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He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

Lk 3:16

Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Saturday 4:00 PM
 Wednesday 6:00 PM
 or by appointment

Bulletin submissions must be in writing or email by 10 AM Monday, at the parish office

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 7 AM —7 PM Friday
 Followed by Benediction

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 and Benediction at 6:00 PM
 Wednesdays Prior to Mass

To schedule Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals please call the parish office.

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.

Community Center (814) 948-4017
 Church Hall (814) 948-9956
 Hall Coordinator (814) 948-4784
 Cemetery: Jim (814) 948-9680

Gluten free hosts are available - please see Father before Masses.

Please consider purchasing flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one. For more information call the parish office.

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| 17 MONDAY | ADVENT WEEKDAY |
| 8:00 AM | †Ronald Lieb |
| 10:30 AM | Meadow View |
| 18 TUESDAY | ADVENT WEEKDAY |
| 8:00 AM | †Tom Sherry |
| 19 WEDNESDAY | ADVENT WEEKDAY |
| 9:30 AM | Spiritual & Material Welfare of our School |
| 20 THURSDAY | ADVENT WEEKDAY |
| 8:00 AM | †Ruth Bolger |
| 21 FRIDAY | ADVENT WEEKDAY |
| 8:00 AM | H/W Eliana Lieb |
| 22 SATURDAY | ADVENT WEEKDAY |
| 8:00 AM | †Dave Kirsch |
| Vigil | 4 th Sunday of Advent |
| 5:00 PM | †Louise Weiland |
| 23 SUNDAY | 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT |
| 6:00 AM | L/D of the Parish |
| 8:00 AM | H/W Sodality of the BVM |
| 10:30 AM | L/D of Leonard Farabaugh Family |

December 16, 2018

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NORTHERN CAMBRIA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

P.O. Box 252, 3278 Blue Goose Road, Nicktown, PA (814) 948-8900
nccs@northerncambriacatholic.org

JOY



Grade 3– Mrs. Norma Krug

4 Students: Larissa, Sophia,
Cheyenne, & Faith

Third grade is an impressionable year for these students. They have made their First Holy Communion. Therefore, I continue to guide them by teaching the ways of the Catholic Church, and the importance of attending Mass, along with receiving communion regularly on Sundays. In addition, they have been learning to pray the Rosary, a gift from Mary.

***December 23rd, 30th and January 6th all
bulletin submissions must be in 10 day
prior to the bulletin date.***

**Immaculate Conception Church
Jewelry Raffle**

Raffle held at New Germany Hall

Door ticket includes: Admission, Meal, Dessert
and drinks

Saturday, January 19, 2019

Over \$7,500.00 in Jewelry & Accessories to be
chanced off

From Door Tickets

Grand Prize

\$1,000.00 Jewelry Shopping Spree at Gold Rush
Diamonds & Boutique

Doors open at 5 PM, 1st drawing at 5:50 PM.

Pulled winning Door Tickets will be re-entered for
Grand Prize. Need not be present to win.

Only 500 Tickets sold \$25 Donation No Guests

**Get your Christmas Gifts now—10% off all
Memberships including Punch Cards. *St. Nicholas
Community Center***

Offer expires January 1, 2019

The Friar's Nook Gift Shop – Christmas
Happenings (Phone: 814-695-3802)

The hours are Monday-Saturday: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Christmas Sale: December 15-22

Finish up (or start) your Christmas shopping by
stopping at The Friar's Nook Gift Shop, located at
793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg. Save 20% off
your entire purchase on all items storewide December
15-22!

Christmas Cookie Sale: December 20

Take the stress out of Christmas cookie prep by
stopping at The Friar's Nook Gift Shop's Christmas
Cookie Sale on Thursday, December 20th. There will
be a variety of ethnic and traditional Christmas
cookies, so stop by early while supplies last!

Follow us on Facebook for updates and events!

Penance Service—on Wednesday evening, the 19th,
we will have our Advent Penance Service. Because of
the schedule our only daily Mass that day will be the
9:30 AM School Mass. Our evening program will
consist of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:00
PM, Benediction at 6:45 PM and the service proper at
7:00 PM.

There will be a St. Vincent de Paul Food bank meeting on December 18 at 6:00 PM in the Community Center meeting room.

Gift of Wonder

Rev. Alfred McBride, O. Praem., The Priest, Oct. 87 p.267

Each year, God asks us to shed one more coat of awareness, one more dream state and come alive to the vision of God's plan for each of us and the world-at-large.

