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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.



**First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2018**

Masses For The Week

Saturday, December 1, Vigil: First Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m.—For the Deceased Members of the John & Ethel Bedner Family—Janice & Bob Bishop

Sunday, December 2, First Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m.—For Our Living & Deceased Parishioners

Monday, December 3, St. Francis Xavier, Priest

No Mass

Tuesday, December 4, St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church

6:00 p.m.—Tyler Barger—Monica, Laura, Elizabeth, Joseph & Kelsey

Wednesday, December 5, Advent Weekday

9:00 a.m.—Veto DiPento & for the health of Sula DiPento—Jack & Elaine Grazioli

Thursday, December 6, St. Nicholas, Bishop

9:00 a.m.—Sgt. Carl F. Curran II—David & Manuela Curran and Family

Friday, December 7, St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m.—Mildred Henderson—Chris Henderson

Saturday, December 8, Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent

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

Sunday, December 9, Second Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m.—Deceased Members of the Domenico & Assunta Galassi Family—Florence DeBacco Family

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

Liturgical Ministers for December 8 & 9

| Mass Time | 5:00 p.m. | 9:30 a.m. |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Lectors | Mary Q. | Kitty M. |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | Janice B. Vicki S. Dave C. | Karen T. Scott A. Silvio A. |
| Altar Servers | Eric Q. Peggy W. | Silvio A. Brian D. |

First Sunday of Advent

1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

Famous Last Words

What would you like your last words to be? What final instructions would you like to give the ones you leave behind? Enjoy life? Work hard? Play more?

We do not know if Paul thought he was sending his last words to the Thessalonians, but it sounds like it as he nears the end of his letter. He believes Jesus is coming soon. He wants this community to be ready, and he does not know if and when he will see them again.

His final instructions are these: “May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all.” Paul wants them to love one another.

He realizes it is something they cannot do alone. He asks that the Lord do it for them. He wants the Lord to increase their love. This will make them “blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus.”

As we begin Advent, our thoughts turn to preparations for Christmas. But Paul wants our thoughts turned toward the second coming of Christ, not the first. He wants us to be blameless in holiness before God when Jesus comes again.

This season gives us a perfect occasion to practice love. Let us practice it on those we know best and those we know least. Do these last words sound too hard? God will make it possible for us to love even more.

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Would You Like To Be An Altar Server?

We are in need of altar servers for weekend Masses. Please contact the parish office by phone or email if your child would like to be an altar server. Your child must have received the sacrament of First Communion in order to become an altar server.

Giving Tree



Gifts are to be returned to the church by **this Sunday, December 2**. This deadline is very important so all gifts can be delivered by the distribution date. **If you are unable to return gifts by this date, please call Susan Reeves at 724-526-5591 or 724-496-8808.**

Thank you, St. Patrick Parish, for your generosity in this season of giving!

Young at Heart

The Young at Heart will meet in the parish hall on Wednesday, December 12 at noon.

Stewardship of Treasure November 17 & 18

| | <u>Weekly</u> | <u>Year-To-Date</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Adult Offertory | \$1,837.75 | \$65,137.85 |
| Children Offertory | \$3.00 | \$72.45 |
| Loose | <u>\$38.00</u> | <u>\$3,294.06</u> |
| Total | \$1,878.75 | \$68,504.36 |
| Budget | <u>\$3,600.00</u> | <u>\$75,600.00</u> |
| Difference | <u>-\$1,721.25</u> | <u>-\$7,095.64</u> |
| Thanksgiving | \$100.00 | |
| Poverty Relief | \$215.00 | |

Stewardship of Treasure November 24 & 25

| | <u>Weekly</u> | <u>Year-To-Date</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Adult Offertory | \$3,209.75 | \$68,347.60 |
| Children Offertory | \$2.50 | \$74.95 |
| Loose | <u>\$186.00</u> | <u>\$3,480.06</u> |
| Total | \$3,398.25 | \$71,902.61 |
| Budget | <u>\$3,600.00</u> | <u>\$79,200.00</u> |
| Difference | <u>-\$201.75</u> | <u>-\$7,297.39</u> |
| Thanksgiving | \$221.00 | |
| Christmas Flowers | \$40.00 | |
| Catholic Accent | \$25.00 | |
| Poverty Relief | \$26.00 | |
| All Saints | \$3.00 | |

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. for the Advent Family Gathering. Parents are asked to attend with your child/children and to bring one dozen cookies to share.

High School Youth Ministry

Grades 8-12 will meet this Sunday, December 2, 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 2, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

2019 Lottery Calendars

Calendars are available for purchase in the narthex after Masses until the end of the year. You may also purchase calendars by contacting the parish office by phone or in person during office hours. Consider taking 5 calendars or so to sell to your family and friends. If you cannot sell them, then simply return. Every little bit helps ... it's easy profit for the church!!

Christmas In The Bend

Saturday, December 8 from 2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.
Brady's Bend Township Municipal Building
Tree Decorating, Crafts, Games, Food, and
Holiday Fun For All Ages!

**Young at Heart
Nutrolls & Pizzelles**

The Young At Heart is making and selling nutrolls for \$9.00 each and pizzelles (vanilla or anise) for \$3.00 a dozen.

Please order by December 7, 2018 by contacting:

Vicki Jackson 724-290-8216
Peggy Wimer 724-526-5883
Joe Farone 724-445-3715
Tom/Georgie Nolan 724-445-2794
Gene/Alice Clark 814-473-3486

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