

St. Nicholas Church

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Second Sunday of Advent



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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Tuesday at 3:00 PM

DEVOTIONS

Adoration 8:00 PM Wednesday
ending Thursday at 8:00 PM

Holy Hour

Thursday 7:00 PM

Benediction

Thursday 8:00 PM

Morning Prayer

Mon. to Sat. 7:00 AM

Rosary

Sunday 7:00 PM

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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptism, Matrimony & Mass
Intentions:

Contact the parish office during
office hours for scheduling.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the office when someone
is hospitalized or seriously ill.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

(Confessions) will be celebrated on
Saturday at 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM
or by appointment.

OFFICE HOURS

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
8AM 3PM	9AM 3PM	9AM 3PM	10AM 3PM	8AM NOON

IF SCHOOL IS CANCELED THERE WILL BE
A HALF DAY IN THE OFFICE.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (vigil) 6:00 PM
Sunday 6:00 AM, 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Last Week's Collection

First Collection	\$4,565.25
Fuel & Utilities	\$ 719.01

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

DECEMBER

5 MONDAY **ADVENT WEEKDAY 793-70**

8:00 AM †John & Sarah Hunt Sr.

6 TUESDAY **NICHOLAS 1330-802-73**

8:00 AM †Kenneth Sherry

7 WEDNESDAY **AMBROSE 1331-812-76**

8:00 AM †Frank & Mary Reber

Vigil **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

6:00 PM.....Joan Dumm Years Mind

8 THURSDAY**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 1334-707**

6:00 AM †Walter C. Dumm

9:30 AM †Anne Bernard

12:05 PM..... L/D of the Parish

7:00 PM..... †Edgar & Alma Springer

9 FRIDAY **ADVENT WEEKDAY 835-82**

8:00 AM †Joseph & Mary Cooney

10 SATURDAY **ADVENT WEEKDAY 845-85**

8:00 AM †Elsie Sibert

Vigil **3rd Sunday of Advent**

6:00 PM †Mary Angelo

11 SUNDAY **3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

6:00 AM L/D of the Parish

8:00 AM L/D of the Holy Name Society

10:30 AM †Andy Kirsch

CALENDAR TICKET WINNERS

Nov 13	073	Northern Cambria, PA
Nov 14	782	Nicktown, PA
Nov 15	592	Nicktown, PA
Nov 16	443	Northern Cambria, PA
Nov 17	913	Nicktown, PA
Nov 18	954	Nicktown, PA
Nov 19	909	Willowick, OH

December 4th

Mk 1:1-8

Why is it so hard to forgive, yet so easy to get even? Listen to John the Baptist in today's gospel and repent of the anger and ugly feelings which block your ability to forgive. This Christmas give a gift which makes a difference. Give forgiveness.

COMMUNITY CENTER

No childcare is provided.

Gymnasium is open

School days 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Sundays **Noon** – 10:00 PM

All Other days 6:00 AM – 10:00 PM

The gym is occasionally closed for parish, school, or private events. See below for closures.

Exercise room is open

Sundays 6:00 AM to 6:30 PM

All other days 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM

Yoga Classes

Thursday 7:00 PM to 8:15 PM

Sunday 7:00 PM to 8:15 PM

Call Basil for details 948-9503

CHOIR NEWS

Men's choir practice is changed to Tuesday, December 6, at 6:30 PM (due to the Holy Day), to sing at the 8 AM mass on Sunday, December 11.

Adult Choir Practice is Wednesday, December 14 at 6:30 PM, to sing at the 6:00 PM mass on Saturday, December 17.

The Christmas Choir rehearsals are as follows: Adult Choir (to sing at Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve): Sunday, December 4, 11, 18 at 5:45 PM and Monday and Wednesday, December 19 and 21, 6:30 to 7:45 PM.

Children's Choir (to sing at the 4 PM mass Christmas Eve): Sunday, December 4, 11, 4:30 to 5:30 PM and December 18, 4:30 to 5:45 PM. Please contact Teresa at 948-4740 for any questions

New Choir Members Are Always Welcome.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 4th St. Nicholas (Covered Dish & Thank You)

December 8th Immaculate Conception

December 13th Bookmobile

December 25th Christmas

Neighboring Events

BREAKFAST BUFFET: "All You Can Eat" Sunday, December 4th, from **8:00 AM** to **1:00 PM** at the Queen of Peace Parish Center, Patton. Menu includes: Bacon, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, French Toast, Home Fries, Pancakes, Dessert, Coffee, Tea, and Juice. Adults: \$7.00, Children 5-12: \$3.00 (under 5 free). Cinnamon Rolls and Sticky Buns will be available for sale.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Breakfast Buffet at Queen of Peace Church on Sunday, January 1.

"Let Us go To Bethlehem" - The Igou Family String Ensemble will present a Christmas Concert Sunday, **December 11th at 1:00 PM** at Queen of Peace Church. All are invited. A free will offering is suggested.

ANNUAL QUEEN OF PEACE CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE-Saturday, December 17th from 9 AM to 2 PM at the Parish Hall—upper level. There will be a variety of cookie platters and trays, nut, poppy and fruit rolls, cinnamon rolls and sticky buns, pumpkin rolls and cream puffs. No pre orders—come early for best selection.

