



Third Sunday of Advent

Confessions: Saturday 5:00 PM
First Friday prior to 8 AM
Mass
or by appointment

BULLETIN DEADLINE:
Monday at 10:00 AM

Community Center 948-4017

Hall Coordinator 948-5831
Church Hall 948-9956

Rosary: Sunday at 7:00 PM

Holy Hour: Thursday 7:00 PM
Benediction: 7:50 PM

SICK AND SHUT-INS: PLEASE
INFORM THE PARISH OFFICE OF
MEMBERS UNABLE TO GET TO
CHURCH. THEY CAN BE PLACED
ON A MONTHLY VISITATION LIST.

DECEMBER 11, 2016

12 MONDAY	OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE 1339-707
8:00 AM	†Bernard Kirsch
13 TUESDAY	LUCY 1341-877
8:00 AM	†Viola Springer
14 WEDNESDAY	JOHN OF THE CROSS 1342-886
8:00 AM	†Arvis Krug
9:30 AM	School Mass (†Robert J. Byrne)
15 THURSDAY	ADVENT WEEKDAY 897
8:00 AM	†Rita Noel
16 FRIDAY	ADVENT WEEKDAY 906
8:00 AM	†Gaelynn Kerr
17 SATURDAY	ADVENT WEEKDAY 916
8:00 AM	Communion Service
Vigil	Fourth Sunday of Advent
6:00 PM	L/D of the Jerome & Rita Smith Family
18 SUNDAY	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
6:00 AM	L/D of the Parish
8:00 AM	L/D of the Nicktown Fire Co.
10:30 AM	†Henry Lieb

December 11 Mt 11:2-11

The question put to Jesus in today's gospel is also put to us today: "Are you the one...?" Are you the one who will give guidance to the children in your life or must they look to TV sitcoms, films, videos and music lyrics for direction? Are you the one? Will you be the one?

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 Mon. 7:30 AM to Noon
 Tues. & Wed. 7:30 AM to 2 PM
 Thursday 7:30 to 9:30 AM

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Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Francis Holtz, father of Annette Krumenacker. May his soul rest in the peace of Christ.



Please pray for the sick of our parish, our families and friends, especially Fr. Myron Kirsch, O.S.B., Pat Leslie, Karen Saxon, Jim Sherry, Gary Sherry, Herman Carl, Roger Duman, Florence Kirsch, Frank Certo, Cindy Ceschini, Peggy Sisko, Dan Drumm, Leon Kensey, Sandy Krug, Heidi Westrick, Paul Farabaugh, Sandy Miller, Ted Kirsch, Howard Cramer, Ron Lieb, Patricia Nemitz, Lisa Little, Rich Endler, Barb Kotelnicki, Paul Saxon, Ron Bailey III, Quinn Sherry, Carol Mathews, Lou Bodek, and those in nursing homes and their caregivers.

Penance Services

- December 11 St. Bernard's 2:00 PM
- December 12 Prince of Peace 7:00 PM
- December 13 Queen of Peace 7:00 PM
- December 14 St. Nicholas 7:00 PM
- December 15 St. Benedict 7:00 PM



We pray for the return of inactive members of our parish to the practice of their faith; the respect of all human life and the end of abortions.

We pray for the safety of our troops especially their safe return and for their families at home. We pray for a deep and profound respect for life, and for the courage and willingness to stand up for life.



We are in desperate need of religious education substitute teachers. Please call or speak to Father.



Men's choir practice is Wednesday, January 4 at 6:30 PM to sing at the 8 AM mass on Sunday, January 8.

Youth choir rehearsal is Tuesday, December 13 from 6:30 to 7:15 PM to sing at the 8 AM mass on Sunday, December 18.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE:
Children's Choir to sing at the 4 PM Christmas Eve Mass: December 11, 4:30 to 5:30, December 18, 4:15 to 5:30.

Adult Choir to sing at the Midnight Christmas Eve Mass: December 11, 18, 5:30 to 6:45, December 20, 6:30 to 7:30.

Our Christmas choirs will sing beginning 20 minutes before the 4 PM Christmas Eve Mass and the Midnight Mass.

Join us at choir in serving the Lord—considering all He does for us, it's just a little giving back to Him.

If you know of a person or family who needs a little extra help this Christmas, please contact Renee Bernard at rbernard@francis.edu or (814) 932-5631 by December 9. Angels will be available in the back of church as we get requests. Donations may be dropped off at the Community Center during their regular hours up until December 18. Thank you all for supporting this important project!

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Our goal this year is \$23,525.00
Donations as of Nov. 29th \$22,190.00
Goal amount remaining \$ 1,335.00

THANK YOU to all of those who have returned their pledge cards. If you would like to make a pledge and did not receive an envelope there are extra envelopes on the table in the back of the church.

