

Dec. 8, 2024 – Second Sunday of Advent

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<p align="center">ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST 540 Main St. Summerhill, Pa ----- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 1640 New Germany Rd. New Germany, Pa</p> <p>Office Hours 9–3:30 PM M-F Address: P.O. Box 248, Summerhill, Pa. 15958 Phone: 814-495-5241 - Fax 814-495-9522 phoke@dioceseaj.org website: www.stjic.org Diocese: www.dioceseaj.org Proclaim: https://proclaim.dioceseaj.org</p>	<p align="center">MOST HOLY TRINITY 550 Main St. South Fork, Pa ----- ST. BARTHOLOMEW 185 Church Hill, Wilmore, Pa</p> <p>Office: 8:30-12 Mon & Thurs. or appointment Address: 550 Main St. South Fork, PA 15956 Office 814-495-4419 Fax- 814-495-9104 mostholyltrinitysouthfork@dioceseaj.org -Betty stbartholomewwilmore@dioceseaj.org -Cathy Facebook: Saint Bartholomew Catholic Church Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church</p>
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Approximately 15 minutes before the Saturday & Sunday Masses when possible.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

FEASTS & MEMORIALS

Monday, Dec. 9 - <i>Immaculate Conception of BVM- Holy day of obligation</i>	7 AM	IC	Don, Reta, Tim & Debby Wess	
	Noon	SJ	Phyllis Farabaugh	
	5:30PM	SB	Heide Sedwick	Gary & Cathy Zaramba
	7 PM	MHT	Robert Casti	MHT Choir

Tuesday, Dec. 10	7:45 AM	MHT	- Prudence Rulli, requested by son, Joe	<i>Our Lady of Loretto</i>
Wednesday, Dec. 11	7:45 AM	IC	- First Anniversary Shawn Flynn	<i>St. Damasus</i>
Thursday, Dec. 12	7:45 AM	SB	- Nancy Scheller, requested by Barbara	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>
	3 to 8 PM	SJ	– Exposition & Adoration	
Friday, Dec. 13			No Mass	<i>St. Lucy</i>
Saturday, Dec. 14	4:00 PM	MHT	– Thelma Robinson, requested by Paul	<i>St. John of the Cross</i>
	4:00 PM	IC	– Grace & Jack Heinlein, Gaynell & Jennifer Shrift	
	5:30 PM	SB	– John Nicholson, request by Jim & Barbara Lamison & Parishioners of Most Holy Trinity & St. Bartholomew	
	5:30 PM	SJ	– Tom Moss	
Sunday, Dec. 15	7:00 AM	IC	– Michael Schrift & For the Parish	<i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>
	8:30 AM	SJ	– Jack Wilburn & For the Parish	<i>Gaudete Sunday</i>
	9:00 AM	SB	– Mary Jane Knisel, requested by Jennifer Bopp	
	10:30 AM	MHT	–Helen Cordek, requested by Pat Petrun	

Sanctuary Candles	St. Bart	MHT	St. John	Immaculate C.
Dec. 8-14	Curtis & Martha Brummert	Helen Cordek	Debbie A. Keller	L/D IC Rosary Altar Members

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Dec. 14/15	Lector	EMHC	Altar Servers
IC - 4:00 PM	Ron Kulback	Jack Smith	
MHT- 4:00 PM	G Mehall	G Mehall	
St. J - 5:30PM	Scott Curtis	Carol Curtis	
St. B - 5:30PM	M Branas	M Branas	
IC – 7:00AM	Mary Sue Long	Margie Gallardy	
St. J – 8:30 AM	Claudine Croyle	Claudine Croyle	
St. B 9:00 AM	K Miller	K Miller	
MHT – 10:30 AM	B Kessler	K Edmondson	J, E, K Myers
M/B Count- 12/9	J Resick, R Gramling	StB-Dec.Church cleaning	Judy Fleegle, Dianne Fox

Offertory Collections

Nov. 24	Regular	Flowers	Special	Xmas	Votives	Diocese	Cem	Build	Total
MHT	\$1582	\$467	\$350	\$35		\$12	\$ 50	\$42	\$2538
St. B	\$1990	\$615	\$675	\$100	\$	\$35	\$ 25	\$30	\$3470
IC	\$1700		\$495					\$1070	\$3265
SJ	\$2262		\$340					\$854	\$3456

DEC. PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SICK 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.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BVM: is a holy day of obligation, on Monday, Dec. 9, despite what our calendar published. Please see the Mass schedule for times and locations. Ministers, please volunteer at the Mass you attend.