The older we get, the harder this is to do. As children we had a sense of wonder. Our eyes were wide open and drinking in the fascinating gifts we beheld...Our thirsty souls could not have enough of the wonders of creation.

Then somehow, we grew too old to dream. We tired of the abundance of the world, or at least grew weary of keeping up with the feast of life, and stepped away from the banquet of life.

The natural gift of wonder God gave us as children was meant to be kept alive...Instead we let wonder go to sleep. We entered the typical dream state of most humans.

Why else does Jesus tell us today, "Stay awake!"...Advent says, "Wake up and realize the gifts of love you have received."

Psychology says, "Let go." Spirituality says, "Wake up." In both cases there is a withdrawal from the busyness of daily life (our dream state) and a waking up to the subconscious and spiritual depths of ourselves.

Coming Christmas

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THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS: On Sunday, December 30th, at 3 PM, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 8th Avenue and 11th Street, Altoona, PA 16602, a relaxing concert with Seasonal Music and audience participation will be held. The organists will be Agoston Solzi and James Dengler. All our welcome to attend. A free will offering will be taken to benefit the Pipe Organ Campaign.



Please pray for the sick of our parish, our families and friends, especially Todd & Cindy Ceschini, Debbie Loughran, Gene Terza, Donna Harres, Earl Smith, Don Smith, Pat Smith, Brian Pearce, Jim Mitasky, Karime Chavez, Roger Duman, Bob Dillon, Bill Cidor, Eve Fresh, Matt Gresh, Monte & Kathy Kirsch, Joe Sherry, Shane Weiland, Archie Morris, Marcia Strenko, Pat Fresh, Anne McCray, Karen Saxon, Dorothy Chanda, Sandy Miller, Ted Kirsch, Lisa Little, Ron Bailey III, Quinn Sherry, and those in nursing homes and their caregivers.

We pray for the unbaptized and 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.

Penance Services

December 16 St. Bernard's 2:00 PM
December 17 St. John's (Summerhill) 7:00 PM
December 18 Queen of Peace 7:00 PM
December 19 St. Nicholas 7:00 PM
December 20 St. Benedict 7:00 PM

Men's choir practice is Tuesday, January 8 at 6:30 PM to sing Sunday, January 13 at 8:00 AM.

Youth choir practice is Tuesday, January 15 from 6:30 to 7:15 PM, to sing on Sunday, January 20 at 8 AM.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE: The adult choir to sing at Midnight Mass will rehearse Sunday, December 16 and 23, 5:30-6:45 PM. The Children's Choir to sing Christmas Eve @ 4:00 PM will rehearse Sunday, December 16 and 23, 4:30-5:30 PM. Please contact Teresa @ 948-4740 or mitasky@comcast.net to preregister for this choir.

The Christmas Choirs will sing prelude music beginning 15 minutes before the 4 PM mass Christmas Eve as well as the Midnight Mass.

| December 24/25 | 4:00 PM | 7:00 PM | Midnight | 10:00 AM |
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| Lectors | Justin Gregg | | Betty Leslie | |
| Extraordinary Ministers | B. Pawlowski Carol Gregg Need Need | | Chris Kirsch Joel Dumm | Sue Bork M. Zurich Bob Dillon Diana Dillon |
| Altar Servers | | | D. Farabaugh D. Farabaugh N. Farabaugh | |



Come join us, St. Nicholas for an all you can eat breakfast today, Sunday, December 16th

from 6:30 AM till Noon. Adults \$8.00; children 5-12 \$4.00; under 4 free. The Menu includes: Sausage Gravy, Biscuits, Ham, Bacon, French Toast, Waffles, Scrambled Eggs, Home Fries, Coffee and Orange Juice. All are welcome to attend.

| December 22/23 | 5:00 PM | 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM |
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| Lector | Brenda Pawlowski | Sodality | Darla Kochinsky |
| Extraordinary Ministers | Bev Sherry Barb Dumm Carol Gregg | Max Dumm Deb Dumm Susan Bork | Mary Jo Ludwig R. Pawlowski Mary Ellen Zurich |
| Altar Servers | Jude Kline Austin Kirsch | Anna Ludwig Timothy Ludwig | Anthony Lessard Dominic Lessard |

Collection 12/2/18

First Collection \$3,324.00
Children's \$ 1.00
December 8 \$1,122.00
Retired Religious \$ 539.00
Online Giving \$ 595.00