

THE PARTNER PARISHES OF HOLY FAMILY & SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST





SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH 2024 | THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Reverend E. George Saletrik, Pastor Reverend John M. Foriska, Senior Priest Active Reverend Mr. Michael Orange, Deacon

<u>Sunday Mass Schedule</u> Holy Family

Saturday Vigil | 4:30 p.m.
Sunday Morning | 8:00 &10:30 a.m.
(Children's Liturgy @ 10:30)
Latin Mass | 3:00 p.m.
Sunday Evening | 6:00 p.m.
Saint John

Saturday Vigil | 5:00 p.m. Sunday Morning | 8:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule

Holy Family

Monday - Friday | 8:00 a.m. **Saint John**

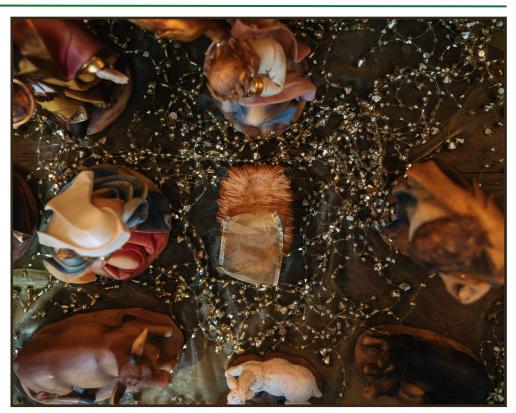
Monday & Friday | 9:00 a.m. **Reconciliation (Confession)**

Saturdays | 3:00 pm @ Holy Family Saturdays | 4:15 p.m. @ Saint John or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Family Eucharistic Chapel)

Sunday, Noon- 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 11 a.m.- 10 p.m.; Wednesday, 3 p.m.-10 p.m.; & Thursday, 11a.m.-10 p.m. Contact: Carol @ 724-858-7333

Faith Formation @ Holy Family (Sept-May) Sundays, 9-10:15 a.m. Confirmation Prep @ Holy Family (Sept-May) 2nd Thursday of the Month, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.



ONE MIGHTIER THAN I IS COMING

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PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG



Monday, December 16th

9:00 a.m. Ernie Barger

(requested by Ken & Cindy Smithhammer)

Tuesday, December 17th

8:00 a.m. Ann Fust

(requested by Family)

Wednesday, December 18th

8:00 a.m. Joe Voytek

(requested by Elaine Voytek)

No 9:00 a.m. CDT Mass

Thursday, December 19th

9:00 a.m. Alan Ludwig

(requested by Wife, Liz)

Friday, December 20th

8:00 a.m. Ernie Barger

(requested by Children)

9:00 a.m. CDT Mass Edward L. Reintgen

(requested by Brother, Bob & Family)

Saturday, December 21st

4:30 p.m. Pat Murray

(requested by Donna Steibel)

Sunday, December 22nd

8:00 a.m. Peggy A. Conte

(requested by Husband)

10:30 a.m. Vincent Brinker

(requested by Tom & Betsey Brinker)

3:00 p.m. Latin Mass Stella, Joseph, Nancy &

Barb Androstic (requested by Family)

6:00 p.m. Donald Bradley

(requested by Terry)



Sunday, December 15th

After All Morning Masses Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Regular FF at Holy Family

11:45 a.m. OCIA at Holy Family

7:00 p.m. Youth Group at Holy Family

Monday, December 16th

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass

Tuesday, December 17th

7:30 a.m. Food Bank at Saint Vincent Grove

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass

6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal at St. John

7:00 p.m. Regional Penance Service at St. Rose

Wednesday, December 18th

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass

No 9:00 a.m. CDT Mass

10:30 a.m. Women's Scripture Sharing

7:00 p.m. Women's Scripture Sharing

7:00 p.m. Regional Penance Service at St. Bartholomew

Thursday, December 19th

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass

9:00 p.m. Regional Penance Service at St. Martin

Friday, December 20th

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass

9:00 a.m. CDT Mass

Saturday, December 21st

8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship

11:00 a.m. Regional Penance Service at Holy Family

NO 3:00 PM Confession at Holy Family

Sunday, December 22nd

9:00 a.m. Regular FF at Holy Family

11:45 a.m. OCIA at Holy Family



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Monday, December 16th

8:00 a.m. Annie DeCesaris

(requested by Cathie & Dom)

Friday, December 20th

9:00 a.m. Mary Malago

(requested by Daughter, Marianna)

Saturday, December 21st

5:00 p.m. Judy Hoyle

(requested by Mother & Family)

Sunday, December 22nd

8:30 a.m. For All Members of the Holy Family & Saint John Parish Families



Attention Saint John Ministers! We need your help for our holiday Masses this year!

