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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.



**Second Sunday of Advent
December 9, 2018**

Masses For The Week

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

Monday, December 10, Advent Weekday

No Mass

Tuesday, December 11, St. Damasus I, Pope

6:00 p.m.—Barbara Farone—John Farone Family

Wednesday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 a.m.—Patsy Silverio—Mary Cassese

Thursday, December 13, St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

9:00 a.m.—Barb Henderson—Florence DeBacco Family

Friday, December 14, St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m.—Joseph Bratkovich—Peggy Wimer

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

Sanctuary Candle



The Sanctuary Candle will burn from December 7—December 20 for the health of Tom Kusick, from Donna Sheakley and family.

Liturgical Ministers for December 15 & 16

Mass Time	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.
Lectors	Brenda F.	John E.
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Peggy W. Mary M. Judy C.	Art D. Helen B. Ginny H.
Altar Servers	Katelyn G. Anthony G.	Kate S. Trinity M.

Second Sunday of Advent

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Growing in Faith

We learn a few things as we go through life. We advance in education. We get better at our jobs. We figure out more about politics. We discern what makes people tick. We learn by our mistakes and through the wisdom of others. Our tolerance grows. So does our love. We get wiser in love, more patient with its pains, more grateful for its virtues. We learn throughout our lives.

We also grow in faith. As children our faith is simple, but it grows more complex as we age. We appreciate how deep are the promises of God, how profound is the love of Christ, and how much we need forgiveness as well as redemption. God helps us grow in faith.

In his letter to the Philippians, Paul expresses his hopes as they prepare for the second coming of Christ. Paul believed that Jesus would return very soon. He had confidence that the Philippians would be all right. “I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.” Just as we grow in wisdom throughout our lives, Paul was confident that the Philippians would grow in faith.

As we prepare for Christmas, we have the same reassurance. God, who began a good work in us, will continue it right up to the day of Christ Jesus. May this Advent increase our faith.

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

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.

Lottery Calendar Update

Thank you to everyone who has purchased calendars. So far we have sold 15% of the calendars, which is 151 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 minimum goal is 500 calendars but wouldn't it be great to sell 750?

The St. Patrick Facebook page has been put on hold until further notice.

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. Fees are low, 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.

Young at Heart

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

Stewardship of Treasure December 1 & 2

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Adult Offertory	\$3,804.75	\$72,152.35
Children Offertory	\$5.00	\$79.95
Loose	<u>\$160.00</u>	<u>\$3,640.06</u>
Total	\$3,969.75	\$75,872.36
Budget	<u>\$3,600.00</u>	<u>\$82,800.00</u>
Difference	<u>+\$369.75</u>	<u>-\$6,927.64</u>
Catholic Accent	\$267.00	
Thanksgiving	\$25.00	
All Saints	\$25.00	
Poverty Relief	\$35.00	
Retired Religious	\$25.00	
Immaculate Conception	\$10.00	

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 on 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 on Sunday, December 16, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

Donations

There have been several instances of clothing and household items being left outside the doors to the parish hall. St. Patrick Church is not collecting items at this time. We will be collecting items next summer for the Clothing Drive in August.

Cemetery Lot Sale

Beginning January 1, 2019, the cost for a cemetery lot in St. Mary Cemetery will be \$600. A \$50 discount per grave (\$550) will be given to all parishioners who purchase a grave after January 1, 2019.

Young at Heart Nutrolls & Pizzelles

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

Attention

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 after you have called the Childline number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, Ext. 1221.