SAINT MARY'S PARISH COMMUNITY

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SAINT MARY'S PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

One of the hallmarks of Franciscan spirituality is to extend welcome to all. On behalf of Father Kevin, Franciscan TOR and Pastor of Saint Mary's, and the members of the parish, we extend this heartfelt invitation to all who join us: No matter what our present or past status in the Catholic Church; no matter what your current family or marital situation; no matter what your past or present religious affiliation; no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, or color, you are invited, welcomed, accepted and loved here at Saint Mary's Church. In the words of Saint Francis Assisi, "May the Lord give you peace." – Fr. Kevin, T.O.R., Deacon Jim, and Parish Staff

November 29, 2026 **First Sunday of Advent**

Pastor	Father Kevin Queally, T.O.R.
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Elementary Religious Education Program St. John Vianney	Sister Karen Gruseck 215-4107
Saint Mary's Christian Service	749-9103/Ext. 4
Saint Vincent de Paul Society	749-6043
Interfaith Community Food Pantry	242-7910

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Monday through Friday	8:30 AM
Saturday	4:30 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Sacrament of Penance	
Friday	8:00 AM
Saturday	3:30 PM - 4:15 PM

Bulletin Deadline: Monday at Noon

Saint Mary's Parish utilizes the RUN-HIDE-FIGHT philosophy of responding to an Active Shooter event.



BAPTISM Call the Rectory to make arrangements for Pre-Baptism Classes early in your pregnancy (if this is your first child) and to arrange for the Baptism after your child is born. You must also be a registered and active member of the parish.

MARRIAGE In accordance with Diocesan directives arrangements must be made at least 9 months before the marriage date. All couples are required to attend Diocesan sponsored Pre-Cana sessions and to participate in the FOCCUS inventory. Call the rectory for information and schedules.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP We are always happy to welcome new parishioners. You may register any day, Monday through Friday, at the parish office. Registration, the practice of stewardship, and regular participation in the Eucharist indicates active membership and eligibility to act as a Godparent or Sponsor. Your stewardship of time, treasure, and talent is essential for the common good.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

ADVENT WREATH PRAYER There is a special prayer for each week of Advent which can be said prior to the evening meal or another special family time. Different family members may light the appropriate Advent candle and the entire family or one designated person can say the Advent prayer.

Prayer for the First Week of Advent

Lord, we know what it is like to want something and to wait for it. We have all wanted many things ... and then when we have them, we are happy for a little while and then our happiness fades for they are just things. Help us, this Christmas, to want to be like Jesus, Your Son, so that instead of wanting and waiting for a lot of new things, we will each be looking for ways to grow more loving, more kind, and more just. Amen.

ADVENT BLUE BOOKS are available at the entrances of the church. For each day of Advent and Christmas, there is a quote from the Bible, a suggested reflection, and a variety of quotes, information and timely thoughts.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING The parish is asking a family or an individual to light the candle/s on the parish Advent wreath at the weekend Masses. Couples celebrating a special anniversary or a family with a special occasion are encouraged to light the Advent candles. Please call the rectory to sign-up.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE Our Parish Penance Service will be on Tuesday, December 15, at 7:00 PM.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS (OPLATKI) are available at the rectory during regular business hours and in the priest's sacristy following Mass. The donation is $3.00 per pack of three wafers. The wafers will be blest during the 4:30 PM Vigil Mass on November 28.

CHRISTMAS MASS INTENTIONS Those would like to submit the names of their loved ones, living or deceased, in a remembrance in the Masses celebrated on Christmas Day, are invited to use the envelope that is in your December packet. While a stipend is always appreciated, it is not necessary in order to have your intention. Please return as soon as possible.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS Those who wish to contribute towards Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one may do so by using the envelope in your bi-monthly envelope packet. The suggested donation is $10.00. Please return envelopes by December 7.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE Christmas Eve (December 24) 4:30 and 8:00 PM; Christmas Day (December 25) 9:00 AM. **THERE WILL BE A MORNING MASS ON DECEMBER 24 AT 8:30 AM.**

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION will be on Friday December 4, from 7:30 to 8:25 AM. Adoration concludes with Benediction. Come and spend some quiet time with The Lord in praise and thanksgiving.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS are now available outside of the Sacristy.

THE PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY All are cordially invited to the Parish's Christmas Party which will be celebrated on Saturday, December 5, after the 4:30 PM Mass. If you plan to attend, sign up sheets are at both entrances of the church.

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION occurs on Tuesday, December 8 and is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Masses are 7:00 PM on Monday, December 7, and at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, December 8.