Lectors!

We need volunteers to participate in the following masses:

Christmas Day at 9:30am

Altar Servers!

We need servers to participate in the following masses:

- Christmas Eve at 10pm-2 needed
- Christmas Day at 9:30 am- 2 needed
- New Years Eve at 5:30 pm

Please call the office to volunteer! Thank you!

DO YOU FOLLOWUS?





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9:00 a.m. Regular FF at Holy Family

11:45 a.m. OCIA at Holy Family

7:00 p.m. Youth Group at Holy Family

Monday, December 16th

9:00 a.m. Daily Mass

Tuesday, December 17th

6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal at St. John

7:00 p.m. Regional Penance Service at St. Rose

Wednesday, December 18th

No 9:00 a.m. CDT Mass

7:00 p.m. Regional Penance Service at St. Bartholomew

Thursday, December 19th

7:00 p.m. Regional Penance Service at St. Martin

Friday, December 20th

9:00 a.m. Daily Mass

9:30 a.m. CDT Mass at Holy Family

Saturday, December 21st

11:00 a.m. Regional Penance Service at Holy Family

NO 4:15 PM Confession at Saint John

Sunday, December 22nd

9:00 a.m. Regular FF at Holy Family

11:45 a.m. OCIA at Holy Family



St John is looking for volunteers to help decorate the exterior of the Church. If you are available, please contact Dom Camarote at 724-539-7828. Thank you!

A BIG THANK YOU to all who participated in the Colebrook Chocolate Fundraiser.
St John earned a profit of \$229.71

PRAYER & WORSHIP AT HOLY FAMILY & SAINT JOHN

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Holy Family & Saint John Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve: Tuesday, December 24th

4:30 PM: Holy Family 8:00 PM: Holy Family 10:00 PM: Saint John 12:00 AM: Holy Family Christmas Day: Wednesday, December 25th

9:30 AM: Saint John 10:00 AM: Holy Family





The Advent theme of joy is celebrated during the third week, known as Gaudete Sunday, a Latin term meaning "rejoice."
Joy is central to Advent, as it reflects the excitement and gratitude for the coming of Jesus, who brings salvation to the world. This joy isn't merely happiness—it's a profound, resilient gladness rooted in God's love and promises.
Lighting the pink candle for joy symbolizes a break from the season's penitential tone, inviting us to celebrate the blessings of Christ's coming. Advent joy calls us to pause and appreciate the presence of God in our lives, looking forward to the fullness of joy that Christmas brings.

Daily Readings

December 16th- December 20th

Monday, December 16th

Reading 1, Isaiah 35:1-10

Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 85*:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 Gospel, *Luke 5*:17-26

Tuesday, December 17th

Reading 1, Isaiah 40:1-11

Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms* 96:1-2, 3, 10, 11-12, 13 Gospel, *Matthew* 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 18th

Reading 1, Isaiah 40:25-31

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10

Gospel, Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday, December 19th

Reading 1, Isaiah 7:10-14

Responsorial Psalm, Second Samuel 2:1, 4-8

Gospel, Luke 1:39-47

Friday, December 20th

Reading 1, Isaiah 48:17-19

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6

Gospel, Matthew 11:16-19



A Musical Christmas Gift!

Our combined choir and handbell choir will be providing Pre-Mass Music beginning at 9:30 PM on Tuesday, December 24th before the 10 PM Christmas Eve Mass at St. John.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR HOLY FAMILY

COMMUNITY JoAnne Akins, Stan Akins, Louis Brasile, Louis Molinaro, Diane Borsari Bertsch, Bill Borsari, Darlene DeAngelo, Joanne DelSordo, Jim Hauser, Michael Long, Bob Murray, Marian Myers, Fran Myers, Charles & Mary Anne Odendahl, Michael Paviolo Rick Piper, Sr., Julie Ray, Kaylee Ridilla, Ron Roble, Mary Ann Seeman, Darla Schmidt, Linda Snow, Joyce Patricia Stouffer, Joy Taylor, Mary Ann Urban, Rachel Wiggins, Faryn Wolff and all who need prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR SAINT JOHN

COMMUNITY Janet Franks, Anna Prew, Gerry Miller, Sally Venzin Clair Jones, Ed McCallen, Chris Namechek, Jimmy & Sandy Panichella, Al Steinmetz, Tamara Hobaugh, Craig Constantine, Julie T., Richard Snively, Yvonne Kosker, John Palacki, Janet W., Edward Quinn, Don Gergen, Regina Myers, Fr. Bill, Mary Ann Jones, and all who need prayers.

