous to us in your “offering for the poor” collections, we say, **Merry Christmas to All!** This is the season of good cheer. Let's enjoy!



## REMINDER

The Front Entrance Doors are locked for daily Mass and for private prayer during weekday Church hours. Please use the elevator lobby door at the side entrance to enter the Church for daily Mass or if you wish to pray privately. Please exit through the same door that you entered.

**Child Protection Act**—As the obligation to attend Mass is lifted and more and more families with young children are present, and because of our support of the Child Protection Act, it is recommended that a parent always accompany a child to the restroom downstairs in the Social Hall.

**PERRY DRUG STORE, 301 INDEPENDENCE STREET, PERRYOPOLIS, 15473, HAS AMPLE SUPPLY OF THE COVID VACCINE.**

*Vaccine appointments are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Please call 724-736-4422.*

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## OFFICE HOURS FOR CHRISTMAS

The Parish Office will be closed this Friday, December 24, in celebration of Christmas and will open on Monday, December 27, at 8:30 a.m.

## TO ACCESS ON-LINE GIVING FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS, visit:

[www.stannerostraver.org](http://www.stannerostraver.org),

select “donate” in the upper right hand corner of the home page, link to [osv.hub.com](http://osv.hub.com), (Our Sunday Visitor), select the preferred donation box and choose “give now.”

Contributions may also be made by visiting [www.dioceseofgreensburg.org](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org), choose “donate” in the upper right hand corner and fill out the information requested.

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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Winter Begins ~ December 21

In the first reading from the Old Testament prophet Micah, Micah gives assurance to the Jews that God is faithful to His promises, and that from the unimportant village of Bethlehem He will send them the long-expected ruler. The third stanza from today's Responsorial (Psalm 80) is a prayer for God's blessing upon the Davidic king. The selection from the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that it is Jesus Christ Who offered the perfect sacrifice of obedience that liberated us from sin. By His willingness and eagerness to do God's will, Christ offered Himself in the place of all the other ritual sacrifices offered, as the means of sanctification.

In the Gospel selection from Luke, Luke tells us how two seemingly insignificant women met to celebrate the kindness and fidelity of God. It shows us how sensitive Mary was to the needs of Elizabeth, her older cousin, who had miraculously become pregnant in her old age. For Luke, discipleship consists in listening to God's word and then carrying it out, and Mary does both, to become the most perfect disciple.

For us, today, the story of the Visitation which we read in this weekend's Gospel is more than a nice story. It is an invitation to deepen our faith and trust in God's love. It is a call to recognize the presence of Christ in the people whom we meet, and to allow Jesus to shine through our often fragile human lives. Mary and Elizabeth were unique in what God asked of them. We too have a unique calling. As someone once said, we are all meant to be mothers of God, because Jesus needs to be continually born in our lives.

Christmas is the ideal time for us to be filled with the spirit of Christ, allowing His rebirth within us. Once Christ is reborn in us, He enables us to share His love with all those we encounter by offering them humble and committed service, unconditional forgiveness and compassionate and caring love. Let us take the time to visit others during this Christmas Season, especially the sick and shut-ins, sharing with them some inspiration for their lives, and hopefully bringing them closer to God.

Next weekend, when you arrive for the Weekend Mass, Christmas will have already been celebrated. And so that we do not forget - On behalf of the Parish Staff, our thanks to each of you for all that you do for our Parish, and may the Lord's blessings continue to be upon each of you now and always.

A Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year to You and Yours!



Let us pray for the Conversion of the World and for peace.