THE INTERFAITH COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY Upcoming distribution date is Saturday, December 14, at 625 Simmons Lane, Johnstown, 814-242-7910. Registration at 9:00 AM and distribution at 10:00 AM.

THE DECORATING OF THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS will take place on Monday, December 21, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. The goal is to put up the Christmas trees, to hang the lights and decorations on balconies and windows, and to prepare the Nativity. Many hands make the tasks go quickly. High school students are invited to help for service hours.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday Nov. 30 8:30 AM	Saint Andrew, Apostle +Maxine Lloyd *(Family)*
Tuesday Dec. 1 8:30 AM	Advent Weekday +Jennie Szymusiak *(Bernard and Pat)*
Wednesday Dec. 2 8:30 AM	Advent Weekday +Mary Elizabeth Hines *(Birthday Remembrance)* *(Family)*
Thursday Dec. 3 8:30 AM	Saint Francis Xavier, Priest +Sophie Warmus *(In Remembrance)* *(Son, Mike)*
Friday Dec. 4 8:30 AM	Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church First Friday +Bailey Family *(Louise Kachik)*
Saturday Dec. 5 4:30 PM	Anticipated Second Sunday of Advent +Irene Olsavsky *(Mary Ann)*
Sunday Dec. 6 8:00 AM	Second Sunday of Advent +Paul Simmons *(Jerry and Cindy Simmons)*
10:30 AM	Parish Family

NOVEMBER 15 SUNDAY COLLECTION

Sunday Envelopes:	**$4,378.00**
Sunday Loose Donations:	**241.00**
Votive Candles:	**9.00**
All Saints Day Envelopes:	**15.00**
All Souls Day Envelopes:	**10.00**
Catholic Charities Envelopes:	**1,235.00**
Total:	**$5,888.00**

Sunday Envelopes: 178 out of 394 - 45%

November 29 Stewardship Reflection

November 29 - 1st Sunday of Advent

Today we begin the beautiful and holy season of Advent. With all that we have going on this time of year, it's no wonder that Advent doesn't always seem to get the attention it deserves. But if we will commit to living this season well, we will experience a deeper conversion to Christ and find real transformation in our lives as Christian stewards.

Why? Advent calls us not only to look back in grateful contemplation of Christ's first coming, but it also calls us to look forward in preparation for His Second Coming. Advent is a time to reset and regroup, to repent over any misplaced priorities, to turn our minds and hearts back to God while we still have time. We do so not out of fear or guilt, but out of gratitude for Love Incarnate lying in a manger bed.

Our lives are a gift. This holy season is a gift. Let us awaken if we have grown weary or complacent, and recommit to living the stewardship way of life. Love came down to us as a Baby, and He is coming again. Be watchful!

Pray for the Sick

Please remember the intentions of those in the hospitals and those recuperating at home: Mary Lou Spade, Francis Parana, Deb Hines, Simone Setz, and Lucia Aguilar. Pray for all those who are sick, including all those in nursing facilities.

Sanctuary Lamp

This week the Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of Patricia Millward, requested by Family.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Mon.	30:	6:30 PM Perpetual Help Devotions
Fri.	4	8:00 AM Confessions
Sat.	5:	3:30 - 4:15 PM Confessions

Liturgical Appointments

December 5 and 6

MASSES		SERVERS
Sat. -	**4:30**	Ed Ponchione & Michael Dipko
Sun. -	**8:00**	Jacob Simmons & Dan Fabo
Sun. -	**10:30**	Bernie Shedlock & Averi Yewcic

READERS

Sat. -	**4:30**	(1) Deb Ponchione	(2) Betsy McDermott
Sun. -	**8:00**	(1) Sue Conzo	(2) Stan Popich
Sun. -	**10:30**	(1) Monica Shedlock	(2) Dawn Shedlock

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. -	**4:30**	Mary Ann DiSisto & Don Yokitis
Sun. -	**8:00**	Mark Bober & Larry Kupchella
Sun. -	**10:30**	Megan Lloyd & Cristian Ridilla

LEADERS OF SONG

Sat. -	**4:30**	Folk Choir
Sun -	**8:00**	Mary Frances Shedlock
Sun -	**10:30**	Ray Becker

Daily Liturgical Schedule For Week of Nov. 30 - Dec. 4

Server: Ed Ponchione **Reader:** Karen Janosik

Extraordinary Minister: Mary Ann DiSisto & Bernie Shedlock

DECEMBER RELIGIOUS ED SCHEDULE (CCD)

6 - Class (9:30 - 10:30 AM) Saint Nicholas Feast Day
12 - FIRST PENANCE: 11:00 AM - SAINT MARY'S CHURCH
13 - Class
20 - Class
25 - NATIVITY of the LORD - CHRISTMAS
27 - No Class

HOLY NAME SCHOOL NEWS

Advent Season: During this Advent Season, Holy Name School will be focusing on Light and Hope. Each morning will begin with a reflection devotion. Holy Name School students and families are asked to send in an ornament to decorate our school Christmas tree. (The ornament will be returned prior to Christmas break.) We will also be collecting scarves, hats, gloves, and mittens for the Dorothy Day Outreach Center. The items collected will be displayed on the "Mitten Tree" in the hallway for everyone to see and be inspired to do something for others this Advent season.