OCIA The Mass is a gift from Jesus; a gift on which Catholics center their lives. At the Last Supper, Jesus told His Apostles to bring this sacrifice to all who accept His salvation and that He will be with us always.

THE CLERGY CORNER

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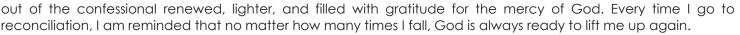
Reconciliation and the Joy of Advent...

Last weekend, I had the privilege of witnessing my granddaughter Maisy receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. It was such a beautiful moment. She was nervous but also excited as she stepped forward, preparing to encounter the love and mercy of Christ. When she emerged, her face was lit up with a big grin—a visible sign of the peace and joy she felt in her heart. It reminded me of the pure beauty of the sacraments. This is how reconciliation is meant to be: a joyful encounter with Christ where He wipes away our sins and restores us to His grace.

As we journey through Advent, this sacrament takes on even greater significance. Advent is a

time of preparation, a season of hope and anticipation as we ready our hearts for the coming of Jesus. Just as we clean and decorate our homes to prepare for Christmas, we are also called to cleanse and prepare our souls. There is no better way to do this than by going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

In fact, inspired by Maisy's courage, I also made time to receive the sacrament myself. We should always be good role models for our children and grandchildren. Even as a deacon, I feel the weight of my human frailty. It was humbling to kneel and confess my sins, but what a grace-filled moment it was to hear the words of absolution! I walked



Reconciliation is more than confessing our sins. It is a profound act of humility and trust in God's infinite mercy. When we come before Christ in this sacrament, we acknowledge our failures but also our need for His love and healing. And just as the prodigal son was welcomed home with open arms, we, too, are embraced by the Father. He does not look at us with judgment but with the eyes of a loving parent, eager to set us free from the burdens we carry.

Advent reminds us that Christ came to bring light into our darkness, to redeem and renew us. Reconciliation allows us to experience that redemption in a deeply personal way. It is a chance to begin again, to let go of whatever separates us from God and to renew our commitment to living as His disciples.

Seeing Maisy's joy after her first reconciliation reminded me that this sacrament is not something to dread or avoid but a gift to treasure. Imagine the peace we could carry into Christmas if we all approached reconciliation with the same nervous excitement Maisy had, trusting in the transformative power of God's mercy. As we light the candles of our Advent wreaths, let us also light a fire in our hearts to seek God's forgiveness. In doing so, we prepare not only for the celebration of Christ's birth but for His presence in our daily lives. Make time for reconciliation this Advent. Let Christ wipe away your sins and fill you with the same peace and joy Maisy felt—because that is the true gift of the season. I know it was for me.

Blessings, Deacon Mike



Bishop Kulick to celebrate Solemn Opening Mass of the Jubilee Year – Pilgrims of Hope Bishop Larry J. Kulick invites the faithful of the Diocese to join him for the Solemn Opening Mass of the Jubilee Year – Pilgrims of Hope Sunday, Dec. 29, at 3 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. The opening celebration will begin at the lower level of the Westmoreland Museum of American Art with the blessing of the Diocesan Cross specially created for this Jubilee Year and the reading of the Papal Bull. Bishop Kulick will then lead a procession to the doors of the cathedral for the official opening Mass of the Jubilee. Parking will be available at Aquinas Academy, the cathedral and Greensburg Salem Middle School. Please join in this special celebration!

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION & OTHER NEWS

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Holy Family & St. John Faith Formation & Confirmation Preparation

Sunday, December 15th: Regular FF

DATE CHANGE: Thursday, December 19th: Confirmation Prep of 7–8:30 PM

Sunday, December 22nd: Faith Formation "Christmas Traditions & Treats"

STUDENTS PREPARING TO RECEIVE THEIR CONFIRMATION IN THE SPRING COMPLETED THEIR SERVICE PROJECT FOR HOLY FAMILY CHURCH. THEY PUT COVERS ON THE NEW MISSALS, THEN DISTRIBUTED THEM TO THE PEWS.

