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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022 | THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

WELCOME

PARISH OFFICE

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10:00 AM - 3:00 PM (Office Hours)

Closed for lunch from 12:00 - 1:00 PM

MASS

Monday - Friday

11:45 AM

Saturday

4:30 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday

11:00 AM until finished

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The public recitation of the Rosary is
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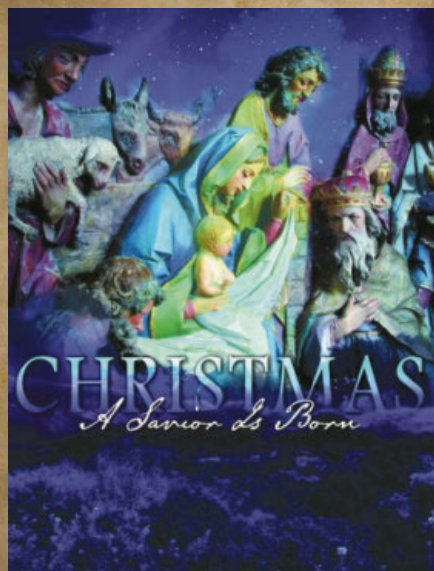
*Blessed Sacrament Cathedral
Christmas Mass Schedule*

There will be no confessions on
Saturday, December 24

**Christmas Eve Masses
Saturday, December 24, 2022**
4:00 PM Mass
(Live Stream)

**10:30 PM Christmas Late Mass
Bishop Larry J. Kulick, presiding**

**Christmas Day Masses
Sunday, December 25, 2022**
8:30 & 11:00 AM Masses



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM
THE ENTIRE STAFF OF
BLESSED SACRAMENT
CATHEDRAL



READINGS FOR: Sunday, December 25, 2022

First Reading:

For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. (Is 9:5)

Psalm:

Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord. (Ps 96)

Second Reading:

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all. (Ti 2:11)

Gospel:

“Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.” (Lk 2:10-11)

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Christmas

Today marks the end of the Advent season and the beginning of the Christmas season. We have lighted four candles these past four weeks and asked God to help us be present to our neighbors and friends. Now in the Christmas season we are called to be Christ in the flesh to our world.

Let us pray...

God,
you became human through the obedience of a simple young woman named Mary.

Mary is our model of faith.

May we be faithful to your word as Mary was.

Give us the courage to face each day with the yes that Mary gave to you.

We ask this through the incarnate God, who comes to us again during this Christmas season.

Amen.



WEEKLY LITURGICAL MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24, 2022

4:00 PM Christmas Vigil Mass

10:30 PM Christmas Late Mass

Sunday, December 25, 2022 - The Nativity of the Lord

8:30 AM Christmas Day Mass

11:00 AM Christmas Day Mass

Monday, December 26, 2022 - Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

11:45 AM No Mass

Tuesday, December 27, 2022 - Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

11:45 AM Bill & Dorothy Wilcox (Children)

Wednesday, December 28, 2022 - The Holy Innocents Martyrs

11:45 AM Dr. Clement A. Guarlotti (St. Vincent de Paul Society - St. Irenaeus Church)

Thursday, December 29, 2022 - Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

11:45 AM Ken & Ann Rahl (Dan & Kim Rahl Family)

Friday, December 30, 2022 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

11:45 AM Judy Panebianco (Carol Bothel - Friend)

Saturday, December 31, 2022 - Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

11:00 AM Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 PM Louis C. Mascherma (Esther - Wife & Children)

Sunday, January 1, 2023 - Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

8:30 AM For the Living and Deceased Members of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral

11:00 AM Thomas & Emily Wisneski (Susan Wisneski - Daughter)



SANCTUARY CANDLE



In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ, the Tabernacle Candle will burn from December 24 through December 30 in Loving Memory

Emery Miller

Requested by Family

The Parish & Cemetery Offices will be closed on
Monday, December 26 and
Tuesday, December 27.
in observance of Christmas.

The Offices will reopen on
Wednesday, December 28 at 10:00 AM.



Calendars Help Us Mark Time

The Calendars for the year 2023 will be distributed on Mary, The Holy Mother of God, January 1, 2023. A special thanks to Bacha Funeral Home, who provided us with this beautiful calendar.

May we see time as a gift from God. May we treasure the time we share with family and friends. May we take the time to share our gifts with those in need.