Attention 11th Grade Confirmation Candidates

This is a reminder that **ALL 11TH GRADE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES** are to assist at the St. Nicholas Covered Dish Dinner Sunday, December 4th. Please report to the hall no later than 10:30 AM to help wherever needed. You are asked to remain until all clean up is completed after the event.



IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER THE COMMUNITY CENTER IS OFFERING A \$50 PUNCH CARD FOR \$45. YOU WILL RECEIVE 32 VISITS AT \$1.41 A VISIT. THIS WILL MAKE AN EXCELLENT CHRISTMAS PRESENT.



DONATION OF ALTAR-FLOWERS

If anyone would like to donate flowers as a memorial in honor of a loved one, living or deceased, please contact the Rectory at 948-9614. The flowers will be placed at the Tabernacle or, if specified around the candles at the altar. The memorial will be noted in the bulletin each week.



Northern Cambria Catholic School will be selling gift cards (SCRIP) after all Saturday and Sunday Masses. If you would like to purchase SCRIP please stop at the rectory.

Sellers for next week:

6:00 PM

Maria

6:00 AM

Sue

8:00 AM

Erin

10:30 AM

Michelle



HOMEMADE SAUSAGE FOR SALE

The Knights of Columbus are selling homemade mild and hot sausage (uncooked fresh pork). It is sold in 4lb bags for \$11.00 a bag. The homemade sausage will be delivered on December 12th. If you would like to order call Bill at 948-8452. Thank you for your support.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE (PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS)

Sun., Dec. 11, at 2PM @ St. Bernard, Hastings

Mon., Dec. 12, at 7PM @ St. Nicholas

Tue., Dec. 13, at 7PM @ Queen of Peace, Patton

Thur., Dec. 14, at 7PM @ St. Benedict, Crltown

Wed., Dec. 21, at 4PM @ Prince of Peace, N.C.

Wed., Dec. 21, at 7Pm @ Prince of Peace Chapel

Immaculate Conception— December 8
Prepare a Mary Candle on this day—Take an ordinary candle and with beads or crayons, make the letter "M". Just below it trace the chi-rho to symbolize Christ's coming through Mary. The candle can be decorated with pine cones and greens at the base.

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

LAY MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Altar Servers

6:00 PM
Taylor Sichko
Ben Strollo
Emily Strollo
Elizabeth Strollo
8:00 AM
Michael Stolz
Eli Weiland
Henry Dumm
Sam Krumenacker

10:30 AM
Bryant Onkst
Chris Benamati
Darren Benamati
Sarah Farabaugh

Dec 7 6:00 PM
John Krumenacker
Marie Krumenacker
Martin Krumenacker
Tara Houser
Dec 8 7:00 PM
Nicholas Kirsch
Andrew Zernick
Jeremy Zernick
Nathan Bender

Minister of Communion

6:00 PM
Carol Gregg
Justin Gregg
Joddy Kirsch
Betty Leslie
8:00 AM
Theresa Lieb
Lisa Sedlemyer
Bev Sherry
Susie Gomish

10:30 AM
Scott Farabaugh
Christine Farabaugh
Ron Wolfe
Mary Ellen Zurich

Dec 7 6:00 PM
Barb Dumm
Carol Gregg
Justin Gregg
Allyn McCombie
Dec 8 7:00 PM
Tom Bender
Judy Bender
Chris Kirsch
Kris Kirsch

Lectors

6:00 PM
Adam Zernick
Bernard Zernick
8:00 AM
Sally Farabaugh
Dec 8 7:00 PM
Danielle Hoover
Darla Kochinsky

10:30 AM Sunday
Darla Kochinsky
Archie Morris
Dec 7 6:00 PM
Nancy Boring
Brenda Pawlowski



ST. NICHOLAS COVERED DISH & THANK YOU DINNER

Everyone is invited to attend our annual St. Nicholas Covered Dish Dinner on Sunday, December 4th immediately following the 10:30 AM Mass. This is also our way of saying "thank you" to everyone who has volunteered their time and services in the past year and also extending our welcome to Fr. Chad and Br. Nathaniel. Please bring your family and a covered dish and join us.



FROM THE PASTOR/DECEMBER 4, 2011

The Season of Advent gives us all an opportunity to seek healing and forgiveness in our lives. The Gospel for this Sunday, Mark 1:1-8, is about the baptism of John The Baptist. John's baptism is called a baptism of repentance. It represents an expression of regret for having refused to accept fully the implications of the coming of the Lord.

One of the major ways in which we prevent the coming of the Lord is our fear that, if we don't focus our attention primarily on our interests, we will lose control of our lives and be pulled apart by the needs of others. In fact, Jesus means to choose to commit oneself to live unselfishly as one's freedom permits... which usually means a little more than we think is possible. This doesn't mean that we should become doormats but it does mean that the needs of others must not be the last and least concern in our lives. In other words, it means to put our lives and our futures into the hands of a gracious God as we strive to make the love and gentleness of Jesus present in our world.

Overall, In this Sunday's gospel, John the Baptist urges us to remove the roadblocks of fear and self-centeredness in our lives and thus assure a truly joyous Advent celebration.

MID'S CANDY BAR FUNDRAISER

Sodality is selling Mid's Candy Bars for \$1.00 each. Please support our young women. If you are interested in the candy bars please call Rachel @ 948-8279 or see any Sodality member.