School will be in session on Tuesday, December 1.

Eucharistic Adoration: The Primary students will attend Adoration on Tuesday, December 1, 8:30 - 10:30 AM.

Mass: Please join us as we celebrate Mass together with our Faith Families on Friday, December 4, at 9:15 AM. Primary students will participate in the ministries.

Athletic Association Craft Fair: The Holy Name School Athletic Association will sponsor their annual Craft Fair on Saturday, December 5, from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

If you would like to learn more about Holy Name School visit holynameschool.net

BISHOP CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL

The Drama Club proudly presents Miracle on 34th Street. December 3 - 5, in the Bishop Carroll Cafetorium. Doors open at 6:30 PM and the curtain rises at 7:00 PM. Tickets only available at the door, Adults $10.00 and Student $5.00. First-come, first served-basis.

Adopt a Family As we approach the season of giving, one of the greatest acts of charity that the Bishop Carroll community participates in yearly is the Adopt a Family project through CYS. Below is the link to sign up for purchasing gifts and making donations. Please send in all unwrapped gifts with the family number attached to Mrs. Ratchford (Room 212) by Monday, December 7. We are fortunate to help in giving these children a Merry Christmas! https://volunteersignup.org/938EC

Senior Class Fundraiser The senior class is selling boxes of fruit and candy for Christmas as their fundraiser for their class trip to New York City. Please see a senior to order. If you do not know a senior, a form is in the main office and the proceeds will be added to the senior account.

2026/2027 Fundraisers The major fundraiser calendar for the 2026/2027 school year has been set. We are asking each family to volunteer to help at one fundraiser, donate toward a fundraiser, and attend a fundraiser. More help and donations are always welcome and accepted. To sign up to volunteer and donate, please visit BCCHS Fundraiser Volunteer Sign-Up 2026-2027 - Fill out form. The form only takes a few minutes to complete. Thank you all for your support of the fundraisers at Bishop Carroll!

We Are Hiring: PT Cafeteria (8 AM-1 PM any days), JH Baseball Coach, JH Softball Coach, and Varsity Softball Coach. Immediate openings! Competitive Wages! Join our team and make a difference in the lives of our students! visit www.bishopcarroll.com for more information or call 814-472-7500.

Cindy Simmons, BC Parent Ambassador, 814-659-3565, csimmons580@comcast.net

Jonathan Nagy, Principal, 814-472-7500, jnagy@bishopcarroll.org www.bishopcarroll.com

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES Saint John Vianney Parish, Johnstown, is currently seeking to fill a part-time General Maintenance position for approximately 15 hours per week. **Holy Family Parish**, Portage, is seeking a part-time Director of Religious Education for 25 hours per week. Please submit resumes to Melony Porada at mporada@dioceseaj.org. For more information on available positions, visit the careers page at https://humanresources.dioceseaj.org.

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ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, Mundy's Corner, will be having a Christmas Concert on December 5, at 7:00 PM. It will be a performance by the Forest Hills Community Band. Free to the public. It is a fun time and there will be a lot of cookies, and fellowship after. A nice way to get into the Christmas Season.

OUR LADY OF THE ALLEGENIES, 608 Main St., Lilly, invite you to their New Year's Eve Christmas Social and $750.00 Money Raffle being held on New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31, from 5:30 to 10:00 PM. Cost will be $45.00 per couple and $25.00 per person. Admission Tickets may be obtained by calling Anna Leahey at 814-935-4501. You may also buy a Raffle Ticket for chance to win $750.00! First drawing wins $500.00 and the 2nd drawing wins $250.00. Every ticket has a chance to win both drawings! Raffle Tickets may also be obtained by calling Anna. You do not need to be present at the Social to win the raffle!

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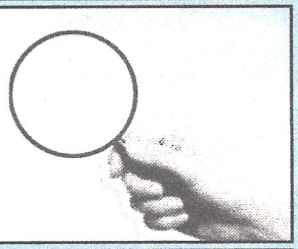
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