ALTAR-ROSARY COMMITTEE FOR DECEMBER IS:

- Chair lady - Monica Ludwig
- Mary Jean Amadei Mary Margaret Dubetsky
- Carol Phillips Arlene Farabaugh

Dec. 24/25	4:00 PM	6:00 PM	12:00 AM	9:00 AM
Lectors				
Eucharistic Ministers	Renee Bernard Deanna Gillin	T. Hamilton B. Hamilton M. Hamilton L. Hamilton	Chris Kirsch Bev Sherry	
Altar Servers	T. Bernard J. Bernard	T. Hamilton		

We are in need of ministers for all Christmas masses. Please call or email the parish office and let them know when you can serve.

SCRIP

In December our gift card inventory goes fast and we cannot guarantee that all cards will be available during the month. Start your shopping early. If you have out of town friends and relatives on your Christmas list, you can stop in the office and look through the list of the vendors that we carry. We can special order from hundreds of vendors. December 14th will be the last day for back orders, in order for them to arrive before the holiday break. Ten for Ten SCRIP Christmas Special also. Many \$10 cards.

Beginning Dec. 12th extra help will be available at NCCS from 9-11 am to fill SCRIP orders. SCRIP will be available during each school day from 9-2:30. Happy Hassle-free shopping.

Thank you in advance for your support of the NCCS SCRIP program.

Queen of Peace annual Christmas bake sale will be held on Saturday, December 17 at the parish center (upper level). Doors open at 9 AM. Featured items: Cookie platters, cookie trays, cream puffs, cinnamon rolls, sticky buns, pumpkin rolls, nut, poppy seed, sweet cheese & fruit rolls, assorted breads (including panettone), Yule logs, old English plum pudding, Cheese balls, Cranberry walnut tarts, pecan tarts, St. Lucy Wreaths, and much, much more. Come early for best selection, no Pre Orders Taken...

Chicken Dinners—Sunday, December 18, prepared by the local Queen of Angels Council of the Knights of Columbus, beginning at 11 AM (until sold out), in the upper level of the Parish Center. All dinners are take-out only, and are available for drive-up service. Drive on up, blow your horn and they will deliver your dinners right to your car. Dinners are \$8 each. No phone orders taken. Thank you for your continued support.

ANTIPHONS

The final seven days before Christmas Eve, the church calls us to cry for the coming of Jesus with special poems for each day. These poems may be said with our meal prayer or as part of our night prayer.

Dec. 17– O Wisdom, who issued from the mouth of the Most High reaching from beginning to end. Ordering all things mightily but tenderly, Come teach us the way of prudence.

Dec. 18– O Lord of Lords and leader of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the bush’s flaming fire and gave to him the Law of Sinai, Come to redeem us with stretched-out arms.

Dec. 19– O Root of Jesse, a standard to the peoples before whom all kings are made, to whom all nations shall appeal, Come to deliver us; delay, please, no longer.

Dec. 20– O Key of David and scepter of the house of Israel, you open and no one dares shut, you shut and no one dares open, Come deliver those who are imprisoned in darkness.

Dec. 21– O Rising Dawn, redeemer of eternal light and Sun of Justice, Come, enlighten those sitting in darkness.

Dec 22.– O King of Nations and our deserved one, you the cornerstone, Come and save us whom you created.

Dec. 23– O Emmanuel, our king and lawgiver. You are the one for whom we wait, Come to save us, O Lord, our God.

Reprinted from the booklet published by the Family Life Office entitled "HOLIDAY SPIRITUALITY IN THE HOME - Thanksgiving to Epiphany"

The Christmas nut, poppy seed & apricot roll sale will be held at SS Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church, Palmer Avenue, Patton on Thursday, December 15. Rolls are \$9.00 each. Orders due by Dec. 13. All rolls must be pre-ordered by calling Vickie at 674-8266 or Judy at 674-5143.

Dec. 17/18	6:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Lectors	Brenda Pawlowski	Colleen Krug	Brad Blickenderfer
Eucharistic Ministers	Barb Dumm Carol Gregg Justin Gregg Kris Kirsch Pat Kline	Gene Farabaugh Nancy Dumm Joel Dumm Max Dumm Debra Dumm	Tammy Hamilton Bill Hamilton Luke Hamilton Mitchell Hamilton Deanna Gillin
Altar Servers	Jude Kline Max Kline Meggie Kwisnek Megan Kwisnek	Sarah Farabaugh David Farabaugh Nathan Farabaugh Daniel Farabaugh	Mya Calhoun Madelyn Lieb Zachary Onkst Matthew Cramer

Tithing Last Week	
12/4/16	
1 st Collection	\$ 5,362.00
Parking lot	\$ 1180.00
Children	\$ 6.00
Online Giving	\$ 500.00