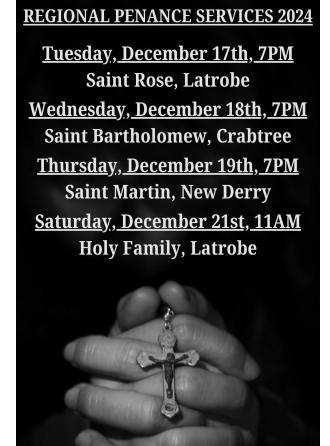
THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR TIME AND SERVICE TO HOLY FAMILY!



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THE DATE!

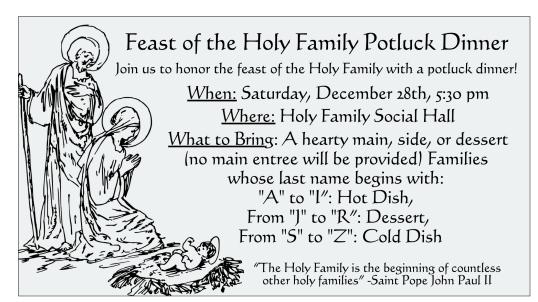






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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Holy Family, we are in need of volunteers to assist with the Food Bank on Tuesday, December 17th at Saint Vincent Grove for the morning.

Please call the parish office for more info and if you are able to lend a hand! **THANK YOU!**

Christmas is fast approaching and it is that time of year that Saint John Ministry of Care is getting prepared for our shut-ins. We have previously delivered Christmas cards from all of their friends and even families with a small Christmas gift to let them know they are not forgotten by our congregation. Here is a list of parishioners we will be delivering to the week of Dec. 15th. This will be the last weekend for signed cards. The cards will be set up in the Narthex of the Church and a container provided. Sign the cards and put name of the parishioner on

the envelope. Please offer a prayer you will be able to share in this Christmas blessing. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and kindness. Questions, call 724-539-7828.

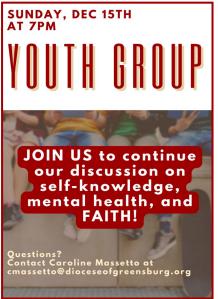
Albert, Jim and Leola
Palacki, John and Anita
Aniballi, Regina
Picadio, Michael
Baroni, Margaret
Prew, Anna
Cackowski, Margaret
Prodin, Charles and Mary
Dorko, Agnes
Rodgers, Thomas
Father Bill

Saiani, Bruno Guzik, Marcia Sisak, Barbara Jones, Mary Ann Spillar, Judy Kosker, Yvonne Stauffer, Rita Martelli, Anna Strazzera, Frances Miller, Catherine Vachal, Cheryl O'Barto, Joan Vensin, Sally Oshie, Stan Wadsworth, Tom and Janet Palacki, Anna

ATTENTION HOLY

FAMILY! Ushers for the Christmas Eve 8:00 PM Mass at Holy Family are currently needed.
If anyone is interested in helping, please call Tony Bova at (724)-757-4022. Thank you for your consideration!





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HOLIDAY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP Fr. Chad Ficorilli, O.S.B., hospital chaplain, will lead "How to Prepare for the Holidays Without Your Loved One" at the meeting of the St. Vincent Parish Bereavement Support Group on 12/16 7 pm in the St. Vincent Parish Center Assembly Room. Fr. Chad has been a priest for 45 years and has served as pastor of many parishes in the area. Anyone dealing with the loss of a loved one is invited to attend. For more info or to RSVP, call Teri, 724-539-862 x 15 or tpomerleau@dioceseofgreensburg.org

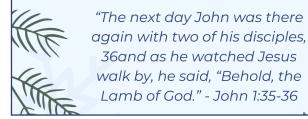


All are invited to attend a special celebration in honor of our patron, Saint John the Evangelist!

WHEN: Friday, December 27th after the 9 AM Daily Mass

WHERE: Saint John Gathering Area

HOW WILL WE CELEBRATE: With a free continental breakfast for everyone!



