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*...all flesh shall see the salvation of God.*

Lk 3:6

**PEACE**

Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 Saturday 4:00 PM  
 Wednesday 6:00 PM  
 First Friday prior to 8 AM Mass  
 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.*

<b>10 MONDAY</b>	<b>ADVENT WEEKDAY</b>
8:00 AM	L/D of the Andrew Dubetsky Family
<b>11 TUESDAY</b>	<b>ADVENT WEEKDAY</b>
8:00 AM	†Rita Wolfe
<b>12 WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE</b>
9:30 AM	Spiritual & Material Welfare of our School
7:00 PM	Families & Children of St. Nicholas Parish
<b>13 THURSDAY</b>	<b>ST. LUCY</b>
8:00 AM	†Bernard Kirsch
<b>14 FRIDAY</b>	<b>ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS</b>
8:00 AM	†George Doliveria
<b>15 SATURDAY</b>	<b>ADVENT WEEKDAY</b>
8:00 AM	For all the Veterans in our Cemetery
Vigil	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent
<b>5:00 PM</b>	†Lou Bodek Jr.
<b>16 SUNDAY</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
6:00 AM	L/D of the Parish
8:00 AM	L/D of the Nicktown Fire Co.
10:30 AM	L/D of Kenneth & Edith Dumm Family

# December 9, 2018

## SAINT NICHOLAS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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[nccs@northerncambriacatholic.org](mailto:nccs@northerncambriacatholic.org)



**Come join us, St. Nicholas** for an all you can eat breakfast Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 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.



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, December 11 from 6:30 to 7:15 PM, to sing on Sunday, December 16 at 8 AM.

### 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**



**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.

### A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

On Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, at 3 PM, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Advent Angel

Angels will be available in the back of the church as we get requests. Donations (gift cards or unwrapped gifts) may be dropped off at the Community Center or parish office during their regular hours up until

Friday, **December 14**. That gives us time to deliver the gifts before Christmas. Thank you all for supporting this special project!



**CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE:** The adult choir to sing at Midnight Mass will rehearse Sunday, December 9, 16 and 23, 5:30-6:45 PM. The Children's Choir to sing Christmas Eve @ 4:00 PM will rehearse Sunday, December 9, 16 and 23, 4:30-5:30 PM. Please contact Teresa @ 948-4740 or mitasky@comcast.net to preregister for this choir.

### Christmas Bake Sale Queen of Peace Parish Center Saturday, December 15 Doors open at 9 AM



Christmas cookies platters & trays; cinnamon rolls; sticky buns; pumpkin rolls; apricot, nut, poppy seed, prune & raspberry rolls; Panettone bread; Yule logs; Old English Plum Pudding; cheese balls; cranberry walnut tarts; pecan tart; and much more....

**Come Early For Best Selection  
 No Pre-Orders Taken**

### Weddings 2018

Marshall Weimert & Susan Farabaugh  
 April 28

Michael Emily & Kristine Dumm  
 May 5

Matthew Moriarty & Deanna Mauer  
 May 12

Jeffrey Kline & Erin Bender  
 June 30

Adam Mervine & Alejandra Rodriguez  
 July 6

Landon Day & Breanna Weiland  
 July 7

Zachary Ludwig & Rebecca Krumenacker  
 August 4

Archibald Smith Jr. & Ashley Alexander  
 September 8

Kevin Stoyka & Maria Kline  
 October 13

Mark Ludwig & Monica Kuzio  
 December 1



# Coming Christmas



THE CATHOLIC FAITH.  
ON DEMAND.

## Pastor's Note

**Latin in the Mass**—as Advent has begun, we have reintroduced Latin into the celebration of our Mass, and will continue through the entire liturgical year. With the liturgical changes introduced following the Second Vatican Council, it was recommended that the vernacular be utilized but not at the expense of the Latin. As things developed however, the directives were misapplied and our use of Latin nearly disappeared, to the diminishment of the liturgy. As Roman Catholics Latin is part of our patrimony and contributes to the solemnity and beauty of the Mass. We are using the Sanctus, the Mysterium Fidei, and the Agnus Dei in our settings, and they can be found in our pew missal numbers 932, 933 and 936 respectively.

**Contemplative Mass at 6:00 AM**—with the feedback gathered in reference to our 6:00 AM Sunday morning Mass, it was apparent that the original intent was a Mass just for Lent that would be contemplative. While we are continuing that Mass and not confining it to the Lenten Season, we will return to its' original contemplative nature. As such the Church will be darkened as Mass commences and the foyer and rear lights will be relit at the conclusion of Mass. Given those parameters, the Choir Loft will be closed and any coming after Mass commences should use the side, ramp entrance. Those who wish to reference the missal during the Mass proper, are reminded that they can sit near the front of the Church which will remain lit.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Jeremiah

## A St. Nicholas Note

Edward Hays, A Pilgrim's Almanac (adapted)


"It is fitting that the feast of St. Nicholas comes at the beginning of Advent and the beginning of the shopper's season. As the patron saint of shoppers he proclaims, 'Keep it simple!' Keep it simple enough to fit in a shoe or a stocking.

"One gift that could fit in a shoe or in a stocking hanging on the fireplace is a note that speaks of one of our most precious gifts, the gift of time. Such a St. Nicholas note might read: 'The gift I give to you is half an hour of quality conversation each night right after the dishes are done.' Or, 'The gift I give to you is one Saturday a month to be with you and do whatever you want to do.' We can appreciate the value of such a gift if we keep in mind that according to a survey, the average married couple in America has only 30 minutes a week for communication outside of exchanges that take place at the dinner table, and between parent and child is only 14 minutes. As you can see, the possibilities are almost unlimited for these St. Nicholas shoe gifts.

"Come, St. Nicholas, patron of shoppers and gift-seekers and make Christmas this year fun, creative and love-filled."

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

 Please pray for the repose of the soul of Justin Lieb, son of Mark and Janet Lieb. May his soul rest in the peace of Christ.

***The Parish office will be closed on Wednesday, December 11.***

December 15/16	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Collection 12/2/18
<b>Lector</b>	Betty Leslie	C. Krumenacker	R. Pawlowski, Jr.	<b>First Collection</b> \$6,081.00
<b>Extraordinary Ministers</b>	Chris Kirsch <b>Need</b> B. Pawlowski	Joel Dumm Gene Farabaugh Scott Farabaugh	Tommy Hamilton Tammy Hamilton William Hamilton	<b>Children's</b> \$ 4.00 <b>Altar Flowers</b> \$ 327.00 <b>Online Giving</b> \$ 450.00
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Kody Krug D. Weinzierl	Ella Miller Reed Miller	C. Franceschini Preston Gillin	