*However Cold the Winter*

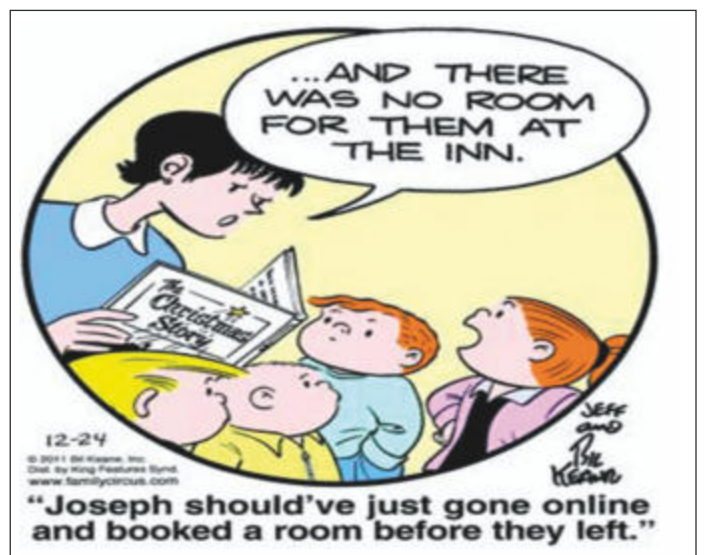
However cold the Winter,  
I find the golden sun,  
However dark the night hours,  
The dawn is sure to come.  
Though storm clouds often gather,  
There still is peace to lend,  
And when the storm is over,  
A rainbow 'round the bend.  
However cold the Winter,  
The Spring will melt the snow,  
And then the Maytime flowers  
Will set the world aglow.  
The ever-changing seasons  
Have so much to impart,  
And somehow each in turn it seems  
Lends laughter to my heart.  
The beauty of the Autumn,  
The Summer's magic bliss,  
And each December snowflake  
Is like an angel's kiss.  
Each sunrise - every sunset  
Has so much warmth to bring,  
However cold the Winter,  
It always ends in Spring.

- Garnett Ann Schultz

SALESIAN MISSIONS

Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intention

Let us pray for catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



DECEMBER 19, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**ADULT SCRIPTURE STUDY—"CHOSEN"**

Sessions on Thursdays will recess for the Christmas season and will continue after the New Year. Please contact the Parish Office, 724-872-3555, or Lauretta Stanley, 724-787-1989, for more information.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN EACH SUNDAY DURING THE 11:00 A.M. MASS**

All children ages 5 through 11 are invited to participate in this beautiful ritual of proclaiming God's Word with Children appropriate to their understanding. They are sent in a group with their leaders before the readings and return to their families after the Creed. No sign-up is necessary.

**\*\* ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE \*\***

St. Sebastian Church, Belle Vernon ~ Monday, December 20  
from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

This service is not Communal Penance Service, as we have been accustomed, where all gather for initial prayer and reflection. At this service, attendees may come anytime between the one and one-half hour period. Several priests will be in attendance.

***"Follow That Star" Faith Fun Night***

*Wednesday, December 29 @ 6 p.m.*

*in the Social Hall for those ages 5 through 11. Mark this on your calendar to come to enjoy bible stories, music, and fun, fun, fun!!! See the flyer in the entrances of the Church and E-mail [aerhardt@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:aerhardt@dioceseofgreensburg.org) or call or text, 724-984-9255.*

**FAITH FORMATION**

Please refer to our website, [www.stannerostraver.org](http://www.stannerostraver.org), for information on 2021/2022 classes and sacramental preparation schedules.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

If you are interested in seeing if the Catholic Faith is right for you or if you need to "catch-up" on your sacraments, please contact Director of Faith Formation, Angela Ehrhardt, in the Office of Faith Formation, 724-872-3486 or [aerhardt@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:aerhardt@dioceseofgreensburg.org).

**CHRISTMAS WAFERS (OPLATKI)**

are available in the entrances of the Church while supplies last—three white, one pink. The price is \$2.00/packet.

**ROSTRAVER FOOD BANK**

For those who would like to make a donation to the Rostraver Food Bank, envelopes may be addressed to P. O. Box 1021, Belle Vernon, PA 15012.

**FOR YOUR AWARENESS**

This Wednesday, December 22, is the final session to record weekend video Masses; therefore, the final recorded Mass, which will be for the Feast of the Holy Family, will be posted at 4:00 p.m. this Saturday, December 25. Much gratitude is extended to those who participated weekly in the recordings to enable those who were unable to attend Mass in person to watch it in the comfort of their homes.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**—There will be no Saturday confessions on December 25 and January 1, as well as no 4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass on these days. Please avail yourself to the final Penance Service at St. Sebastian Church tomorrow, Monday, December 20, at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** Vitalant has reported that at the recent blood drive here in our Social Hall, 26 individuals came to donate this Gift of Life to help ill newborn babies, cancer patients, those suffering from traumatic injuries and many, many others. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this event a success.

Growing Support for our  
**FAITH**  
Community

If your circumstances allow, we humbly ask you to remember our parish at Christmas with an end-of-the-year gift or a commitment to increase your offertory in 2022.

**Remember our parish at Christmas!**

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