You are invited to the St. Bartholomew's Children's Christmas Pageant in Marian Hall Crabtree. The youth of the Parish will once again be performing for Christmas. This year is the story of Jesus's birth as told by St. Joseph. The play will be Dec. 14th, doors open at 6:00 PM, and the play starts at 6:30 PM with a meal to follow. Join us for this FREE event! If you plan on attending, please call the Parish Office at 724-834-0709 to RSVP. We need a final head count for the food.



HIS ADVENT, ALL KIDS ARE INVITED
TO JOIN IN & PLAY...

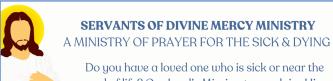
"Seek & Find Deacon Mike in Latrobe!"

For the next three weeks, you will see a picture of Deacon Mike in the bulletin at a new location in Latrobe. Can you guess where he is? Grab an answer sheet in the back of each Church, fill it out each weekend, and return it to the Holy Family or Saint John parish office by Mon. Jan. 6th. If you can correctly guess each location, and turn in your answer sheet, you will win a prize! If you missed last week's, check out our bulletin online!

Below is week two's picture! Good luck!



Bulletin Submission Deadlines! From now until the new year, our bulletin is running on a special holiday schedule to ensure timely delivering of the bulletin throughout this busy time of year. If you have info you would posted during this timeframe, please contact your parish office to inquire when we will need your information. Thank you!



end of life? Our Lord's Mission to proclaim His message of Divine Mercy is that His Mercy is greater that sin, and we are to ask for and trust in His Mercy especially at the hour of our death.

We welcome the opportunity to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy either at the bedside of the sick & dying, or from our homes. To make arrangements, contact us at 724-433-7862 or Servantsofdivinemercygbg@gmail.com

PARISH INFORMATION AT HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Schedule for the Weekend of December 21st & 22nd

Lectors

4:30 p.m. Shirley Hauser 8:00 a.m. Herb Nicholson 10:30 a.m. Don Madl 6:00 p.m. Peggy Bryan

Eucharistic Ministers

4:30 p.m. Beth Bosco, Peg Mulcahy

8:00 a.m. Andre Battaglia, Sue Bainbridge,

Brian O'Hara

10:30 a.m. Cindy Smithhammer, Barb Madl, Mary

Ann Keller 6:00 p.m.

Servers

4:30 p.m. McDowell Family 8:00 a.m. Powell Family 10:30 a.m. Razza Family 6:00 p.m. Anna Trickett

Greeters

4:30 p.m. Shirley Hauser

Cantors

4:30 p.m. Michael Ponterio **8:00 a.m.** Peggy Bryant

10:30 a.m. Ashlee Lupchinsky

6:00 p.m. Carolee Byers

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Holy Family's Weekly Offertory December 2, 2024

Sunday Offertory: \$9,198 Online: \$2,652.50 Loose: \$1,047 Total Offertory: \$12,897.50

Thank you for your generosity!

Due to early bulletin submissions for the holidays, our offertory will be announced on a delay.

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Latin Mass, Sunday @ 3:00 p.m.

Holyfamilylatrobe.org/Latin-mass

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PARISH INFORMATION AT SAINT JOHN

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Mass Schedule for the Weekend of December 21st & 22nd

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Paula Zidak **8:30 a.m.** Chris Couch

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Ed Stynchula, Karen Stynchula **8:30. a.m.** Barnard Vadas, Karen Stout

Servers

5:00 p.m. John Bosco **8:30 a.m.** James Taylor

Cantors

5:00 p.m. Dave Kuhar **8:30 a.m.** Dom Camarote

Latrobe Food Pantry The collection for the month of December is PAPER TOWELS. Donations can be dropped off in the gathering area of St John Church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Would you like to receive a church bulletin by mail or email? Or would you like to become a member of St. John?

Registration forms are on the bookshelf in the Gathering Area. One can be mailed as well.

Call the parish office with any questions!

CONTACT US AT SAINT JOHN

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We are fortunate to have online giving at St. John! Giving online is a safe and secure way to contribute to our Sunday offertory! Follow the QR code to be taken to our online giving site! Thank you always for your financial support!

Saint John Weekly Offertory Sunday, Nov. 24th

Attendance

Saturday: 56 Sunday: 58

Budget \$6,624 Collection: \$2,792 Online Giving: \$420 Total Offertory: \$3,212 Envelopes 64

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