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SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023 | SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

WELCOME

PARISH OFFICE

Monday - Friday 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

GREENSBURG CATHOLIC CEMETERY

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DAILY ROSARY

The public recitation of the Rosary is suspended until further notice.





Once again the Feast of Christmas has been a wonderful experience at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish. I would like to thank everyone who has worked so hard to make it so beautiful. The list is long but let me mention a few major groups. First of all I would like to thank the parish staff who has worked so hard the entire year through, and especially in this very busy season. I would like to express my gratitude to all those who decorated the church and the grounds. Let me also thank those who provided the music, as well as those who served in the other ministries and anyone else who played a part in our celebration of the Birth of our Savior. Remember, Christmas is a Liturgical Season that this year, lasts until January 8, 2023. Let us continue to celebrate the whole time through!

On a personal note, all of us at the Cathedral Parish would like to thank each of you for your generosity to the church as well as to us in this holiday season. We appreciate the cards, gifts and mementos we have received, which are reminders to us of your support and love. Please know that you will continue to be in our prayers at this blessed time, and all throughout the year. Peace and Joy!

Bishop Kulick, Msgr. Ray, Fr. Chris, Deacon Bill, Sister Jeanne Marie, Katie, Cindy, Linda, Chris and Bill





READINGS FOR: Sunday, January 1, 2023

First Reading:

"So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them (Nm 6:27)

Psalm:

May God bless us in his mercy. (Ps 67)

Second Reading:

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman. (Gal 4:4)

Gospel:

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. (Lk 2:16)

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The Parish & Cemetery Offices will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2023 in observance of The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God.

The Offices will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 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.

There will be no Faith Formation or
Youth Ministry sessions on
January 1, 2023.
See you on January 8, 2023.

WEEKLY LITURGICAL MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 31, 2022

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

Sunday, January 1, 2023 - The 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)

Monday, January 2, 2023 - Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

11:45 AM Verene Harvey (Betty Rua - Friend)

Tuesday, January 3, 2023 - Christmas Weekday 11:45 AM Philip & Dorothea Stoltz (Ronald Stoltz)

Wednesday, January 4, 2023 - Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

11:45 AM Mary Mickinak (Friend)

Thursday, January 5, 2023 - Saint John Neumann,
Bishop

11:45 AM James A. Martino (Gannon Family)

Friday, January 6, 2023 - Christmas Weekday

11:45 AM We Are One Body Listeners (WAOB)

1:30 PM Aguinas Academy Mass

Saturday, January 7, 2023 - Christmas Weekday

11:00 AM Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 PM Singley & Zola Families (Carol & Nazzi Zola)

Sunday, January 8, 2023 - The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 AM For The Living and Deceased Members of

Blessed Sacrament Cathedral

11:00 AM Charles & Dora Seamens (Seamens)



SANCTUARY CANDLE



In acknowledging the
Real Presence of Christ,
the Tabernacle Candle will burn from
December 31 through January 6
in Loving Memory

John & Sandra Rosattí

Requested by Family

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.

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. ~

Save the dates
Adult Faith Formation Schedule 2023
Focus on the Saints
Thursdays 7:00-9:00 pm

New Series: Symbolon: The Catholic Faith

Explained

January 12 Session 1: The Journey of

Faith: Trinity, Faith and the God Who is Love

January 19 Session 2: Divine

Revelation: God Seeking Us: The Compass for Our

Lives



Greensburg Catholic Cemetery

Christmas Decoration Removal Greensburg Catholic Cemetery

If you wish to retain your Christmas decorations from your loved ones graves, please remove the decorations by February 15.

Anything left in the cemetery past February 15, as a courtesy to you, will be discarded by cemetery staff. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

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.

Did you know, you provided over 300 people with a shoe box filled with personal hygiene items. Seniors, disabled, homeless, veterans, people in various types of shelters and even children of WV, PA, OH and KY were helped.

Church Cleaning

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

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 brendamail.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 18, 2022

Offertory	\$13,183.00
Votive Candles	\$190.00
Families receiving envelopes	1,333
Envelopes used this week	144
Online Giving Transactions Processed	113

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.

JANUARY

January 1	Solemnity of Mary
January 8	Parish Social Ministry

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, 2023

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.



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.

Announcement for Celiac Disease

Over recent years, we have become aware of the challenges faced by those who suffer from gluten intolerance. In our parish, we have always provided for the faithful to receive consecrated, low gluten hosts. However, for those individuals incapable of tolerating even the slightest amount of gluten, it is desirable to provide another option for receiving Holy Communion.

At this time, reception from the cup of Precious Blood remains restricted to the priest celebrant and concelebrating priests. However, it is permissible to provide this access to those who cannot receive low gluten hosts. Blessed Sacrament Cathedral will provide an individual portion of the Precious Blood to those for whom the low gluten host is intolerable.

Those who wish to receive in this fashion should go to the sacristy and speak with the sacristan *before* Mass begins. The sacristan will include an extra cup and purficator for the individual. At communion time, the person is asked to proceed in line with the rest of the congregation. When reaching the minister, alert the minister that you are to receive from the cup. They will retrieve a cup, tell you "you are cup A (or B, etc)" and then offer the cup. Following Mass, please return to the sacristy to purify your vessel. The sacristan can show you how to do this.

Please feel free to call the parish office or speak to the priest following Mass with any questions. And as always, the low gluten host is always available. You need only ask the sacristan for it **before** Mass as well.

Attention Bakers!

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

parish social

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:

li or email Lyn Redzierski a 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 <u>six months</u> 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, January 1, 2023

No Faith Formation or Youth Ministry

Thursday, January 5, 2023

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

Saturday, January 7, 2023

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

Hall]

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

Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill speakers available

The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill offer speaker programs to parishes and organizations. Topics include prayer, human trafficking, the pandemic and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. For topics or to schedule a speaker, contact Sister of Charity Colette Hanlon at 203-809-1574 or chanlon@scsh.org.

Hold your post-sacramental gathering at Christ Our Shepherd Center

Hold your post-sacramental gathering at the beautifully renovated Christ Our Shepherd Center, conveniently located on Route 30, east of Greensburg. You can select a caterer and specific menu for events, including receptions or meals after baptisms, first Communions, confirmations, Weddings, ordinations and funerals. For information or to reserve a date and room, visit www.christourshepherdcenter.org or call 724-834-7350.

Millions in Catholic school tuition assistance available

SPREAD THE NEWS! 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.

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 <u>after</u> you have called the ChildLine number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.

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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.



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