The Nativity of the Lord

Our hearts are aglow with the joy of Christmas! Our senses are alive with the season, from the rich smells of evergreen and gingerbread to the feel of crisp air on our skin and the warmth of a loved one's embrace. At some point in the holiday hustle and bustle, take a few moments of quiet. In the silence, reflect on the other senses of the season. Imagine the cool damp of an animal stable, the earthy smell of hay and feed, and the crisp night air blowing in softly. Imagine kneeling beside an exhausted, joyful mother and a relieved, protective father. Imagine an infant wrapped in cloth scraps held out to your open arms. Imagine holding the infant Jesus. As his eyes meet yours, welcome into your heart the greatest gift of Christmas.



Women's Faith Sharing

The Women's Faith Sharing group meets in the Formation Center on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8 PM. For information please contact Caroline Andros at 724-420-7469.



Reserve Parking Space Reminder

Given that we are receiving regular assistance from visiting clergy, we need to leave the Visiting Clergy parking sign up in the small Church parking lot so that the parking space is available whenever it is needed.

~ We would appreciate it if you **do not** park in any space that has a reserve sign present. ~

Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Catholic Men's Fellowship meets in person in the Church Hall at 6:45 AM on Saturday mornings and via Zoom 8:00 PM Monday evenings. We would be happy to welcome men at either session.

Please contact:

Andy (412-759-1715 or andyb9530@comcast.net) or Michael (724-691-2191 or zempyeer@gmail.com) for more information.

Walking with Moms in Need

We invite all parishioners to join us in **Walking with Moms in Need**. You can continue to pray for the WWMN team as we begin our inventory process of identifying resources for moms in our community.

We are also asking parishioners to help us in supplying the baby pantry at Catholic Charities with items they are in need of. Below is a list of what is most needed. Please bring them to the parish office or drop them off at Catholic Charities.

Diapers sizes 4, 5, 6, 7 and pull ups Wipes, Boys clothing newborn to 12 months Girls clothing newborn and 12-24 months.

As we continue to complete our inventory process, we will update the parish community with these results. Please join us in praying that our efforts will help ensure pregnant women indeed know that they can turn to our parish for support and assistance.

If you would like more information please contact Brenda Matthews at brenmatt3@gmail.com. Or you may contact the parish office at 724-834-3710 ext. 11.

PARISH SUPPORT

In order to meet our budgetary needs, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral requires an average of **\$18,000** per week in the regular offertory collection. Thank you for your generosity and support of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish!

December 11, 2022

Offertory	\$15,798.00
Votive Candles	\$241.00
Immaculate Conception	\$1,267.00
Parish Social Ministry	\$2,415.00

Families receiving envelopes	1,332
Envelopes used this week	150
Online Giving Transactions Processed	116

Thank you for your generosity and support of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish!

Online Giving is an easy way to make your weekly contributions by going to <https://osvhub.com/blessed-sacrament-cathedral/funds>. If Online Giving is not an option for you, please consider writing a check for added security as opposed to putting cash in your weekly envelope.

December Collections

December 25	Regular Christmas Collection
December 25	Children and Family Services Appeal Collection

Children and Family Services Appeal collection taken at Christmas

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.

Bereavement Group

Blessed Sacrament Cathedral will be hosting a bereavement series beginning in January. The series will be run by Phil Jamison from Excela Health Home Health and Hospice Team. If you have experienced a loss and would like to join this group, please call Katie in the Parish Office at: 724-834-3710 ext. 11. The series begins on Friday, January 13, 2023 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm, and runs each Friday through February 17, 2023.

Help for Ukraine

Bishop Larry J. Kulick asks the faithful of the Diocese of Greensburg to assist Ukraine and its people by praying for them as this tragic conflict unfolds. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has released a list of reputable Catholic agencies collecting donations to aid people as they flee to escape Russian bombing and shelling. Visit DioceseOfGreensburg.org/HelpForUkraine to learn more about Catholic Relief Services, Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy, Catholic Near East Welfare Association, Aid to Church in Need, Knights of Columbus Ukraine Solidarity Fund, Jesuit Refugee Service and International Catholic Migration Commission, among others.

Epiphany Celebration

Come join us as we seek to live as sisters and brothers of Christ and of one another.

Join us on Sunday, January 8, 2022

immediately after the 11:00 AM Mass
for a light lunch!
Spend time with each other along with
beautiful music and song,
as we share this time as a parish family.

Please see the RSVP table in the vestibule,
sign your name and how many are attending
or call Cindy, Linda or Sr. Jeanne Marie in the
Parish office at 724-834-3710.



Attention Bakers!

With parish social events coming back into full swing, we need to gather our bakers once again!



If you would be willing to bake for parish social events and wish to be put on the bakers list, please call or email Lyn Kedzierski at:

ljemrick12@gmail.com or
724-836-2568. Thank you!



SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Sponsorship Forms



Forms for parish members to serve as sponsors for Baptism or Confirmation can be completed in the Parish Office or with a priest at a weekend Mass. To act as a sponsor, you must be at least 16 years old, a practicing Catholic who has received Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. If married, it must be within the guidelines of the Catholic Church. Call and speak with any of the ladies in the office, our office hours are 10 AM - 3 PM.

Baptisms



By appointment only. Contact Katie Zuzik in the Parish Office at least three months in advance of the Baptism. A class for parents is required to reflect on the meaning of the sacrament, review the Ceremony and to highlight the importance of family commitment to practicing the Catholic Faith. The requirements for Godparents are the same as for sponsors and can be found above and on the Parish website. Please contact Katie with any questions.

Weddings



Contact Sister Jeanne Marie Vonder Haar, A.S.C.J. in the Parish Office at least six months in advance. Do not set a date until contacting the Parish Office. Pre-marriage preparation classes are required.

Check out the **LightHouse Kiosk** in the vestibule of the Church for excellent spiritual reading materials at a reasonable cost.



WEEKLY INFORMATION AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 25, 2022

No Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

Thursday, December 29, 2022

6:30-8:00 PM Women's Faith Sharing [FC]

Saturday, December 31, 2022

6:45 AM BSC Catholic Men's Fellowship [Social Hall]

Church Cleaning

As a reminder the church will close after the 11:45 Mass on Fridays to disinfect the church.

Paper Products Reminder

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is still collecting paper products for our food pantry. Please help our neighbors in need and leave your paper products in the baskets in the church vestibule.



Donate Your Used Eyeglasses & Hearing Aids

The Lions Club collects old or unused eyeglasses and hearing aids to distribute to those who need them. There is a drop-off container in the vestibule of the church where these items can be placed for pick-up. Help the Lions Club by bringing your old or unused eyeglasses and hearing aids in for those who are less fortunate.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

"The Accent On-Air: The Symbols of Christmas"

"The Accent On-Air: The Symbols of Christmas," explores the popular symbols of Christmas, including St. Nicholas, one of the most recognizable figures in the world. Bishop Larry J. Kulick talks about his visit to the Vatican, his audience with Pope Francis and the importance of the gift of the Eucharist. Plus, learn about the meaning behind the Christmas decorations in your home; the wreath, Christmas tree and luminary lights are all steeped in symbolism. Bells will be ringing this season as churches across the Diocese join together to ring church bells as a reminder to many to celebrate the birth of our Savior. And Bishop Kulick is back in the kitchen with a traditional Slovak Christmas Eve soup. "The Accent On-Air" is always on at TheAccentOnline.org.

Open house Dec. 29 at Saint Vincent Basilica, Latrobe

An open house is planned Dec. 29 from 1-4 p.m. at Saint Vincent Basilica, Latrobe. Tours and light refreshments are planned. No reservations are necessary. For information, contact Erin Colcombe at 724-539-8629 or erin.colcombe@stvincent.edu.

YWCA offers tutoring for reading and writing

The adult basic literacy program at the Greensburg YWCA offers one-on-one tutoring for individuals who may need help with reading and writing skills. The YWCA is looking for students who, after an initial assessments, will make a commitment to the program, and is also seeking volunteer tutors, who must complete training modules before tutoring. For information, contact Paula Egnot at 724-834-9390, ext. 106, or literacy@ywcawestmoreland.org.

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724-836-0175

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Become a Member of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral

Welcome! It is a great joy to welcome new members to our parish community. Please register as soon as possible in order to participate in our various programs, ministries and activities. Drop this form in the collection basket and we will send you a detailed registration form. If you are already a member and have changed any of your personal information please call the Parish Office or return the changes on the form below.



Name: _____

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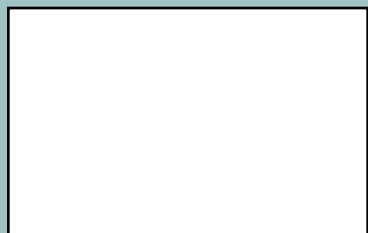


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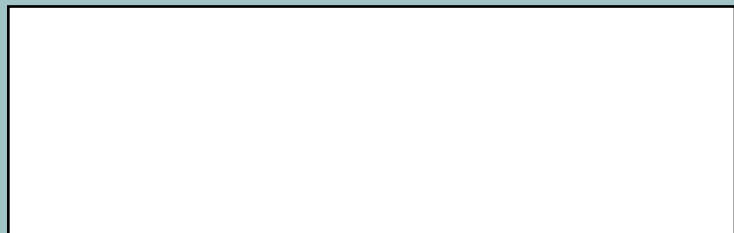
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