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. Volunteers are needed for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. If you can help, please call Betty and Pam at the offices ASAP. Thanks. StB/MHT/IC will have the Children's Christmas Pageants at the Christmas Eve Masses. Children are asked to volunteer to participate.

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.

(M)FLORAL GREENS: on the BVM Altar are in memory of Helen Cordek by her daughter in honor of the Blessed Mother.

IC & SJ WEBSITE: If Mary was without sin, why did she need a Savior? Visit www.stjic.org this week to read the latest Catechism Meditation and watch Fr. Mike Schmitz simplify the complex theology of the Immaculate Conception.

ADVENT PRAYER DEVOTIONALS: in vestibules of all our Churches. You are invited to take one for daily home devotion.

MHT CHOIR PRACTICE: This Monday, Dec. 9 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 today, December 8 and 22; January 12 and 26; February 9 and 23.

IC ROSARY ALTAR Society Christmas Party will be held today, Sunday, Dec. 8 at 1 PM with Rosary in the Church and dinner will follow in Marian Hall.

ST. ANNE CHRISTMAS PARTY: Sun., Dec. 8 at 1PM in St. Bartholomew Hall in the form of a covered dish.

SJ ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY is today, Sunday, Dec. 8 with Rosary at 12:00 PM in the church.

SJ Rosary Altar Society would like to do a ***CHRISTMAS CARD SHOWER*** for all the Shut-ins of our parish. A basket will be in the gathering space of the church for the cards. Please bring the cards by December 15. Our shut-ins are: Lewis Brown, Catherine Podrasky, Irene Shrift, Caroline Moss, Peggy Cann, Elio Lucci, Fran White, Ray Shrift, Dick Wilkinson, Mary Lou Penatzer, Helen Wilson, Barb Toth, Jay Bimle, Yvonne Kruper, Theresa Beyer, Betty McCall, Larry Malesky.

CHRISTMAS ANGELS: from Forest Hills School District are in the vestibule at Most Holy Trinity. Please sign the sheet. Please return tags with gifts by next weekend, Dec. 15.

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

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

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

BIRTHRIGHT ANGELS: are in St. Bartholomew vestibule. Gifts are due Dec. 15- 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.

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

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA at ST. BARTHOLOMEW CEMETERY: Wreath Day is Dec 14 at noon in the hall then cemetery. Please note if wreath is for a specific grave.

A VETERAN'S REMEMBRANCE WREATH – The St. Michael American Legion lay one large Wreath at St. Mary's Cemetery in New Germany honoring all veterans. The ceremony will be on Dec. 14 at noon. All are invited to participate.

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.

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

CHRISTMAS NUT ROLL: Pick up Friday, Dec. 6 from 9-noon or after weekend masses at MHT.

MHT HOLIDAY TICKET SALE: Return money and stubs no later than **Dec. 8**. Your support is greatly appreciated

MHT BASKET RAFFLE: Chances are available after the Masses this weekend and next in the Church hall. \$5/sheet of 25.

MHT BLANKET CHANCES: Chances are \$1 each. Extra tickets available in the vestibule. The Blanket is on display in the vestibule this weekend. Will be chanced off at festival, Dec. 15.

MHT CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL: support our Religious Education Program next Sunday, 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 Dec. 15 starting 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.

SUMMERHILL BASEBALL AND NEW GERMANY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION will have sign-ups on December 8 after CCD in the back of Immaculate Conception Church from 10:45 AM to 12 PM. Baseball contact Cody McCoy 814-999-4257.

Softball contact Matt Dombrosky 814-322-5673. Visit us @ <https://sites.google.com/view/fhlittleleague>.

FOREST HILLS COMMUNITY BAND Annual Christmas Concert will be on 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. Mark your calendars!

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.

Jumpstarting Jubilee 2025 – Advent Peace The second Advent candle symbolizes peace. The Jubilee Year is meant to be a time of Sabbath rest, reconciliation, and peace. Pope Francis encourages us during this time to be reconciled to God and one another. The Jubilee Year allows us to do this through opportunities for sacramental confession and the gaining of indulgences (“eased purgation from sin”) offered throughout the year. May you come to know the Jubilee “Prince of Peace.