

Dec. 15, 2024 – Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Approximately 15 minutes before the Saturday & Sunday Masses when possible.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Dec. 16 7:45 AM SJ – Margaret McCormick
 Tuesday, Dec. 17 7:45 AM MHT - Anastasia Dempsey, requested by Alice Nale
 Wednesday, Dec. 18 7:45 AM IC - Stephanie Flynn
 Thursday, Dec. 19 7:45 AM SB - Jean Schall, requested by Regis

3 to 8 PM SJ – Exposition & Adoration

Friday, Dec. 20 No Mass

Saturday, Dec. 21 4:00 PM MHT – Donna Mehall Shipka-Month Mind, requested by Diane Cordek
4:00 PM IC – Gary Schrift *St. Peter Cansius*

5:30 PM SB – Parishioners of Most Holy Trinity & St. Bartholomew
5:30 PM SJ – First Anniversary Bonita Long

Sunday, Dec. 22 7:00 AM IC – Dean & Judy Wess & For the Parish *4th Sunday of Advent*
8:30 AM SJ – For the Shut-ins of Our Parish & For the Parish
9:00 AM SB – Deceased members of Kmetz family
10:30 AM MHT –Pat Krestar, requested by family

FEASTS & MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Candles	St. Bart	MHT	St. John	Immaculate C.
Dec. 15-21	Barbara Bisaha	Tom Link	L/D SJ Rosary Altar members	Stephanie & Shawn Flynn

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Dec. 21/22	Lector	EMHC	Altar Servers
IC - 4:00 PM	Mary Sue Long	Mary Sue Long	
MHT- 4:00 PM	L Celmer	D Yonkoski	
St. J - 5:30PM	Scott Curtis	Carol Curtis	
St. B - 5:30PM	D Frantz	D Frantz	
IC – 7:00AM	Erin Kirby	Bernie Smith	
St. J – 8:30 AM	Michelle Burkey	Cheryl Long	
St. B 9:00 AM	M Ringler	M Ringler	
MHT – 10:30 AM	K Edmondson	K Edmondson	C Wechtenhiser
M/B Count- 12/16	J Resick, D Fox	StB-Dec.Church cleaning	Judy Fleegle, Dianne Fox

Offertory Collections

Dec 15	Regular	Flowers	Special	Xmas	Votives	Diocese	Cem	Build	Total
MHT	\$2314	\$220	\$95	\$45	\$325	\$231	\$ 5	\$30	\$3265
St. B	\$2208	\$290	\$60	\$215	\$240	\$421	\$25	\$20	\$3479
IC	\$4092		\$650			\$45			\$4787
SJ	\$3362.25		\$765			\$50			\$4177.25

DEC. PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SICK Dave Schrift, Patty Hammond, Eddie Werfel, Harry Templeton, Mary & David Lambert, Nancy Kruic, Jean Dunmire, Diane Dodson, Lowell Seabolt, Trinity and Rose, Marlene Rummel, Katelynn Reighard, Mike Rosmus, Linda Debias, Sandy Georg, Francis Girard, James Sobel, Seth Georg, Mary Giallonardo, George Fetsko, Elio Lucci, Leroy Smith, Jason Kirchner, Maria Felix, Jim Benschhoff, Mary Ann Penatzer, Karen Y, Donna Moyer, shut-ins, special intentions.

MASS CANCELLATION (for during the week): If Forest Hills School District cancels or delays school because of weather, morning Mass (Monday-Friday) and Adoration will be cancelled. The Mass intention will be rescheduled ASAP.

IC & SJ WEBSITE: This week at www.stjic.org ...The Catechism and Fr. Mike Schmitz explains why the married couple must be open to having children throughout their marriage.

2025 CHURCH CALENDARS are in the gathering space of all 4 Churches. Please take one to a family. Thanks again to the Charles O. Dimond Funeral Home, Inc., Joseph J. Golden, Supervisor, for providing us with the calendars.

PARISH DATA: Please update all family information that has changed this year: address, phone, email, children,...

THE CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE: Christmas Eve – St.B a 4 PM; IC at 5 PM; MHT at 6 PM; SJ at 7 PM. Midnight Mass at St.B and on Christmas Day – IC and MHT at 8 AM and SJ and St.B at 10 AM. StB/MHT/IC will have the **Children’s Christmas Pageants** before the Christmas Eve Masses. Children are asked to volunteer to participate.

Ministers	St. B	MHT	St. J	I.C.
Christmas Eve	M Branas	K Edmondson/D Yonkoski	EM John Salamon	Grade 4/
Midnight	E Richardson/			
Christmas Day	C Zaramba	B Kessler/		

MHT CHOIR PRACTICE: This Monday, Dec. 16 at 5:30PM. New members are welcome.

IC FINANCE/PARISH COUNCIL will meet on Monday, Dec. 16 at 6 PM in Marian Hall.

SJ & IC CCD CLASSES are scheduled for December 22; January 12 and 26; February 9 and 23.

SJ CHURCH DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS will be today, Sunday, Dec. 15 after 8:30 AM Mass. Help is appreciated.

MHT CHRISTMAS DECORATING: Next Sunday, Dec. 22 after the 10:30 Mass. Help is needed. Make this a family event.

(B)CHRISTMAS DECORATING: Next Sunday, Dec. 22 after 9:00 Mass. Help is needed. Everyone is welcome.

