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CELEBRATION

OF THE EUCHARIST

WEEKEND—Saturday 4:00 pm

—Sunday 9:30 am

WEEKDAY—Tuesday 9:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from

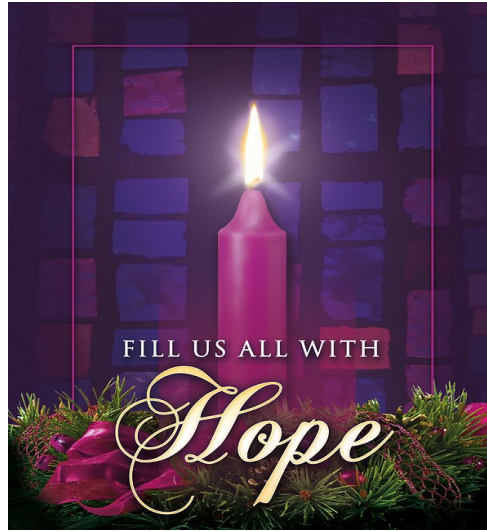
3:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

TUESDAY—THURSDAY

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 3, 2023



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

ISAIAH 63:16b-17; 64:2-7

1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

MARK 13:33-37

THE LORD WILL REWARD

THOSE WHO WAIT FOR HIM

The prophet Isaiah tells us that God will surely reward those who wait for his visitation: "From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who works for those who wait for him" (Isaiah 64:4). Our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, has entrusted us with his gifts and graces (his abundant favors and blessings). He expects us to make good use of the gifts and resources he gives us for his glory and for the benefit of helping and blessing others as well. He does not want us to use the present time we have here on earth in idleness or wasted living. He has work for us to do - loving, honoring and serving him and loving, honoring, and serving our families, neighbors, and communities as well. Lord Jesus, awaken my heart and mind to receive your word and to prepare for your coming again. Free me from complacency, from the grip of sin and worldliness, and from attachments to things which pass away. May I always be eager to receive your word and be ready to meet you when you come again.

ADVENT IS A SEASON OF PREPARATION

Each year the Catholic Church gives us an incredible opportunity for a powerful encounter with Jesus. In her genius, the Church invites us during Advent to take a step back and look at who we are, what we are doing, and where Jesus fits into our lives. Jesus came into this world at that first Christmas for you, to bring meaning and deep satisfaction into your life, to fill you with lasting joy, and ultimately to bring you to eternal happiness with him in heaven. That's what we celebrate at Christmas. Are you ready? Advent is a season of preparation. And if we want to experience the true magic and meaning of Christmas, we need to take a break from our to-do lists and get our hearts ready for Christmas.

AN ADVENT PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Amen.



THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, is a holy day of obligation. It will be commemorated on Friday,

December 8. Vigil Mass will be on

Thursday, December 7, at 6:00 P.M., & on Friday,
December 8, at 8:00 A.M. Please join us as we honor the
conception of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of God and our mother.



CHRISTMAS EVE—

Sunday, December 24

ST. FRANCES X. CABRINI 4:00 p.m.

ST. THERESE'S CHURCH

4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m. & 10 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY –

Monday, December 25

ST. FRANCES X. CABRINI 9:30 a.m.

ST. THERESE'S CHURCH 11:00 a.m.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY/

ST. FRANCES X. CABRINI

Mass on Monday, January 1 at 9:30 a.m.

ST. THERESE'S CHURCH

Masses on Sunday, December 31 at 5:00 p.m.

Monday, January 1 at 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday	12/05	9:00 a.m.	Barry Maloney
Thursday	12/07	6:00 p.m.	Maggie Hughes
Friday	12/08	8:00 a.m.	Bernice Prebish
Saturday	12/09	4:00 p.m.	Bob Confoy & Leonard Knepp
Sunday	12/10	9:30 a.m.	Florence & Joseph Stelma

Requested By:

Loving Wife, Michele Maloney
A Parish Friend
Bob & Rita Kurtinitis
Knepp Family
Ray & Flo Mociun

THE WEEK OF

DECEMBER 3 TO DECEMBER 9, 2023:

The Light of the Sanctuary Candle is burning

IN MEMORY OF: JOHN & LORETTA HOGAN
REQUESTED BY: FAMILY

The Light of the Marian Shrine Candle

is burning FOR THE LIVING & DECEASED
MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

We can live past sin and live deeper in the realm of grace by celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation. This is an opportunity to repent and recover the grace of friendship with God.

Tuesday, December 12, 2023
7:00 PM at
Gate of Heaven Church



Remember in Your Prayers

Please pray for Don Hunter Sr., Bernard F., Sister Jan Marie Kalyan, Joyce Kishbaugh, Florence Mickley, Christopher Mortensen, Denis Perugino, Tom Roarty, Benjamin Szoscak, Jim Starbuck & Lilly Stroud.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Our annual appeal goal is \$ 13,000. As of Nov. 24, our total parish donations for 2023 is at 83%, which includes donations from 49 families totaling \$ 10,774.00. If you have not already donated, envelopes for the Appeal are in the church entrances. Gifts of any size are welcome, and participation is very important. Please join us in reaching our parish goal of \$ 13,000. God bless you for your kindness and generosity.

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Congratulations and Prayerful Best Wishes to

Ella Rose Vanesko,

daughter of Jefferey and Kara Vanesko,

who was baptized into the faith on

November 26, 2023. You are a

precious child of God. Welcome to your faith family!

May God bless you always.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Christmas wafers are available for purchase in the multipurpose room after all Masses.

Donation is \$2.00 per envelope.

SECOND COLLECTION

will be taken next weekend of, December 9 & 10, 2023

for the **RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS.**

Please give to those who have given a lifetime. Thank you in advance for your generous support. God Bless you always.

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH, WEST PITTSTON

& ST BARBARA'S PARISH ADULT CHOIR PRESENTS :

"LESSONS & CAROLS"

An Advent Concert, Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

A service of scripture and supporting carols which originated in England. Social to follow at Immaculate Conception

Church Hall, 605 Luzerne Ave, West Pittston.

ALL ARE WELCOME !



SAINT FRANCES X. CABRINI PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

We welcome all who wish to join our parish. Please contact the parish office, at your earliest convenience by calling

570-696-3737 during our office hours.

We also would like to remind parishioners to please use your weekly envelopes, notify the office of any changes of address, phone number and email addresses. Thank you.

COMMITMENT OF TREASURE

Give and it will be given to you. A good measure will be poured into your lap. For the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Luke 6:68

WEEKEND COLLECTION OF
11/26/2023

\$ 1,928.00