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Second Sunday of Advent December 9, 2018

I will raise up for David a just shoot;
he shall do what is right and just in the land.

— *Jeremiah 33:15*

LESSONS AND CAROLS AT BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHEDRAL DEC. 9 Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish, Greensburg, will host “Lessons and Carols” Dec. 9 at 3 p.m. with Bishop Malesic.

SECOND ANNUAL TOY DRIVE The Crabtree Volunteer Fire Department is partnering with the Dollar General store in town in conducting a Toy Drive this Christmas Season. We encourage you to buy a toy at the Dollar General to be placed in the donation box at the store. All toys collected will be distributed by the Fire Department to needy families, shelters and hospitals in our area. We are again honored to be participating with the Dollar General store in this important holiday charity event.

THE BETHLEHEM PROJECT A ministry of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral (BSC), will hold a “Home for the Holidays” Raffle on Sunday, December 16, 2018. The Bethlehem Project helps those facing homelessness in Central Westmoreland County. Two types of tickets are available: a Sports and Leisure raffle ticket with a chance to win Penguins Tickets, Steeler Tickets or a wine and liquor basket; and a Basket Raffle ticket with a chance to win one of many prizes. A \$10 donation is suggested. For tickets or more information on the raffle or Bethlehem Project contact Katie Zuzik, at BSC at 724-834-3710 ext. 11 or kzuzik@dioceseofgreensburgh.org

ANNUAL CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES APPEAL COLLECTION TO BE TAKEN AT CHRISTMAS MASSES

The annual Children and Family Services Appeal collection to support the work of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg will be taken at all Christmas Masses in the diocese Dec. 24 and 25. Christmas reminds us of the gift of God’s own Son, Jesus Christ, given to each of us without question of our merit or eligibility. You are asked to support this appeal and make your contribution to help change the future of an individual, family or child through the good work of our diocesan Catholic Charities.



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ST. BARTHOLOMEW CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATION PARTY will begin at 9:00 AM on Thursday, December 20th. All parishioners are invited to assist in decorating our church by stringing lights, erecting Christmas trees, wreaths, flowers, situating nativity statues, some outside decorating, etc. Afterwards, all workers are invited to Marian Hall for lunch.

THE GIVING TREE Please bring the gifts (wrapped with the tag attached to the outside of each package) **to the church by Sunday, December 16th**. If you have more than one package, please make sure the name and number are on all the packages in case they get separated. If you have any question, call Mary Joyce at the parish office, 724-834-0709. **Suggestion:** You might want to make a copy of your tag in case you lose it, you will still have a copy of the information you need! We do not have a list of the tags here at the church office.



REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY EVENT IN WASHINGTON, D.C., IS JAN. 3 The Diocese of Greensburg is sponsoring a trip for young adults (ages 18-39) to a one-day Catholic festival at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., Jan. 26, 2019, in conjunction with World Youth Day in Panama. The event will include a livestream of Pope Francis’ Mass in Panama. Cost, including overnight accommodation, is \$160 per person, \$95 per person for double occupancy. Visit www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/WYD for information. The registration deadline is Jan. 3, 2019.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OFFERS COUNSELING FOR INDIVIDUALS, COUPLES AND FAMILIES

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg offers faith-based assistance with anxiety, depression, grief and loss, interpersonal conflicts, recovery support, parenting and family issues, anger management and other personal and family issues. Counseling is provided by licensed, professional and experienced therapists. Fees are low, and many insurances accepted. Offices are located in Greensburg, Indiana, Uniontown, Kittanning and New Kensington. For more information or an appointment, call 724-837-1840 or email counseling@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE ON SAINT BART'S SICK LIST: Betsy Austin, Ann Beggs, Amy Bovino, John Chulick, Luigi DaRold, Claude Dranzik, Marie D'Angelo, Ray Falbo, Celeste Flock, John Goettlicher, John O., Mary Hill, Terry Hovanec, Vince Kanala, Margaret Karazsia, Vlad Keaton, Ann Kocian, Nancy Laux, Catherine Micklow, Scott McNeeley, Phyllis Murray, Parker Muto, Chuck Pinazza, Mary Jean Pirillo, Isaac Rager, Joel Rivera, Ethel Salandro, Robby Schlemmer, Martha Soich, Beth Ann Strickler, Jean Svetkovich, Barbara Swiencki.

SISTERS OF CHARITY COUPON BOOK FUNDRAISER "Enjoy 2019" coupon books are available from the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill through Dec. 29 for \$30. For additional information or to reserve a book, call Sister of Charity Agnes Steedle in Greensburg at 724-836-0406, ext. 6646, or Sister Patrice Hughes in the Pittsburgh area, 412-343-1382.

RETREAT AT MOUNT ST. MACRINA HOUSE OF PRAYER DECEMBER 16TH A Christmas preparation retreat featuring Benedictine Father Cyprian Constantine will be held at Mount St. Macrina House of Prayer, Uniontown, Dec. 16 from 1:15-5:30 p.m. (includes dinner). Offering is \$35, and the registration deadline is Dec. 12. To register for either retreat, call 724-438-7149 or email hpmsm@verizon.net.



*Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019
December 2, 2018*

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$	6,388.41
Loose.....	\$	194.00
Children's.....	\$	8.60
Weekly Offertory, Automatic Withdrawal.....	\$	215.00
Total Offertory Collection Amount.....	\$	6,806.01
Poverty Relief.....	\$	45.00
Catholic Accent.....	\$	78.00
Retired Religious.....	\$	25.00
All Saints.....	\$	15.00
All Souls.....	\$	15.00
Christmas.....	\$	10.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$	1,392.49
Family Service Appeal.....	\$	5.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$	15.00
Thanksgiving.....	\$	10.00
World Mission.....	\$	10.00

Envelopes Mailed 443 • Envelopes Returned 217
Thank you for your generous contributions!

Sunday Marian Hall Bingo 12/2/2018 87
Income 2856 ♦ Avg. Expense 860 ♦ Profit 1996

MELCHIZEDEK PROJECT VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT SESSIONS FOR YOUNG MEN, ADULTS The Melchizedek Project evenings for young men to discern a vocation to the priesthood will be held November 25 and Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory at Holy Family Parish, Latrobe. Contact Father Daniel Mahoney at dmahoney@dioceseofgreensburg.org to register. The Melchizedek Project days for young men in grades 9-12 will be held at Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School from 6:30-8 p.m. Dec. 9, Feb. 17, March 10, April 14 and May 12. Contact: vocations@dioceseofgreensburg.org to register.

JEREMIAH DAYS VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT EVENTS FOR BOYS IN GRADES 6-8 The Office for Priestly Vocations is hosting vocations discernment sessions, Jeremiah Days, for boys in grades 6-8 and their parents Feb. 9 and April 13 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City. Contact vocations@dioceseofgreensburg.org to register.

COACHES, PLAYERS SOUGHT FOR CYO BOYS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL LEAGUE The diocese is looking for coaches and players for a CYO high school boys basketball league. The league is open to Diocese of Greensburg parishioners in grades 9-12 who meet eligibility requirements. The season will run from January through the CYO state tournament in March. Games will be played Thursday and Saturday evenings at the Queen of Angels Catholic School gym in North Huntingdon. Contact Jeff Wilkins for details at wilkinsjjj@windstream.net. All coaches must comply with diocesan clearance policies.

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SANCTUARY CANDLE...burning for the living and deceased of the Parish

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CANDLE...burning in memory of the deceased of the Parish

SACRED HEART CANDLE...burning in memory of Joyce A. Skoloda by Stynchula Family.

RELIGIOUS STAFF

Rev. Justin Matro, O.S.B., Pastor
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SCHOOL CONTACTS

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Christ the Divine Teacher School: 724 539-3558
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Sunday, December 9 - Saturday, December 15, 2018

Sun...CCD Religious, 9:05 AM - 10:15 AM, Marian Hall
Mon...St. Johns, Latrobe. 7:00 PM
Tue...Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
Wed...St. James, New Alexandria, 7:00 PM

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION We ask for your continued support for the upcoming collection which will take place on Saturday/Sunday, January, 5th and 6th . Bring items to the Madonna Room of Marian Hall. Items that are in need include peanut butter and jelly, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta items, soap products, diapers. cereal, canned soups, stews, tuna, boxed meals and paper products. The food pantry also welcomes monetary donations. If you are going to write a check, please make payable to: "*St. Vincent de Paul*".

Liturgical Roles

Mass Date & Time	Altar Servers	Ministers of Holy Communion	Lector
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CHECK YOUR SCHEDULES ON ST. BART'S WEBSITE
www.stbartholomewcrabtree.org

12/15/18 5:00PM	D/W Falcon J. Vince	E. Kocian D. Jones K. Jones	S. Smith
12/16/18 8:00 AM	A. Oshie C/L Gallagher	M. Shafer J. Pagano P. Tenerowicz	S. Damico
12/16/18 10:30 AM	J. Sandorf B/L Naeger	B. Bacan-Silvis D. Bonanno D. Bonanno	A. Wright

Mass Intentions

SAT 12/8-: Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM +Denny Carr (Joann Carr)

Vigil: Second Sunday in Advent

5:00 PM +John Rosatti
(Mark and Dennis Wolsnowicz)

SUN, 12/9 - Second Sunday in Advent

8:00 AM +William and Carol Watkins
(Bill and Wendy Watkins and family)

10:30 AM +Jim Garofola (Bernie Rabic)

MON 12/10 - Advent Weekday

8:00 AM +Beverly Sarnovsky (Jerome D'Angelo)

TUE 12/11 - Advent Weekday

8:00 AM +Joseph, Anna, Michael Trumbetta
(Dave and Rose Ann Austeri)

WED 12/12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 AM + Dolores Dangelo
(Alquin and Dolores Heinnickel)

THUR 12/13 - St. Lucy

8:00 AM +Mitzi Salandro (Ed Tenerowicz)

6:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

6:50 PM Benediction

7:00 PM +Andy and Kim Phillips
(Mike and Phyllis Dorothy)

FRI 12/14- St. John of the Cross

8:00 AM +Lucy Sartoris
(Carolyn and Mike Backus)

SAT, 12/15 - Advent Weekday

8:00 AM +Dominick and Cherup
(Tony and Shirley Dominick)

SUN, 12/16 - Third Sunday in Advent

8:00 AM +Rheuda Pagano (Joe Pagano)

10:30 AM +Charles, Nellie, Martha, Lawrence Dominick
(Ray Dominick)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16,
18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7;
Lk 3:10-18