(M)CHRISTMAS ANGELS: Please return tags with gifts by next weekend, Dec. 15.

BIRTHRIGHT ANGELS: Gifts were due today- please attach tags to gift.

ST.B CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS: in the vestibule. Take one and fill it for a shut-in of the Parish or Nursing Home resident.

(B/M) OPLATKI-CHRISTMAS WAFERS: are in the vestibule for a \$3 donation.

(B) 2025 CHURCH CLEANERS: Volunteers are needed. Please call the office. Schedules will be posted Dec. 29

JANUARY MINISTERS: Forms were emailed and are in the vestibule to mark your unavailability for January.

MHT CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL: support our Religious Education Program **today, Dec. 15** from 11- 2pm. We will have a variety of soups and other foods, chances, basket raffle, religious items, a special visit from Santa, a sale of handmade pottery bowls, some are decorated by the students- proceeds of this sale will go to our cemetery fund. Everyone is welcome to come enjoy some great food, have some fun and share the fellowship during this Advent season.

ST B PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY is **Today, Dec. 15** at 2pm with the fruit basket packing, pizza party, a Christmas play at 5pm followed by a visit from Santa. All children of the parish are invited to participate in the play and visit with Santa.

ST. B LOTTERY CALENDARS: Please return all calendar money and stubs

MHT HOLIDAY TICKET SALE: Return money and stubs no later than **Dec. 8**. Thank you to all who sold or bought tickets

IC: Our JEWELRY RAFFLE is **Sat, Jan. 18**, at New Germany Grove Hall. The tickets are available to buy or sell, please call Becky 724-357-8384 or Janet Krug 814-254-9997 or Pam at the parish office 814-495-5241. Tickets will cost \$30 each which includes admission, meal, dessert and drinks. Doors open at 5 PM and first drawing at 6 PM.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Third Annual Comedy Night, sponsored by SJ Church, will be Saturday, March 1, 2025, at New Germany Grove Hall. The original Host from the first comedy night with 2 brand new comedians, food & refreshments.

DONATIONS OF BASKETS are needed for the night of the Jewelry Raffle. Baskets can be dropped off at the rectory.

COMMUNITY BOOK Club will be Monday, Dec. 30 in Marian Hall at 3:30 PM, on the book *“The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry”* by Gabrielle Zevin.

HELEN WILSON & RAYMOND SHRIFT families would like to thank the St. John’s Altar Rosary Society, the SJ & IC parishes, and Summerhill Community for helping to celebrate Helen’s & Ray’s milestone birthdays. We appreciated your kindness.

SJ & IC PARISHES: The Society of St. Vincent DePaul Ebensburg Food Pantry wishes to thank everyone from both SJ & IC Parishes for our kind & generous donations from the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

Jumpstarting Jubilee 2025 – Advent Joy The third candle of Advent symbolizes Joy. Jubilee joy comes from our journey toward the fullness of God’s Kingdom. The upcoming Holy Year offers occasions for this through opportunities for pilgrimage and through communal liturgies. On December 29, 2024, Bishop Mark will open the Jubilee here in the diocese with a special Mass at 2 PM in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Come and celebrate “tidings of great Joy.”

FOREST HILLS COMMUNITY BAND Annual Christmas Concert will be **today, Sunday, Dec. 15** at 7 PM at New Germany Grove Hall. Admission is free. All are welcome!

SQUARE DANCES in January will be held at New Germany Grove Hall on January 4 & 11. Dancing with the band Klassic Kountry from 7 to 10 PM. Proceeds benefit Pro-Life. Mark your calendars!

B.Y.O.B. CHRISTMAS DANCE: Our Lady of the Alleghenies, Lilly on Sat, Dec. 28, at 5:30pm; dinner at 6pm. Live band with dancing from 7-10pm. \$20/person or \$35/couple. For tickets call Anna 814-935-4501.

FIRST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE CRAWL on Saturday, Dec. 21 at 3 PM at Summerhill Borough Building. \$5 a dozen. RSVP to guarantee your order of first come first serve. RSVP by email secretary@summerhillboro.com.

SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN – Join the fun on Saturday, Dec. 21 at 3 PM in the Summerhill Boro Firehall. Christmas Scavenger Hunt, Hot Chocolate and kid's activities and meet Santa.

PINOCHLE CARD PARTY at Holy Family Parish, Portage on Sunday, Dec. 15 from 1-4 PM. Admission is \$5.

BISHOP MCCORT HOCKEY 2025 LOTTO CALENDAR SWEEPSTAKES: \$25 each, 2 numbers per calendar-6 months of daily prizes from \$25-\$100 (January 1 through June 30, 2025). Winners determined by the Pa Pick 3 evening lottery number (straight) Contact your favorite Crusher Hockey Player or email ADolgas287@gmail.com to purchase yours today!

YOUNG ADULT GROUP (18-39): Our next Theology on Tap is December 18th at 6pm at the Boulevard Grill with Deacon Rick Messina speaking on The Holy Family and Catholic Family Life. Our group is also Christmas Caroling at Hilltop Heights Health & Rehab Center on December 21st at 1pm. All young adults aged 18-39 are welcome to join us for faith, food, and fellowship! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.

POLISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS (KOLEDY): Sun, Jan. 5 at 2PM at All Saints Parish, Boswell. Polish choir, Benediction and refreshments. Whether you are Polish or not, come and experience the time-honored Christmas hymns. 814-629-5551