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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Closed Thursdays

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil.....5:00 p.m.
Sunday.....9:30 a.m.
Weekdays.....see schedule

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.
Also by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Normally celebrated on Sunday and are encouraged at a Sunday Eucharist. Baptism preparation is required.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made one year in advance.
Marriage preparation is required.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

A family member must notify the parish office if a parishioner is hospitalized or confined to home. Eucharist is brought to the homebound on the third Sunday of each month.



**Third Sunday of Advent
December 16, 2018**

Masses For The Week

Saturday, December 15, Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m.—For Our Living & Deceased Parishioners

Sunday, December 16, Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m.—Birthday Remembrance for Josh Stitt—

Stitt Family

Monday, December 17, Late Advent Weekday

No Mass

Tuesday, December 18, Late Advent Weekday

6:00 p.m.—Sandi Evankovich—Jim & Barb Hoover

Wednesday, December 19, Late Advent Weekday

9:00 a.m.—James E. & Mary Storkovich Fox—Daughters

Thursday, December 20, Late Advent Weekday

9:00 a.m.—Ray Snyder—Rose & Rae

Friday, December 21, St. Peter Canisius, Priest &

Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m.—Madeline Stitt—Anna Marie Sherwin

Saturday, December 22, Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m.—For Our Living & Deceased Parishioners

Sunday, December 23, Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m.—Louis Michael DeBacco, Jr.—Rose

Third Sunday of Advent

Philippians 4:4-7

Joy in the Coming of Christ

The joy of Christmas is in the air. We receive cards from friends far away. We attend parties with friends close at hand. We hear the happy tunes of Christmas. We shop in a spirit of love. We open our hearts and purses to charities, sharing our concern with strangers in need. We spread the love of Christ.

In his Letter to the Philippians, Paul writes, “Rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near.” Paul equates kindness with rejoicing. And the reason for this joy is the nearness of the Lord.

Paul is not talking Christmas here. He does not say, “Rejoice! Christmas is near.” He has no interest in an annual celebration of the first coming of Christ. He wants the Philippians to rejoice that the second coming is close at hand.

A lot of us think about the second coming of Christ with anxiety. We worry about dying. What will it be like to meet Christ face to face? Paul would have us put these concerns aside. We should rejoice at the thought of seeing Jesus.

The joy of Christmas fills our hearts because we remember with happiness the birth of our savior. But joy should also fill us when we think ahead to the return of our savior. “Have no anxiety,” Paul says. “Then the peace of God will guard your hearts in Christ Jesus.” The Lord is near! Rejoice!

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Melchizedek Project Vocations Discernment

The Melchizedek Project days for young men in grades 9-12 will be held at Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School from 6:30-8 p.m. Feb. 17, March 10, April 14 and May 12. Contact vocations@dioceseofgreensburg.org to register.

Liturgical Ministers for December 22 & 23

Mass Time	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.
Lectors	Chris H.	Mary Ann M.
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Dave C. Janice B. Mary Q.	Candace B. Scott A. Vicki S.
Altar Servers	Brenda F. Eric Q.	Maura K. Wyatt M.

Advent Penance Service Schedule

Saturday, December 22, Noon - Christ, Prince of Peace, Ford City

Sunday, December 23, at 4 p.m. - St. Eusebius, East Brady

St. Patrick Church will not be having an Advent Penance Service.

2019 Lottery Calendars

Thank you to everyone who has purchased calendars. Please consider taking 5 or 10 to sell to your family, co-workers, and friends. Tell them it is the gift that can give all year long! This is an easy fundraiser for the church, but we need your help in promoting it. The cost is \$20 per calendar.

Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg offers faith-based assistance with anxiety, depression, grief and loss, interpersonal conflicts, recovery support, parenting and family issues, anger management and other personal and family issues. Counseling is provided by licensed, professional and experienced therapists. Low fees, and many insurances accepted. Offices are located in Greensburg, Indiana, Uniontown, Kittanning and New Kensington. For more information or an appointment, contact 724-837-1840 or email counseling@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Children Offertory Envelopes

Envelopes for children will not automatically be placed on the table in the vestibule between the church and hall. If you would like your child to have envelopes for the 2019 year, please call or email the parish office. Because of renumbering, please discard old envelopes.

St. Patrick Choir

The choir will begin singing at 4:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Mass will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Stewardship of Treasure December 8 & 9

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Adult Offertory	\$3,003.75	\$75,156.10
Children Offertory	\$0.00	\$79.95
Loose	<u>\$152.55</u>	<u>\$3,792.61</u>
Total	\$3,156.30	\$79,028.66
Budget	<u>\$3,600.00</u>	<u>\$86,400.00</u>
Difference	<u>-\$443.70</u>	<u>-\$7,371.34</u>
Immaculate Conception	\$573.00	
Christmas Flowers	\$789.00	
Christmas	\$25.00	

Faith Formation

Faith Formation classes for pre-school through sixth grade will meet this Sunday in the parish hall from 10:30-11:45 a.m.

High School Youth Ministry

**Grades 8-12 will meet
this Sunday, December 16, from
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall.
Hope to see you there!**

Grade 7 Confirmation Preparation

Students in grade 7 will meet for their combined Confirmation Preparation Class/Youth Ministry this Sunday, December 16, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

Young at Heart Nutrolls & Pizzelles

Pick up is at the St. Patrick Church Parish Hall after 3:00 p.m. on December 19, 2018.



Please consider a gift this Christmas to the Children and Family Services Appeal at all Masses on December 24th & 25th.



Providing Help,
Creating Hope.

1.866.409.6455

Hunger and Poverty
Don't Discriminate.

**GOD PROVIDES,
BUT YOU'RE THE
DELIVERY SYSTEM**

Calendars

The 2019 Catholic Art Calendars have been donated by the Buechele Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc. and are available in the narthex. We thank them for their generosity. Please be sure to take one home!

In a troubled marriage? Retrouvaille can help.
Go to <http://www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org>.